

CAREER PROFILE

Senior Healthcare Development Executive with proven success managing major healthcare reform in complex and challenging environments globally. I have provided support and direction in strategic implementation of national healthcare plans with a focus on health service delivery, legislation, policy development and communicable diseases.

I have over 20 years' national and international experience in program development and management. In my role as Counsellor (Development Cooperation) DFAT Papua New Guinea (PNG) (previously Program Director AusAID), I successfully managed development of a Delivery Strategy for Australia's A\$113 million bilateral Health and HIV aid program in PNG. Recognised internally as one of the highest quality Health Aid Programs, this program's performance was noted for its significant progress in the Australian Aid Program 2013 Annual Performance Review. Highlights included delivery of essential medicines to 2,700+ health facilities, supervising almost 20,000 births, doubling the number of practising midwives, increasing levels of child immunisations, and reducing the spread of communicable diseases such as tuberculosis (TB), malaria and HIV. The program also provided AUD\$25 million in annual grants to Civil Society Organisations for service delivery in PNG in areas of HIV, TB and maternal and child health care.

I work well as part of, and leading a team. I am confident advising, liaising and collaborating with senior executives and have proven success developing, strengthening and nurturing government and other stakeholder relationships. I regularly engage external agencies and other partners and consistently maintain close ties with relevant networks to facilitate successful management of identified health priorities globally.

I am a clear and concise communicator with excellent presentation, negotiation and networking skills. I have proven success influencing outcomes and dealing with broad stakeholder groups including senior executives; Government agencies, other external groups and partners to manage identified health priorities. I have the ability to confidently liaise with various stakeholders, including senior government and other executives. I have also assisted in building management and operational capability/capacity to improve performance, results and outcomes in priority and other areas.

I am highly motivated and results oriented with proven success monitoring projects and programs to ensure continuous improvement and success. I always establish clear plans and objectives and engage relevant stakeholders to drive sustainable change to ensure the achievement of high quality desirable outcomes.

KEY SKILLS

- ✓ Post-graduate qualifications in Public Health and Health Administration
- ✓ Health Legislation background (10 years) with Bachelor of Laws, Health Policy Development (10+ years), Communicable Diseases (10+ Health planning and major change initiatives)
- ✓ Program and project management (up to A\$231M)
- ✓ Senior stakeholder liaison
- ✓ Government engagement
- ✓ Problem solving especially in emergency and high pressure situations
- ✓ Leading, training, coaching, mentoring staff
- ✓ Worked in challenging, remote and rural settings (Outback Australia, Papua New Guinea, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Uganda and Canada)
- ✓ Fast, autonomous decision making ability
- ✓ Collaborative approach to ensure optimum health service delivery outcomes
- ✓ Ability to work with limited resources
- ✓ Working with people from CALD backgrounds. Fluently understand and read pidgin (basic speaking)

QUALIFICATIONS

- 2010 Ph. D. Doctor of Philosophy - Monash University, Melbourne Australia (*Thesis titled "Kisim help bilong olgeta manmeri long PNG long sikAIDS - A Mixed Methods Study"*)
- 2009 Masters of Public Health - University of New South Wales, Sydney Australia
- 2001 LL. B. Bachelor of Laws - University of Tasmania, Hobart Australia
- 1994 Masters of Health Administration - University of NSW, Sydney Australia
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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Senior Strategic Health Advisor (Access), Asia Pacific Leader' Malaria Alliance (APLMA) / January 2017 – present

- Take a leadership role in setting the health service delivery agenda in the Asia Pacific region;
- Lead on APLMA access strategy in consultation with other members of senior management and manage day to day activities linked with the Business Plan;
- Develop policy processes to progress the above, including lead policy dialogue on access with partners operating within the commodity development, health security, health system strengthening and health service delivery arenas; highlighting the positive externalities of malaria service and commodity investments on health security, health systems and impact on other communicable diseases.
- Design and deploy access- and commodity quality-related technical assistance, manage consultant outputs and provide quality assurance and policy level dialogue and development
- Guide the development of knowledge products and research to support countries to improve access to malaria related commodities and services for malaria elimination
- Develop approaches for uptake of new malaria related technologies, including streamlined regulatory processes

Strategic Advisor, Specialist Health Service, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs funded facility / May 2016 - December 2016

- Provide expert strategy, policy and technical advice to the Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance (APLMA) Secretariat
- Support the development of a Task Force on Innovative Financing and Resource Mobilisation
- Develop options and provide policy recommendations for raising sustainable additional financing for malaria and the broader health security agenda.

