



Low Resource Countries

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Terms of Reference 2026

Statement

ACNN is dedicated to the promotion of excellence in the care of neonates and their families. Its Special Interest Groups (SIGs) support this by monitoring, informing and making recommendations to the National Executive Committee. The focus of the Low Resource Countries (LRC) SIG is supporting improved outcomes for small and sick newborns around the time of birth and throughout the neonatal period in neighbouring South Pacific countries.

Purpose

Our purpose is to partner with health care workers, government and non-government organisations in neighbouring South Pacific countries, to develop self-sustaining communities with the skills to provide neonatal care. We use low dose, high frequency training and train the trainer programmes, underpinned by the [Helping Babies Survive](#) initiative, the Helping Babies Breathe and Essential Care for Every Baby programs. Additionally, we partner with Australian organisations to provide virtual education to low resource settings on neonatal topics relevant to these settings. On a global level we hold a commitment to maternal and newborn health demonstrated through The Every Newborn Action Plan (WHO), Sustainable Development Goals (UN), Global Strategy for Women's and the Children's and Adolescent' Health (WHO) and the Global Financing Facility.

Operating Committee

The operating committee is to consist of at least 5 members including Chair/Co-chairs, Secretary, Treasurer Liaison, Social Media Liaison and Ordinary Members.

Committee members hold positions for a period of 12 months which are then vacated at the SIG Annual General Meeting (AGM). A call for committee members will be made prior to the AGM. Current committee members can renominate and any LRC SIG member can nominate prior to or at this meeting. Any ACNN member can attend the committee meetings throughout the year as an observer and elect to join as an ordinary member of the committee after attending three committee meetings (outside of the AGM).

Meetings

- Monthly meetings will be held via Zoom on the 2nd Monday of the month.
- A quorum of a simple majority is required for all voting matters eg financial decisions.
- Two meetings within a calendar year will be designated open member meetings and two educational presentations will be offered – these may be combined.
- The AGM will preferably be held during the National Conference, but if not possible, it will be held via Zoom between September and December.

Strategic Planning and Sustainable Committee

The LRC SIG creates actions that are documented under the umbrella of the ACNN Strategic Plan 2026-2030 and reports on these within the Annual Report. The LRC SIG Strategic Plan is available in Members Section on the website in the LRC SIG pages.

The LRC SIG will endeavour to meet the requirements of the Sustainable Committees Policy (P 13), including having a member attend each national forum meeting and submitting a newsletter item 4 times per year.

Generative AI use, IP and Copyright Policy

SIG members will be aware of Policy 17 and will ensure that documents and resources developed and/or authored within the SIG, SIG meetings and/or for events (extending to invited speakers) are the property of the SIG and authorship is to be assigned/identified to the SIG. Such documents and resources require committee permission for sharing outside of the SIG. Any and all documents and resources developed outside of the SIG as

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Membership

Current financial members of ACNN are eligible to become a member of the LRC SIG. Membership to the SIG can be made by; 1. selecting the LRC SIG box during the ACNN membership application process, 2. accessing your membership profile on the website and updating SIG selection or, 3. emailing the ACNN membership secretary memberships@acnn.org.au

Reports to: ACNN National Executive Committee