

Australia Awards Short Courses strengthen PNG health supply chains



Twenty-three PNG participants completed an Australia Awards Short Course in Supply Chain and Warehousing in 2017.



100 per cent completion rate



All participants work with National Dept of Health



Alumni based in all four PNG regions

The Australia Awards Short Course in Supply Chain and Warehousing for the Health Sector empowered participants to develop their knowledge and skills to support strategic management of medical supplies in PNG.

Participants achieved an internationally recognised qualification and the skills to drive change and make positive contributions to Papua New Guinea's health sector and other development priorities.

This Short Course was tailored for participants specialised in storing and distributing medical supplies via national and regional health networks. All 23 participants were attached to PNG's National Department of Health.

The Short Course included study at the Box Hill Institute in Victoria, visits to a medical laboratory, pharmaceutical company and other health facilities, as well as workshops in PNG and workbased projects.

Study topics and work-based projects covered topics as diverse as pharmaceutical goods storage, record-keeping and classification, and the health impacts of expired drugs.







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I've learned that procurement of supplies should be prioritised to focus on the most essential items at each health facility. This can minimise wastage of drugs and improve health outcomes for individuals and communities.

Supply Chain and Warehousing Short Course Award participant



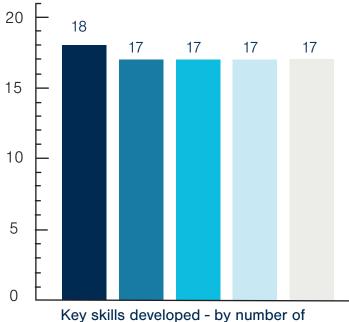


I've applied my new knowledge about supply systems, communication and time management. I've also used my new skills to refine warehouse practices so that other positive changes can occur.

Supply Chain and Warehousing Short Course Award participant

Australia Awards' investment in Supply Chain and Warehousing puts an emphasis on subnational participation and skills development in a priority area for PNG.

Participants are now applying their skills in meaningful ways across PNG, in some cases in support of the COVID-19 response. They named the following as the skills developed most as a result of the Short Course:



- Capacity to Apply Learning
- Attention to Detail
- Interpersonal Skills
- Planning and Evaluating

participant votes

Common Sense

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