

## Regional Quality Improvement Project (RQIP)

### Brief 2: September – November 2023

#### Project update

To date 13 out of 14 countries have agreed to participate in the Regional Quality Improvement Project (RQIP). Data collection has commenced with initial meetings held with Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers in 12 out of 14 countries. The next stage of data collection has occurred in 12 out of 14 countries and additional meetings have been held with key stakeholders including members of nursing councils, accrediting and regulatory bodies, as well as higher education institutions delivering nursing programs. Data collection has been completed in 3 out of 14 countries.

#### Travel to Solomon Islands

Associate Professor Karen Hammad travelled to Solomon Islands on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October to conduct data collection.



*Karen Hammad with Mr Michael Larui,*

Karen visited Honiara and met with Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer Michael Larui, members of the Solomon Islands Nursing Council Board, the School of Nursing at Solomon Islands National University, staff at the National Referral Hospital, the team at the

Solomon Islands Tertiary Education and Skills Authority and, WHO Colleagues.

Karen also travelled to Munda and visited the Helena Goldie School of Nursing, Helena Goldie Hospital, Noro Health Clinic, and the SolTuna Health Clinic.



*Karen Hammad with Lecturer Clara Devi at Solomon Islands National University in Honiara*



*Karen Hammad with senior nurses at the National Referral Hospital in Honiara*

## Pacific Heads of Nursing and Midwifery Meeting (PHONM)

Chief Nurses and Midwifery Officers (CNMOs) met in Nadi, Fiji for the 4<sup>th</sup> PHONM – *“Nurses together: a force for global health”*. At the meeting Mele Sii Inukihaangana Felise, CNMO for Tonga, presented an update on the RQIP including preliminary data. The presentation was well received and featured in the top 4 topics found to be most interesting by participants during the meeting.



Mele Sii Inukihaangana Felise presenting the RQIP update at the PHONM

The PHONM presented an opportunity for the RQIP team to meet and spend time with various CNMOs as well as catch up on additional data collection face to face.



Top row: Elizabeth Iro (Cook Islands), Roger Jelapo (Vanuatu), Asena Kauyaca (Tokelau), Colleen Turaga (Fiji), Mele Felise (Tonga), Helen Murdoch (Kiribati), Anne Pinel (French Polynesia), Sokolito Maloto (Tuvalu), Silina Waqa (Fiji), Trixie Fritz (Nauru), Thomas Pita (Niue).

Bottom row: Michele Rumsey (UTS), Lorraine Hetaraka (New Zealand), Karen Hammad (UTS), Antonette Merur (Palau), Ulises Tapuvae (Samoa), Nga Manea (Cook Islands), Renea Raho (Northern Mariana Islands)



Mele Sii Inukihaangana Felise, Michele Rumsey, Elizabeth Iro, Silina Motofaga



Karen Hammad, Antonette Merur, Michele Rumsey, Nga Manea, Michael Larui



Lorraine Herataka, Silina Waqa, Michele Rumsey, Elizabeth Iro, Nga Manea, Anne Pinel, Colleen Wilson

## NEXT STEPS

Data collection will continue with an expected completion date at the end of 2023. It is anticipated a draft report will be compiled by February 2024. Associate Professor Jenny Sim has announced her resignation from the UTS WHO CC, as such, project lead of RQIP has been handed over to Associate Professor Karen Hammad. The secretariat would like to acknowledge Jenny's contribution to the RQIP project and wish her all the best for her future venture.