



ST VINCENT'S PACIFIC HEALTH FUND

St Vincent's Pacific Health Fund provides financial support for a wide variety of projects and activities to improve health care and medical education resources in the Pacific Region.

The Fund engages with health workers in the region to provide essential equipment to hospitals, facilitate clinical exchange programs for health workers and assist in capacity building through financial grants and scholarships.



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A Snapshot of our activities

In 2020-2021, the Pacific Health Fund engaged with health workers in Fiji, Vanuatu, Timor Leste, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands. With no global travel, the Andrew Dent Scholarship program was on hold during this time.

March 2021 Solomon Islands Emergency Department Telehealth project. Building capacity for improved patient care and engaging in professional development and quality improvement activities at the ED, National Referral Hospital, Honiara. \$2,633

An Online Information Session held in September 2021 attracted interest, with over 50 people from 7 countries attending to meet the Pacific Health Fund Committee and learn more about the PHF. Several Pacific partners and previous grant recipients shared information on their successful projects and supported others to apply for future projects.

Ms Luisa Vodotagitagi from Fiji Ministry of Health completed Post grad Diploma of Emergency Nursing with Fiji National University \$4250

Dr Abrão A. Gusmão F. Belo, and Dr Flavio Jose Boavida from the Emergency Department at Timor Leste's National Hospital Guido Valadares completed the online certificate course on Emergency Medicine: Theory & Practice \$3,500

With some COVID related disruptions to usual programs over the last 2 years, the Pacific Health Fund provided just over \$42,000 in financial support to 9 projects for online training and health supports in 6 different countries.

Shweta Naidu, Registered Nurse from Colonial War Memorial Hospital in Fiji and Roderick Mera, Registrar from Vila Central Hospital in Vanuatu completed a 12 week online course in Global Emergency Care \$2,887.5

April 2020 Fiji Telehealth Project. Support for telehealth equipment and piloting new education initiatives for mental health services. \$10,000

Provision of equipment to support safe and effective care of patients in the operating theatres (OT) and special care unit (SCU) at the National Referral Hospital (NRH), Honiara \$8,861

Dr. Sebastian Paulo from Samoa's Ministry of Health completed an advanced emergency medicine practitioner course online \$3,125

November 2021 support for an outreach trip to the remote Sangapi Health Center in Madang province, PNG with Nazrene Health Ministries. Providing education and consultation services for the new nursing officers on maternal-fetal care, gynecologic care, Covid-19 education, and safe practice of obstetric skills. \$3115

August 2021 Kiribati Mental Health team at Te Meeria Ward initiated a telehealth education pilot with audiovisual equipment and weekly professional development sessions \$4,000



National Referral Hospital, Honiara



Sangapi Health Center Team, PNG



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Te Meeria Ward, Kiribati Mental Health

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