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ADI membership for 2010-2011 is just \$25 - less than what you'd pay for a single visit to the doctor. Please take a minute to fill out the enclosed membership form and continue your support of ADI. You may also wish to consider making a donation.

Donate your time

ADI needs help to strengthen operations and keep administrative costs low. If you have any of the following skills and can help four hours per week at our Manly office or from home, we'd love to hear from you!

- Business development
- Policy development for government accreditation
- Public health/health mgt.
- Fundraising and/or sponsorship
- Marketing and/or writing
- Office administration
- Research
- Information technology (IT)
- Event management for our annual fundraiser dinner on Friday 22nd October 2010

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on the fly

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Over the past 12 months ADI has deployed five volunteer doctors and expanded health patrols to 14 villages along the Aramia River in Middle Fly District. We're teaching communities how to better protect themselves against illness and disease through our new health education talks program. And we're improving our monitoring and evaluation systems so we know where we're making a difference and where we're not. To ensure stable funding, we're pursuing AusAID accreditation and other substantial revenue opportunities.

President's trip to PNG

In May 2010 ADI President Dr. Peter Macdonald and Board Member Chris Lavers travelled to Western Province to scope new opportunities, hold talks with PNG health and aid officials, and meet potential sponsors. They packed over 30 meetings into just nine days in Port Moresby, Tabubil and Kiunga. Highlights included discussions with the Evangelical Church of PNG about program expansion in Middle Fly and with PNG Sustainable Development Program about funding our new volunteers' house in Kiunga. Peter and Chris briefed AusAID on our activities and worked with Bishop Gilles Côté of the Diocese of Daru-Kiunga to review our operations and Memorandum of Understanding. They also met with Orion Project Engineering and Visalink, who now handle the processing of our volunteers' applications through the various PNG departments. Both companies are providing their services at a charitable rate.

From bed nets and MDA to integrated health patrols

ADI has completed its six year malaria bed net distribution program in Western Province, along with the fifth of five annual rounds of MDA to eliminate filariasis in Nomad and Mougulu. These programs will not continue: last year the Global Fund committed more than US\$150 million over five years to combat malaria in PNG, and two years ago the PNG Government indicated they would switch from MDA to DEC salt and so ceased the import of drugs required for MDA.

These developments allow ADI to focus on strengthening local health services through doctor supervised integrated remote patrols (DSIRP) and training



Dr. Josette Docherty on patrol in Middle Fly

health workers. The patrols will continue to include clinics, but now allocate more time to giving health talks to schoolchildren and communities and to improving the management of health facilities through mentoring staff.

Doctor deployment in North Fly and Middle Fly districts

Five volunteer doctors were deployed, where they treated over 2,000 patients on remote health patrols. Enthusiastic couple Dr. Avik Majumdar and Dr. Katrina Pirie were followed by Dr. Josette Docherty and her husband Allan Mason, an occupational first aid trainer who jointly assisted with clinics; Dr. Dominik Stepien; and new arrivals Dr. Denise Wild and her husband Marco Sartori, a carpenter and photographer. Partners provide wonderful assistance to the Mission and ADI: Allan fixed computers and radios, and Marco will do carpentry repairs and take photographs of our fieldwork.

Dr. Denise Wild is being **sponsored by Roche Products** who first sponsored Dr. Siah Kim in 2007. Roche is committed to improving people's health and well-being, and is keen to bring the unique

experiences of our doctors to their staff on Sydney's Northern Beaches.

Besides doing health patrols, Avik and Katrina, Josette and Allan, and Dominik serviced Kiunga Hospital and the Mission clinic, trained health workers, and gave health talks at schools in Kiunga, Nomad and along the highway on hygiene, sexual health and malaria.

Avik then Josette (who was accompanied by GM Delene Evans) conducted our **first-ever patrols to 14 new villages along the Aramia River near Balimo** in Middle Fly District, an area where there is no doctor for 66,000 people. This was done in partnership with SASOL, a South African based energy and chemical company who is prospecting in Middle Fly District.

Program development: health education talks and more

ADI is strengthening its programs with the help of **public health expert Liesel Seehofer**, a former health program manager for OTML in Tabubil.

Liesel is developing **health education talks** for mothers, fathers, families, primary age schoolchildren, secondary age schoolchildren and HIV prevention. We're aiming to empower these groups to protect themselves against illness and disease. Topics include maternal care, TB, pneumonia, malaria, health and hygiene, family planning, HIV/AIDS, snakebite, malaria, leprosy and sexual health. The talks will include presentations, handouts, and oral and pictorial learning techniques, since many villagers cannot read or write. The project is being part-funded by the Mission Group of Manly Catholic Church. However, we still need a laptop computer, overhead projector and portable generator to be able to present to large groups.

Another program initiative is the **enhancement of our monitoring and evaluation systems**. This will help us to better document the outcomes and successes of our health patrols and ensure compliance with PNG Minimum Standards for District Health Services.

New funding sources

Board Member Chris Lavers and GM Delene Evans submitted an application for **AusAID's Australia-PNG Incentive Fund** which provides grants for innovative projects with strong development outcomes. ADI has requested 4.07 million kina (AUD \$1,629,730) for doctor supervised integrated remote patrols in North Fly and Middle Fly districts over the next three years.

The complex and lengthy process of preparing our **submission for AusAID base accreditation** is moving ahead. Currently only 32 non-government organisations have full AusAID accreditation, that is, recognised as capable of delivering quality development outcomes and ensuring accountable use of Australian Government funding. There are more than 20 accreditation criteria, each of which must be met by set indicators and verifiers. As part of this important step forward, ADI has upgraded existing policies and is developing new ones on child protection, gender equity, human rights and risk management to ensure compliance with AusAID policies and requirements. New Board member and education expert Associate Professor David Smith is evaluating and reviewing past programs. We have also created several sub-committees, with volunteer Anne Lanham chairing our AusAID Accreditation Program Sub-committee. AusAID has kindly given us given pro bono technical support given we are a small agency.

The **ADI business plan and budget for 2010-2013** is in the final stages of consultation. Volunteer Ray Stallworthy, who previously led some ADI governance workshops, facilitated a half-day workshop for Board members to refine the plan.

Board members, volunteers and membership renewal

Along with Associate Professor David Smith (see above), **dedicated volunteer and donor Lili Koch** has joined the ADI Board. Lili is developing a volunteer policy for AusAID accreditation, as well as managing memberships and donations and helping organise the **annual fundraiser dinner on Friday 22nd October 2010**. Please contact Lili if you'd like to help with the fundraiser dinner - tel. (02) 9948 8892 or email lilikoch@bigpond.net.au

Former Board member and **ADI volunteer Anne Lanham** has received a **Rotary Club of Manly Sunrise Community Service Award** for more than 20 years of volunteer work with ADI, Pioneer Clubhouse and The Burdekin Association. Anne along with Dr. Peter Macdonald and others helped set up all three organisations.

ADI values your ongoing support so please **renew your ADI membership** for 2010-2011! Renewal forms are enclosed with this newsletter or can be downloaded from our website under the 'Donate' section.



A huge 'tenkyu' to Roche!

ADI thanks Roche Products for sponsoring our latest volunteer Dr. Denise Wild (pictured above with her husband Marco Sartori).

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