

# PSRH Newsletter January 2025



### Career Journey and Current Role

I began my nursing career in 2006 and became a midwife in 2010. This role made me passionate about maternal and child health. Currently, I work as a clinical educator at CWMH. I train new nurses and midwives, helping them create positive experiences for mothers and babies. I've been inspired by mentors like Miss Eleni Kata and doctors like Dr. Inosi Voce and Dr. Viliame Nasila who pushed me to be a better clinician. I believe in teamwork, breaking down barriers between different healthcare roles, ensuring safe and effective care for women, and families.



### PROFILE: LITIANA TATUKIVEI

**PSRH Vice President - Midwifery** 

## Inspiration to Join the PSRH Board

I joined the PSRH Board because I want to make sure that midwives are respected and heard for what they do. It's important to create opportunities for midwives across the Pacific to share their stories and experiences. I'm excited to work with leaders like Caroline Homer to advocate for women's support from conception to birth, including those who have faced losses.



### **Major Challenges**

When I was a young midwife, I struggled to gain respect in the community while learning to provide safe care. I learned the importance of respecting my senior colleagues while also sharing my ideas. Now, I aim to create a friendly environment for trainees and colleagues. I encourage open discussions where it's safe to share different opinions, fostering collaboration and growth in our practice.

#### **Contributions to PSRH**

I have shared my expertise in nursing and midwifery and actively participated in PEMNET training programs to improve maternal and neonatal emergency care. By connecting with midwives worldwide, we can amplify our collective impact, celebrate successes, and learn from each other's experiences.



I envision a future where more midwives from Pacific Island countries lead training sessions, showcasing their skills and pride. I hope they will enhance maternal and newborn health and support their communities. Additionally, I see an online platform for reproductive health where women can share their experiences and connect with service providers from home. This platform could also generate reports on specific issues across different Pacific Islands, helping midwifery research find local solutions.

# PEMNET TEAM SHOWCASES EXPERTISE AT THREE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

The PEMNeT team has proven to be in high demand, presenting at three prestigious international conferences during November 2024. These opportunities highlight the growing recognition of PEMNeT's significant contributions to obstetric emergency training and multidisciplinary collaboration across the Pacific.



### Pacific SMILE Conference, Apia, Samoa

At the Pacific SMILE Conference, the PEMNeT team played a pivotal role in establishing Samoa's new simulation lab at the Samoa National University. Midwife Logomai LuaLua from Savai'i, alongside colleagues Dr. Tapa Fidow, Dr. John Ah Ching, RM Tiara Tuulua, and RM Robyn Lui Yuen, facilitated the PEMNeT training. This marks a key step in the planned rollout of simulation labs for Nursing Midwifery Training Institutions across the Pacific, including Vanuatu, Fiji (Suva and Lautoka), Tonga, and Kiribati.

# PROMPT GLOBAL FORUM, BATH, UNITED KINGDOM

At the PROMPT Global Forum, Associate Director of Midwifery, Beatle Treadwell, shared insights on how PROMPT resources have been tailored for the Pacific context. This collaboration, formalized through an MOU between PSRH and the PROMPT Maternity Foundation in 2023, has enabled access to world-class resources adapted to address the unique challenges faced in Pacific maternal healthcare.







PASIFIKA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (PMA) CONFERENCE, OTAUTAHI CHRISTCHURCH, AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND



Midwife Litiana Tatukivei, a Nursing and Midwifery Educator from Fiji, presented on PSRH's comprehensive efforts to enhance nursing and midwifery capacity through the PEMNeT program, midwifery leadership workshops, webinars, and fellowship initiatives. Dr. Sharron Bolitho, Chair of the PEMNeT Committee, accompanied by MW Litiana, delivered an inspiring presentation on the PEMNeT program, underscoring its status as a homegrown Pacific initiative. The program's emphasis on emergency skills and teamwork resonated strongly with attendees. A standout moment came when the patron of PMA, Lord Viliami Tangi commended the PEMNeT "3 Ps" song and dance video.







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