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A Dental Public Health Consultant with the Ministry of Health, Vanuatu.

Was awarded a Diploma in Dental Therapy (Fiji School of Medicine, Fiji), a Bachelor in Dental Surgery (Fiji School of Medicine, Fiji), a Masters in Dental Public & Primary Health Care (UWA, Australia), and Post graduate Diploma in International Public Health, UNSW, Australia). A registered dental practitioner- dentist- with Vanuatu Health Practitioners Board and has been practicing dentistry for almost 20 years.

Was also awarded the Australian Prime Ministers Award for Pacific Islands in 2012 for work placement at the Centre for Oral Health Strategy, Westmead, NSW.

Current chair for the National Oral Health Policy & Strategy Plan working committee, developing the first national oral health policy & strategy plan for Vanuatu that will be launched by end of 2018.

Was part of a project called “Gudfala Tut Skul Project” with Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu (PCV) Health that put emphasis on regular tooth brushing with fluoride toothpaste as the basic foundation for improving oral health status.

Main area of focus is oral health promotion, workforce development, policy, health financing and research.