

Intensive Care Specialist Mentor

Solomon Islands

This assignment has been negotiated in good faith with the Partner Organisation, and the information contained was correct at the time of acceptance of the request. However, while we take responsibility for matters under our direct control, all assignments and arrangements are subject to change. This assignment may be amended or withdrawn to reflect changes in circumstances.

ASSIGNMENT DETAILS			
Assignment title	Intensive Care Specialist Mentor		
Partner Organisation	National Referral Hospital,		
Location	Honiara		
Website of Partner Organisation			
Total Duration of assignment	3 - 6 months	Start date	Flexible
Type of assignment	In-person	Australian Organisation	Global Intensive Care Initiative (GICI)
Assignment Phases <i>(For Hybrid Assignments Only)</i>		Volunteer Mode	Duration
	Phase 1	Incountry	Time Commitment
	Phase 2	Remote,	Full-time (In-Country) Part-time (Remote)

PARTNER ORGANISATION OVERVIEW

The National Referral Hospital (NRH) is operated by the Solomon Islands Ministry of Health and Services (MHMS) and functions as the main tertiary and referral hospital for people living across the country. There are 300+ inpatient beds and specialities include:

1. General Medicine
2. Surgery (including Ortheopedics, ophthalmology, ENT, urology)
3. Obstetrics and Gynecology
4. Emergency medicine
5. Pediatrics
- Psychiatry

The NRH also provides laboratory, pathology, radiology and pharmacy services to support the clinical areas.

A 14-bed high-dependency unit was commissioned in May 2023 and provides a clinical areas to care for critically-ill patients. Post-graduate qualifications in critical-care or intensive care nursing are not offered in the Solomon Islands National University.

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ASSIGNMENT DETAILS

Assignment overview

Why is this volunteer assignment important to your organisation? Why can a local person not fill the assignment?
Currently there is a high-dependency unit that supports care of critically ill patients in the hospital. There is no cohesive model of care or clinical guidelines, and there is no conceptualised practice guidelines for critical care for which the staff are trained for or experienced in. Current practice is on an ad hoc basis with no standardisation of patient management, clinical operations and clinical governance system. The support of a volunteer specialist in Intensive care will help to improve the skills and knowledge of the doctors and nurses as well as help to improve the practices and processes of DFAT assisted projects/visits such as ROMAC, Interplast visits, ANZGITA (biannual visits), PRIDA (weekly meetings) will need to be incorporated into the planned activity of the Intensive Care Specialist.

Assignment objectives

To identify gaps in the current model of care and setup and develop a local contextualised critical care system that is evidence based and able to be implemented by the local team, in collaboration with other stakeholders and partners

Provide coaching, expert advice and capacity building around management of critically ill patients.

To include all people directly affected by the volunteer assignment in the Partner Organisation and community, using strategies that promote: gender equality; inclusion of youth; inclusion of people with a disability; child protection and safeguarding; inclusion of marginalised groups.

Duties and responsibilities of the volunteer

Assist local staff to create clinical guidelines and protocols, and practice guidance (patient pathways, system operation, etc)

Identify gaps in current system

Work with staff in teaching during ward rounds (Monday to Friday)

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Selection criteria
Fellow of the College of Intensive Care Medicine
Cultural competency and the flexibility and resilience to work in low-resource settings.

Desirable skills, language and experience
A self starter, who will be able quickly develop strong working relationships with colleagues and work in a collaborative way.
Has experience in guideline development
Experience working in low resourced medical settings.

Line Manager	Dr Jones Ghabu, Head of Internal Medicine and Sr Tally Rebecca Hopkins, Nurse Manager,
Staff Supervision	The volunteer will not have line management responsibility, but may provide education and
Working relationships	<i>Team members: Dr Emire Meone Maefiti (HDU team lead), Dr Elizabeth Wore (Consultant Physician), Dr Alice Siuna (Consultant Physician), Dr Rebecca Pinau (consultant physician,</i>
Hours and days of work	Flexible but the following timetable is recommended: Monday- Friday: 8.30am to 4pm
Leave	All volunteers are entitled to 20 days leave per 12 months, unless advised otherwise. The same conditions and terms as local colleagues apply, including national holidays.
Professional indemnity insurance	Yes - This assignment is deemed to require professional indemnity insurance
(Required for all volunteers who are acting as a medical, allied health or legal professional whilst on assignment.)	The volunteer should consult the partner organisation about the need for professional indemnity insurance for the role prior to departure. Where required and/or considered essential to hold this insurance, please discuss this with the Volunteer Services Manager in Melbourne prior to departure.

LIVING AS A VOLUNTEER

The Australian Volunteers Program supports volunteers from preparing to go on assignment through to returning home. For a full breakdown of support provided, please visit: <https://www.australianvolunteers.com/volunteering/lifestyle-and-support/>

Living allowance	\$1,828 The allowance levels are based on the cost of living in the host country location and are listed in \$AUD. Allowances will be reviewed periodically and may increase or decrease.
Accommodation allowance	\$2,500
Language support	Language support is provided during the in-country orientation period. Most often, additional resources for further development later in the assignment will be available if required.
Country profile	Learn more about the host country location by reading the country profile. We encourage candidates to research the specific location of this assignment as it will be discussed and addressed with a recruitment officer during the interview process. https://www.australianvolunteers.com/countries/solomons

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Political or faith-based activities	The Australian Volunteers Program supports partner organisations to achieve their development objectives. It does not engage in or support any evangelical activities and is not linked to any political party. We partner with local faith-based organisations on the basis that the volunteer placement does not engage in evangelising; and participation in activities run by the volunteer is not conditional on conversion or adherence to a particular religious denomination. We also partner with advocacy organisations on the basis that volunteer activities are not in support of a political party or candidate.
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HOW TO APPLY

All applications must be submitted online through the Australian Volunteers Program website. If you have not already done so, you will need to register on our website prior to applying. For more information about how to apply, please visit:

<https://www.australianvolunteers.com/volunteering/how-it-works>

We actively support and encourage people of all backgrounds and abilities to volunteer internationally, and aim to make the program as accessible and inclusive as possible. The program has a dedicated Indigenous Programs Coordinator to support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander volunteers, who can be contacted at indigenouspathways@australianvolunteers.com. Access and inclusion plans are available for volunteers with disabilities, to ensure their assignments and living and working arrangements are made more

Personal circumstances

Due to security, cultural, legal or visa restrictions associated with this location, we ask that applicants disclose:

- If they want their same-sex partner to accompany them on assignment.
- If they want their partner, to whom they are not legally married, to accompany them on assignment.
- If they want their child(ren) to accompany them on assignment.
- If they have a criminal conviction where a criminal conviction may be relevant to the inherent requirements of the assignment.

The National Referral Hospital (NRH