



# Health Care Manual for Community Health Workers in PNG

Fully revised 3<sup>rd</sup> edition

**PROJECT – UPDATE (2015 - 2021)**

## BACK GROUND

- Community Health Workers (CHWs) are vital for providing primary health care to the people. They are a first point of contact for those who need health care, and in rural and remote areas they are often the only source of medical assistance and health education for the community.
- CHWs greatly value the Health Care Manual as a practical resource. The Health Care Manual has not been updated in 20 years, and is out-of-date, and out-of-print.

## Background Cont.

- The HCM3 project commenced in 2015 and is led by the Baptist Union of Papua New Guinea (BUPNG) and supported by its Project Management Team (Project Coordinator, Commissioning Editor, Publishing Specialist and M&E Adviser)
- Key stakeholders supporting the project have included the Church Partnership Program (CPP), Christian Health Services (CHS), TAI, Health Serve Australia, National Department of Health (NDOH), and Australian Government (DFAT), and partner Churches.

# GOALS

- To develop a fully revised and updated 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, based on current health care information and suitable for use by Community Health Workers (CHWs) to meet PNG health standards.
- To distribute 15,000 free copies of HCM3 to all CHW training schools and CHWs across PNG.
- To build knowledge and skills of publishing processes for all involved in the project.

# Update Progress 2021

- Printing of first 2,000 copies done in Sydney, Australia last year (2019) and distributed to all Community Health Workers Training School across PNG
- Second print run of 13,000 in printed and on shoe (POM x 2 containers Lae x 3 containers), ready for distribution to all practicing CHWs across Papua New Guinea)

# KUMIN CHWTS (Southern Highlands Province)



# Tinsley CHW Training School



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# Kapuna CHWTS (Gulf Province)



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## Funding situation

- Committed funding have not been received.
- The project has come in well under budget.
- However, CPP funding has been allocated over the 2020/2021 financial years to print an additional 13,000 copies of HCM3 for practicing CHWs in PNG.
- We need funding to be able to distribute HCM3 across PNG, especially to the remote communities.

## Distribution – who gets a free copy of HCM3?

- All registered and practising Community Health Workers across PNG.
- Community Health Worker Training School
- Each recognised HCM3 contributor
- Steering Group members
- A very small number of promotional copies (managed by BUPNG).
- HCM3 x 2 Copies to; PNG National Library, CHS Secretariat, DFAT, NDoH, and contributors.

## Distribution Plan

- All Provincial Health Authorities, CHS Partners, in the Southern & part of Momase Regions are to collect yours from (Tokarara Baptist Church Compound) in Port Moresby.
- Part of Momase, NGI & Highlands Regions are to collect yours from Lae (East Taraka Baptist Compound) respectively as BUPNG doesn't have the money to deliver them door to door.

# Distribution in Progress

- Distribution starts with CHS partners & PHAs in Highlands Region
- Momase Region
- NGI Region then will go to;
- NCD, Central and the Southern Region early next year.
- BUPNG make sure all practicing CHWs gets a copy of HCM3 (esp. ones in Remote & rural facilities, where there is NO DOCTOR)

## HCM3 Book Launching:

- HCM3 Book Launching will go ahead in Port Moresby with the 2022 CHS Annual Conference.
- All Provincial Health Authorities, CHS Partners, NDoH and DFAT will be invited
- (Date to be announced anytime soon).

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  - Christian Health Services (CHS)
  - DFAT – Australian Government
  - Health Serve Australia,
  - Transform Aid International (TAI)
  - CPP
  - Individuals who contributed in kind and thoughts

## Contact

- Please contact me if you have any suggestions for the distribution of HCM3 to your CHWs at your facilities

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