

# Niu Waves

Sub-Regional Office for the Pacific

## Half Year Reflections

Welcome to the latest issue of Niu Waves, from the IPPF Sub-Regional Office for the Pacific. We're excited to say that the half year reports are well underway, and the majority of MAs have delivered more services compared to the first half of 2018. We will share more data in the next newsletter.

July has been another packed month for SROP and the Pacific MAs. In addition to the half year reporting, SROP has finalised our MOU with PDF, met with the Fijian Minister for Women and presented with PNGFHA at the PSRH conference in Papua New Guinea. We followed the excitement of the Pacific Games in Samoa avidly and SFHA used the opportunity to conduct outreach and awareness with both athletes and spectators throughout the games.

SROP staff and Pacific Member Associations, along with staff and MAs from the broader ESEAOR region, also attended the annual regional meetings in Kuala Lumpur this month. We were thrilled to see such strong Pacific representation on both the Regional Council and the Youth Council. For the first time ever, the Youth Council has five representatives from the Pacific! We look forward to working with the incoming councils to further our goal of achieving SRHR for all in the region.

### Our Highlights

- SROP and MA staff presented at the PSRH conference.
- SROP congratulates the incoming members of the Regional Council.
- SFHA conducted outreach and awareness sessions with athletes and spectators at the Pacific Games.
- SROP signed an updated MOU with PDF to formalise our partnership.
- The Fijian Minister for Women visited the SROP office.
- SIPPA continues to work with church groups and attended the ACOM youth meeting.



Participants at the Regional Meeting

# Data Management Update



Sera, SROP M&E Officer, shares her reflections on service delivery from the first half of 2019. Sera is hard at work compiling and analysing MAs' service statistics which will be shared in the next newsletter.

"In the last 6 months (Jan- June), we can confidently report that there has been an increase in the provision of services in comparison to the same months of 2018. This is due to increased clinical mobile outreaches, hiring of additional clinical staff members, opening of additional static clinics in other parts of the MAs and the additional support and planning provided to ensure that our MAs reach their targets. As for meeting the Niu Vaka targets (2019 -2022), we can celebrate the fact that majority of the MAs have exceeded the expected results in the first half of the year. We would like to kindly acknowledge the effort, time, resource allocated and planning that has taken place. The 6 monthly Service Statistics results will be shared in the next newsletter.

We would also like to highlight on the data management visits to PNGFHA in June 2019. This was a long-awaited activity that allowed the M&E officer to assess PNGFHA recording and reporting systems and be able to provide the technical assistance needed for both Port Moresby and Lae clinics."

## Regional Council Meetings

From 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July, SROP staff and Executive Directors and Youth Representatives of Pacific Member Associations gathered in Kuala Lumpur for the ESEAOR Regional Executive Directors' and Youth Representatives' meetings. These meetings provided an opportunity for MAs to share successes and learnings with colleagues from across the region and to elect the new regional council and youth council. We were particularly excited to see strong Pacific representation on both the Regional Council and the Youth Council – for the first time ever, five of the youth representatives are from the Pacific! SROP offers our congratulations to all the new representatives, we look forward to working with you.



The incoming Regional Council with ESEAOR Regional Director, Tomoko Fukuda

# Pacific Games

The Pacific Games were held in Samoa from 7<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July. Samoa Family Health Association (SFHA) seized this opportunity to reach athletes and spectators from across the Pacific with SRH information and services. SFHA's volunteers and staff worked long hours to reach as many people as possible, as well as maintaining their regular outreach schedule. SFHA also partnered with the Samoa Red Cross team to provide first aid support during the games.

## PDF MoU

On 31<sup>st</sup> July, SROP signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Pacific Disability Forum (PDF). The MOU builds on our existing partnership and demonstrates our ongoing commitment to ensure that no one is left behind, including people living with disabilities. We will work with PDF and their network of Disabled Persons' Organisations across the Pacific, in stable times and during emergencies, to ensure our services are disability-friendly and that Pacific governments increasingly respect and uphold the rights of people living with a disability.

## SIPPA Working With Churches

In early July, the Solomon Islands Planned Parenthood Association (SIPPA) attended the Anglican Church of Melanesia's youth convention in Guadalcanal. SIPPA supported the organisation of the event and ran SRHR awareness sessions with the 900 youth leaders who attended from seven ACOM dioceses. Topics included STIs, teenage pregnancy, and family planning.

Father Jeffrey Takina, who coordinated the event, noted the importance of youth leaders being informed about key SRHR issues and reaffirmed ACOM's commitment to an ongoing partnership with SIPPA.



