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Pacific Island nations are hopeful a new mental health strategy will help them improve the way they deal with the issue.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has launched its "Pacific Islands Mental Health Network, during the region's health ministers meeting in Vanuatu.

New Zealand Aid has contributed \$US3 million to fund the project over three years.

Launching the network Papua New Guinea's health minister Sir Peter Barter said it will help address the issue of underfunding and lack of knowledge on the issue in the region.

"I see this network providing a tremendous opportunity for us in the Pacific region to collaborate closely on strategies, legislation and policy," he said.

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