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First 10 of 30 isolation units provided by China to the FSM are ready for use in Pohnpei

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

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Pohnpei—This afternoon, the government of the People’s Republic of China turned over 10, ready-to-go isolation units to Pohnpei State. The fully modular units were fitted out on the premises of the former Misko’s Beach. Each unit has two hospital beds and a full bathroom with shower. Each unit is separately air conditioned.

The units are not intended to be used for quarantine purposes but for isolation of patients who present with symptoms of COVID-19.

The 10 units installed and ready for use in Pohnpei are just part of the 30 total units donated to the FSM at a cost of \$1.2 million. The donation was provided by the Central Government of the People’s Republic of China, and the Governments of Guangdong Province and Zhonshang



City. The units have been delivered and landed in Pohnpei. 12 will be forwarded to Chuuk for use there. Yap and Kosrae will receive four each. The Pohnpei units were fitted out and set by China Construction Science and Industry Corporation whose

Project Manager gave a presentation on the construction of the units in China, which due to lighting in the mid-afternoon sun was impossible to see.

China’s Ambassador to the FSM Huang

Zheng reminded the gathered crowd at the handover ceremony that China bore the first impact of COVID-19. “(The) Virus respects no boundaries and is the

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FSM Government also files criminal charges against Mark DeOrio in Sokehs Road Project matter

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October 13, 2020—In addition to the criminal charges it filed against Norleen Oliver DeOrio related to her blocking the road on her land with her car, the FSM Department of Justice late today filed five criminal charges against her husband Mark DeOrio. The FSM Government has also suspended both of them from their jobs at the

National Government.

The FSM has charged Mark DeOrio with “obstructing administration of law or other government function”, “conflict of interest”, “theft”, “unauthorized possession or removal of property”, and “deprivation of rights”. The charges are linked to DeOrio’s duties as an FSM Assistant Secretary of the Department

of Transportation, Communication, and Infrastructure (TC&I) and in particular, his responsibilities regarding the implementation of a public project to pave a road across his wife’s land that would end at the family home of Patricia Edwin. All of the charges are related to his allegedly haven taken a copy of

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Japan and Pohnpei break ground on a new recycling center at Dekehtik Landfill site

By Bill Jaynes
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Pohnpei—The government of Japan has long been supportive of waste management projects in the Pacific though its regional J-PRISM (Japanese Technical Cooperation Project for Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management) program and that support continued through its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Program with the donation of over \$87,000 for the construction of a new recycling center. This afternoon, Pohnpei Governor Reed Oliver and other Pohnpei State government representatives participated in a ground breaking ceremony at the Dekehtik Land Fill where the new recycling center is already under construction.

The government of Japan donated equipment to Pohnpei’s aluminum can recycling center which, since 2017 has recycled a total of approximately 15 million aluminum cans. The program provides monetary motivation to Pohnpei residents to recycle cans rather than carelessly discarding on roadsides and other places or filling the already heavily used land fill.

Ambassador Sobashima Hidenobu said that the location and size of the current recycling center are not ideal for the proper collection of a large number of cans and that the current site causes traffic snarls on recycling days. Further, the piles of cans waiting to be pressed has begun to cause an environmental problem with gathering mosquitoes and other insects.

“Every year we are importing millions of aluminum cans to our islands and we are only collecting and recycling about 50 percent of that and the rest remain litters and pollutants to our pristine environment,” Governor Oliver reported during his speech. “The recycling rate is reported to be

low according to EPA because there are logistical and practical issues that limit our ability to fully engage. Some of the reasons have to do with limited space to collect and store and of course there is no recycling center to maximize the effort of collect and redemption (trade-in).”

Ambassador Sobashima said that the new center will also include a very high powered metal press that will likely be able to compress other much heavier metals in addition to compressing aluminum cans. The new press will also allow for a significant increase in the number of cans that the center can process. Additionally, the relocation of the process from the town area will greatly ease traffic for those utilizing the center.

“Furthermore, the habit of recycling taking place in Pohnpei people will nurture the culture against littering. Thus the project should benefit all 36,000 people living on Pohnpei island,” the Ambassador said.

Japan, through J-PRISM has already provided huge amounts of assistance to Pohnpei both in terms of grants but also in



terms of technical expertise. Before JICA and J-PRISM assistance, the Dekehtik landfill operated as an open dump creating all sorts of environmental problems, but that is no longer the case. JICA experts assisted to set the landfill up using the Fuguoka method, a method of waste management developed at a university in Fuguoka, Japan that handles waste products in dug pits with leachates, the liquids produced by decaying wasted, being drained off to a pool and air circulating to the bottom of the waste pits even after the pits are full and have been covered back over with topsoil. The first pit set up with the method at the Dekehtik site has long since been full and re-covered and a second pit set up in the same way is now being used. The environmental impacts of waste using the method are substantially reduced.

The Pohnpei State Legislature authorized an additional \$12,000 for the construction of the center.



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Norleen Oliver DeOrio asks for \$100k in damages for government actions on public project on her property

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FSM—Norleen Oliver DeOrio has filed a civil action (CA 2020-018) against the FSM Government, the FSM Secretary of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Joses Gallen in both his personal and official capacities, and against FSM National Police Officers Raynard Johnna and Jason Joseph, also in the personal official capacities. The civil action requests punitive damages against each of the defendants in the amount of \$100,000, general damages in an amount to be determined at trial, declaratory judgment, court costs and attorneys' fees.

The civil action stems from FSM plans for a Sokehs Road Project that would pave a road through DeOrio's property and terminating at the FSM First Lady's family home. It also stems from the events that occurred on September 18 when DeOrio parked her car on the road on her property allegedly blocking it and FSM Police Officers confiscated the vehicle. The civil action lists 10 separate causes of action against some or all of the defendants.

The first cause of action is against all of the defendants. It alleges that when Joses Gallen ordered the confiscation of DeOrio's vehicle it was a violation of her constitutionally provided right of due process. Since the Secretary of DOJ is a representative of the FSM Government, the filing claims that the FSM Government is responsible for their actions. "Further," it claims, "the actions of each defendant as alleged were so malicious, opprobrious, wanton and willful and done with intent to humiliate, degrade, injure and harm plaintiff that plaintiff seeks an award of exemplary damages to punish these defendants for their outrageous actions, against each defendant, in the amount of \$100,000.00."

