

OUR STRENGTHS

Susan Rees, PhD, is a Professor with a continuing appointment in the Discipline of Psychiatry and Mental Health in the Faculty of Medicine. She has a public health and social science background.

Her research focus is mental health amongst conflict affected populations and gender-based violence, a field where she has published in excess of 200 papers and peer-reviewed articles.

She has worked as a practitioner and in policy positions related to women's health and service development and delivery.

Professor Rees is recognised as a committed researcher in the refugee field, working with refugee communities and particularly with women from refugee backgrounds.

Professor Rees has extensive cross-cultural expertise, having led and conducted research with refugee populations in Australia and in countries including Timor-Leste, West Papua and Malaysia.

She has led the successful WATCH cohort study, subject of this application, for the past 5 years.

She has supported junior academics and doctors to develop research capacity and build careers in this important mental health field. Professor Rees she has particular expertise in cohort studies, research translation, interventions and program evaluations.



Professor Rees leads three large projects, including a cohort study with women and children examining intimate partner violence, mental health, functioning and settlement (NHMRC funded), and intervention with 5 remote First Nations communities focusing on male parenting and adolescent mental health (MRFF funded) and a cohort study of women and children in Timor-Leste examining trauma, cycles of violence and child development in a conflict-affected setting (NHMRC funded).

Her other projects concern sexual assault disclosure experiences and sexual assault program evaluation and antenatal care in Arabic and Sudanese communities.