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Question:

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Chronic Disease Fund webpage on the Department of Health website states that the page is still under construction, why? And the link to the guidelines on the Department of Health website of the fund no longer exists. That is because, I expect, the funding is not called that anymore. Is that right? – This question is Indigenous-specific.

Answer:

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Chronic Disease Fund (ATSICDF) ceased to exist as a separately identified fund on 30 June 2014. Chronic disease activities that were funded under the ATSICDF are continuing under the Indigenous Australians' Health Programme (IAHP), with the exception of the Local Community Campaigns programme and the Chronic Disease Self-Management programme which both ceased on 30 June 2014. The IAHP commenced on 1 July 2014.

The ATSICDF page has been removed from the Department of Health's website. Information about the IAHP is on the Department's website at <http://www.commcarelink.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/irhd-chronic-disease>