The second cause of action is also against all defendants and makes similar arguments to the first cause of action but is applied to the fact that the named National Police Officers confiscated DeOrio's vehicle without an arrest warrant.

The third cause of action is for "trespass" and is solely against the FSM Government. It claims that the FSM's project to pave the road "thereby expanding the width and ultimately encroaching onto the Plaintiff's property without permission is unlawful entry." In the fourth cause of action which is also for "trespass" is against the police officers, DeOrio claims that the police officers entered her vehicle without permission and without a warrant.

The fifth cause of action is "deprivation of property" and is against all of the defendants. "The Plaintiff has the right to be secure on her property," the civil action claims, "but the Defendants stripped her of that right in an unfair arbitrary manner by impounding her vehicle without a court warrant."

Secretary Gallen's alleged actions are the subject of the sixth cause of action. It claims that Secretary Gallen abused his authority by instructing the seizure of a vehicle without jurisdiction. It claims that he used his office to "trump up charges to threaten and intimidate the Plaintiff so that she can concede and allow the road pavement project to proceed." The claim expressed DeOrio's belief that either the President or his wife instructed Gallen to "intimidate" DeOrio because of the government project to pave a private road to the Edwin's family home.

The seventh cause of action is against all of the defendants and alleges that the road project itself along with the actions so far taken are a violation of DeOrio's civil right to her property and to "only be stripped of that right pursuant to due process of law..." It claims that the government is in violation of DeOrio's civil rights if the government takes away portions of her property without just compensation or due process. It claims that DeOrio's civil right to her health is violated if the government contaminates and/or dislocates her water well without due process. It also claims that DeOrio "is being denied her property rights because she is a woman, and is being treated differently than previous landowners where government and all parties had consultation and agreed."

The eighth cause of action against the

FSM government claims that "the use of government funds to pay for the pavement of an entirely private road is tantamount to embezzlement of government funds."

The ninth cause of action against all defendants speaks to an FSM National Government lack of jurisdiction. It claims that the FSM government has no authority to impound a vehicle in Pohnpei because the authority to regulate motorist on Pohnpei roads rests with the Pohnpei State Government and not the FSM National Government.

The last cause of action is also against all of the defendants and claims that taking DeOrio's car to the National Government impound lot "exposed the Plaintiff to unbearable shame and humiliation because that action itself projected that the Plaintiff has committed a crime, since almost everyone who works in Palikir knows that the car belongs to Plaintiff Norleen Oliver."

The civil action was accompanied by the Project Control Documents for the Sokehs Road Paving Project. It also includes a copy of the May 28 letter DeOrio wrote to President Panuelo. Her letter asked the President to stop the project "until such time that my family is consulted." The letter claimed that had never been done. Her possession of the letter led to criminal charges against her husband, Mark DeOrio, an Assistant Secretary at the FSM Department of Transportation, Communications, and Infrastructure (see article on front page) for his allegedly providing the letter to his wife. On it was a hand written note purportedly by President Panuelo directed toward Secretary Gallen which said, "We will proceed with project, as land belonging to Trish/First Lady is landlocked."

Moments before press time, the government's 33 page response to the civil action arrived and will be covered separately.

(Editor's note: We erroneously published in the previous issue that Edwin's attorney had said there was no contract for the land. It was in fact, Oliver's attorney who made that claim.)



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what the government calls a “privileged document” from the TC&I office and sharing it with his wife. According to the affidavit of National Police Officer Kasner Aldens, the document was a copy of a letter that Norleen Oliver DeOrio had sent to the President upon which President David Panuelo had written a note to the Secretary of the Department of Justice telling him that the FSM will proceed with the road project across Oliver’s land because the “land belonging to Trish/First Lady is landlocked.”

The letter and the hand written note are now a matter of public record since it is attached to a civil action against the government that Norleen Oliver DeOrio has filed against the government.

On the first charge, “obstructing administration of law or other government function”, the government says that because DeOrio allegedly removed the letter with the hand written note on it from the office of TC&I and shared it with his wife, his wife was able to use it to “institute an adverse action against the government.” It says that her action directly interfered with the duty of TC&I to fully implement the “Sokehs Road Pavement Project”. A person who is found to be guilty of this charge and be sentenced to imprisonment of no more than one year.

The second charge says that DeOrio should have known that divulging a “privileged government document” to another person whose interests are adverse to the Government would be considered to be a conflict of interest. That crime is punishable by imprisonment for up to five years.

The third and fourth charges say that removing the document from TC&I amounted to “theft” and “unauthorized possession or removal of property”, both of which carry varying terms of punishment up to 10 years depending on the value of the item stolen or removed. Theft of property or services of \$5000 or more could garner the maximum sentence. The charges did not provide value of the letter with the hand written note.

The final charge, “deprivation of rights” also related to the alleged removal or sharing of the letter with the hand written note also carries a maximum sentence of up to 10 years in prison.

Mark DeOrio is presumed to be innocent of all charges unless the court rules that he is guilty after a fair hearing.

Saimon says “this is my day” wins \$700 at annual WCPFC/CFC Fishing Tournament

Pohnpei Fishing Club

October 17, 2020

Pohnpei—Anglers on 15 boats participated in a big fish tournament today sponsored by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission and Caroline Fishing Corporations vying for \$2350 in cash prizes. For the second tournament in a row, it was a sweltering sunny day but anglers were still able to attract some reasonably sized fish returning for the weigh in at Mangrove Bay Bar and Grill between 4:00 and 5:00.

Peter Saimon took the top prize in the biggest fish category and won the \$700 prize for his 138 pound marlin. Andolin was second with a 74 pound sailfish taking home \$500. Kenty Spencer landed a pretty 54.5 yellowfin tuna taking the third place \$350 prize.

In largest of species, anglers competed for a top prize of \$150 for each species. Mauricia Joseph landed the next biggest yellow fin tuna at a pretty big step down from the largest of the day. At 8 pounds, his yellowfin earned him the prize. Dave Spencer had the biggest barracuda at 11.5 pounds. March David landed the biggest skipjack tuna at 12.5 pounds. Twin wahoos of 16 pounds each were landed by Marvy Spencer and by Leah Daunakamakama. Organizers decided to split the award for the wahoos giving Spencer \$125 for the biggest wahoo and Daunakamakama the top lady angler’s prize also for \$125.

Dane Nighswander took home the junior angler prize of \$100 for his 9.5 pound barracuda.

