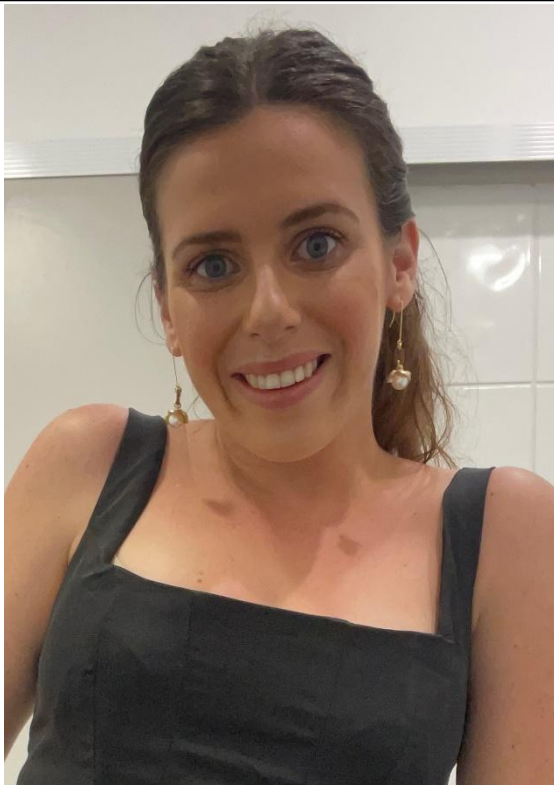


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Chiedza Malunga

Chiedza is a public health professional with experience in refugee health and sexual and reproductive health promotion and research in multicultural communities. She has worked in statewide programs across Victoria, ranging from individual and community-based programs through to policy and advocacy initiatives. She is passionate about building the capacity of individuals, communities and systems to respond effectively to the needs of the most vulnerable groups. In her current work in Australian healthcare, she is strongly guided by principles of equity and social justice to influence inclusive healthcare. Chiedza is also a Director on the Board of WaterAid Australia and is a Consumer representative of SPHERE-Centre of Research Excellence.



Meg Austin

Meg is a Registered Midwife, currently working in rural NSW. She has worked with pregnant women and their families, providing woman-centered, holistic midwifery care to women across all continuums of pregnancy and childbearing. Meg has a particular passion for ensuring women and their families have access to excellent quality midwifery care, irrespective of their geographical location. She believes that good pregnancy health is best achieved when women feel empowered, encouraged, and equipped to make health choices that suit them and their family. Meg has previously been an active member of the Rural Women's Health Consumer Advisory group, hosted by the University of Sydney, and the NSW Regional Health Ministerial Advisory Panel, hosted by NSW Government Health.



Nilab Hamidi

Nilab graduated with a Master of Public Health from The University of Melbourne in 2019. Her master's thesis explored gender roles, norms, and the practice of 'bacha posh'* within the Australian Afghan community in Melbourne. Nilab is a Program Coordinator for The Australian Muslim Women's Centre for Human Rights, facilitating programs with refugees and migrant women from newly arrived and established communities all around Victoria.

*'Bacha posh' is an Afghan tradition in which some families without sons pick a daughter to live and behave as a boy.



Venushi Dewundege

Venushi graduated university with a Bachelor of Health Science and works as a Youth Development Officer at Greater Dandenong Youth Services. She is passionate about educating young people and women on topics such as alcohol and other drugs (AOD), including smoking/vaping and respectful relationships.

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