

## On-site Intensivist Trainer

### Samoa

*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 This assignment may be amended or withdrawn to reflect changes in circumstances.*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

<b>Assignment title</b>	On-site Intensivist Trainer		
<b>Partner Organisation</b>	Ministry of Health - MOH Samoa (Anaesthesia and ICU department of Tupua Tamasese Meaole Hospital - Samoa),		
<b>Location</b>	Motootua, Apia,		
<b>Website of Partner Organisation</b>	www.health.gov.ws,		
<b>Total Duration of assignment</b>	Flexible, minimum 2 months	<b>Start date</b>	From February 2026
<b>Type of assignment</b>	In-person	<b>Australian Organisation</b>	Global Intensive Care Initiative (ANZICS)
		<i>Volunteer Mode</i>	<i>Duration</i>
<b>Assignment Phases</b> <i>(For Hybrid Assignments Only)</i>	<i>Phase 1</i>	In country	<b>2+ months</b>
	<i>Phase 2</i>		Full-time (In-Country)
	<i>Phase 3</i>		N/A
	<i>Phase 4</i>		N/A

#### PARTNER ORGANISATION OVERVIEW

The mission of MOH Samoa is to provide safe and efficient patient centred health care services with the aim of assisting people to meet their health care needs for an optimum level of health and well-being. The Tupua Tamasese Meaole Hospital (TTMH) in Apia is the national referral hospital for Samoa and houses a 7 bed Intensive Care unit that manages critically ill patients and can do invasive ventilation, invasive procedures (central venous lines, arterial lines) and acute haemodialysis. The Global Intensive Care Initiative (GICI), the global health arm of ANZICS, is dedicated to capacity-building in the field of critical care medicine. The aim of GICI is to improve critical care in resource limited settings by understanding local values and healthcare expectations and fostering collaboration in education, research and expertise.

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## ASSIGNMENT DETAILS

### Assignment overview

This volunteer assignment is important to the Ministry of Health and Samoa to build up the capacity of our department to become intensive care specialists. We are seeking intensive care specialist(s) to volunteer on-site for six months to 1 year over a two year period to support training and teaching our doctors/ICU and Anaesthesia trainees and nursing staff. At the completion of the 2 year program, we aim to have 2 Samoan Anaesthetists trained in Intensive Care Medicine through Fiji National University. They will be suitably skilled through the in-country support from this position to be able to continue to develop the specialty of Intensive Care in Samoa themselves.

### Assignment objectives

To provide training and mentoring for our doctors in our department, particularly for those undergoing training (ICU and Anaesthesia; through FNU).

To provide coaching, expert advice and capacity building for the management of critically ill patients; including teaching for our nursing staff and mentoring support for our seniors

Identify gaps in the current model of care and help develop local protocols and guidelines

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

To be on-site from Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm - collaborate with staff in teaching during ward rounds, train in procedures and help review sick cases outside of ICU

To provide phone advice after-hours for the on-call doctor regarding ICU cases

Assist local staff in creating clinical practice guidelines, protocols and practice guidance

Provide necessary in-person supervision for Anaesthetists enrolled in the FNU Masters of Intensive Care Medicine.

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Selection criteria
Qualified intensivist (adult or paediatric); fellow of the College of Intensive Care of Medicine (FCICM). At least 5 to 10 years of experience inclusive of training.
Effective communicator, with excellent intercultural skills
Adaptable, flexible and innovative
Team player that can work collaboratively with multidisciplinary staff
Broad intensive care experience including in resource-limited settings

Desirable skills, language and experience
Patient teacher
Excellent proceduralist
Ideally experience working in the Pacific or resource-limited settings

<b>Line Manager</b>	Head of Department - DDG Clinical Services
<b>Staff Supervision</b>	No
<b>Working relationships</b>	<i>Working closely with the seven members of the Department,</i>
<b>Hours and days of work</b>	Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm
<b>Leave</b>	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.
<b>Professional indemnity insurance</b>	<b><i>Yes - This assignment is deemed to require professional indemnity insurance</i></b> 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.
(Required for all volunteers who are acting as a medical, allied health or legal professional whilst on assignment.)	

### 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/>

<b>Living allowance</b>	<b>\$1407.00 AUD</b> 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.
<b>Accommodation allowance</b>	\$620.00 AUD
<b>Language support</b>	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.
<b>Country profile</b>	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. <a href="https://www.australianvolunteers.com/countries/samoa">https://www.australianvolunteers.com/countries/samoa</a>

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<b>Political or faith-based activities</b>	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](mailto: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 partner, to whom they are not legally married, to accompany them on assignment.
- If they want their child(ren) to accompany them on assignment.