Uta, Beulah, Cheryl, and Jasimine sold bowls of chicken curry to benefit the Pohnpei Public Library’s video reading program and participants at the weigh in snapped it up.

Everyone had a lot of fun. All boats returned safely. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped including Bill, Virginia, Cel, Serlynn and the people on the dock and the boom truck.



...Isolation Units

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common enemy of the human race,” he said. “Both the fight to rein in the virus and the endeavor to fend off a deepening global recession call for the international community to stand in unity and engage in cooperation. They also call for multilateralism, support for the leading role of the World Health Organization in promoting global cooperation against COVID-19 and resolute opposition to any attempt at stigmatization, politicizing or labeling the virus. Right under guidance of this notion that we are in the same boat, China and the FSM have been standing in solidarity, offering mutual assistance and working together to fend off the virus since the outbreak of the pandemic.”

“...Nothing we do with China Aid is out of geopolitical calculation, or in pursuit of economic gains, or with any political strings attached,” he continued. “The sole purpose of China Aid is to work with other countries toward the building of a Community with a Shared Future for

Humanity, which benefits the well-being of the people all over the world.”

He said that China Aid operates under four principles. He said that first China Aid respects the will of the recipient countries’ governments and people and never interferes in their internal affairs. Second, it operates for mutual benefit. Third, it operates with openness; lastly, sustainability.

FSM Secretary for Health and Social Affairs Livingston Taulung spoke on behalf of the FSM Government saying that the FSM will within a matter of days or weeks begin bringing home its citizens. He said that the isolation units provide one more step toward readiness for that task, something that each State has been working toward since the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus.

FSM Secretary for Foreign Affairs Kandhi Elieisar and Ambassador Huang closed the hand-over ceremony by signing the agreements between the two countries for the isolation units. Afterward, a tour of the units was conducted.



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Door-to-door testing to start with FSM community

John O'Connor / *The Guam Daily Post*
Oct 15, 2020

The Department of Public Health and Social Services, working with Yigo Mayor Rudy Matanane and the Department of Public Works, conducted an assessment Wednesday in preparation for door-to-door COVID-19 testing today at Gill Baza and Zero Down subdivisions.

Nurses, social workers and members of DPHSS' isolation team will be part of the efforts, Public Health spokeswoman Janela Carrera said. "We'll be going basically from door to door and talking to the residents and offering the testing to them."

The testing will produce results within 10 to 15 minutes, she said.

The initiative, which is functioning as a pilot, is a result of data indicating that the majority of COVID-19 cases are coming from northern villages.

The department is also working with Teresa Filepin, consul general of the Federated States of Micronesia.

"These areas that we're visiting tomorrow, the residents that live there are mainly comprised of those that are from the FSM community, so we want to make sure that leaders from the FSM, the consul general, is involved in this effort," Carrera said.

That partnership is also due to a high number of residents from the FSM testing positive for COVID-19. Public Health data shows that people from the FSM state of Chuuk make up the third-highest percentage of positive cases at about 15%. The highest are CHamoru people at 25% and the second-highest are Filipinos at 21%.

But within the FSM community is also a disproportionately high number of deaths compared to its population size, according to Carrera. The FSM community represents about 7% of the population on Guam but make up about

26% of COVID-19-related deaths as of the first week of October, she said.

As of Wednesday, Guam had 75 newly confirmed cases of COVID-19. These were confirmed results of 526 tests conducted, the Joint Information Center stated.

Officials also reported 62 hospitalized COVID-19 patients. Guam Memorial Hospital had 57 — 12 of whom were in the intensive care unit. Four GMH patients were on ventilators to help them breathe.

Naval Hospital Guam has two patients, both of whom are in the ICU.

Guam Regional Medical City reported three patients, none were in ICU.

This brings the total COVID-19 confirmed cases to 3,341 since testing started in March. There have been 61 deaths linked to the novel coronavirus.

Among the new cases are two Guam

Department of Education employees. Of the total cases, 3,059 are civilians and 282 are military service members.

Of the 75 new cases, 19 were identified through contact tracing. Four cases reported recent travel from other parts of the United States and were identified in quarantine.

A majority of Guam's COVID-19 cases are in the northern villages, which are the most populated. The breakdown by region follows:

- North: 1,820
- Central: 918
- South: 430
- Homeless: 4
- Non-resident: 87

According to officials, a majority of the positive cases were through household contact, the data follows:

- Household contact: 966
- Community contact: 721
- Workplace contact: 300
- Healthcare contact: 58

Gender equality and social inclusion critical components in disaster risk reduction and climate change in FSM

SPC & UNDP
Joint release

16 October 2020

Pohnpei, FSM – Sixty-one (61) participants from key national and state government agencies and civil society organizations in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) gathered for a three-day workshop on Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) in Disasters and Climate Change recently. The training which included 35 women and 26 men highlighting the importance of mainstreaming protection, gender and social inclusion issues into development programs that seek to build the resilience of people and communities.

The workshop was organized by the UN Development Programme (UNDP) Pacific Office in Fiji, Department of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management (DECEM), and the Pacific Community's (SPC), Human Rights and Social Development Division (HRSD), under the "Enhancing Disaster and Climate Resilience in FSM through Improved Disaster Preparedness and Infrastructure (EDCR FSM)" project funded by the Government of Japan.

UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji Resident Representative Levan Bouadze, said that "We are strongly committed to working with our partners from government, civil society and the development community to take

concrete actions to promote gender equality and women's empowerment as an essential and cross-cutting strategy in our resilience programmes."

In his opening remarks, Ambassador of Japan to FSM, H.E. Hidenobu Sobashima cited the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction which emphasizes that "Women and their participation are critical to effectively managing disaster risk and designing, resourcing and implementing gender-sensitive disaster risk reduction policies, plans and programmes."

The workshop brought together participants from various government offices such as social affairs, public safety, transportation and infrastructure, resources and development, and water utilities, together with civil society representatives from women's associations and youth groups.

It involved presentations on key gender, human rights, disaster and climate change policies and frameworks at the global level and in FSM, as well as group brainstorming to formulate specific recommendations to mainstream GESI into the EDCR FSM Project.

Due to the travel restriction caused by COVID-19, the workshop was organized in five locations namely, Palikir, Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk and Yap which were connected via Zoom with facilitators located

in Vanuatu, Australia, and Fiji.

