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| **Peace and reconciliation for community healing in East Kwaio, Solomon Islands** |
| **Setting/problem**  In 1927, the Kwaio warrior Basiana assassinated Mr William Bell, the District Officer of Malaita for the British Solomon Islands Protectorate. Colonial administrators endorsed a ‘punitive expedition’ that resulted in the indiscriminate deaths of hundreds of innocent Kwaio people, untold atrocities and ongoing social and cultural upheaval. The event became known as the “Malaita Massacre”. It became the seminal historical event that, until today, defines the relationship between the Kwaio people and ‘Europeans’. No peace and reconciliation process had occurred – until July 2018.  **Intervention**  In February 2018, two Kwaio chiefs, Jackson Waneagea and Esau Kekeubata asked Australian public health researcher Dr David MacLaren to help coordinate a peace and reconciliation ceremony between the Kwaio people and ‘Europeans’. The traditional peace and reconciliation ceremony was to acknowledge and reconcile the spirits of the Kwaio people, who had been indiscriminately killed, and their living relatives. The ceremony was also to provide a mechanism for the Kwaio people to deliver recompense for the assassination of Mr Bell. The traditional ceremony was to enable *gulanga* – healing, and *kwaimanga* – loving relationship between the two groups.  **Outcomes**  In July 2018, the traditional peace and reconciliation ceremony was successfully completed near the Kwainaa’isi Cultural Centre, deep in the rainforest-clad mountains of central Malaita. Pigs were given to Kwaio Chiefs who interceded with the ancestral spirits. Traditional shell money was presented to the European’s as acknowledgement of the assassination.  **Implications**  Peace is listed as the very first of the ‘fundamental conditions for health’ in the Ottawa Charter. This presentation will be co-delivered by Chief Esau Kekeubata and Dr David MacLaren. They will share perspectives on the profound social and cultural implications of this ceremony and the implications for ongoing partnerships between Kwaio people and ‘Europeans’ based on *gulanga* – healing, and *kwaimanga* – loving relationship.  **Preferred presentation format**  Oral |