



Project Update: *Health Care Manual for Community Health Workers in Papua New Guinea*

Fully revised and updated 3rd edition

Background to the project

- 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 available 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 The Health Care Manual has not been updated in 20 years, and is out-of-date, and out-of-print.
- The HCM3 project is led by the Baptist Union of Papua New Guinea (BUPNG), and supported by its Project Management Team.
- Key stakeholders supporting the project include the Church Partnership Program (CPP), Christian Health Services (CHS), National Department of Health (NDoH), and Australian Government (DFAT).

Latest progress as at 31 January 2018

- We are still working to secure the funding needed to complete the Year 3 tasks.
- Development and review of the HCM3 chapter content continues. To date 30 writers have been tasked for 42 chapters (with 31 chapter drafts delivered); another 8 chapters are in the process of tasking; and 11 chapters have been revised or written by project team members.
- Since the Steering Group endorsed the draft HCM3 Distribution Plan and the HCM3 Sustainability Plan in October 2017, the Project Manager has continued to work with PMT to research and develop these. More details will be provided in future updates, including how people and organisations can help us to get copies of HCM3 into the hands of CHWs throughout the country, and also plans to create an e-book version.
- The Phase 2 Evaluation of the HCM3 project has been completed and reported to BUPNG and project stakeholders. The evaluation confirms high levels of satisfaction with HCM3 stakeholder engagement, consultation and information sharing processes.

Goals of the project

- To develop a fully revised and updated 3rd edition of the Health Care Manual (HCM3), 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.

The project will take three years from mid-2015 to mid-2018 to enable involvement and endorsement by the relevant parties in PNG. The total project investment will be PGK 3.75m (AUD 1.67m).

Tribute to Dr Billy Selve

The late Dr Billy Selve was a highly valued and respected member of our Technical Review Panel and had also contributed two chapters to HCM3. He brought a great breadth of experience and depth of wisdom, which he shared with humility.

As expressed by TRP members, 'What a loss of a national treasure!'; 'A better friend, colleague, mentor and brother has never been.' We 'salute him for his contributions to our team'.

Dr Selve passed away on 5 December 2017 and we will sadly miss him. Thoughts and prayers for his family.

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