

Australian Doctors International seek volunteer medical staff for health patrols

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Australian Doctors International (ADI) is a not-for-profit, NGO partnering with Provincial governments and church providers to provide medical and health services to individuals living in rural and remote areas of Papua New Guinea.

Since inception in 2000, ADI has treated [18,000 patients](#), and using ADI's signature model – rural health patrols by boat, plane, 4WD and foot – provided frontline and primary health services to some of PNG's most vulnerable and inaccessible communities. ADI currently operates programs in Gulf Province, New Ireland Province, and Western Province.

ADI is recruiting for Medical Officers in New Ireland and Western Provinces, and for a Health Project Manager in New Ireland Province. All positions are voluntary, and because of the remote nature of the work and the necessity of participating in health patrols, require cultural sensitivity, tolerance, flexibility, and a reasonable level of fitness.

The volunteers will form part of a team providing preventative health services to remote aid posts and health centres, areas typically under resourced and too remote for government health provision to reach consistently. Volunteers also capacity build by providing training to local health staff, and conduct health education and awareness raising activities amongst local communities.

ADI accepts applications for all PNG-based positions on a rolling basis, with further detail [here](#). Three Sydney positions are also [available](#), and include a Government Relations position, a Marketing and Website Administrator, and a Social Media position.

Further information on ADI can be found [here](#), along with a [blog](#) based on a [presentation](#) and [talk](#) given by ADI CEO Liz Mackinlay at the [2017 Australasian Aid Conference](#).

Please direct any questions about the ADI positions to the contact details listed on ADI's website.

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