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## Annual Report, the WPA Section of Psychiatry in Developing Countries (2024–2025)

### **Developmental and intellectual disability training for health professionals in Vietnam (2024-2025)**

Via USAID funding and in collaboration with the Centre for Disability Research and Policy (CDRP) Vietnam and administered by the Center for Creative Initiatives in Health and Population (CCIHP), and delivered via Hue University, this program enabled the establishment of an ongoing one-year course for upskilling medical and allied health professionals on developmental and intellectual disability. This has three modules namely 1) assessment and diagnosis 2) general principles of management and 3) interventions and rehabilitation.

Also, contributed to the Vietnam Psychiatry Association joint meeting (October 4-6, 2024) in Hanoi.

### **Online Pacific Health Exchange (OPHELIA) program 2024-25**

The lunchtime Ophelia program delivers online, specialised child and adolescent mental health (CAMH) training to Pacific-based healthcare workers. As well as delivering training, this aims to understand the telehealth model and structures that would sustain an engaged community of practice and support the development of professional networks across the Pacific. Following the success of the 2024 Fundamentals series with over 130 attendees, an advanced course was developed for delivery in 2025. The 2025 program had attendance from 11 Pacific countries with a broad range of medical backgrounds. This is a collaboration between Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatry (RANZCP), St Vincent's Mental Health and Fiji National University.

### **Capacity building in Ukraine**

Contributed to an online conference on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and mental disorders in children caused by the war, held on 21 November 2024, offering specialist presentations and a live Q&A. Meetings continue with Ukrainian colleagues with providing Trauma response resources and mentoring support.

### **The Cambodian Online Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Introductory Training (CO-CAPIT)**

Provided 11 online sessions to 87 participants across Cambodia.

### **Ongoing capacity building & training activities**

The book **"Where There is No Child Psychiatrist"** with the free e-book version is being used to upskill health professionals internationally with a focus on developing countries.

Supported **Pakistan's First Child & Adolescent Psychiatry International Conference, 2025**

Supported the establishment and ongoing support for the **Advanced Training in Child Psychiatry in Iraq** in collaboration with the Scientific Council and Iraqi Board of Psychiatry Examinations

### **Indigenous Mental Health Resources: A Global Perspective.**

Contributed to this WPA Inter-Zonal Seminar online and in New Delhi, India from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September.