



# IAHP Yarnes

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## Evaluation of the Australian Government's Investment in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care

### Update July 2020

We hope you are continuing to stay safe in the COVID-19 pandemic. As restrictions continue to change across Australia, we remain vigilant as we unfortunately continue to see increasing cases across Victoria and send best wishes to everyone.

#### Health Sector Co-design Group engagement

Over the last few months while we have paused the evaluation's site engagement, the team have continued to engage with the Health Sector Co-design Group (HSCG). Active areas of work have included learnings from the initial engagement with site partners and discussion of the quantitative Data Feasibility Assessment (DFA) which identifies which routinely collected data could usefully help answer the evaluation's questions.

#### Site engagement

IAHP Yarnes is gearing up to restart! To get ready, the site engagement team have been contacting potential site partner organisations such as ACCHOs and PHNs, to give a roadmap of where we have been since the project was paused at the end of March due to COVID-19, and where we are going over the next few months until we restart sometime later this year. Between now and then, the IAHP Yarnes team will be running a series of three webinars. The webinars are designed to bring potential site partners together with the evaluation team to share information on the evaluation and to learn what sites believe is important in this evaluation. This will help potential site partners make more informed decisions about their participation in the evaluation when we restart the project. The first restart activity is the site planning workshops – tailoring the evaluation to sites and negotiating a participation agreement. We hope to be able to hold these workshops from October 2020 and anticipate that many may need to be held virtually.

#### Year One Site Engagement Report

Our Year One Site Engagement report was recently completed, key messages from this report will shortly be shared with site partners and we will be disseminating a concise summary of the report.

## IAHP Yarnes Quantitative Data Feasibility Assessment (DFA) Report

The IAHP Yarnes evaluation will be informed by both qualitative and quantitative data. The Quantitative DFA report has recently been completed as is available on the evaluation website, [www.iahpyarnes.com](http://www.iahpyarnes.com)

### Reminder of the IAHP Yarnes evaluation context and focus

The IAHP represents the Australian Government's largest direct expenditure on Indigenous Primary Health Care. This evaluation is also the largest investment by the Department of Health in any Indigenous health evaluation it has undertaken, which flags the significance of this project.

IAHP Yarnes evaluates IAHP as an 'enabler, interactor and influencer' in providing appropriate and effective comprehensive PHC for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It takes a systems approach to evaluate how well the Government's IAHP investment contributes to improving comprehensive PHC systems, and whether these improvements translate into better health and wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The evaluation is not about assessing the performance of individual IAHP programs or organisations that provide comprehensive PHC services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The evaluation is unique in its approach and implementation – it engages co-design, system approaches, collaboration, and action learning to achieve change as the evaluation progresses.

For further information on the evaluation, please visit our website [www.iahpyarnes.com](http://www.iahpyarnes.com) or email [iphceval@allenandclarke.com.au](mailto:iphceval@allenandclarke.com.au) to subscribe to these updates.

### Evaluation Partners

