



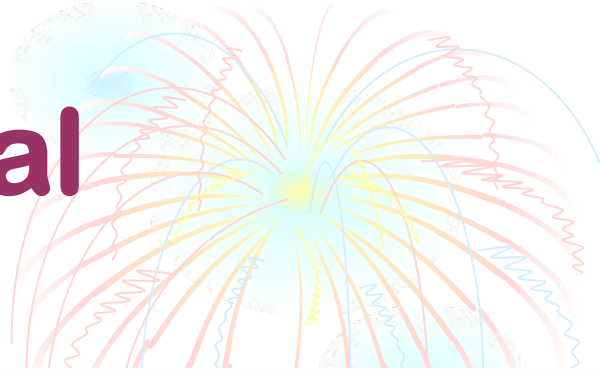
SOLOMON ISLANDS MIDWIFERY SOCIETY (SIMS) DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS

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SI Geographical Background



Solomon Islands

S O U T H P A C I F I C O C E A N



SIMS DEVELOPMENT BACKGROUND

- **Born and established in 2004**
- **Only 2 member executive**
- **Vague start – Uncertain about goals and objectives, where, who, what, when and how to start**
- **Unclear of defined roles and responsibilities**
- **No support for development**
- **SIMS constitution first draft was drafted**
- **No clear progress and development of SIMS**
- **SIMS weak, inactive and sleeping.**



SIMS WOKE UP FROM SLEEP IN 2008

 **Born again in October 2008**

 **New Committee Members elected:**

 **President**

 **Vice**

 **Secretary**

 **Treasurer**

 **5 members**

 **13 copt members representing the provinces**

SIMS progress from 2008 to 2014



1. Constitution draft reviewed by midwives
2. Colleague nurse helps us to review and edit draft .
3. Constitution draft given to legal drafts person to edit (long wait)
4. Registration of members was done with a fee of \$50

Sims progress from 2008 to 2014 continue

5. Opening of SIMS bank account

6. Recognition and celebration of international day of midwives.

7. Few publications of SIMS news letters



Sims progress from 2008 to 2014 continue



8. Professional developments benefits

- Become member of PSRH
- RANZCOG attachment programs
- Brian Spurrette foundation awards
- 5 midwives attended ICM conference in Brisbane in 2010


2015 New Executive & Members Elected

1. President
2. Vice president
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Members – 4
6. Coopt members –



SIMS progress from 2015 to 2017



1. Constitution draft finalised and registered in 2016.
 2. Documented record of all members
 3. Common seal in place
 4. SIMS logo drafted and printed waiting for members comments and views
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SIMS progress from 2015 to 2017



5. Registration of members in the process
 - Done in writing
 - Fee of \$50.00
 - Subscription fee of \$5 deduction fortnightly
6. Liaise with nursing council about plans and visions for midwifery profession.


SIMS progress from 2015 to 2017



7. Development of Midwifery Competency Standards and scope of practice in line with ICM - Draft.
8. Terms of Reference – Draft
9. Develop an organizational midwifery structure – Draft
10. Develop work plan for SIMS – Draft.

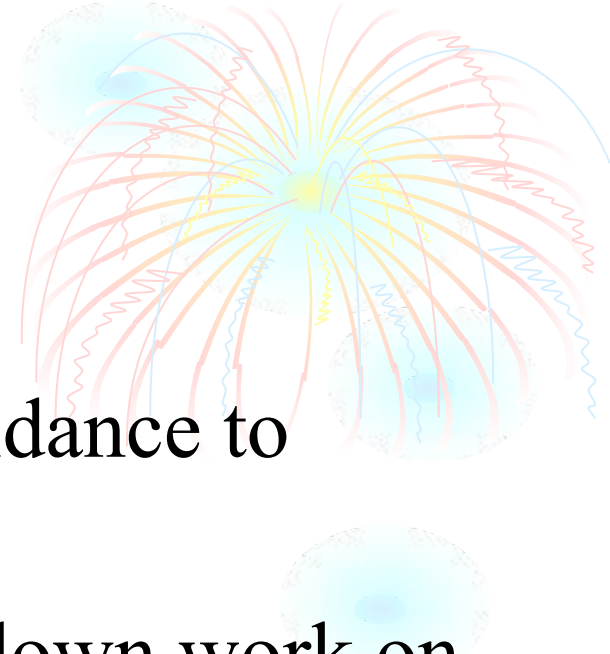
SIMS progress from 2015 to 2017



11. Bigger celebrations for the international midwifery day
 12. Two executive members attended ICM conference in Toronto
 13. 4 SIMS executive members currently attending PSRH conference.
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CHALLENGES

1. Need to complete drafts in place
2. Needs support, assistance and guidance to complete drafts
3. Other work commitments slows down work on SIMS
4. Poor support from the ministry level
5. Shortage of midwives
6. Uneven distribution of midwives



CHALLENGES

- 7.No one in place to look after the midwifery profession and welfare in the ministry level.
- 8.No specific budget line for the midwifery profession.
9. Midwives gaps, weaknesses and needs are not addressed
- 10.Midwives providing skill mix services



GOALS AND WAY FORWARD



- 1.To strengthen partnership with the Solomon Islands Nursing Council, ministry of health and other stake holders regarding midwifery professional development.
- 2.To establish partnership and affiliate with other pacific midwifery societies and international bodies (ICM, NZCM,ACOM, FMS, PMS etc)
- 3.Register with ICM
- 4.Engage an australian volunteer to help us develop our plans

GOALS AND WAYFORWARD



5. Develop midwifery profession under the ICM pillars Education, Regulation and Association to ensure competency for quality service
6. Separate Registration and Licensing of midwives for recognition and practice.
7. Develop midwives scheme of service
8. Probationary period for newly graduated midwives
9. Develop midwifery models of care (Continuity care)

GOALS AND WAYFORWARD



6. Advocate to MHMS to recognise and prioritise the midwifery profession more.
7. Advocate to the MHMS for midwifery office space.
8. Advocate to the MHMS to create posts for people to look after the midwifery profession welfare and to have midwifery leadership roles clearly defined in the system

GOALS AND WAY FORWARD



10. Proper distribution and posting of midwives according to needs

- Total number – 165
- working in NRH hospital -17%
- Ministry level -5.4%
- Institutes – 3.0%
- working in the community -32%
- Provincial hosp -29%

11. Continue with the good spirit and team work amongst midwives.

SUMMARY

SIMS has goals and visions but
needs assistance and guidance to
support her through her journey
to complete her mission



SIMS CALL FOR HELP



SIMS is still an infant feeding on breast milk and mashed food and is still crawling.

It calls on PNG ,Fiji, ACOM, NZCOM and other Partners and donor agencies to please guide assist and support us to move forward with our plans and progress for the betterment of our midwives and the services they provide

