

Abstract: The opportunities to improve health outcomes in the Pacific region are immense. There are regional and country specific solutions and funding is not the dominant issue. To date there continues to be multiple agencies, specialty groups and individuals delivering a significant amount of resources and services within a soup bowl not achieving the desired outcomes for the region or individual countries. The 10 year experience of assisting with the surgical and medical workforce through the Fiji School of Medicine will be highlighted and the challenges and responsibilities for Australasian speciality societies will be discussed.