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Dear Friend

The last few months have seen much activity in PNG for our team of volunteers. We've been keeping abreast of the earthquake response requirements and have our Western Province doctor on stand-by should he be needed – health facilities have been hit hard. While all our staff are safe, our thoughts go to friends, colleagues and neighbours who are dealing with recovery and the hundreds of aftershocks felt in Western Province.

Our team in New Ireland – Dr Penny Uther and Dr Mark Newcombe - were thrilled to be able to meet with Minister Bishop during her March visit.



ADI receives support from DFAT through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program for our patrol work in New Ireland – so it was great to be able to show Minister Bishop first-hand how that funding is being used to create a positive health impact in remote health areas in PNG through

Back in Sydney, ADI's Board and I met in late in March for the annual planning and strategy day, facilitated through the support of [The Leading Partnership](#). Our long time supporter and friend of ADI Lili Koch was recently honoured for her work with us by The Rotary Club of Balgowlah with a Community Service Award. Well done Lili!

As I write we are jointly holding a Family Planning workshop in New Ireland with [Marie Stopes PNG](#). This year we are re-doubling our efforts in family planning, with a view to further training and support to remote health workers. Why? [Evidence in literature supports family planning as a tool](#) for reducing maternal mortality, and with PNG's maternal mortality the [highest in the region](#) this is a priority for us.

With my best wishes, [Klara Henderson](#)

Thank You To Our Donors

To recognise the invaluable contribution of many donors and partners to the work of ADI, we created a [new page on our website](#). This will be continually updated. If you'd also like to support our work through a donation, please [visit our donation page](#) or call our office on 02 9907 8988.



Calling New Recruits for 2019

starting in early 2019.

Could 2019 be your year to help our closest neighbours in PNG and explore a new career opportunity?

Based on ADI Doctors' Questionnaire, November 2017, this is what past doctors said about the experience:

- Volunteering for ADI leads to positive career outcomes as it “helps individual growth due to the challenge. This can only help on return to a practice situation. I think peers respect immensely those on return from a volunteer situation.”
- Volunteering for ADI “brings so much clinical experience and confidence, experience in education of the public and health workers, greater flexibility and reliance on clinical skills and a deeper understanding of global health issues.”

With your help we can achieve great outcomes in rural and remote parts of PNG. Take the step to see where this adventure can take you or let your network know if they're interested.

Simply visit our website <http://www.adi.org.au/volunteering-in-png/> to find out more and apply by 30 April 2018.

ADI Upcoming Events

April and May are set to include key events for ADI. ADI's Board members – Anne, Peter and George will be attending the [34th Australia Papua New Guinea Business Forum & Trade Expo](#) on 30 April. If you're also attending please come by and say hello.

In May we're holding our [inaugural fundraising bike ride](#) along New Ireland's coastline. We have riders in training and our new incoming [Health Coordinator George Barrett](#) will lead the group. If you'd like to join us, it's not too late, please drop us an email at bikeride@adi.org.au

Looking ahead, here are some other events to mark in your diary:

- 14 July - Seaforth Bowling Club cabaret charity evening
- 2 August - [Women's Plans Foundation](#) Symposium at The State Library of NSW
- 19 October - ADI Gala Dinner



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