

Job Description

Remote Area Nurse/ Nurse Generalist

- Location:** Kavieng, New Ireland Province or Kiunga, Western Province, Papua New Guinea
- 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 Remote Area Nurse works as part of a multidisciplinary team providing clinical and preventative healthcare services across remote health centres and aid posts in New Ireland Province or Western Province. The patrols are conducted by boat, four-wheel drive or plane/chopper and last up to two weeks staying in local guest houses, villages and health facilities. Mode of transport varies depending on whether the posting is to New Ireland or Western Province, as does the duration of the patrol, with Western Province having shorter patrols. The focus for the ADI RAN is to build the clinical capacity of rural health workers through case-based and group training delivering clinical care as part of a patrol team whilst on patrol.
- Stipend:** ADI provides accommodation, travel and living allowances for the duration of the placement as well as extensive program and communications support.
- Reports to:** PNG Program Manager

Responsibilities

- Provide clinical treatment with case-based teaching on patrol and in local clinics in New Ireland Province or Western Province 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 and in Kavieng or Kiunga
- Work with local staff to increase knowledge and skills in medical processes and resources
- Deliver 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

Position Criteria

- Minimum ten (10) years post-graduate experience
- Bachelor of Nursing (Australia) or equivalent from New Zealand, PNG, UK, Ireland, Canada or Singapore;
- Unrestricted registration to practise as a Registered Nurse;

Preferred:

- A current resident of Australia;
- Successful experience in providing clinical services in rural and remote areas (Australia or other locations);
- Experience or interest in tropical medicine;
- Experience in case-based teaching, community education or mentoring 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;
- Are fit, healthy and able to undertake patrols to remote areas in low-resource settings;
- Are proficient at swimming (as some travel to health centres is by banana boat);
- Are sensitive to cross-cultural communication and team working skills with a passion for improving health outcomes in rural and remote PNG. Including awareness of cross cultural issues in providing clinical services in communities using traditional medicine