

Job Description

Volunteer Medical Officer, Integrated Health Patrols

Location: Kavieng, New Ireland 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 Medical Officer works as part of a multidisciplinary team providing clinical and preventative healthcare services across remote health centres and aid posts in New Ireland Province. The patrols are conducted by boat or four-wheel drive and last up to two weeks staying in local guest houses, villages and health facilities. The primary focus for the ADI MO is to build the clinical capacity of rural health workers through case-based and group training whilst on patrol.

Reports to: PNG Program Manager

Responsibilities

- Provide clinical treatment with case-based teaching on patrol and in local clinics in New Ireland Province
- 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
- Attend grand rounds at Kavieng Hospital while not on patrol
- 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 New Ireland Provincial Government in patrol planning and debrief
- Oversee medical supplies for patrols and monitor storage facilities
- Advocate for improvements to health service delivery

Position Criteria

- Minimum four (4) years post-graduate experience, including primary health care experience
- Minimum MBBS (Australia) or equivalent from New Zealand, PNG, UK, Ireland, Canada or Singapore
- Current national medical registration

Preferred

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