

THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF THE MENZIES SCHOOL OF HEALTH RESEARCH IN 2015 – DELOITTE ACCESS ECONOMICS

Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies) is one of Australia's leading health research institutes and the only one with a primary focus on Indigenous health. Based in Darwin, we are academically affiliated with Charles Darwin University and employ over 250 staff across Australia and internationally. We have an outstanding track record **over 30 years in undertaking projects**, working hand in hand with Indigenous people in rural and remote communities across Australia as well as with people living in developing communities throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

Menzies has been **working with over 60 Indigenous communities** focusing on Indigenous health research, policy reform, informing and supporting health practitioners and health care centres about emerging treatment regimes and Indigenous capacity building.

Our work covers health from pre-conception to the grave and across acute, chronic and preventative health. Some of our major programs of work include: child health and development, diabetes, kidney disease, mental health and suicide prevention, ear and lung health, cancer, sexual health, tobacco and other addictive substance use, nutrition, youth health, skin health and primary health care and health systems research.

THE IMPACT

In 2015, Menzies had an annual turnover of approximately \$43 million and is one of Australia's most cost-effective health research institutes, with every dollar invested returning \$2.70 to the economy.

Menzies' activities generate significant economic benefit to the NT, Australia and the Asia-Pacific, delivering a net benefit of \$700 million across the region.

In 2014, Menzies supported 252 full-time equivalent jobs in the Northern Territory. Many of these jobs are highly skilled, largely as a function of our capacity to attract national and international funding.

Menzies holds a 5 out of 5 Australian Government ranking for Excellence in clinical research.

In the 2015 NHMRC competitive funding round, Menzies was successful with more than 35% of grant applications. Our overall success rate was more than double the national average. NHMRC project grants are the mainstay of medical research in Australia. With 8 out of 17 (47.1%) Menzies' research projects funded, our success rate far exceeded the national average of 13.7%.

Menzies' research has supported the roll-out of better treatments for malaria, resulting in a 50% reduction in malaria related deaths in Papua, Indonesia.

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