"FSM is exposed to different hazards such as typhoons and droughts which if not addressed properly, may lead to dire consequences such as loss of human life," said DECEM Secretary Andrew Yatilman.

"In 2013, the nation-wide Integrated Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Policy was approved by the FSM government. The criticality of addressing gender concerns and issues involving marginalized groups is clearly recognized as a guiding principle in this policy declaration," stressed Yatilman.

The EDCR FSM Project seeks to strengthen resilience in FSM through its various activities, particularly in disaster communications, emergency operations, debris management, fire rescue services, and water resources management.

"It is important to acknowledge that disasters and climate change affect individuals differently. People who are disadvantaged because of their gender, age, ethnicity and socio-economic status may not cope as well to the impact of natural hazards than those who do not have these vulnerabilities," said Miles Young, Director of HRSD at SPC.

Among the ongoing and planned initiatives of the EDCR FSM Project are the construction of the Pohnpei State Emergency Operations Center, provision of fire and tree-clearing

trucks in Kosrae, and deep well rehabilitation and water treatment in Chuuk and Yap.

"A gender lens as well as safeguards for social inclusion must be a key part of a disaster and climate change program especially in the context of a region such as the Pacific which is culturally diverse," Young added.

EDCR FSM project was initiated in March 2019, to improve the capacity for preparedness and mitigation to human-made, geo-physical, climate and related hazards and enhancing resilience to climate change impact.

The EDCR FSM Project is financed by the Government of Japan, whose programs have been actively supporting disaster risk reduction and gender worldwide.

The Government of Japan has been hosting the United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction since 1994. The last one held in 2015, led to the 2015-2030 Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Since 2014, the Japanese Government has also hosted the World Assembly for Women (WAW!) for five times with the aim of providing a space for dialogue on women's empowerment globally.

The three-day workshop was held from 6 - 8 October 2020 in FSM.

UNICEF joins U.S. Embassy Kolonia in celebrating 2020 International Day of the Girl

UNICEF

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Kolonia, POHNPEI – On Saturday, 11 October 2020, Chief of Field Office, UNICEF North Pacific Office, Mr. Cromwell Bacareza joined Ambassador Carmen G. Canto of the U.S. Embassy in the Federated States of Micronesia, and the First Lady of the Federated States of Micronesia Patricia E. Edwin to commemorate this year's International Day of the Girl.

The event, which brought together over

hundred people including students from Nett Elementary School was held at the Pohnpei Cinemas parking lot as part of the maiden Superhero fun run/walk hosted by the US Embassy, Kolonia. In their remarks, the dignitaries at the event unanimously expressed their total support in promoting the inclusion of girls in all aspects of social development of the Federated States of Micronesia.

The International Day of the Girl is an annual campaign with girls to amplify their voices and stand up for their rights. This year's theme, "My voice, our

equal future", aims at seizing the opportunity to reimagine a better world inspired by adolescent girls.

At the same event, UNICEF took the opportunity to distribute a number of the recently launched NABU children's storybook, *The Virus-Stopping Champion: The Pacific Islands Edition* to help children learn about how to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus and to help keep their community safe.



Girls from Nett Elementary school performing a skit during the International Day of the Girl

Pohnpei RCCE partners with UNICEF to award lucky winners of COVID-19 polls

UNICEF

October 14, 2020

Kolonia, POHNPEI – Early this month, the Pohnpei State COVID -19 Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) sub-Committee of the Department of Health and Social Affairs (DoHSA) in partnership with UNICEF began presenting awards to 24 Lucky Winners of an ongoing COVID-19 poll.

The COVID-19 poll is a weekly short survey that that has been running since August 2020 through answering of basic questions about COVID-19 preventive practices and it is expected to increase the of participants about how to protect themselves and also prevent the spread COVID-19 virus. The poll questions are usually sent and received in the form SMS text and all text responses are FREE of charge to all participants.

Receiving his award, Mr. Norbert Samuel of Sokehs, one of the Lucky Winners said, "this is a good way of engaging people to learn more about COVID-19 and how to protect themselves." "I hope the questions can be broadcasted on the radio or published in the newspapers so that many more people can have the chance to also participate." He added.

Another award recipient, Ms. Kimberly John from Kolonia, said, "The questions and answers were very educational. It helps me understand more about the virus and how to protect myself and my family. I would like to encourage everyone to participate to increase their knowledge about this virus."

The Chairman of the Pohnpei RCCE Working Team, Mr. Peterson Sam who is also the Commissioner of Pohnpei Public Broadcasting Corporation said that the COVID-19 National weekly poll is expected to continue running every Friday and they are encouraging everyone to actively participate in this free SMS poll to further increase their knowledge about COVID-19 and the preventive behavioral practices to adopt.

UNICEF partners with NABU's The Virus-Stopping Champion to teach Pacific children how to stay safe in this pandemic

UNICEF

08 October 2020

Thousands of Pacific island children will now get an opportunity to learn more about COVID-19 and be virus-stopping champions through a new partnership between UNICEF and NABU, a New York-based non-profit organization specializing in the distribution of children's books.

Last week, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, together with UNICEF and NABU, launched the storybook, *The Virus-Stopping Champion: The Pacific Islands Edition* to support children during the global COVID-19 pandemic across the Pacific region.

"We are proud to be working together with Pacific Governments, development partners, and NABU to launch a COVID-19 children's book specifically developed for children in this region," said UNICEF Pacific Representative, Sheldon Yett.

One of the greatest challenges currently facing children in the Pacific is understanding and coping with the changes brought by this global pandemic while continuing to carry on with their daily lives.

The Virus-Stopping Champion features a child superhero who learns how to prevent



grandparents and basically anyone they talk to on effective prevention and proper hygiene practices," said the Governor of Pohnpei State Government, Hon. Reed B. Oliver, who launched the Pacific Islands Edition of the book.

The Virus-Stopping Champion: The Pacific Islands Edition is an adaptation of the original NABU title, *The Virus-Stopping Champion*, produced by NABU in collaboration with UNICEF Pacific and with the support of the Government of Japan, the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The books will be distributed throughout the Federated States of Micronesia with the support of the Micronesia Red Cross Society.

the spread of the COVID-19 virus to help keep her community safe. This storybook provides a platform for parents and families to access accurate information and sensitive ways to talk to their children about the virus.

The storybook will enhance the knowledge as well as confidence that children need to protect themselves and their families during this global pandemic.

