



# GOVERNMENT OF NIUE

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## **THAILAND'S SOCIALGIVER DONATES COVID RESPIRATORS FOR NIUE**

Socialgiver Donates Respirators for All of Niue's Residents

**Alofi, Niue – 6 April 2022** – The Government of Niue says today it is humbled by the generous donation from Socialgiver, an award-winning social enterprise based in Thailand, for 100 professional elastomeric P100 respirators for frontline and health workers, and 100,000 consumer-grade KF94-type respirators (TF98) for all Niue's residents.

The P100 respirators for frontline and health care workers have arrived on island and it is expected that the TF98 respirators will arrive in Niue on a consignment on the next flight to the island.

Arch Wongchindawest and Poomnuree Supachanya from Socialgiver share that the donation of respirators is so that Niue's residents "... may understand how to protect themselves and their communities from airborne transmission by availability and correct use of the respirators, enabling Niue to stay COVID-free."

The Premier of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi says the donation of respirators by Socialgiver will make a big difference in helping to protect the people of Niue from COVID.

"We are very grateful to Thailand's Socialgiver for this well timed and practical means of ensuring all of Niue's residents, 98% of whom are double vaccinated, also have an extra layer of protection from COVID including the more contagious Omicron variant. Socialgiver's donation will make a difference to the health and wellbeing of the people of Niue as we continue to do everything we can to keep our people safe," says Hon. Dalton Tagelagi.

Hon. Dalton Tagelagi also says that building work for a new Intensive care unit wing in Niue's hospital is almost completed and this is part of Niue's response which includes the rollout of its Pfizer and BioNTech (Comirnaty) programme to vaccinate its youth aged 5 to 11 years of age starting on 14 February 2022.

Niue is one of the few countries in the world to be COVID-19 free and has fully vaccinated over 97% of its eligible population aged 12 years and older. Over 96% of the 18-year-olds and over have received their booster shots in the past two weeks.

"Niue's preparedness to manage and prevent any transmission or outbreak of COVID is progressing well. The donation of over 100,000 consumer-grade KF94-type respirators for every member of the public to keep at home will be another big part of our successful rollout of our COVID vaccination programme."

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**ABOUT****Socialgiver**

Socialgiver (Socialgiver.com) is a social enterprise based in Thailand that has been leading local efforts to prevent COVID spread. Since 2015, Socialgiver has impacted over half a million lives in South East Asia across a range of social and environmental issues. Socialgiver was founded by Arch Wongchindawest, who is also an Edmund Hillary Fellow, hoping to expand their impact to New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

**TF98 Respirators**

TF98 respirators are KF94-type respirators that seal tightly on the face and filter over 95% of airborne particles as small as 0.1 microns, which makes them suitable for protection against infectious diseases that spread mostly through airborne transmission, such as COVID. By understanding airborne transmission and wearing respirators whenever there are COVID cases in the community, people can protect themselves from getting infected and passing the disease to others, which will quickly re-eliminate COVID from the community.