

# Volunteer Doctor Job Description

**Location:** Various provincial locations in Papua New Guinea

**Duration:** 5-12 months

**Mission:** Australian Doctors International (ADI) demonstrates its commitment to upholding the universal right to health care by working with local partners to provide and strengthen health services in rural and remote communities.

**Scope:** The ADI Volunteer Doctor works as part of a multidisciplinary team providing clinical and preventative healthcare services across remote health centres and aid posts in the locations where we are based in PNG. The patrols are conducted by boat or four-wheel drive and last from four days to two weeks staying in local guest houses, villages and health facilities. The primary focus for the ADI Doctor is to build the clinical capacity of rural health workers through case-based and group training whilst on patrol. This role is also responsible for representation of ADI on the ground.

**Reports to:** ADI Program Manager

**Position type:** Volunteer with living allowance and costs covered

## **Responsibilities:**

- Undertake outreach health patrols with ADI's local healthcare service providers
- Provide clinical treatment with case-based teaching on patrol and in local clinics consistent with PNG's Standard Treatment Manuals
- Undertake clinical training with local staff from rural health centres and aid posts while on patrol
- Support disease prevention / community education activities on patrol
- Work with local staff to increase knowledge and skills in medical processes and resources
- Deliver/support in-service training to meet locally identified needs
- Liaise with our health service provider partners in patrol planning and debrief
- Oversee medical supplies for patrols and monitor storage facilities
- Ongoing communications with our health service provider partners
- Advocate for improvements to health service delivery

## **Position Criteria**

### **Essential**

- Minimum four (4) years post-graduate experience, including primary health care

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- Minimum MBBS (Australia) or equivalent from New Zealand, PNG, UK, Ireland, Canada or Singapore
- Current Australian national medical registration with Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (or equivalent from New Zealand, UK, Ireland, Canada or Singapore)

### **Preferred**

- Current resident of Australia
- Experience in providing medical services in remote and rural areas or low-resource settings
- Experience in clinical teaching and/or mentoring
- Experience or interest in tropical medicine
- Experience in case-based teaching and community education projects

### **In addition**

- Have a preparedness to work in low-resource settings within a challenging but rewarding environment where both patience and tenacity are highly valued
- Awareness of cross-cultural issues in providing clinical services in communities using traditional medicine
- Fit, healthy and able to undertake patrols to remote areas with limited amenities
- Proficient swimmer as some travel to health centres is by banana boat
- Effective cross-cultural communication and team working skills with a passion for improving health outcomes in rural and remote PNG

*ADI's commitment to its duty of care is reflected in its Child Safeguarding Policy and Child Safeguarding Code of Conduct promoting the protection and safety of children. ADI's policy and code of conduct establishes internal measures to prevent and respond to child abuse and exploitation in its programs and operations across PNG. ADI has a zero tolerance toward sexual exploitation and abuse in all forms. ADI's policy covers this as well as the team's shared responsibility on behaviour; reporting mechanisms and victim safety. ADI seeks to make the workplace free from all forms of harassment and discrimination. ADI is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*