"The Virus-Stopping Champion book is a very creative way to engage our young children to be important messengers on COVID-19. The children would be able to educate parents, friends, neighbors,

"We are seeing a lot of misinformation and confusion about the COVID-19 pandemic," said NABU Executive Director, Tanyella Evans. "Crafted by health experts and illustrated by an artist from the Pacific Islands, this story provides valuable information for children everywhere and delivers a message of unity, love, and hope in these uncertain times."

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-Preamble, United Nations Charter

The year 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the United Nations and its founding Charter. This anniversary comes in a time of great disruption for the world, compounded by an unprecedented global health crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with severe economic and social impact. But it is also a reminder that times of struggle can become an opportunity for positive change and transformation.

“Having known war, we hope for peace. Having been divided, we wish unity. Having been ruled, we seek freedom.

-Preamble, FSM Constitution



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Being young isn't an excuse, it's an opportunity

By: Myron Yoma
MRCS youth Volunteer

As a young person, I have experienced first-hand how some people can underestimate youth, and fail to recognize the innovative thinking, energy and problem-solving that younger people can bring to the table.

The world today is facing a new pandemic, that has infected over 15 million people and claimed thousands of lives. All over of the world, including the FSM, governments and aid agencies are building awareness about the COVID-19 virus.

The Micronesian Red Cross Society plays a vital role in preparing and supporting the community through awareness raising. We do this through house to house outreach, using mostly youth volunteers from different parts of the island of Pohnpei.

I was part of that youth volunteer group, working alongside my fellow volunteers and Red Cross staff to visit communities by going door to door and talking to those at their homes. As a volunteer having the responsibility to educate and inform

the community about the pandemic was challenging, yet exciting, and most importantly, inspiring. The main goal of the outreach was to cover every single household on the island, including the outer islands.

With over a thousand households on the main island, the task was already a significant challenge. The outreach began in late March 2020 in the municipality of Nett. There were only 15 youth volunteers and staff and we had a plan to visit more than a hundred households in less than a week. At the time, the weather was extremely changeable, and we would go from being soaked under the pouring rain and later drying under the hot sun.

Most people we encountered were happy to listen and it was wonderful when people praised our efforts. Unfortunately, some ridiculed us and implied that we are wasting their time, and it's never nice or easy when people would throw us off their property, and a few of the youth volunteers were even sworn at.

My experience during the outreach was challenging and exciting and I would consider this experience as one of the

best in my life. I got to visit places I had never been to, and had the opportunity to meet new people and learn new things. I even developed a few leadership skills by leading my own outreach team.

We started with 15-20 volunteers as we began our community outreach but by early August, we had over 60 youth volunteers. I believe our work inspired many to take action and contribute to this effort. With all the challenges, excitement, and inspirations, during those few months, I created new bonds and connections with people and together we connected with the community – house by house. I strongly believe that we made a great impact on COVID-19 awareness.

For me, this experience has taught me that I can live up to my moto, the Xavier mission statement, that encourages us to become leaders and to be a man or



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woman for others. This means being a person who is selfless, caring, and that has initiative; a person that sacrifices their free time to serve others who are in need.

To me, that is what being a Micronesian Red Cross Society youth member is all about and I can't wait to continue supporting.

We're hiring!

PRODUCTION WORKER

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT: 20-2020
OPENING DATE: 14 OCT 2020
CLOSING DATE: 28 OCT 2020
LOCATION: POHNPEI COCONUT INDUSTRY
DEV UNIT AT DEKEHTIK, POHNPEI
Inquiries can be sent to:
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FSM NCD Program Launches public awareness on physical exercise

Micronesian Productions

In recognizing the need to provide accurate and informative public information to the people of FSM on the benefits of Physical Exercise, the FSM Department of Health, the FSM Diabetes Program and the Preventive Health Services Advisory Council, are launching a Public Awareness Campaign by holding statewide campaign Activities during the months of (October to December) to help achieve our goals and objectives under the FSM Guidelines for Healthy Living.

The main goal is to raise awareness of the newly proposed FSM Guidelines and especially focus on the benefits of handwashing and physical exercise and provide public education on the definitions and benefits associated with the Guidelines.

The FSM NCD Program is recommending the “BE FIT Exercise Program”. The BE FIT program teaches us about the three kinds of physical activities. They are Flexibility, Strengthening, and Endurance. With BE FIT, F stand for Frequency, I for Intensity, and T is Time

Flexibility is stretching or loosening muscles and joints. It helps to improve balance and coordination and to prepare your body for other exercise or activities. The goal is for everyone to do 10 minutes of stretching exercises without stopping to increase our flexibility.

Look for other public awareness materials such as billboards, radio program and social media postings to learn more about the BE FIT program and help you make better decisions for healthy living.



Vacancies

Senior Adviser - Policy

The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (Forum Secretariat) is the region’s premier political and economic policy organisation, with a vision of helping to create a region of peace, harmony, security, social inclusion and prosperity, so that all Pacific people can lead free, healthy, and productive lives.

The international organisation works to achieve this vision by fostering cooperation between governments, collaboration with international agencies, and by representing the interests of its members - including directly engaging with community members in order to identify pressing needs of the region.

The work of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) is guided by the Framework for Pacific Regionalism (FPR) as:

The expression of a common sense of identity and purpose, leading progressively to the sharing of institutions, resources, and markets, with the purpose of complimenting national efforts, overcoming common constraints, and embracing sustainable and inclusive development within Pacific countries and territories and for the Pacific region as a whole.

The FPR is underpinned by the Blue Pacific narrative, endorsed by Forum Leaders in Samoa in 2017, which calls for a long-term regional commitment to act as one “Blue Continent” as the means to achieve its development aspirations. The Leaders vision was that it would serve as the platform to reinforce and inspire the region in its shared stewardship of the Pacific Ocean, and to reaffirm the connections of Pacific peoples with their natural resources, environment, culture and livelihoods.

The Opportunity

The Forum Secretariat is looking for a Senior Adviser - Policy to join the team in Suva, Fiji. Reporting to the Director Policy, the position involves staff management, oversight of Ministerial and Officials level meetings, providing policy advice and guidance to Senior Management and Members either personally or via the work of consultants, and oversight of budget and other accountability and administrative systems.

