
ADARA DEVELOPMENT APPOINTS MADELINE VAUGHAN AS NEW CEO



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Adara Development is [delighted to announce](#) the appointment of Madeline Vaughan as its new CEO, effective 1 January 2020.

Madeline joined Adara eight years ago and has been an integral member of the organisation's Global Leadership Team. Most recently, Madeline was Senior Programmes Director working across Adara's maternal, newborn and child health and remote community development programmes.

"Madeline's appointment marks a new era for Adara, and I believe our most important work is yet to come," said Audette Exel AO, Adara's founder and Chair. "Adara now has the most senior and experienced Global Leadership Team that we have ever had leading our work across the globe. With Madeline at the helm, I believe Adara will doubtless go from strength to strength and touch many more lives in the years to come."

"I look forward to working with Madeline to ensure Adara is having the biggest possible impact. We have a very exciting future ahead," Audette said.

Reflecting on her appointment, Madeline said: "I am deeply humbled to have the opportunity to lead this organisation that has become a part of my heart and soul over the past eight years."

"The amazing work Adara does is made possible by our teams across the world. I feel incredible lucky to be able to lead them and build upon Adara's 22-year track record of excellent service delivery to people living in poverty. In particular, I'm excited to lead our teams as we scale our work globally and continue to deepen our impact through our knowledge sharing pillar of work, to ensure we are touching the most lives possible."

Madeline is eminently qualified to take on this role and has deep experience in international development and leadership. In 2019, she was selected by Chief Executive Women (CEW) as one of their 2019 'CEW Scholars' to undertake an Executive Education course at Harvard Kennedy School. She holds a Master of

International Public Health from UNSW, which she was awarded 'With Excellence', and a Bachelor of International Relations (Hons 1st) from the Australian National University.

About the Adara Group

The [Adara Group](#) believes that each and every person should have access to quality health, education and other essential services, no matter where they live. The first part of the Adara Group is an international development organisation called Adara Development that has expertise in maternal, newborn and child health, and remote community development. Adara Development has worked in Nepal and Uganda since 1998. The second part of the Adara Group consists of two businesses, [Adara Partners](#) and Adara Advisors, which are 'for purpose' rather than for profit. Their sole objective is to fund Adara Development's administration and emergency project costs. This allows 100% of donations received by Adara Development to go directly to project-related costs. Each year Adara directly reaches more than 50,000 people living in poverty and countless more through knowledge sharing.

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