

# The Australasian Mission Assessment Project



The Australasian Mission Assessment Project is a research project that aimed to improve the way psychosocial assessments are conducted across cross cultural mission agencies in Australia and New Zealand. The research project has been conducted in two phases. The first phase gathered information about what our current practice, including the cost, who is assessed, who does the assessments, the understanding of the findings from the Royal Commission on Institutional Child Sexual Abuse, and Australian Privacy Law. The second phase asked more detailed questions about the New Zealand standardised model of assessing, and the use of psychometric tests. The findings have been presented at the 2022 and 2024 South Pacific Membercare Conferences, and results from phase I have been published in academic articles. The next step is to develop a strategy to change and improve our practice of doing psychosocial assessments in Australia. This workshop present a summary of findings and encourage discussion about implementing and facilitating cross-organisational change.

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