

## RACS Global Health Pacific Program Results in 2023

With support from the Australian Government through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and RACS Global Health specialist surgical volunteers, the RACS' *Pacific Clinical Services and Health Workforce Improvement Program* achieved the following key results in 2023. These results are the shared achievements of our volunteers and our clinical partners such as Pacific Ministries of Health and host hospital teams, across the Indo Pacific region 2023:

### Specialist Surgical Teams Deployed

17 volunteer surgical teams, comprising 70 clinical volunteers provided their time, knowledge, and skills to assist with specialist surgeries, training and mentoring in 10 Pacific countries.

Teams were deployed to Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

### Patient Access to Safe and Affordable Surgery

RACS volunteer surgical teams (surgeons, anaesthetists and perioperative nurses) performed 1,012 patient consultations and 321 specialist surgeries.

Specialist surgeries focused on ENT, Paediatrics, Urology, Vascular and Obstetrics and Gynaecology procedures.

### Clinical Capacity Development (through training and mentoring)

In addition to providing surgical treatment and care, RACS surgical teams also provided practical on the job training and mentoring for 186 Pacific clinicians through 78 training sessions. RACS clinical training teams provided short course training for 156 Pacific clinicians through the following courses:

- Emergency Management of Severe Trauma (EMST)
- Care of the Critically Ill Surgical Patient (CCrISP)
- Endoscopy Training with FNU and ANZGITA
- Virtual On-line Training in Surgery with Monash Children's Simulation Centre
- Advanced Paediatric Life Support, Paediatric Life Support and Generic Instructor training with APLS Australia and the Fiji APLS faculty
- On-line Post Graduate Certificate in Perioperative Nursing course through the Australian College of Nursing

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Dr Askar Kukkadly examining a child in Samoa (2023)



RACS Paediatric surgery team conducting pre-surgical consultations in Samoa with local surgical residents (2023)