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[Donate Today!](#)**Dear friends and ADI supporters,**

On behalf of the communities we work with in PNG, we thank you for your ongoing support - particularly all who supported ADI's end of financial year campaign. ADI aims to be **the Australian charity you can rely on** – one that has a proven track record in creating a healthier rural PNG and can demonstrate that impact *time and time again* through updates, stories and our annual reports. Recently we reviewed ADI's annual reports going back to 2001 – the inception of ADI. It was remarkable to reflect on the journey we have travelled with the people of PNG with thanks to your support.

ADI welcomes feedback from you on the types of updates and stories you'd like to receive through our newsletter and social media. [Please let us know the things you are interested in hearing about.](#) Occasionally we also host informative events at our Seaforth office. If you would like to receive an invitation to meet our Sydney staff and returning health professionals, please [register your interest here.](#)

We also have our **Annual Gala Dinner on Friday 25 October** at 6:30pm in Sydney. More details below or [use this link to purchase your tickets.](#)

Warm regards,**Klara**

Australian Doctors International CEO

[Donate Now - Support Us To Support PNG Communities](#)**IN THE FIELD...**

- Educating our healthcare colleagues in rural PNG is one of our top priorities. If we can assist them with new skills and greater confidence, we know that they can save lives every day – mothers lives and babies lives. In the last month, we have provided obstetric training to 22 healthcare workers in Western Province who attended a two-day training workshop run by an ADI midwife and an ADI doctor. *Pictured below*, participants are shown 'Kangaroo Care'. They also learnt how to resuscitate a newborn baby and how to prevent and manage postnatal infections - essential life-saving skills. With a maternal mortality rate the worst in the Pacific region, improving the knowledge of healthcare workers will have an immediate impact on that measure of health.



- In New Ireland our patrols have been continuing with an emphasis on gender equity and family planning. In May this year our Family Planning and Gender Equity team undertook the first Family Planning Community Educators Training workshops in the Namatanai District. Participants included health workers, teachers, women's group leaders, youth representatives, ward members and church representatives. Two key learning objectives were to ensure participants advocate to involve men in family planning and to emphasise and clarify the common myths and misunderstanding about family planning. *Pictured below*, a teacher and an ambulance driver at Messi lead the group discussion.



- This month we have **five health clinicians** on placement in PNG at one time! Four doctors and one tropical medicine nurse. We are very proud of this achievement. Thank you Dr Nathan in New Ireland and Dr Roeland, Nurse Nick, Dr Vijay and Dr Shanta in Western Province. And thank you to our health service provider partners whom we work so closely with - including Catholic Health Services and Horizon Oil in Western Province and New Ireland Provincial Government and the New Ireland Provincial Health Authority.

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UPCOMING EVENTS...



Join us for our popular **Annual Fundraising Gala Dinner on Friday 25 October from 6:30pm**. Held at the Manly Golf Club overlooking the spectacular golf course, this dinner dance with live music is an event not to be missed! This year we will have the charismatic Bishop of PNG as our guest speaker who promises to entertain you with stories from the field.

Every year this important event helps ADI raise valuable funds to continue the work we do in PNG, bringing healthcare to remote communities. If you can't join us in person, please consider being there *in spirit* and buying a 'virtual', tax deductible ticket. We will also have some great raffle tickets for sale in the weeks leading up to this event available for purchase even if you can't make the event.

Alternatively, if you would like to **donate an auction item, gift voucher or 'experience package'** please contact our office on (02) 9907 8988. Thank you for your support!

[To purchase tickets or make a donation to this event, please click here.](#)



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