



Dr Amelia Latu Afuhaamango Tuipulotu

Dr Amelia was appointed as the Chief Nursing Officer of the World Health Organization on the 13th of December 2022. In response to this appointment Amelia has been recognized as a Professor by the University of Sydney on the 14th of December 2022. In January 2023, Amelia started as the WHO Chief Nursing Officer in Geneva, Switzerland.

Under Amelia's leadership, Tonga successfully responded to the measles outbreak in 2019 and the COVID-19 pandemic until December 2021, with zero fatalities recorded for both. Amelia is the former first female Minister for Health for the Kingdom of Tonga. She is the first Tongan to receive a PhD in Nursing in 2012. Amelia's PhD work informed the development of the Tongan National Professional Standards for the Registered Nurse which guide both nursing education and practice and is mandated within the Nurse Practitioners and Midwives Act 2021, passed during her time in the Legislative Assembly.

In 2021, Amelia was decorated with the Knight Grand Cross: Royal Order of the Crown of the Kingdom of Tonga by His Majesty King Tupou VI. Amelia has received the Prime Minister's award, International Women's Award and Tongan Police Award and Patronage.

Amelia's particular research interests focus on professional standards issues in nursing and health care delivery. Amelia has led the development of patient satisfaction system, strategic directions, career pathways, policy and procedure manual, code of ethics, regulation system, visionary leadership programme, model of care, clinical review and productivity, research alliance, young future leaders, performance management system, annual planning, reading clubs and nurses' satisfaction survey.

In her role as Chief Nursing Officer of the WHO, Amelia is committed to supporting global nursing and midwifery to maximally transform health systems to serve all the population of the world and especially the most vulnerable communities.