Health Service Advisor, Government of Nauru (PACTAM program), Yaren District, Nauru / Jun 2015 - February 2016

- Utilising a health system approach, provide support to the Secretary of Health and Medical Services (SMHS) to strengthen hospital and public health operations including human resource management, infrastructure, procurement and management.
- Provide advice and support to the SMHS regarding issues related to the planning, rebuilding and refurbishment of RON hospital.
- Provide strong leadership for the Directors and provide guidance and support for any required change management.
- Contribute to the effective management of the Department of Health and the achievement of priority health outcomes through the provision of strategic advice and support to the SMHS

- Mentor and advise local Nauruan staff with the goal of developing their their capacity to effectively plan and manage health services.

Director, Health Programs & Performance / Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT) Canberra, Australia / Jan 2015 - May 2015

- Responsible for leading on health program management and Managing the design of global health programs, prepare agreements and manage \$100 million in global and sectoral programs.

Counsellor Development Cooperation) / Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT) (Previously Health & HIV Program Director for AusAID), Papua New Guinea / Dec 2010 - Present

- Managed development of Delivery Strategy for Australia's A\$113 million bilateral Health and HIV aid program in Papua New Guinea - included physical/financial resources, and implementation of major change reforms at a local level. Program recognised internally as one of the highest quality Australia Health Aid Programs.
- Led discussion of key strategic issues including TB in Western Province, medical supplies and provincial health authority reform; and trilateral cooperation discussions with China, PNG and Australia on malaria control.
- Negotiated Health Service Agreements with five provinces to accelerate health service delivery progress and infrastructure investments to leverage Government of PNG resources - particularly in rural and remote areas.
- Achieved significant progress across several areas, including delivering essential medicines to 2,700+ health facilities, increasing supervised births by 20,000, doubling the number of practising midwives, increasing child immunisation levels, and reducing the spread of communicable diseases such as HIV, TB and Malaria.

Technical Officer-Human Resources Development & Health Systems / World Health Organization (WHO), Papua New Guinea / Jul 2007 - Nov 2010

- Collaborated with the National Department of Health under direct supervision of WHO Representative and with technical support from the Western Pacific Regional Office and health system capacity (Papua New Guinea) to strengthen capacity within National Department of Health and provincial health authorities.
- Developed capacity/capability to ensure improvements to health service program performance and health results/outcomes across the priority areas - included improvements in priority areas (e.g. Emergency and Disaster Response, Maternal & Child health care, Communicable diseases (TB, HIV and Malaria)).

Human Resource Development Technical Officer / WHO, Papua New Guinea / Jun 2004 - Jun 2007

- Provided technical support to the National Department of Health and provincial health authorities to strengthen human resources (HR) for health capacity within Papua New Guinea.

Manager-Maternal & Child Services / Stanton Territorial Health Authority, Yellowknife (Canada) / Oct 2002 - Oct 2003

- Developed and implemented divisional policy, advised the Authority Board and oversaw/monitored the provision of maternal child services - including human, material and financial resources. Included risk reduction program in Obstetrics and establishment of Midwifery in the Northwest Territories of Canada.

Manager-Trauma & Emergency Services / Saudi Aramco Health Services Dhahran, Saudi Arabia / Feb 2002 - Oct 2002

- Managed human, material and fiscal resources of the Tanajib Emergency Clinic and provided emergency medical care including rotary wing aero-medical evacuations.