



PSRH Newsletter March 2025



**PSRH is thrilled to announce
the launch of our newly
redesigned website! 🎉**

**We invite you to take a moment
to explore and discover its
features!**

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LAUNCH OF THE NEW WEBSITE

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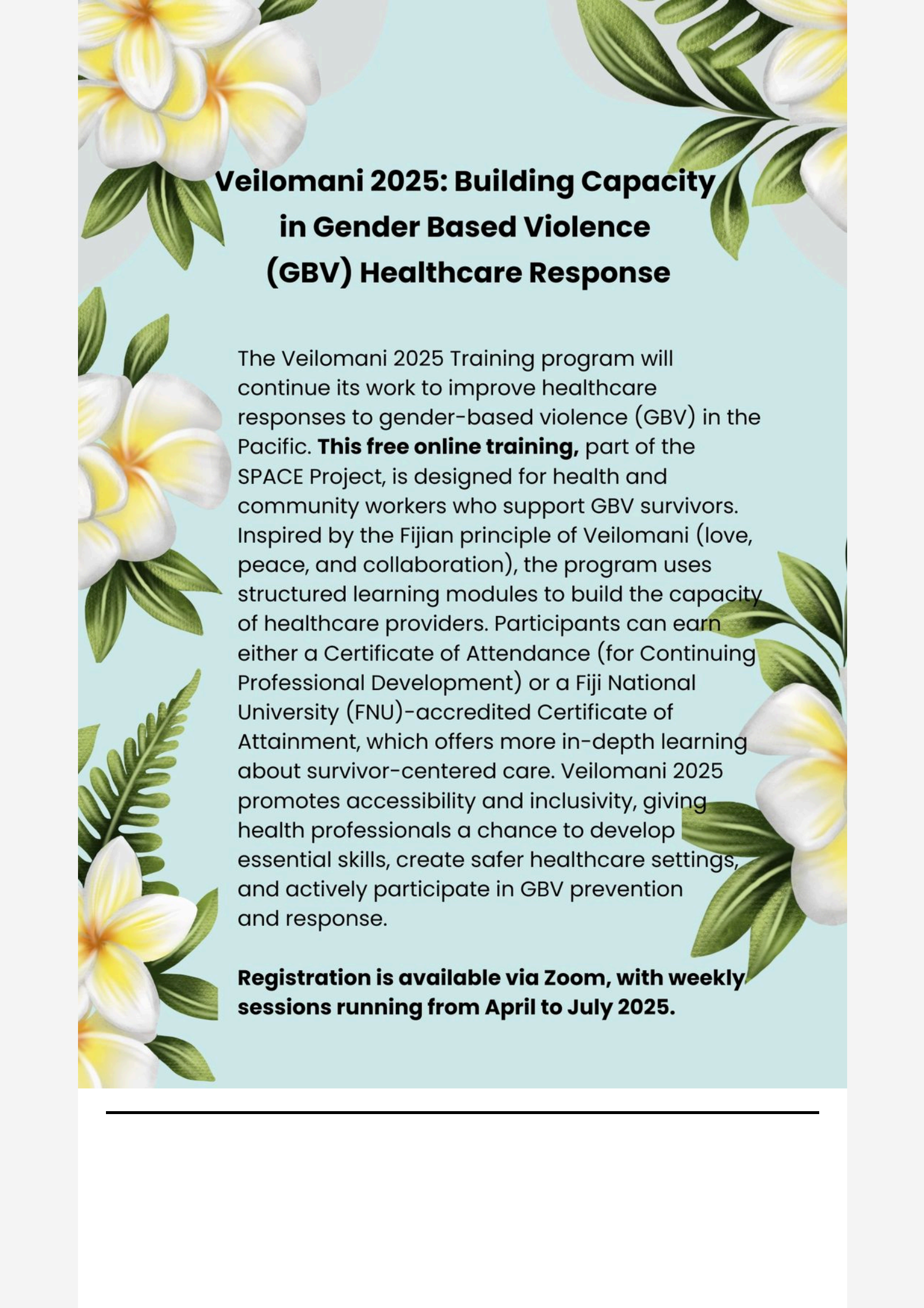
We are excited to announce the launch of the newly redesigned Pacific Society for Reproductive Health (PSRH) website, officially going live on Tuesday, March 4th! Established in 1995, PSRH was created to address critical reproductive, maternal, and neonatal health challenges unique to Pacific Island countries. Over nearly three decades, PSRH has evolved from a bold idea into a thriving community dedicated to improving health outcomes across the region. Our enhanced website highlights our strengthened commitment to good governance and transparency, reflecting significant improvements in our governance processes.

