

ANNEX 4

PPHSN Allied Membership

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Overview

The network is supported by **allied members** - regional training institutions, agencies, laboratories, and other organisations or networks with an interest in public health surveillance in the region, who chose to be a PPHSN member.

Criteria for membership

Allied members should be:

- a regional institution, agency, organization, or network specifically involved in some aspect of public health surveillance in the Pacific;
- willing and able to contribute [with](#) specific efforts in support of the objectives, strategies, and activities of PPHSN's Strategic Framework.

Responsibilities and benefits

Allied members share the responsibility with other PPHSN core and allied members to promote and facilitate the objectives, strategies, and activities as outlined in the PPHSN Strategic Framework. This responsibility must be met while upholding the highest standards of professional conduct and ethical practice. ***Entities with commercial interests are obligated to ensure that unfair advantage not be gained through PPHSN allied membership, and that any relevant conflicts of interest be openly declared when appropriate.***

Benefits of allied membership include:

- access to all PPHSN documents and publications;
- access to other PPHSN resources including technical expertise;
- enrolment in PacACNet, the network's email (and fax) listserv; and
- the opportunity to be considered for membership in the PPHSN Coordinating Body.

Application procedures

Eligible entities interested in becoming a PPHSN allied member should correspond directly with the PPHSN Coordinating Body Focal Point through SPC's Public Health Surveillance & Communicable Disease Control Section. The correspondence should include relevant details regarding the entity's eligibility, specific interests, and areas in which they will specifically contribute to the objectives, strategies, and activities of PPHSN's Strategic Framework. All applications for PPHSN allied membership will be considered by the PPHSN-CB in a timely manner. [The PPHSN-CB will give its advice about potential new allied members. This advice will need to be endorsed by the PPHSN core membership \(PICTs\).](#) Contact details for the PPHSN-CB Focal Point are as follows:

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