

## Summary of Services– Regional Emergency and Critical Care Strengthening Initiative (RECSI)

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| <b>Date</b>                     | June 2024  |
| <b>Services Required</b>        | Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Coordination (including additional PhD Opportunity), Regional Emergency and Critical Care Strengthening Initiative (RECSI) |
| <b>Classification</b>           | DFAT Discipline Group C Long-Term Advisor Rates  |
| <b>Days of Input</b>            | Up to 30 days per year   |
| <b>Dates of Delivery</b>        | July 2024 to June 2027   |
| <b>Accountable To</b>           | Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Advisor and Program Leads  |
| <b>Number of Direct Reports</b> | 0  |

### CONTEXT:

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has funded the Regional Emergency and Critical Care Systems Strengthening Initiative (RECSI) under its Regional Health Partnerships (RHP) scheme, commencing in January 2024. RECSI aims to build on the experience of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly in relation to the need for local critical care capacity, and the value of resilient emergency care systems in detecting and responding to health emergencies. RECSI will also act as a mechanism for embedding the World Health Organisation’s emergency care systems framework across the region and progressing World Health Assembly resolutions 72.16 and 76.2.

RECSI will be delivered through a consortium of organisations including Alfred Health, Monash University, the Australian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM), the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society (ANZICS), the National Critical Care and Trauma Centre (NCCTRC), the Pacific Community (SPC), St Johns Ambulance Papua New Guinea (SJA PNG), and Menzies School of Health Research.

### PROJECT SUMMARY:

RECSI is a complex and comprehensive program of work designed to address key development objectives related to emergency and critical care provision in Timor-Leste and the Pacific region:

- Workforce capacity and training: Improved capacity among emergency and critical care clinicians to provide timely, effective, and evidence-based emergency and critical care within the available health system resources, under routine conditions, and during surge events. *(RHP work category: Workforce development)*
- Systems and processes: Improved systems and processes to facilitate the delivery of timely, effective, and evidence-based emergency and critical care, including the identification, management, and referral of patients with time-sensitive and critical care needs. *(RHP work category: Emergency operations)*
- Data and research: Enhanced capability to use systematically-collected emergency and critical care data to facilitate disease surveillance, performance improvement, context-relevant research, and health policy decision-making. *(RHP work category: Data for decision-making)*
- Leadership and governance: Enhanced capacity to lead and govern emergency and critical care systems improvements, drive safety and quality reforms, manage multi-disciplinary teams, and optimise preparedness and response strategies for health emergencies. *(RHP work category: Public health policy & leadership)*

The RECSI program has three geographical work streams: the Pacific region (utilising Fiji as a regional hub), Papua New Guinea, and Timor-Leste, and each stream will be delivered through the support of an implementation partner with an established in-country presence, office, and logistics capacity. The program involves several months of initiation and planning activities followed by a three-and-a-half-year program of work in each region.

The RECSI program outcomes and activities build on previously identified standards and priorities for Pacific emergency care, structured according to four thematic areas derived from the World Health Organization health system building blocks: human resources and training; data (information and research); processes; and leadership and governance. Regional stakeholders, including clinicians from Timor-Leste, have endorsed these priorities.

### **SUMMARY OF WORK**

RECSI requires Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) Coordination services for the development, implementation and ongoing review of the RECSI MEL Framework, plan and systems, in compliance with DFAT and project requirements.

Coordination of the RECSI MEL processes includes: the collection and validation of data, and monitoring project progress and performance against expected outcomes and results. The person engaged will also contribute to broader learning for the program including research and publication of program findings and outcomes in collaboration with the wider project team, partners and stakeholders.

The person engaged will also be supported by the MEL Advisor, Alfred Health and Monash University to apply for and undertake a PhD related to the RECSI program of work.

### **KEY OUTPUTS AND ACTIVITIES REQUIRED**

- Coordinate and contribute to the development and delivery of the MEL Plan required in the program design phase.
- Coordinate and contribute to the operationalisation and implementation MEL Framework and Plan at a programmatic, stream and activity level, through consultative processes that involve key internal and external stakeholders.
- Contribute to the production of high-quality reports and other outputs on the progress, results and learnings from the project to a variety of audiences and stakeholders including program governance, DFAT, implementing partners and host organisations and governments.
- Contribute to research and publications linked to the RECSI program of work.
- Ensure alignment of the program to DFAT minimum standards and international best practice for MEL including integration and mainstreaming of GEDSI principles and approaches to ensure MEL policies and procedures are responsive and transformative.
- Assist in the identification, mitigation and management of MEL risks as part of program management and governance procedures.
- Assist in the development and/or adapt user-friendly tools and guidelines that support effective implementation of MEL in program activities and outputs and oversee training on tools and guidelines to staff and partners.
- Ensure participatory and inclusive approaches to MEL System development and implementation.
- When there is capacity, and alignment to project activities, provide technical advice, analytical support and capacity building on MEL to Global Programs at Alfred Health, and consortium partners, to strengthen MEL organisational practices and processes.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

We are seeking expressions of interest from individuals who can demonstrate the following experience and expertise to fulfill the services outlined above:

## Essential

- Tertiary qualifications in a relevant discipline, e.g. Medicine, Nursing, International Development, Social Science, Social Research, Public Health, Political Science or Biostatistics.
- A desire and willingness to undertake a PhD related to the RECSI program of work and ability to meet entry requirements for a Monash Doctoral Program.
- Demonstrated experience in undertaking monitoring and evaluation and/or research in an international development context, ideally with experience applying DFAT standards and policies.
- Experience in the Pacific region, ideally involving the disciplines of emergency and/or critical care.
- Experience in using data collection protocols to ensure accurate data collection and verification.
- Excellent organizational, verbal and written communication skills to coordinate MEL activities and contribute to MEL reports and research.

## HOW TO APPLY

All applicants are required to submit:

- Maximum 3-page EOI/Cover Letter outlining alignment of experience to the services and requirements.
- Curriculum Vitae

To submit an EOI or for any further enquiries please email [m.wratten@alfred.org.au](mailto:m.wratten@alfred.org.au). Submissions close on **Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of June at 9:00am (AEST)**.