The legacy and vision of PSRH are rooted in the foundational work of its pioneers—Dr. Rajat Gyaneshwar, Dr. Brian Spurrett, Dr. Roger Gabb, and Dr. Jeremy Oats—who recognized the need for regional collaboration and empowerment. The PSRH biennial conferences continue this legacy, honouring contributions through the prestigious Brian Spurrett Oration and the President’s Medal. Our leadership programs, such as the Brian Spurrett Fellowships and the Pacific Midwifery Leadership Fellowship Program, are cornerstones of PSRH’s enduring impact.

Central to our mission are the PSRH Country Coordinators—dedicated professionals including Obstetricians, Gynaecologists, and Midwives—who act as essential bridges between PSRH and local communities and health systems. Country Coordinators foster professional networks, share knowledge, advocate for improved reproductive health outcomes, and help align PSRH initiatives with local needs, ensuring our collective efforts have a tangible impact.

Members now have exclusive access to extensive resources, early announcements for grants and scholarships, and numerous professional development opportunities. While the Members Lounge is still evolving, future updates will include valuable content from past conferences and specialized resources.





Veilomani 2025: Building Capacity in Gender Based Violence (GBV) Healthcare Response

The Veilomani 2025 Training program will continue its work to improve healthcare responses to gender-based violence (GBV) in the Pacific. **This free online training**, part of the SPACE Project, is designed for health and community workers who support GBV survivors. Inspired by the Fijian principle of Veilomani (love, peace, and collaboration), the program uses structured learning modules to build the capacity of healthcare providers. Participants can earn either a Certificate of Attendance (for Continuing Professional Development) or a Fiji National University (FNU)-accredited Certificate of Attainment, which offers more in-depth learning about survivor-centered care. Veilomani 2025 promotes accessibility and inclusivity, giving health professionals a chance to develop essential skills, create safer healthcare settings, and actively participate in GBV prevention and response.

Registration is available via Zoom, with weekly sessions running from April to July 2025.

SPACE Project: Strengthening GBV Response in the Pacific

The **SPACE** Project strengthens Pacific healthcare systems' response to gender-based violence (GBV). Led by the Fiji Institute of Pacific Health Research (FIPHR) at the Fiji National University (FNU) with partners including PSRH, St Vincent's, and UNFPA, and funded by The Pacific Community's (SPC) Pacific Women Lead (PWL) Programme, it has two parts:

- 1) research and policy development (analysing GBV in Fiji, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, and Tonga)
- 2) training and capacity building (expanding the Veilomani training across Pacific Island Countries with mentoring and professional development). SPACE empowers health workers with survivor centered skills, builds a regional Community of Practice, and uses data-driven strategies to improve services and outcomes for GBV survivors.





PSRH Webinar: Strengthening GBV Response through Knowledge Sharing

As part of its ongoing professional development initiatives, PSRH is hosting a special webinar series in 2025 focusing on strengthening health sector responses to gender-based violence (GBV). The sessions will bring together regional and global experts to share best practices, research insights, and case studies on survivor-centered care. Aligned with the SPACE Project and Veilomani 2025 Training, the webinar series will feature interactive discussions on key topics, including:

- Recognizing Red Flags in Antenatal Care
- Trauma-Informed Care in Healthcare Settings
- Collaborative Practices for Risk Management and Safety Planning
- Inclusive Healthcare for Diverse Communities
- Healthcare Workers' Experiences in GBV Response

The webinars will be open to healthcare workers, policymakers, and community leaders across the Pacific, aiming to foster dialogue, share knowledge, and build collective capacity for GBV response.

***Stay tuned for upcoming dates
and registration details!***



JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



Become a PSRH Member or Supporter Today!

Whether you are a midwife, doctor, nurse, or allied health professional, joining PSRH connects you to a network dedicated to professional growth, collaboration, and advocacy for improved reproductive healthcare across the Pacific. Your membership or donation directly contributes to initiatives in education, gender-based violence prevention, research, ultrasound training, and minimally invasive surgical techniques. Be part of the movement—sign up or donate today to support our shared mission in enhancing health outcomes and empowering local health professionals.



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RECOGNISING **RED FLAGS** AND ENHANCING GBV SUPPORT IN ANTENATAL CARE WEBINAR



This virtual workshop provides resources, networking opportunities and insights from antenatal care workers in Pacific Island health settings. Key topics include minimum standards for identifying & responding to GBV in antenatal care, recognizing signs of violence in antenatal care and best practices for asking about violence or risks during antenatal care. Key topics include:

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- Recognizing signs of violence in antenatal care.
- Best practices for asking about violence or risks during antenatal care.

