

**JOB DESCRIPTION FOR POSITION OF
MEDICAL OFFICER
IN KIUNGA, WESTERN PROVINCE, PNG**

- Provide medical services to community health centres and aid posts operated by the Diocese of Daru-Kiunga, often in remote and inaccessible areas.
- Provide medical services to Kiunga Hospital, community health centres and aid posts operated by the District government in consultation with health service personnel from National, Provincial and District Health Offices in Western Province

These services support the PNG National Department of Health Strategic priorities, North Fly District Health initiatives, and the Catholic Health Office plans. Medical service delivery is in line with the PNG Standard Treatment Manuals.

- Support, advise, encourage and share information with community health and aid workers to improve their working environment, medical knowledge and skills, and morale and influence within their communities.
- Follow up on public health programs initiated by ADI in Western Province, primarily malaria bed net education and use, Mass Drug Administration for treatment of filariasis, treatment of leprosy.
- Improve the storage, ordering and management of essential drugs and vaccines from all aid posts and health centres, and through the Catholic Health Office. This applies

particularly to those drugs necessary to treat and/or eliminate infectious diseases such as TB and leprosy, and vaccines.

- Facilitate workshops and other teaching programs on agreed health topics in consultation with the Catholic Health Office, the District Health Office, and North Fly Health Services Development Program.
- Provide the community with basic health and hygiene education where possible.
- Work with the community on issues such as domestic violence, gender equity, physical and sexual abuse, and risk taking behavior
- Provide professional leadership to the ADI team in the field
- Other tasks as agreed with the ADI Board, General Manager and doctor.

Reporting Requirements

- Liaison with ADI field staff and Catholic Health Office
- Patrol reports to ADI Sydney office
- Casemix
- End of deployment report

Selection Criteria

a) Essential

- M.B. B.S. from a recognised Australian University (or equivalent)
- Four (4) years post-graduate experience which includes primary health care
- Current medical registration in a state or territory in Australia (or equivalent)
- An understanding, interest and empathy with people in other countries; their culture, traditions, customs and beliefs

- An interest in humanitarian aid
- An ability to accept traditional medicine as part of primary health care
- Fit, healthy and able to undertake patrols to remote areas with limited amenities
- Ability to impart knowledge and confidence in a teaching role to health workers and villagers
- Non-judgmental, flexible, creative, patient and tolerant
- Experience in leading, supervising and managing others
- Able to provide the names and contact details of three professional referees who can support your credentials
- Commitment to teamwork, coaching, and mentoring others

b) Desirable

- Experience in rural or remote communities in Australia or overseas
- Experience or interest in tropical medicine
- A preparedness to work with limited resources within a challenging environment