From top: SFHA at Pacific Games; the signing of the MoU with PDF; Ben Angoa, ED of SIPPA, with ACOM Youth Coordinator, Father Jeffery Takina

# Fiji Minister for Women Visits SROP

The SROP team and Reproductive and Family Health Association of Fiji (RFHAF) were thrilled to host the Fiji Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa, and her team for lunch at the SROP office. Over a traditional Fijian feast, the Minister reiterated her commitment to working with civil society groups and the importance of SRHR in achieving gender equality. We look forward to SROP and RFHAF working more closely with the Ministry going forward.



SROP and RFHAF representatives with the Minister for Women

## IPPF Advocacy Common Agenda

We are thrilled to share [IPPF's Advocacy Common Agenda](#), our first advocacy strategy. The Common Agenda will guide our work at all levels of the Federation to achieve Outcome 1 of the IPPF Strategic Framework 2016–2022.

It sets out priorities, including universal health coverage, as well as a plan of action of how to achieve these priorities. For more information including support to implement the Common Agenda, please contact Tura Lewai, SROP Advocacy Officer, at [tlewai@ippf.org](mailto:tlewai@ippf.org).

## CO Programs Meeting

Karen Hill, Director of Programs and Operations, Pacific, was in London from 10<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July to attend the Programs team meeting in Central Office. The annual meeting reviews ongoing programs to troubleshoot any issues and to share learnings from across the Federation.

During her time in London, Karen also attended Safeguarding Investigations training, where participants built skills to conduct workplace investigations into potential safeguarding violations.

# Humanitarian

## Pacific Society for Reproductive Health Conference

IPPF was strongly represented at the 13<sup>th</sup> biennial Pacific Society for Reproductive Health (PSRH) conference, which was held in Papua New Guinea from 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July. The Humanitarian team had two abstracts accepted.

Margaret Guandiwi, PNGFHA nurse, presented on providing Basic emergency Obstetric and New-born Care (BemONC) following the 2018 earthquake; and Tarai Nakolinivalu, SROP Quality of Care Officer, and Monica Burns, Humanitarian SRH Adviser, presented on the role of Pacific SRH service providers in SGBV care and response. Both presentations were well-received. PNGFHA Executive Director, Michael Salini, was also featured on a plenary panel on the unmet need for Family Planning and investing in Adolescent SRH and nurses from SIPPA attended the conference as well.



The conference also provided an opportunity for IPPF staff to learn from others working in SRHR in PNG and across the Pacific, with a particular focus on SGBV prevention and response.

### *MISP Training*

Aggie Dawainavesi, Humanitarian Capacity Development and Partnerships Advisor, travelled to both Kiribati and Tuvalu in July to support KFHA and TuFHA to deliver MISP training for clinical and program staff as part of the MFAT-funded SRH in Emergencies program. These trainings are designed to improve staff's ability to deliver life-saving sexual and reproductive health services in a crisis setting.

### *Project Management Support*

Sala Tupou, Humanitarian Program Advisor, travelled to Solomon Islands and Vanuatu in July to support the teams to complete their six-monthly reports for the SPRINT program. We are pleased to share that all six countries covered by the SPRINT program submitted quality reports in a timely manner and we would like to thank the program teams for their hard work.





Photos: Tura with the Fiji Minister for Women; Pacific EDs dancing at the Regional Dinner.

### Dates for Your Diary

- **HALF YEAR REPORTING**
  - Half year reporting for SPRINT III and the Development program should all have been submitted.
  - SRHiEP: 5<sup>th</sup> August
- 11<sup>th</sup> August: SAAF Concept Notes due
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> August: 50th Pacific Islands Forum, Tuvalu
- 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October: Pacific Humanitarian Review, Fiji
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November: The Nairobi Summit on ICPD25, Nairobi

## SRHR in the News

- UNFPA reflect on 25 years of progress following the adoption of the International Conference on Population and Development's [Program of Action](#) in 1994.
- Read a [day in the life of an IPPF peer educator](#) in Cameroon.
- The former leader of the SheDecides movement reflects on her experiences [building the movement](#).

## Coming Up Next

The first half of 2019 has flown by and SROP is looking forward to capitalising on and accelerating our growth over the next five months. We will continue to support the Pacific MAs to deliver lifesaving SRH services across the development-humanitarian continuum and to advocate for SRHR, especially for the most marginalised, with support from the Pacific Disability Forum following the signing of our updated MOU.

**From all at SROP, we would like to thank our partners and Member Associations across the Pacific for their tireless work.**

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