



Global Health

Global Health Action Plan 2023-2024

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Acronyms

ACNC	Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission
AOFOG	Asia Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
ASGO	Australian Society of Gynaecologic Oncologists
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Australia)
FIGO	International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics
FNU CMNHS	Fiji National University College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences
FOGS	Fiji Obstetrics and Gynaecology Society
MFAT	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (New Zealand)
PIP	Pacific Islands Program
PNGOGS	Papua New Guinea Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Society
PSRH	Pacific Society for Reproductive Health
RACS	Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UPNG SMHS	University of Papua New Guinea School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Introduction

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) has a long history of supporting women's health in the Pacific. RANZCOG's commitment was reaffirmed in 2017 with the launch of *Improving Women's Health in the Pacific*, a publication that advocated for engagement, advocacy and practical support to empower the reproductive health workforce in Pacific Island countries. Accordingly, RANZCOG's global health activities are focused on the support of O&G training and education of Pacific O&G clinicians, often undertaken collaboratively with local, regional and international partners.

Global Health Action Plan 2023-2024

RANZCOG's current global health objective, as outlined in the RANZCOG Strategic Plan for 2022-2024, is to *build capacity of the O&G workforce in Pacific Island countries through support for training, education and research*. This Global Health Action Plan details the activities and initiatives, both current and proposed, that RANZCOG will undertake to achieve this objective. These activities are categorised under four priority areas:

1. Organisational capacity
2. Partnerships
3. Support for training, education and research
4. Advocacy and communication

Organisational capacity

What will we do?	How will we do this?	Who will we work with?	When will we do this?	How will we know we have achieved this?
Build RANZCOG organisational capacity to support Pacific O&G workforce	<p>Assess RANZCOG's level of adherence to ACNC External Conduct Standards, which govern overseas activities</p> <p>Create and/or update RANZCOG policies and procedures to ensure compliance with ACNC External Conduct Standards (control of resources, review of activities, prevention of fraud and corruption, protection of vulnerable individuals) and so increase eligibility for global health funding</p>	RANZCOG Governance Office	<p>2023</p> <p>2023-2024</p>	RANZCOG global health activity compliance with ACNC External Conduct Standards
Source sustainable funding for global health activities	<p>Identify and collate funding opportunities for global health projects</p> <p>Develop and submit funding proposals for global health projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UPNG SMHS O&G Curriculum Update • Australia Awards Fellowships proposal for a Pacific O&G specialists leadership program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFAT • MFAT • Philanthropic trusts • UPNG SMHS 	<p>2023</p> <p>2023-2024</p>	<p>Completion and submission of well-developed funding proposals for priority global health projects</p> <p>Funding secured for global health projects</p>

Partnerships

What will we do?	How will we do this?	Who will we work with?	When will we do this?	How will we know we have achieved this?
Build on existing partnerships with local and regional partners	Maintain regular engagement with key local and regional partners Support implementation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSRH Strategic and Action Plans 2022-2024 • 2022 PSRH Conference resolutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSRH • FNU CMHNS • UPNG SMHS • FOGS • PNGOGS 	2023-2024 2023-2024	Support provided to PSRH contributes to effective implementation of Strategic and Action Plans, and conference resolutions
Collaborate with new partners that enables RANZCOG to extend its reach and support to Pacific O&G clinicians	Potentially collaborate with university academics and UNFPA Pacific to support delivery of training to Pacific O&G clinicians on immediate postpartum contraception Support implementation of ASGO-PSRH activities to improve gynaecological oncology services in the Pacific	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASGO • UNFPA Pacific • University academics 	2023-2024 2023-2024	Level and type of support provided to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of training on immediate postpartum contraception • Activities to support gynaecological services

