

## AAPF ACTIVITY START-UP BRIEF (11 January 2013)



Grant Contribution for the Kenya Board of Medicine and Dentistry International Post Graduate Paediatric Certificate

10 August 2012 – 10 August 2013



**Background:** The Diploma in Child Health (DCH) began in Sydney in 1992 and has expanded to nine countries outside of Australia as the International Postgraduate Paediatric Certificate (IPPC). With over 650 participants currently enrolled for the 2012 program, further expansion of this uniquely Australian initiative is planned for a pilot program in Kenya in 2012-2013, in partnership with the Adventist University of Africa.

The Australian Government, through the AAPF, provided a AUD30 000 grant to subsidise the cost of delivering the course to 20 participants in Kenya. The IPPC is a postgraduate course for doctors, nurses and other health care professionals offered through distance education mode. The course is designed to help provide support for health care professionals to access clinical paediatric and medical education expertise.

The IPPC aims to enhance the knowledge, skills and confidence of doctors and suitably qualified nurses who care for children and young people, through access to a high-quality and high-impact training program

**Objective:** This grant will support the IPPC program which, in turn, will:

- reduce the number of doctors and nurses needing to leave their place of work in Kenya to gain access to an international standard in current best practice in caring for children and young people; and
- provide access to high-level education for doctors and suitably qualified nurses who care for children and young people to improve the health and well-being of children and young people, maximising their potential to learn, train and earn as they become adults.

**Relevance to AAPF objectives:** The IPPC program has built strong partnerships between Australian and Kenyan organisations – particularly the Adventist University of Africa, the Kenya Medical and Dental Board and the Ministry of Health.

This funding will allow even stronger links to be formed. Course commencement in Nairobi will establish a strong base for expansion throughout Kenya and subsequently Africa. The pilot program is anticipated to achieve a significant profile for Australia and has the strong support of the Australian High Commissioner in Nairobi.

**Expected outcomes:** The program will result in a minimum of 20 doctors graduating with an International Postgraduate Paediatric Certificate in the pilot year of the program's operation in 2012.

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<b>Total cost:</b>	AUD30 000
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