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**“I want to
make a real
difference to
my country.”**

Ronney Kenitahana

**Master of Health Informatics
(First-class honours) alumnus**

While working for the World Health Organization (WHO) in his native Solomon Islands, Ronney Kenitahana saw a disconnect between collected healthcare data and the information used to support decision-making in government.

“There is a real need to utilise technology to capture and analyse that data accurately and efficiently, so that it can support healthcare workers, research, public health programmes, as well as policy makers.

“At AUT, I worked on an applied research project to explore viable Electronic Health Records (EHR) systems options for countries with small economies like the Solomon Islands.”

Having graduated with his master's degree in 2017, Ronney is now working in Honiara as the national consultant for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) eCommerce/eTrade Readiness Assessment for the Solomon Islands. He says he is looking to make a real impact in the healthcare sector.

Ronney's hard work was recognised with a Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade New Zealand Pacific Scholarship Achievement Award in 2016.

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