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Amelia was the first female Minister for Health for the Kingdom of Tonga, from 2019 to December 2021. Amelia led the response for the Measles outbreak and the COVID-19 pandemic for the Kingdom of Tonga, up to December 2021. For both emergencies, there were no reported deaths during her leadership tenure. Prior to that role Amelia was the National Chief Nursing Officer. Her PhD work informed the development of the Tonga National Professional Standards for the Registered Nurse and is mandated within the Act 2021.

Amelia received the Professional Achievement Alumni award in 2014 and full professor, Adjunct Professor on 7 Feb 2023 from the University of Sydney. In 2024, Amelia received an Honorary Fellowship from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

Amelia was decorated with the Knight Grand Cross: Royal Order of the Crown of the Kingdom of Tonga by **His Majesty King Tupou VI** in 2021. Amelia was a member of the WHO Executive Board (EB) and WHO EB Rapporteur in 2020. She has been awarded with Prime Minister Excellent Establishment Award, International Women Leadership, Police Medal and Patronage awards.

Amelia is committed to championing and supporting the world's largest health and care workforce – nurses and midwives, to transform health systems to promote health and well-being, keep the world safe, promote gender equity and serve the vulnerable.

Amelia joined the World Health Organization as Chief Nursing Officer in January 2023.