

Work  
where every  
little thing  
you do makes  
a big  
difference  
in patients' lives



*ADI volunteers treated this toddler for splenomegaly and malaria.*

## We need volunteer health managers for 6 to 12 months

Looking for a change in your life that can make a difference in the lives of others? Volunteer to work in Papua New Guinea. Australian Doctors International (ADI) needs volunteer health managers who are motivated to work in a place where life is not only a challenge, it's an adventure. You may have a background in health administration, public health, or nursing with management experience.

### **ADI's programs are focused on:**

- Delivering primary health services to save lives and reduce suffering.
- Training local health workers to improve the standard of health service delivery.
- Reducing preventable diseases through education and promotion.

Working in remote areas of Papua New Guinea means frequent travel by small boat, plane, 4WD and on foot. Typical conditions include heat, humidity, rain and mud. You'll need to be as fit as you are committed.



“..bad weather and impassable roads (forced) us to travel six hours in a little dinghy.”

My first job was to facilitate an inaugural week-long in-service training program for 59 health workers and hospital staff, many of whom had travelled long and difficult distances to attend e.g. 14 hours in a dinghy for those from Bosset, two days walking for those from the Star Mountains. Topics included tuberculosis, filariasis, HIV/AIDS, drug supply, snake bite management and perinatal care. For many, this was the first clinical seminar they had attended since their original medical training.

Louise Devereux, Paediatric nurse and health administrator, 2009



ADI volunteer Allan Mason, an occupational first aid trainer, assisted the ADI doctor with clinics, trained health workers in remote villages and gave health talks to school children.

### Duties and responsibilities

- Help train clinical staff at health centres and aid posts on health management.
- Help implement programs on immunisation, TB, leprosy, malaria, STIs and maternal health.
- Conduct community and school health talks.
- Organise doctors' patrol schedule and field logistics.
- Work hand-in-hand with local organisations to improve health service delivery.
- Help improve the drug and medical supply line.

### Requirements for the position

- Qualifications and experience in health management. You may have a background in health administration, public health, or nursing with management experience.
- Ability to teach health workers, communities and school children.
- Awareness of and sensitivity to other cultures.
- A preparedness to work with limited resources within a challenging environment.

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