

Job Description

Volunteer Maternal and Child Health Educator

- Location:** 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 Maternal and Child Health Educator joins integrated patrols to visit health centres, aid posts and villages in remote areas. The Maternal and Child Health Educator provides teaching and training to health care workers at these remote centres as well as to patrol staff who have limited access to further training.
- Reports to:** PNG Program Manager

Responsibilities

- Facilitate clinical training with local staff in rural health centres and aid posts
- Review training materials and make recommendations suitable for Western Province, work with trainers
- Work with local staff to increase knowledge, skills and resources
- Prepare and facilitate in-service training to meet locally identified needs
- Participate in patrols from an education perspective, which take place by boat, road and on foot
 - Support health workers to weigh and measure children, check vaccinations and make recommendations to mothers on countering malnutrition and stunting
 - Provide teaching and training to patrol staff for mothers and children
 - Provide communities reached through patrol with education and awareness on appropriate family spacing, including counselling
 - Support disease prevention / community education activities on patrol
 - Liaise with our health service provider partners in patrol planning and debrief
- Communicate and liaise with our health service provider partners

Position Criteria

- Qualifications in public health or health promotion or nursing
- Demonstrated experience working with women and children

Preferred

- A current resident of Australia
- Successful experience in community education or mentoring in rural and remote areas (Australia or other locations)
- Experience or interest in tropical medicine

In addition

- 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 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 education in communities using traditional medicine