SPEAKERS: Dr Lice Vaniqi, Dr Kasanita Emmanuel, Sr Litiana Tatukivei

When: Wednesday 19 March

Time:

7pm Alofi

8pm Rarotonga

(due to international date line)

When: Thursday 20th March

Time:

3pm Koror

4pm Port Moresby, Yap & Brisbane

5pm Honiara, Port Vila, Pohnpei & Melbourne

6pm Suva, Tarawa, Yaren, Majuro & Funafuti

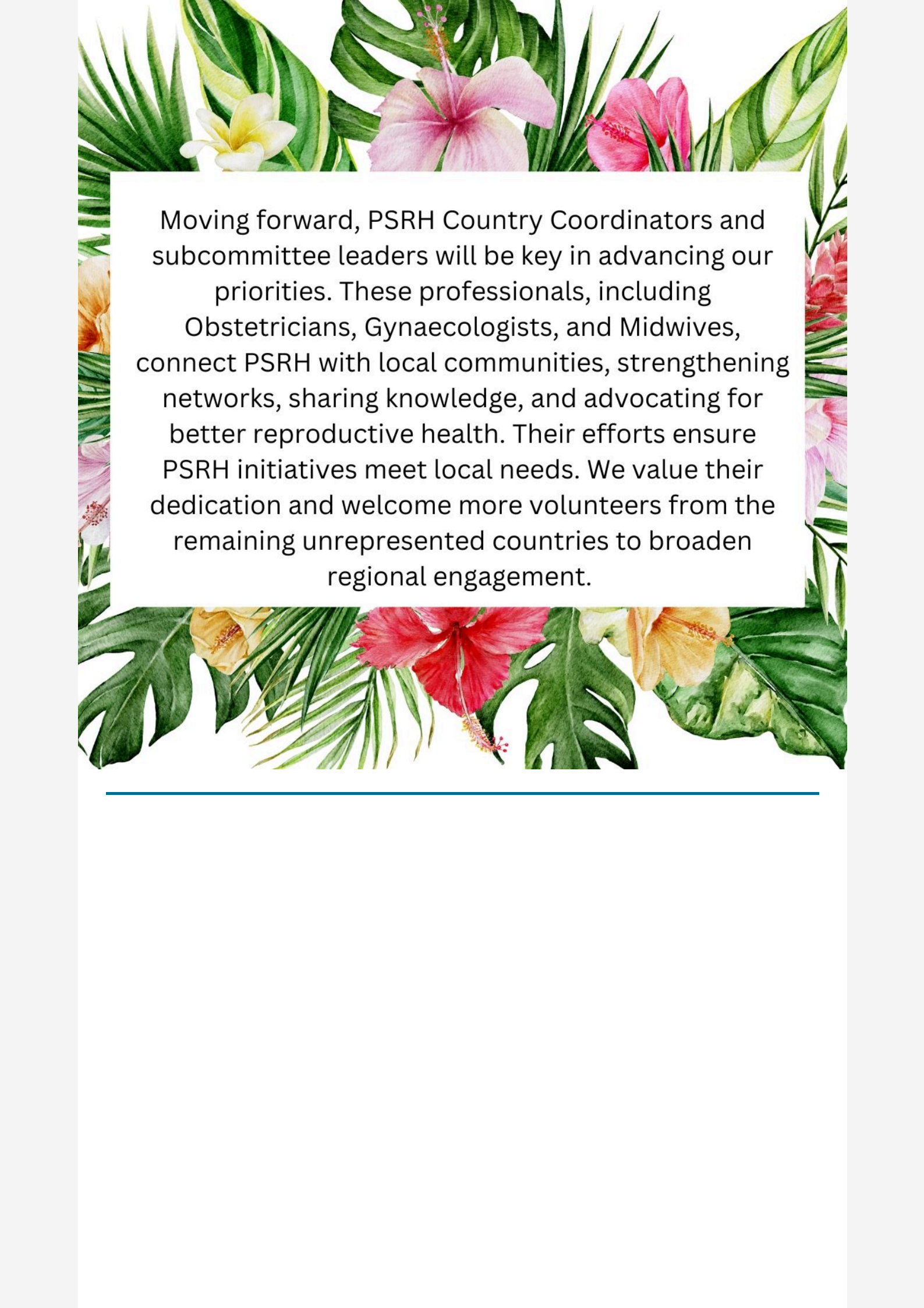
7pm Auckland, Apia Nuku'olofa & Fakaofu

8pm Fanning Island

Registration is essential

Click here to register!

This interactive webinar will go for 90 minutes

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Moving forward, PSRH Country Coordinators and subcommittee leaders will be key in advancing our priorities. These professionals, including Obstetricians, Gynaecologists, and Midwives, connect PSRH with local communities, strengthening networks, sharing knowledge, and advocating for better reproductive health. Their efforts ensure PSRH initiatives meet local needs. We value their dedication and welcome more volunteers from the remaining unrepresented countries to broaden regional engagement.



Thank you

*Thank you, Annette Wright,
for a great presentation at
the February webinar. We
really appreciate you
sharing your insights and
knowledge.*

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