The Secretariat seeks a strategic and proficient individual with an advanced University degree (Master’s degree or equivalent) in strategic planning, politics, development studies, humanities or a related field with at least 8+ years of professional work experience, including 3+ years in roles requiring strong lateral management, relationship building, strategy formulation,

project management, and cross-functional leadership.

To facilitate the above, the incumbent will be responsible for:

- Ensuring policy coherence & coordination;
- Ensuring that organisational priorities are followed and implemented;
- Managing a team of policy staff/analyst/officers and consultants to provide timely and high-quality policy briefings, correspondence, reports and analysis for Executive and other stakeholders consideration;
- Managing a team to organise the policy advice being considered by the Officials’ and Ministers’ meetings, particularly the Forum Officials Committee meeting and Forum Foreign Ministers’ Meeting; and
- Team Performance & Leadership.

Candidates with strong analytical skills and the ability to master new materials quickly with proven ability to monitor regional and international developments and to conduct comprehensive stakeholder analysis including application of quantitative methods for analysing policy, formulating high-quality policy papers in the Pacific region or in an international environment would be an advantaged. Furthermore, applicants with previous executive leadership within Foreign Affairs preferred.

The Benefits

The appointment carries a competitive remuneration and benefits package including medical and life insurance. The starting salary will be in the range of SDR48,487 to SDR54,548 per annum. At the 1 October 2020 exchange rate this salary range was equivalent to FJD145,738 to FJD163,956. For non-Fijian nationals, this salary may be tax-free. To be eligible for this position, the applicant must be a national of a Forum member country*. Applicants must be willing to travel periodically via economy class.

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply through our website: www.forumsec.org where an information package containing the job description and remuneration details is also available. Candidates must include in either their application or Curriculum Vitae the full contact details of three referees. The Forum Secretariat is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Deadline for applications is at 5pm (Fiji time), 13 November 2020.

* Member States of the Pacific Islands Forum: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.



PACIFIC CHILD PROTECTION CONSULTANT ROSTER

UNICEF Pacific Multi-Country Office is looking for qualified professionals to support the implementation of its Child Protection Programme in 14 Pacific Island Countries and Territories: Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands (Republic of), Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Niue, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.

The goal of the programme is to prevent and respond to all forms of child abuse, neglect, exploitation, loss of parental care and other situations harmful to children, through strengthening of multi-sector multi-stakeholder child protection systems.

The purpose of this announcement is to establish a roster of candidates for consultancies to become available over 2020-2022.

Applicants (national or non-national) must be currently residing in one of the Pacific Island Countries and Territories.

Areas of expertise: child protection policies; child protection social services; child protection in education; child protection in health; child protection social and behaviour change (engagement with communities, faiths, social and other media, adolescents); child protection in emergencies; child protection legislation; birth registration; child justice; social welfare; mental health and psychosocial support.

Qualifications:

(i) Advanced university degree in social work, law, psychology, public health, mental health, behavioural sciences, communication or other social sciences; (ii) At least five or eight years of relevant experience depending on the consultancy; (iii) Excellent communication, interpersonal, analytical and writing skills; Demonstrated training/facilitation skills; Full English language proficiency.

Process:

Professionals included in the roster will be shared detailed Terms of Reference for specific consultancies matching their areas of expertise as they become available.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications:

to be submitted online at: <https://jobs.unicef.org/en-us/job/534625/pacificbased-child-protection-consultant-roster>, or, if candidates are experiencing difficulties applying online, by email at PacificChildProtection@gmail.com. Applicants should submit: (i) cover letter indicating suitability for consultancy/ies for immediate recruitment and/or roster area(s) of expertise; availability; proposed professional fees; contact details of three most recent supervisors as references; (ii) CV/resume.

Full information:

Details about roster and TOR for consultancies for immediate recruitment available through above link.

Closing date:

26 October 2020.

FSM Customs intercepts smuggled weapons & ammunition in Yap & Pohnpei States

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—During the months of September and October, 2020, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia’s (FSM) Customs and Tax Administration intercepted two separate consignments of illegal weaponry, which have since been confiscated and handed over to the FSM National Police for investigation.

In September 2020, two Customs Officers from the Customs Field Office in Yap State were carrying out a routine physical inspection of containers at the Waab Commercial Dock. The officers came across undeclared boxes of gun parts, as well as a bow and arrows.

In October 2020, two Customs Officers from the Customs Field Office in Pohnpei State were carrying out a routine physical inspection of a container in Kolonia. The officers discovered six thousand (6,000) rounds of ammunition.

The September and October discoveries of illegal weapons and ammunition imports come after two relevant cases involving the illegal importation of ammunition have been heard by the Pohnpei State Supreme Court, with both cases prosecuted by the FSM Department of Justice.

The first such case occurred in August 2020, wherein Ms. Quleen Saimon was convicted and appropriately sentenced for the offense of illegally importing ammunition in a passenger’s checked-in luggage. The second such case occurred in September 2020, wherein Mr. Watson Panuel was convicted and appropriately sentenced for the illegal importation of ammunition through the FSM Post Office. The Honorable Eugene Amor, Secretary of the Department of Finance & Administration, of which the Division of Customs & Tax Administration falls under, said “I encourage all businesses and individuals to abide by the law with regards to their imports, as our Customs Officers are monitoring these imports carefully.” The Secretary emphasized that “all of these cases reflect the cooperative work being carried out by Customs, the FSM National Police, and the FSM Attorney General, to protect our FSM borders against dangerous and

illegal imports.”

Following a briefing on the subject, His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the FSM, applauded the Division of Customs & Tax Administration for their capable efforts in keeping the FSM safe from dangerous and illegal imports, and the FSM Department of Justice for their thorough and capable investigations and prosecutions.

“The FSM is a Nation of laws,” President Panuelo said. “One of the most elemental roles any Government plays is to keep its citizens and residents safe from internal and external threats, whether those threats are either invisible or abstract, such as COVID-19 or socio-economic inequities, or highly visible and concrete, such as illegal weapons and ammunition. Life is more than stressful enough for our citizens who are dealing with the effects of economic hardship during the COVID-19 Pandemic. As a society, we don’t need, want, or deserve to have such visible and concrete threats to our peace, unity, and liberty, and so I applaud our Customs Officers for their diligence in their duty to protecting our country.”





