

# Pacific Heads of Nursing & Midwifery Meeting

## Réunion des directeurs des soins infirmiers et obstétricaux du Pacifique

### 4th Pacific Heads of Nursing and Midwifery Meeting

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DEVELOPMENT



## RACS Global Health Strategy 2022 - 2027

- Consolidate and concentrate Global Health programs (Indo-Pacific)
- Enable greater advocacy and impact across networks and partnerships.
- Diversify and expand sustained funding sources (DFAT/MFAT/USAID)
- Leverage RACS reputation and capability
- Professionalise governance and compliance structures organisationally



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# Specialised Clinical Services

- **17 RACS Visiting Surgical Teams** deployed across 10 countries between Feb - October 2023
- **2 surgical teams to be deployed** in November 2023
- **1000 patients** received a surgical consultation
- **377 patients** with improved access to quality surgical services
- **Specialties:** Paediatrics, ENT, Urology, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Vascular surgery
- **Mentoring:** Ongoing mentoring of Pacific colleagues by clinical volunteers post visits
- **78 clinical volunteers** deployed including **26 nurses**



# Clinical Capacity Development

- 18 training teams, comprising 121 local and international instructors, conducted clinical training in 4 countries.
- 288 Indo-Pacific clinicians trained, including 77 nurses
- 7 Pacific nurses enrolled in a Post Graduate Certificate in Perioperative Nursing and being provided weekly mentoring

## Training courses included:

- Surgical Simulation Training in Fiji and Samoa (in partnership with Monash Children's Simulation Centre)
- Care of the Critically Ill Surgical Patient (CCrISP)
- Emergency Management of Severe Trauma (EMST)
- Advanced Paediatric Life Support (APLS)
- Paediatric Life Support (PLS)
- Generic Instructor Training (GIC)
- Endoscopy Training (in partnership with FNU and ANZGITA)

# Operational Challenges

- Increased costs - airfares, accommodation, freight, medical equipment and consumables
- Supply chain - difficulty procuring some consumables that are in short supply and hospitals prioritised
- Logistics - delays in customs clearance resulting in equipment not being available to the RACS team to start surgery
- Industrial action - patients not able to access surgery due to striking clinical staff
- The unexpected - 500 lb bomb discovered in Nauru one week before the RACS team arrived.
- Delayed surgical trips - when surgical specialties change or countries are slow to communicate their clinical priorities
- Communication and coordination - surgical teams from other countries have visited ahead of the RACS team so a very small patient list for the RACS team

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Special thanks to all the Pacific theatre nurses who have worked collaboratively with, and supported RACS Visiting Medical Teams in 2023.



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