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**Press Release
Crèche Preparations Commences at Fonuakula**

Alofi, Niue, 03rd October 2016: The establishment of a Government crèche has started with the clearance of the area for the centre next to the Niue Public Service building at Fonuakula, Alofi.

The Government of Niue stepped in to assist in the establishment of the crèche which aims to address the lack of child care services available on the island as well as to support its development objectives within the comprehensive Niue Strategic Plan “Niue ke Monuina” initiative for all Niue people.



Honourable Minister Pokotoa Sipeli of the Ministry of Social Services said working parents and caregivers have struggled over the years to acquire a dependable day care services for their children and the Government feel it necessary to intervene and establish the crèche.

“The working parents need confidence in a reliable day care service for their children and it is logical that the Government consider its own objectives under the strategic plan to ensure the challenges are resolved”

“One of the focuses for the Ministry under its mandate is to encourage community oriented developments that can generate benefits both socially and economically for Niue.”

The costs of the services have yet to be established by the Ministry and it is anticipated this will be in place before the project is completed before the end of the Year.

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