

## Albion International Partnerships

The Albion Centre has worked in partnership with many organisations since its establishment in 1985. In relation to International work, which commenced in 1997, these organisations have partnered with The Albion Centre in one or more of the following ways – provision of donor funds, implementation of activities, technical expertise and capacity development.

### Partnerships include

#### [Anglican Board of Mission \(ABM\)](#)

ABM is an implementing partner and is an Australian-based development agency operating under the auspices of the Anglican Church of Australia. The Albion Centre has worked with ABM since 2007 to design and implement the **Papua New Guinea Australia Sexual Health Improvement Program (PASHIP; 2007-2012)**. Together with partners in Papua New Guinea - the Anglican Health Service and Anglicare StopAIDS - ABM and The Albion Centre are known as the 4A's Consortium within this Program.

#### [Anglican Health Service \(AHS\), Papua New Guinea](#)

AHS is an implementing partner as part of the 4A's Consortium (see above – Anglican Board of Mission) of the **Papua New Guinea Australia Sexual Health Improvement Program (PASHIP; 2007-2012)**. AHS is based in Popondetta in Oro Province, and is a registered health service provider with the National Department of Health in Papua New Guinea. AHS provides primary health care and its services are located in rural locations where there are no other available health resources.

### **Anglicare PNG**

Anglicare PNG is an implementing partner as part of the 4A's Consortium (see above – Anglican Board of Mission) of the **Papua New Guinea Australia Sexual Health Improvement Program (PASHIP; 2007-2012)**. It is a leader in the provision of HIV and AIDS services in Papua New Guinea.

### **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**

ADB is a donor partner. The Albion Centre has worked with ADB on infection control projects in the Asia-Pacific region.

### **Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)**

AusAID is a key donor partner. The Albion Centre has been working with AusAID since 1995. The partnership commenced with the implementation of the **Thailand-Australia HIV/AIDS Ambulatory Care Project (1997-2001)**. The Centre currently manages and collaborates on a number of projects funded by AusAID, provides advice to AusAID in regards to HIV, health and development and is a member organisation of Australian agencies implementing the **Regional HIV/AIDS Capacity Building Program (Phase 1 2008-2012 and Phase 2 2012-2014)**, funded by AusAID. The overall goal of this Program is the “strengthened role of organisations and individuals in the Asia-Pacific region to contribute to effective responses to HIV”, with the purpose being “to foster strategic partnerships and linkages between Australia and the Asia-Pacific region to increase the capacity of partners to contribute to effective HIV responses.”

### **Burnet Institute**

The Burnet Institute is an implementing partner. The Albion Centre has consulted and worked in collaboration with the Burnet Institute in China, Indonesia and Myanmar.

### **Champassak Health Services (CHS) and Champassak Provincial Committee for the Control of AIDS (CPCCA), Lao PDR**

CHS and CPCCA are key implementing partners. The partnership commenced in 2008 as part of the **Lao PDR-Thai-Australia Collaboration in HIV Care and Nutrition Project (Lao-TACHIN; 2008-2012)**.

### **Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing of the Australian Government**

The Commonwealth of Australia, as represented by the Department of Health and Ageing, is a donor partner. The support of the Commonwealth has assisted the establishment and foundations of the **World Health Organization (WHO) Network for HIV and Health in the Western Pacific Region (WPR)**, for which The Albion Centre is the key facilitator and performs Secretariat functions.

### **Dreaming of a Brighter Future, People Living with HIV Group (DBF PLHIV Group), Lao PDR**

DBF PLHIV group is an implementing partner. The partnership commenced in 2008 as part of the **Lao PDR-Thai-Australia Collaboration in HIV Care and Nutrition Project (Lao-TACHIN; 2008-2012)**.

### **Family Health International (FHI 360)**

FHI 360 is a technical partner. The Albion Centre has worked with FHI 360 since 2005 at both global and national levels with a focus on HIV, HIV testing, counselling and psychosocial care, food and nutrition.

### **College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences, Fiji National University (FNU)**

FNU is an implementing partner. The Albion Centre has worked with FNU since 2007, to develop and establish the **Support for the Fiji School of Medicine to Strengthen Health Care Worker Education in HIV and Sexual Health (2008-2012) Project**. This partnership has continued into the second phase of the program, the **Pacific Sexual Health and HIV Health Care Worker Support Project (2012-2014)**.

### Fred Hollows Foundation

The Fred Hollows Foundation is a donor partner with whom The Albion Centre are implementing a **Consultancy for Feeding Babies and Little Kids Counselling Course** in Australia.

