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## Pacific STI & HIV Research Centre (PSHRC)

### Regional Launch



*The Pacific STI & HIV Research Centre (PSHRC) launching on Thursday, 2nd July, 2009 by the Guest Speaker Dr Dennie Iniakwala of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC).*

The Pacific STI & HIV Research Centre (PSHRC) was launched to the Pacific Region on Thursday, 2nd July, 2009 by the Guest Speaker Dr Dennie Iniakwala of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), and was witnessed by members of government, UN Agencies, regional organisations and NGOs.



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PSHRC is located at the Tamavua campus of the Fiji School of Medicine (FSMed) and is supported by AusAID funding provided through the University of New South Wales (UNSW).

PSHRC is dedicated to conducting STI and HIV research that will inform the response of Pacific Island Countries & Territories (PICTs) to STIs and HIV; and, increasing the capacity of the PICTs to conduct their own research to inform their response to STIs and HIV.

**Research Objective:** PSHRC will commence by conducting research into the social conditions that lead to the transmission of STIs and HIV in order to better inform social responses and prevention strategies to STI and HIV.

**Capacity Building Objective:** PSHRC will work to develop and enhance research capacity in the Pacific Region by assisting individuals, nations and the Region to conduct STI and HIV research where requested; and, will assist FSMed & USP Post-graduate students and academic staff to prepare research proposals for social research towards a Master of Arts at USP, Master of Public Health at FSMed, PhD at UNSW or USP, or for academic publication.

**Collaborative Effort** - PSHRC is a collaborative venture between UNSW, FSMed & USP, and is advised by a reference group comprised of members from the FSMed, SPC, UNAIDS, Oceania Society for Sexual Health & HIV Medicine (OSSHHM), and APN+ (via FJN+) the organisations of People Living with HIV.

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