The Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC) response to regional infection prevention and control needs

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Disclaimer

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Infection Prevention and Control in the Pacific

- Most low resource settings have weak or absent IPCP
- IPCP are often unidirectional, focusing on only one or a few interventions such as antimicrobial stewardship or surveillance
- Local studies and local expertise are not utilised in developing an IPCP
Infection Prevention and Control in the Pacific

• Appropriate resource allocation to the health sector and delivery system is not addressed
• Human resources are not adequately developed to support IPCP adoption
• Lack of equipment and consumable items such as sharps containers, sterilisers, disinfectants, PPE, running water and electricity
Infection Prevention and Control in the Pacific

- Healthcare workers unaware of IPC methods
- Lack of institutional support
- Poor physical environment
- Absence of hand hygiene facilities
- Presence of contaminated tap water
- Lack of microbiological support
ACIPC

- Formerly Australian Infection Control Association (AICA) changed in 2012
- Peak body for Infection Prevention and Control professionals in Australasia
- Vision:
  - The prevention and control of infection in our communities
Scholarships

• Annual conference scholarship
  – Low- and lower middle income countries in the region
  – Health professional working in infection prevention and control
  – Be able to understand and speak English fluently
  – Able to provide a report 3 months post conference
Membership

- International (low- and lower middle income countries – World Bank definition) membership
  - A person with an interest in infection prevention and control from an LMI country
  - Discounted rate
Low and lower-middle income special interest group (LMI SIG)

- Members who practice or consult with partners in LMI countries
- Facilitate member networking via regular teleconference and face-to-face at annual conference
- Establish and strengthen connections with partners and practitioners
- Provide peer support to practitioners
- Advocacy to the College Executive for regional partners
- Advice to College Committees regarding LMI issues
- ListServ
Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN)

- The Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network contributes towards global health security by:
  - combating the international spread of outbreaks
  - ensuring that appropriate technical assistance reaches affected states rapidly
  - contributing to long-term epidemic preparedness and capacity building
- Provide infection prevention and control support and expert specialist assistance to GOARN
- Identify suitable candidates to attend training by GOARN
Partnerships

- World Health Organization (WHO)
- International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC)
- Secretariat of the Pacific Communities (SPC)
- AusAID
• www.acipc.org.au
• http://www.who.int/ihr/alert_and_response/outbreak-network/en/
• https://www.acipc.org.au/Professional-Development/Special-Interest-Groups/LMI-Special-Interest-Group
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