### International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)

The International Planned Parenthood Federation is a donor agency. The Albion Centre has recently worked in Lao PDR providing an **External Programme Review of the National HIV Program (Lao PDR) – Prevention among most at risk populations (2012)**.

### Lao People's Democratic Republic Ministry of Health - Centre for HIV/AIDS and STI (CHAS)

CHAS is a key government partner and was central to the implementation of the **Lao PDR-Thai-Australia Collaboration in HIV Care and Nutrition Project (Lao-TACHIN; 2008-2012)**. The Albion Centre has formed a strong partnership with this important section of the government of Lao PDR.

### Marie Stopes International Australia (MSIA)

Marie Stopes International Australia is a provider of sexual and reproductive healthcare offering the highest quality of care in family planning and sexual and reproductive healthcare. MSIA offer vital services and support for women, men and their families in Australia and the Asia Pacific region. The Albion Centre is the lead agency working in collaboration with Marie Stopes International Timor Leste (MSITL), a subsidiary of MSIA. MSITL was established in 2006 and works in partnership with the Timor Leste Ministry of Health to provide sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services in Timor Leste through the Dili Reproductive Health Centre (RHC) and outreach services in eight districts. **The Timor-Leste Australia Testing and Counselling Project (TAC-TAC)** will train and mentor health workers to provide HIV Testing and Counselling (**July 2012 – June 2014**).

### Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies)

Menzies is an independent medical and research institute, a national leader in health, education and research training. Menzies specialises in Indigenous and tropical health research. The team at Menzies carry

out research in more than 60 Indigenous communities across Australia and in developing countries in Asia and the Pacific region.

#### [Oceania Society for Sexual Health and HIV Medicine \(OSSHHM\)](#)

OSSHHM is an implementing partner. The Albion Centre has consulted and worked in collaboration with OSSHHM on a number of activities in the Pacific region. Key points of focus have been the implementation of: the **Support for the Fiji School of Medicine to Strengthen Health Care Worker Education in HIV and Sexual Health (2008-2012) Project**; and the **Pacific Sexual Health and HIV Health Care Worker Support Project (2012-2014)**.

#### [Pacific Sexual and Reproductive Health Research Centre \(PacS-RHRC\)](#)

PacS-RHRC, based within Fiji National University (FNU) conducts, facilitates and provides technical support and training in sexual and reproductive health research in the Asia Pacific Region. The Albion Centre consulted with PacS-RHRC in the design of operational research activities in the **Support for the Fiji School of Medicine to Strengthen Health Care Worker Education in HIV and Sexual Health (2008-2012) Project**. PacS-RHRC is now a key collaborating partner in the **Pacific Sexual Health and HIV Health Care Worker Support Project (2012-2014)**.

#### [Save the Children Australia \(SCA\)](#)

Save the Children Australia (SCA) is a donor partner. Their vision is a world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation. Recently The Albion Centre worked in Timor-Leste to finalise the Health Program Plan 2010-2011.

#### [Secretariat of the Pacific Community \(SPC\)](#)

SPC is a donor partner. The Albion Centre has worked in collaboration with SPC on several projects in the area of infection control such as the **Emergency Regional Support to Address the Outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS; 2005-2006)** and most recently in the area of policy and guidelines to support HIV Testing and Counselling in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories. The Albion Centre has been

involved in the **Development of Standard Guidelines for Voluntary Confidential Counselling and Testing Services and Desk Audit of Voluntary Confidential Counselling and Testing Policies in Pacific Island Countries and Territories (2007)** and **Support for the Fiji School of Medicine to Draft a Fiji National Policy on HIV Testing and Counselling (2009-2010)**.

#### Scarlet Alliance (Australian Sex Workers Association)

The Albion Centre has a history of working informally with the Australian Sex Workers Association, however the partnership became formalised in 2008, to implement the project titled **Support for the Fiji School of Medicine to Strengthen Health Care Worker Education in HIV and Sexual Health (2008-2011)**.

#### Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Centre (TRCARC)

TRCARC is a capacity development partner. The Albion Centre has had a significant partnership with the TRCARC since the late 1980s, in the areas of HIV testing and counselling, care and support, clinical research, HIV nutrition and international development. The current focus of the partnership with TRCARC is the development of a key South-South cooperation capacity building partnership with The Albion Centre. TRCARC became an implementing partner in 2005, with the commencement of the **Thai Australia Collaboration for HIV Nutrition (TACHIN; 2005-present)**, and was the capacity development and implementing partner in the **Lao PDR-Thai-Australia Collaboration in HIV Care and Nutrition Project (Lao-TACHIN; 2008-2012)**.