NATIONAL FISHERIES CORPORATION
AN AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
P.O. BOX R, KOLONIA, POHNPEI, FSM 96941
TEL. NO. (691) 320-2529 FAX NO. (691) 320-2239

EA NO.: NFC-002-20
OPENING DATE: 16-October, 2020
CLOSING DATE: 15-November, 2020

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

It is the policy of the National Fisheries Corporation to have the FSM citizens be given the first priority for the job consideration, with other citizens to be utilized for the position if no qualified FSM citizens are available.

POSITION AND SALARY:

Title:
PRESIDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

Salary:
\$60,000-\$65,000,
Depending on qualification

Location:
Office of the National Fisheries Corporation (NFC or the Corporation)

Employment Status:
Four Year Contract and can be extended
The President/CEO will be based at the NFC Office in Pohnpei and his/her duty station is in Pohnpei, FSM.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY):

The duties and responsibilities require that the President/CEO

- a. administers the duties and functions of the Corporation and under the general direction of the Board of Directors of NFC;
- b. recommends strategic policies for the Corporation for considerations by the Board of Directors;
- c. is responsible for the day to day operation of the Corporation;
- d. gathers relevant data on fishing activities for negotiations, enforcement, and compliance and management purposes;
- e. prepares for all aspects of fisheries negotiations, including gather, compile and analyze data on foreign fishing activities in the FSM EEZ and the region;
- f. negotiates the appropriate value for fishing rights in the exclusive economic zone;
- g. prepare briefing and position papers and recommendations to the Board of Directors on access negotiations and briefs on fisheries policy matters;
- h. shall, to the best of his/her ability, manage the day-to-day operation of the Corporation;
- i. shall abide by all the laws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures, as they now exist of hereinafter changed;
- j. shall not engage in outside

- employment or activities incompatible to the performance of his/her duties and responsibilities with NFC;
- k. shall conduct himself/herself in an ethical and professional manner;
 - l. shall be considerate and courteous to the general public, business associates, and customers of NFC; and
 - m. certifies that he/she has not paid or promised to pay anyone to arrange for his/her employment with NFC.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Graduation from an Accredited College or University with Master Degree in Business Administration, Public Administration, Marine Biology or related field plus five (5) years of professional experience, which demonstrated knowledge of the tuna fishing industry, exclusive economic zones, laws, and fishing activities and facilities throughout the FSM, the region, and international fisheries. Additional professional experience to include two (2) years of administrative experience that demonstrated the ability to plan programs and activities and analyze and resolve management problems.

The following abilities or qualities are expected of President/ CEO:

1. performs with the highest level of efficiency;
2. follows government's laws, rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and protocols;
3. consistently approaches work with energy and a positive, constructive attitude;
4. be mindful of the importance of time and attendance;
5. demonstrates excellent verbal and written communication skills;
6. demonstrates ability to manage complexities and work under pressure; and
7. be able to work outside normal working hours.

HOW TO APPLY:

Application forms can be picked up from the Office of National Fisheries Corporation or obtained electronically. Completed application with proper supporting documents (i.e. resume and expression of interest) should be submitted to the Corporation in person or electronically no later than 15, November 2020 close of business (5pm Pohnpei local time).

CONTACT PERSON:
Administrative Manager, NFC
320-2529/ 5381/ 3387
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October 5, 2020
RFP #PMU 2020-001
Project Architect

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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Proposals from interested Individuals, which should include CVs, copies of degrees and professional qualifications, and at least 2 References, should be received by the Secretary, DTC&I, no later than Friday, October 23, 2020. CVs should highlight experience on similar assignments. All proposals received should be clearly marked:

FSM/ DTC&I Program Management Unit
Proposal for Project Architect
and addressed to:

The Honorable Carlson D. Apls
Secretary
Department of Transportation, Communications, and Infrastructure
FSM National Government
P.O. Box PS2
Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941
Email: carl@tci.gov.fm

Further Information is available at the office of the Program Management Unit, DTC&I or email to the PMU Program Manager, Mr. Robert Goodwin, at email: rsgoodwin@hotmail.com or call (691) 3202080.

The Terms of Reference may be directly obtained from the Department's website: <https://tci.gov.fm> in its PMU Section.


Carlson D. Apls

Date: 10/06/20

CIA plane crashes in Mwoakilloa

Pohnpei Enginkehlap

October 17, 2020

Mwoakilloa—On October 17, 2020, Governor Oliver was updated by the Director of the Department of Public Safety, Mr. Patrick Carl, on a plane crash that occurred on Mwoakilloa Atoll. Director Carl advised Governor Oliver that on Friday, October 16, 2020, Caroline Islands Airlines (CIA) Islander aircraft skidded off the runway during

landing into the ocean. Damage on the aircraft has not been specified. The aircraft had one pilot and one mechanic with no passengers on board during the flight. No injuries were reported.

According to FSM's Department of Transportation, Communication, and Infrastructure via CIA headquarters, high tide waves spilling onto the runway may have been a factor. The actual cause of the crash has not been determined.



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Police, Fire and Emergency Services and PUC crews respond to Paideng Building Fire

Pohnpei Enginkehlap

October 10, 2020

Pohnpei—On Saturday, October 10, 2020, the Department of Public Safety's 911 dispatch received a call at approximately 4:58 pm reporting a fire located at the Paideng Building across from the former public market area of Kolonia Town. State and Kolonia Town Police responded to the 911 call immediately.

Upon their arrival, Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC) crews were already on scene, securing electricity to the location. Pohnpei Fire and Emergency Services personnel arrived approximately 10 minutes after the 911 call was made and contained the fire at approximately 5:42 pm. Firefighters remained on the scene until approximately 7:00 pm to make sure the fire was completely extinguished.

It is fortunate that no one was hurt and the call to 911 was made quickly. At the moment, Police are investigating the incident and the cause of the fire is not known at this time.

Director of the Department of Public Safety, Mr. Patrick Carl, advises the public to call 911 immediately when a fire is noticed and not to fight or extinguish it themselves. Keep lighters and matches away from children at all times and do not leave cooking unattended. For home electrical repairs, always

call certified electricians. For business owners, ensure fire extinguishers are on the premises at all times and employees are trained in their use.

Thank you to the Men and Women of the Pohnpei State Department of Public Safety, Kolonia Town Police, and Pohnpei Utilities Corporation for their service. For more information on this press release, please contact the Public Information at 320- 2235 or email: patrick.pedrus@pohnpei.gov.fm.