Support for training, education and research

What will we do?	How will we do this?	Who will we work with?	When will we do this?	How will we know we have achieved this?
Support postgraduate O&G training and research	Maintain Pacific O&G trainees and academic access to RANZCOG scholarships and resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FNU CMNHS • UPNG SMHS 	2023-2024	<p>Number of Pacific O&G trainees enrolled to access RANZCOG resources, and awarded scholarships and book prizes</p> <p>Pacific O&G trainees report positive impact of their scholarship on clinical knowledge and practice</p> <p>Number of Pacific O&G academics awarded Academic Fellowships</p> <p>Pacific O&G academics report positive impact of their Academic Fellowship on their teaching and/or research abilities</p>

Support training, education and research

What will we do?	How will we do this?	Who will we work with?	When will we do this?	How will we know we have achieved this?
Support professional development of Pacific O&G specialists	<p>Encourage Pacific O&G specialist uptake of RANZCOG Affiliate Membership</p> <p>Maintain Pacific Affiliate Member access to RANZCOG scholarships and resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FNU CMNHS • UPNG SMHS • FOGS • PNGOGS • PSRH 	<p>2023-2024</p> <p>2023-2024</p>	<p>Number of new Pacific Affiliate Members</p> <p>Number of Pacific Affiliate Members awarded scholarships</p> <p>Pacific Affiliate Members report positive impact of their scholarship on clinical knowledge and practice</p>
Encourage and enable FRANZCOG trainees to support O&G capacity building in the Pacific	<p>Recruit FRANZCOG Trainee representative for Global Health Committee</p> <p>Develop a proposal for the Education Directorate on a global health module, which prepares Trainees for overseas placements, for FRANZCOG Curriculum</p> <p>Promote AVI O&G placements in the Pacific to Trainees and Advanced Trainees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RANZCOG Education Directorate • AVI 	<p>2023</p> <p>2023-2024</p> <p>2023-2024</p>	<p>FRANZCOG Trainee representative on Global Health Committee</p> <p>Proposal developed and submitted to the Education Directorate for consideration</p> <p>Trainee uptake of AVI O&G placements in the Pacific</p>

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Encourage and enable College members (Fellows, Diplomates) to support O&G capacity building in the Pacific	<p>Encourage College members with global health experience to participate in RANZCOG Mentoring Program</p> <p>Promote RACS PIP O&G assignments in the Pacific to Fellows</p> <p>Update and promote RANZCOG Pacific O&G Volunteer and Locum package</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSRH • RACS 	<p>2023</p> <p>2023-2024</p> <p>2024</p>	<p>Participation in RANZCOG Mentoring Program of College members with global health experience</p> <p>Fellow uptake of PIP O&G assignments in the Pacific</p> <p>Fellows and in-country O&G specialists report on impact of PIP O&G assignments on O&G capacity</p> <p>Pacific O&G Volunteer and Locum package updated and launched</p>

Advocacy and communication

What will we do?	How will we do this?	Who will we work with?	When will we do this?	How will we know we have achieved this?
Position RANZCOG as an important advocate for global women's health, especially in the Pacific	<p>Complete the public version of the Global Health Experience Map, to detail College member and trainee involvement in global women's health, for the RANZCOG website</p> <p>Promote the map widely to the community, partners and funding bodies</p> <p>Update <i>Improving Women's Health in the Pacific</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RANZCOG Communications and Public Affairs Team 	<p>2023</p> <p>2023</p> <p>2024</p>	<p>Global Health Experience Map completed and available on RANZCOG website</p> <p><i>Improving Women's Health in the Pacific</i> update complete</p>
Advance the profile of Pacific women's health locally, regionally and internationally	<p>Ensure Pacific voices and stories are at the centre of advocacy for Pacific women's health</p> <p>In collaboration with Pacific partners, engage with the community, governments, regional and international bodies to highlight women's health priorities and actions in the Pacific</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FNU CMNHS UPNG SMHS FOGS PSRH PNGOGS AOFOG FIGO DFAT MFAT 	<p>2023-2024</p> <p>2023-2024</p>	<p>Variety of advocacy tools used to deliver key messages about Pacific women's health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social media Articles Letters Meetings



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