

# BURNET INSTITUTE PROGRAMS

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES



### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

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#### PROGRAM GOAL: EQUITY IN MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

**OBJECTIVE 1:**

To make a major contribution to improving reproductive health, with a focus on pre-conception health.

**OBJECTIVE 2:**

To make a major contribution to reducing maternal and newborn mortality, and prevention of other adverse pregnancy outcomes.

**OBJECTIVE 3:**

To make a major contribution to reducing preventable causes of morbidity and mortality of children, and optimising growth and development.

**OBJECTIVE 4:**

To make a major contribution to the advancement of gender equality, and prevention of gender-based violence.

**OBJECTIVE 5:**

To make a major contribution to increasing the capacity of health professionals, researchers, policy makers and the general community in maternal and child health, through education and training in Australia and globally.

### DISEASE ELIMINATION

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#### PROGRAM GOAL: THE ELIMINATION OF HIV, VIRAL HEPATITIS AND MALARIA AS PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS

**OBJECTIVE 1:**

To make a major contribution to reducing the prevalence of hepatitis C in Australia by 50 per cent by 2020, and in improved uptake of services for the management of hepatitis B.

**OBJECTIVE 2:**

To make a major contribution to achieve the Australian government goals for the virtual elimination of new Australian HIV transmissions by the end of 2020.

**OBJECTIVE 3:**

To make a major contribution in efforts to eliminate malaria as a public health threat, particularly in our region.

**OBJECTIVE 4:**

To make a major contribution in global efforts to eliminate hepatitis B and C as public health threats.

**OBJECTIVE 5:**

To make a major contribution in global efforts to eliminate HIV as a public health threat.

**OBJECTIVE 6:**

To make a major contribution to increase the capacity of health professionals, researchers, policy makers and the general community through education and training to achieve disease elimination in Australia and globally.

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### BEHAVIOURS AND HEALTH RISKS

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#### **PROGRAM GOAL: PROMOTE IMPROVED HEALTH AND WELLBEING BY REDUCING HARMS RELATED TO ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS, AND SEXUAL AND MENTAL HEALTH**

**OBJECTIVE 1:**

To make a major contribution to reducing risky behaviours related to alcohol consumption, with a particular focus on young people.

**OBJECTIVE 2:**

To make a major contribution to reducing risky behaviours related to drug use, with a focus on injecting drug use and methamphetamine use.

**OBJECTIVE 3:**

To make a major contribution to reducing risky behaviours related to sexual and reproductive health, with a focus on young people and key populations.

**OBJECTIVE 4:**

To make a major contribution to reducing risky behaviours related to emerging behavioural issues arising from work in other programs.

**OBJECTIVE 5:**

To make a major contribution to increase the capacity of health professionals, researchers, policy makers and the general community through education and training to achieve a reduction in harms related to alcohol and drugs in Australia and globally.

### HEALTHY AGEING

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#### **PROGRAM GOAL: HEALTHY AGEING FROM BIRTH AND IMPROVED PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING IN VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES**

**OBJECTIVE 1:**

To make a major contribution to the evidence base for the biological and psychosocial determinants of healthy ageing.

**OBJECTIVE 2:**

To promote inclusive communities and services for healthy ageing.

**OBJECTIVE 3:**

To integrate concepts of healthy ageing into development and research in infectious diseases, maternal and child health, sexual health, adolescent and young adult health.

**OBJECTIVE 4:**

To contribute to the development of new tools and therapeutics for diseases associated with ageing.

**OBJECTIVE 5:**

To make a major contribution to increasing the capacity of health professionals, researchers, policy makers and the general community in relation to healthy ageing, through education and training in Australia and globally.

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### HEALTH SECURITY

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#### **PROGRAM GOAL: IMPROVED HEALTH SECURITY IN OUR REGION THROUGH STRENGTHENED PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS AND REDUCED VULNERABILITY TO INFECTIOUS DISEASE THREATS**

**OBJECTIVE 1:**

To improve understanding of infectious disease threats and apply new tools to improve health security.

**OBJECTIVE 2:**

To contribute to strengthening core public health system capacities required to prepare for and respond to, infectious disease threats in the Asia-Pacific region.

**OBJECTIVE 3:**

To make a major contribution to respond to tuberculosis, especially drug-resistant tuberculosis, in the Asia-Pacific region.

**OBJECTIVE 4:**

To increase the capacity of health professionals, researchers, policy makers and the general community in relation to health security, through education and training in Australia, our region and globally.