FSM First lady speaks at the 8th International Day of the Girl Child and Superhero Funwalk

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On October 10th, 2020, the Honorable Patricia E. Edwin, First Lady of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), joined the 8th International Day of the Girl Child and Superhero Funwalk with His Excellency David W. Panuelo. Sponsored by the Embassy of the United States of America, with partners such as the United Nations' Children's Fund (UNICEF), First Lady Edwin congratulated girls for the unique, important, and essential role they play in our Nation's development, solicited the support of the U.S. Embassy, UNICEF, and the National and State Departments of Education in expanding the Girl Scouts program across the FSM, and advocated for girls, including girls with special needs, to both be better served by opportunities provided to them and to actively partake of such opportunities.

"All children are deserving of love and inclusion, whether they are young boys or young girls, and I am grateful that we can share this day together, most especially with the young girls with special needs," First Lady Edwin said.

The mother of a child with special needs herself, who has capably grown into a financially independent and productive member of society, First Lady Edwin further stated "I took the liberty of inviting 35 young girls from the Pohnpei Department of Education's Special Education services. You being here makes today extra special and I hope that we see today as the launching of further inclusion of girls with special needs in social activities."

"Today it is all about you," First Lady Edwin continued, "YOU young girls of this great Nation and beyond. You are here today because someone believes in you. That someone could either be your mom, your father, your teacher, a teacher aide, or simply a volunteer who believes in you that you can be whatever you are meant to be. And it is the dedication of parents and of adults involvement today that will empower our girls for tomorrow."

First Lady Edwin described how, while many countries required centuries of development to achieve equal rights for women, that such equality is "embedded in our Constitution. We have equal opportunities. We have equal rights to education." Further describing, and naming examples of, women in the FSM who actively represent the Nation abroad (e.g. Her Excellency Jane Chigiyal, the FSM's Permanent Representative to the United Nations) and at home (e.g. the Honorable Monalisa Abello-Pangelinan, Pohnpei State's Attorney General), First Lady Edwin suggested that "for those of you wondering why we don't have any women in the National Congress, you have until the beginning of November to put your name in the March, 2021 election."

First Lady Edwin noted that it has been unquestionably demonstrated

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Governor Oliver calls a special meeting to discuss joint relief efforts for Kapingamarangi Atoll

Pohnpei Enginkehlap

October 17, 2020

Pohnpei—On Saturday, October 17, 2020, Governor Oliver convened a special meeting at 9:00 AM in the Governor's cabinet room. The purpose of the meeting was to coordinate Pohnpei State Government relief efforts to assist the people of Kapingamarangi Atoll, who are currently experiencing extended drought conditions.

An initial damage assessment shared by the Director of the Department of Public Safety, Mr. Carl, classified Kapingamarangi's situation as a slow-onset natural disaster with exceptional drought conditions. Governor Oliver designated the Department of Resources and Development (R&D), Director Hubert Yamada, as the lead agency for Pohnpei State Government's response, with key Departments providing input and support to R&D.

Governor Oliver met with the Kapingamarangi Municipal Government Chief's representative, Mr. Andrew Lucky, at the Kapingamarangi Village meeting house on Friday, October 16, 2020, to receive updates from local leadership on the situation in Kapingamarangi and to coordinate

joint efforts to assist the people of Kapingamarangi. He invited Mr. Lucky to the meeting the following day.

Discussions on the next steps to take included providing water and food to Kapingamarangi as early as next week. The trip to Kapingamarangi will also provide an opportunity for further assessments by designated personnel from key Departments on water tanks, crops, health, communications, and other critical information to determine potential adverse impacts to better ascertain further relief efforts.

Formal communications have been transmitted to the Office of the President to assist with transportation.

Present at the meeting with Governor Oliver was Director of Public Safety Mr. Patrick Carl, Director of R&D Mr. Hubert Yamada, Director of Health and Social Services Mr. Wincener David, Director of Treasury and Administration Ms. Christina Elnei, EPA Executive Officer of Mr. Henry Susaia, PPBC Commissioner Mr. Peterson Sam, Chief Rep of Kapingamarangi Mr. Andrew Lucky, Chief of EFR Mr. Wendoline Linus and Public Affairs Officer, Mr. Kapilly Capelle.

October 5, 2020
RFP #PMU2020-002
Executive Secretary

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Carlson D. Apis

Date:

10/06/20

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that countries that invest in girls, such as by providing them quality education and healthcare, and empower girls, such as by providing them equal rights and opportunities to grow, such as the Girl Scouts program, become measurably stronger economically and politically. The First Lady then announced that she and President Panuelo are opening a national conversation about how to align National Government resources to more directly support State Departments of Education and programs that benefit children.

“As girls in the FSM, you deserve to know what your Government is doing to provide you the opportunities you need to succeed, just as you are obligated to acknowledge that the only person who defines success for you is you. Your body is your body, your life is your life, and you are the one who gets to determine what you will become. It’s the Government’s responsibility to give you the opportunities, and it’s your responsibility to make use of them. Your feelings are mentionable, and your experiences are mentionable,” the First Lady said.

“Girls, if there’s one thing you take away from my statement today,” First Lady Edwin concluded, “I want it to be this: each and every one of you is amazing and unique. You being here has made today a wonderful day, just by you being you, and I like you just the way you are. Know in your heart that you are beautiful, that you can be whatever you want to be. It is said that girls’ voices are not heard or not taken seriously, but in order to be heard you must first Get Educated and Stay Educated. Know that you are a superhero in the making, because it is YOU who will define to the world what a Micronesian woman is. I am proud of you.”

In addition to the First Lady’s address, other events prior to the Superhero Funwalk proper included an address by Her Excellency Carmen G. Cantor, Ambassador of the United States of America to the FSM, wherein she described girls’ unique role in the Nation-building process; an address by Mr. Cromwell



Bacareza, Country Liaison Officer for UNICEF to the FSM, wherein he described girls’ capacity to influence and construct a democratic and equitable society; the Girl Scout pledge by the Girl Scouts of Pohnpei State, and accompanying song; and a skit by students of Nett Elementary School on how girls can contribute to the Nation’s COVID-19 prevention and mitigation efforts.

After the Funwalk, Ms. Evelyn Adolph of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) gave an address on behalf of Dr. Natalia Kanem, Executive Director of the UNFPA, wherein she candidly and correctly asserted “it is every girl’s right to speak and to be heard.”



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