

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

Date	June 2024
Services Required	Lead Clinical Technical Advisor – Emergency Care – Papua New Guinea (PNG), Regional Emergency and Critical Care Strengthening Initiative (RECSI)
Classification	DFAT C4 Long-Term Advisor Rates
Days of Input	Up to 60 days per year
Dates of Delivery	July 2024 to June 2027
Accountable To	Program Lead – Emergency Care
Number of Direct Reports	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, with activities commencing in July 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 a lead clinical advisor to provide services including clinical leadership and management for the development and delivery of RECSI program activities for emergency care in the Papua New Guinea stream, ensuring adherence to project timelines, budgets, and funding requirements.

The provision of technical expertise and guidance, stakeholder engagement and coordination, and contributions to project management activities including project documentation, monitoring, reporting, and compliance form the key requirements of these services.

KEY OUTPUTS AND ACTIVITIES REQUIRED

Program Leadership and Governance

- Lead the development and coordination of the RECSI program of work for emergency care in PNG, supported by the Program-Lead – Emergency Care and other RECSI PNG staff including the Clinical Lead – Critical Care.
- Co-chair the RECSI PNG Working Group with the Clinical Lead - Critical Care and participate/contribute to other governance committees and functions including but not limited to the Operations Committee, Operations Sub-Committee – Emergency Care, and the MEL Committee.
- Contribute to the identification of, and response to, new funding and program development opportunities including proposals, submissions, reports and sub-contracts in collaboration with and on behalf of the project committees.

Stakeholder Engagement

- Liaise with relevant stakeholders to facilitate program inputs and outputs for emergency care across PNG.
- Cultivate and maintain strong, enabling relationships with all stakeholders, including partner organisations, in-country providers, clinicians and staff, including identification of new partners as required.

Project Planning and Implementation:

- Support the delivery of project plans, briefings, reports, and presentations for emergency care activities in PNG in alignment with RECSI objectives, DFAT requirements, and to meet the needs of consortium partners.
- In collaboration with the Program Lead – Emergency care, lead and/or oversee the implementation of RECSI activities and initiatives with an emergency care focus in PNG, collaborating with relevant stakeholders and adhering to timelines, budgets, and contractual obligations.
- Support program inputs and outputs related to Gender Equity, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) and ensure mainstreaming across emergency care activities in the PNG Stream.

Financial Oversight and Control:

- Provide inputs and advice regarding project budgets and expenditure for emergency care activities in PNG.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning:

- Provide technical inputs and support coordination of monitoring and evaluation activities for emergency care activities in PNG, in collaboration with other RECSI personnel and stakeholders as per the requirements of the program.

Content and Communication:

- Contribute technical expertise and knowledge of the PNG context to content development and delivery to enable proactive and transparent communication related to project activities to engage stakeholders, and to appropriately enhance project visibility.

Data Analysis and Quality Improvement:

- Collaborate with RECSI PNG personnel and stakeholders to capture and analyse project data, inform quality improvement initiatives, and ensure adherence to best-practice standards across emergency care activities.

REQUIREMENTS:

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

Essential

- Professional qualifications as an emergency medicine specialist or emergency nursing specialist (e.g. Fellowship of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine).
- Proven experience in leading global health, public health, or international development projects including the application of evidence-based practice for workforce capacity development and health systems improvement.
- Proven experience and detailed knowledge of emergency care practice and development in PNG, with existing relationships with key stakeholders (including St John Ambulance Papua New Guinea) strongly desirable.
- Knowledge of the World Health Organization Toolkit for Strengthening Emergency Care Systems, including experience with the Interagency Integrated Triage Tool and/or Basic Emergency Care Course.
- Cultural competency for working in diverse Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs).
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Experience in leading MEL processes and inputs for emergency care and global health programs.
- Experience in incorporating GEDSI considerations into program design, operations and MEL.

Desirable

- Tertiary qualification in international development, global health, public health, public policy, social sciences, or related disciplines.
- Familiarity and experience with DFAT core guidelines and policies, including but not limited to GEDSI and MEL.

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. Submissions close on **Monday the 24th of June at 9:00am (AEST)**.