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| <p>2c. Demography and health</p> | <p>Ward Friesen: <i>Measuring health and wellbeing in the Pacific</i></p> <p>Pacific island nations face a diverse range of issues related to health and wellbeing. A better understanding of these is partly dependent on relevant and robust base population statistics and health and wellbeing indicators. This paper reviews the sources of data available on Pacific health, including nationally-collected health data, census information, and detailed sample surveys such as the World Health Organisation's Health and Development Surveys (HDS). Wellbeing indicators are also briefly analysed and the value of such measures as the Human Development Index (HDI) are critically reviewed. Where possible, information gaps are identified and the linkages between national and international agencies that collect, process and disseminate health and wellbeing information are discussed.</p> |
| <p>2c. Demography and health</p> | <p>Evelyn Marsters. <i>Health and mobility: the transnational story of one family and their experiences with tuberculosis</i></p> <p>The collection of health and mobility stories alongside each other uncovers fluid and mutable boundaries around people's health access. I propose that a descriptive and deeper understanding of the transnational and multilocal networks that Cook Islanders live within can be located within an extended family's recent experiences of Tuberculosis. Recently there has been a call to look more deeply at the consequences of transnationalism (Levitt and Jaworsky, 2007). This paper rises to the challenge by placing peoples experiences of disease at the centre of a transnational investigation, in doing so, transnationalism becomes part of the complex scenario of being a potential threat, a cause and a solution now and in the future. Furthermore this paper uses Cook Islanders experiences of TB and Type 2 Diabetes as a window into the interdependent and progressively complex systems in which they live.</p> |