In 2012 The Albion Centre formed a tri-lateral partnership with Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Centre (TRCARC) and the World Food Programme (WFP) named the **Asia Pacific Collaborating Centre for HIV Nutrition (APCHIN)**. APCHIN's vision is a world with optimal nutrition, food security and quality of life for all people living with HIV. The key focus areas are advocacy, capacity building, research, information management, and monitoring and evaluation.

#### UNICEF

UNICEF is a donor partner. The Albion Centre has worked with UNICEF recently in the areas of Child Protection and Health Consultancy in the Pacific Region.

### United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

The Albion Centre has worked in partnership with Family Health International on USAID funded projects, mostly in the area of HIV nutrition.

### United States Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance Project II (FANTA-2)

FANTA-2 is a technical partner. FANTA-2 works to improve nutrition and food security policies, strategies and programs through technical support to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and its partners, including host country governments, international organisations and non-government organisation implementing partners. The Albion Centre has worked in partnership with FANTA-2 since collaborating on a Family Health International project with Vietnam in 2008. More recently the partnership was formalised by the provision of technical support to FANTA-2 in Vietnam in 2010, with the development and finalisation of the **Standard Operating Procedure for Food Supplementation for People Living with HIV**.

### University of Wollongong (UOW)

UOW is a technical and implementing partner. The Albion Centre has various past and ongoing collaborations with UOW. Staff of The Albion Centre regularly support student placements, lecture at the university and are honorary faculty members. The Centre for Health Initiatives in UOW collaborated with The Albion Centre to complete the **Indonesian Health Worker Safety Project (2006-2007)** to explore the attitudes, beliefs and practices of nurses caring for people living with HIV. Current collaborations exist with the Illawarra Health and Medical Research Institute based at UOW, for which the Director of The Albion Centre, Professor Julian Gold, is the Medical Director.

### World Bank

World Bank is a donor partner. The Albion Centre has worked with the World Bank since 1997 on projects in the Asian region. The **China Health VII Disease Prevention Project (1997-2000)** in China was collaborative with AusAID and focused on HIV prevention and education and health promotion programs with the Chinese Ministry of Health - targeting sexually transmissible infections, HIV, non-communicable diseases and injury. Significant work has also been conducted in the field of health care worker safety with the World Bank. This

has included the publication of the **World Bank Guidance Note on Health Care Worker Safety from HIV and Other Blood Borne Infections (2001-2002; published in 2004)** and the **Indonesian Health Worker Safety Project (2006-2007)** implemented in partnership with the University of Wollongong.

### World Food Programme (WFP)

WFP is a technical partner. The Albion Centre commenced a formal implementing partnership with WFP in 2007, to implement the **World Food Programme Service Agreement**. The partnership operates at both the regional and global level with the Regional Bureau for Asia and WFP Headquarters in Rome respectively. The goal of the agreement is to deliver technical support, staff capacity building and assistance with the development and review of technical guidelines and policy documents.

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### World Health Organization (WHO)

(See World Health Organization Collaborating Centre page for further detail)

The Albion Centre has a longstanding partnership with WHO. Various activities have been completed including technical assistance consultancies, the design and development of training manuals, and the development and review of guidelines and normative documents. These activities have been conducted in areas including HIV testing and counselling, HIV care and antiretroviral therapy, home and community-based care, infection control, health care worker safety, HIV post exposure prophylaxis, men who have sex with men, and HIV day care centre operations and volunteers. The Albion Centre regularly contributes to WHO consultations within these fields of expertise. In addition, the Centre hosts WHO Fellowships for health workers in the region.

In recognition of this work and the Centre's expertise, WHO designated The Albion Centre as a WHO Collaborating Centre for Capacity Building and Health Care Worker Training in HIV/AIDS Care, Treatment and

Support. The first designation was in March 2006 and the Centre was successfully redesignated in March 2010 for a further four-year period.

In collaboration with WHO Western Pacific Regional Office, The Albion Centre is the key facilitator of the **World Health Organization (WHO) Network for HIV and Health in the Western Pacific Region (WPR)**, established in December 2008. This Network has 20 multidisciplinary member organisations across nine countries in the region. The Albion Centre works with these organisations in accordance with the mission of the Network - “To collaborate in supporting Member States to implement effective multidisciplinary public health approaches to HIV according to WHO strategic directions”.

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