



# Atoifi Research Grants Scheme – 2014

## *Supporting local researchers*

**Submission deadline: Monday 7 July 2014 5PM**

Atoifi, through the WHO Tropical Diseases Research Capacity Strengthening Grant, aims to increase the number of local people who undertake research that can ultimately improve the health of people in East Kwaio. The Atoifi Research Grants Scheme will provide funds to local researchers (“a resident who does research”) to answer local questions of relevance to health. This can include clinical research, community based health research, educational research, analysis of local data, or other relevant topics that are related to health or social determinants of health.

Grants will be awarded on the basis of the project proposed and the quality of the research application. Maximum available per grant is \$200; there is no minimum. The ARGs has committed \$2000 to be awarded in grants. Money has to be spent by 31 December 2014. A report is required at this time.

Applicants are encouraged to work in teams and to attend the Atoifi TDR Training Workshop on *Writing a Successful Research Application*.

**Eligibility:** Living in East Kwaio.

**How to Apply:** Applications should be submitted electronically as a Word file or in hard copy as a printed application to Relmah Timothy-Harrington, the TDR project coordinator. Contact details - [relmah.harrington@atoifi.org.sb](mailto:relmah.harrington@atoifi.org.sb); phone 8433804.

**Format of Application:** Font should be 11 or 12 point.

The application should have the following sections:

Title, Investigators, Addresses (Institutions), Summary, Amount.

Background and Significance, Research Questions, Aims and Objectives, Methods, Timeline (Gantt chart), Ethical issues

Budget, Budget Justification

CVs of investigators

***A Word template is available on request or for downloading or we can provide hardcopy. Handwritten applications will be accepted if the printed template is used.***

**Selection Criteria:** A panel will select the successful applications.

Applications will be assessed on the following:

1. Relevance and potential impact of proposed activities to improving health in East Kwaio.
2. Scientific merit, including concise and clear problem statement and rationale (Background and Significance), clear objectives (SMART), appropriate study methodology and ethical considerations.
3. Feasibility of the proposed activities, assessed on timeline, justified budget, outcome-oriented monitoring and evaluation and how the research results will be used (utilization plan).

**Assistance in Preparing Applications:** Please contact Relmah or Humpress Harrington if you need assistance. The JCU team are also very willing to help during the week after the training workshop and via email prior to submission date.