

# Pacific Paediatric Association Aspirations

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## 1. MISSION

The mission of the PPA is to advance the health and well-being of children and young people in the Pacific region by working together as a collegial network of Pacific Paediatricians.

## 2. OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Mission will be achieved through the specific objectives of the Association which are as follows:

1. To advocate for rights and needs of children and young people in the Pacific.
2. To support the development of services for children and young people in the region.
3. To strengthen the professional education and training opportunities for Pacific Paediatricians and Child Health clinicians
4. To facilitate the exchange of knowledge between Pacific Paediatricians and overseas colleagues.
5. To encourage research and publication of “Best Practice” in Paediatrics
6. To enhance the professional status of Paediatricians in the Pacific and strengthen relationships with other professional organisations.
7. To provide a forum for Pacific Island paediatricians to discuss and comment on matters affecting their practice.
8. To promote ethical principles of paediatrics applicable to Pacific Island countries.
9. To actively influence and participate in policy making relevant to child and youth health

### 3. PPA ASPIRATIONS

At the 2018 Annual Meeting held in Fiji, the Association met and identified the following issues that need to be addressed to allow us to continue to work towards the objectives of the Association they are as follows:

<b>ASPIRATIONS</b>	
<b>OUR PEOPLE</b>	Develop a Pacific Island definition of paediatric specialists relevant to our context.
	Strengthen and support the Pacific Island paediatrics workforce
	Promote and foster the development of better qualified paediatricians and paediatric nurses.
	Strengthen child research in all member states through engagement of local paediatric staff
<b>OUR LINKS</b>	Develop and strengthen and international linkages through the International Paediatric Association
	Develop and strengthen regional linkage with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Royal Australasian College of Physicians</li> <li>• NZ Paediatric Society</li> <li>• PNG Paediatric Association</li> <li>• Asia Pacific Paediatric Association</li> </ul>
	Develop relationships with Pacific Island Medical Associations to promote our focus in regional meetings
<b>OUR CORE FOCUS</b>	Advocate for Child Health and Welfare in the Pacific
	Advocate and promote the welfare of paediatricians in the Pacific
	Promote and establish Child Protection in the Pacific, beginning with the 2018 trained cohort
<b>OUR VIABILITY</b>	Meet regularly as an association, at least every two years to discuss our development and share scientific information and learnings.
	Establish financial viability through membership, sponsorship and robust financial accountability.
	Explore opportunities for sponsorships and scholarships