



# Colors fly on behalf of girls

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To the uninitiated or unaware, the scene in the early morning of hours of Pohnpei might have looked as if nearly a thousand rioters had taken over the city as what looked like plumes of smoke enveloped a huge crowd of people. In many ways it was a protest of sorts but it was a well-organized and peaceful one as hundreds of people walked or ran through the streets of Pohnpei for the plight of girls around the world. For one extraordinary morning, the participants and observers were thinking seriously about the issues that girls face.



Girl Child is an international observance day declared by the United Nations; it is also called the Day of the Girl and the International Day of the Girl. October 11, 2012 was the first Day of the Girl.

The first ever "Color Run" was the

culmination of the US Embassy's extraordinary efforts to promote the issues that girls from around the world face. For several weeks the US Embassy has been posting short Facebook interviews with notable fathers of girls in Pohnpei, including one with Governor Marcelo

Peterson.

Camille Movick-Inatio spoke to the huge crowd gathered at Palm Terrace before the runners and walkers took their mark. Her

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## FSM making strides to combat human trafficking

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FSM—For the third year in a row, the United States Trafficking in Persons report has listed the FSM's efforts to curb the crime of human trafficking at Tier 2.

"The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia does not fully meet the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking; however, it is making significant efforts to do so," the report says.

During the reporting period the FSM had successfully prosecuted one man from Chuuk who supplied Chuukese girls to "The Blue House" in Guam under

false pretenses. When the crimes took place, Human Trafficking laws were not in place in the FSM. He was convicted under criminal civil rights provisions, as the crimes occurred before passage of the national anti-trafficking law. He was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment to be served under probationary house arrest, due to the trafficker's need for special accommodations not available in the correctional facility.

The FSM government initiated five new investigations of suspected child sex trafficking during the reporting period, compared with two in 2014. Three of those investigations, involving a total of seven suspected sex traffickers, were filed with the FSM Supreme Court and are pending a trial date. Currently there is one human

trafficking case that is being heard by the FSM Supreme Court in Chuuk.

A recent prosecution attempt in Pohnpei was not successful. The court was forced to throw out a good portion of the testimony and evidence presented during the case, including testimony taken without Miranda rights having been read. Prosecutors also inexplicably excluded the audio from an alleged victim's testimony and had an officer narrate what was being said. The court ruled that evidence as hearsay. What was left was insufficient for a conviction.

A family member of one of the people who was charged in that matter opined that Pohnpei was only prosecuting the case to make the U.S. happy.

It's not an uncommon reaction.

A Radio New Zealand report on the US's abysmal evaluation of Papua New Guinea's efforts to end human trafficking ended up on social media. The US State Department has rated those efforts at the lowest on the scale for all but one of the years since the report began to be issued.

The very first comment on the social media posting was from a PNG national.

"They are in no place to pass moral judgement," he wrote.

"Look at the farce they call 'Presidential

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# MCT earns award for coral reef conservation in Pehलग Community receives 10,000th grant from Global Greengrants Fund

At its 36th Meeting in Saipan and Guam from September 22-24, the US Coral Reef Task Force presented awards to organizations and individuals for their efforts and contributions to coral reef conservation in the US affiliated countries and territories. The Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) was one of the recipients of such award, "For developing a community-based climate change adaptation tool that integrates socio-economic linkages and traditional knowledge in the development of locally relevant climate change adaptation actions and community management." The task force, co-chaired by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), includes leaders from 12 federal agencies, seven U.S. states and territories, and three freely associated states. Willy Kostka, MCT Executive Director, who attended the Task Force meeting and gave a presentation on sustainable financing around the Micronesia Challenge Initiative, accepted the award on the organization's behalf.

The United States is one of many nations around the world working to halt the coral reef crisis and protect, restore, and sustainably use coral reef ecosystems. The United States Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF) was established in 1998 by Presidential Executive Order 13089 to lead U.S. efforts to preserve and protect coral reef ecosystems. The USCRTF has been instrumental in building

partnerships and strategies for on-the-ground action to conserve coral reefs. The USCRTF works in cooperation with state, territorial, commonwealth, and local government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, the scientific community, and commercial interests to further the understanding and conservation of coral reef ecosystems.



Willy Kostka, flanked by Lori Faeth, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs at U.S. Department of the Interior and Eileen Sobeck as assistant administrator for NOAA Fisheries, receives US Coral Reef Task Force award on behalf of MCT.

After the meetings in Guam and Saipan, a few federal agency officials from NOAA and DOI/OIA, joined Mr. Kostka and Ricky Carl, TNC Micronesia Program Government Relations Deputy Director, for site visits in Yap and Pohnpei to meet with communities whose efforts are supported with coral reef conservation grants from the two federal agencies. The visits provided the federal agency officials the chance to see firsthand the conservation efforts being carried out by the communities.

Six months ago the Soumas of Pehलग village in Kitti Municipality, Mr. Wilber David, knew that his village needed some help to do a clean-up project, but he wasn't sure where to look for assistance. He stopped by the Micronesia Productions office at the old MicSem building and sought some help to write a grant for the youth of Pehलग. Micronesia Productions was able to direct him to the Global Greengrants Fund that is administered by the Pacific Advisory Council and locally by Mr. Willy Kostka. The community received a \$5,000 grant to do a community wide clean-up of their land and rivers, equipment to build community solid waste collection stations, and money to build a dry litter pilot project in hopes to attract more interest from the community to adopt dry litter piggeries and prevent pollution of the rivers that run through their village. It is a small project, but it has gained global attention since it became the 10,000th grant that the Global Greengrants Fund has made since it launched. Below is the email that went out worldwide from Nnimmo Bassey, the Chair of the Global Greengrants Board of Directors to announce this:

"Two decades since Global Greengrants Fund hand-delivered our first grant to an indigenous group in the mountains of Burma, we have just funded our 10,000th grassroots project.

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# Pacific Community Held Workshop on Applied Knowledge Management

**Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia (27 October, 2016)** – About 40 agriculture officers, students and other agriculturalists from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Palau and Marshall Islands participated in a workshop on knowledge management at the Island Food Community of Pohnpei, FSM, from October 17-21, 2016.

The week-long workshop involved presentations on knowledge management, writing and the application of the PRA, which assumes that every community member has knowledge and experience on subjects that affect their livelihoods and they can collaboratively plan solutions.

The workshop was officially opened by the Acting Secretary of FSM National Government’s Department of Resources and Development (DRD), Ms Alissa Takesy, Acting Secretary, Department of Resources and Development, FSM Government.

A field trip to Pohsoain village in Kitti, Pohnpei, enabled workshop participants to conduct a hands-on application of the PRA tool to help the community members analyze key issues and identify possible solutions. They then wrote about their learnings.

Acting Secretary Takesy welcomed the participants highlighting the importance of knowledge sharing amongst key agencies and with target groups, especially “directly involving community farmers in the Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) Methodology.”

“We are very appreciative of the process because by separating the community members by gender, each of us was able to express our individual concerns,” said Pohsoain community member, Mrs. Hebel.

She concluded her remarks by encouraging all to take active roles in the discussions and wished participants a successful workshop.

In using the PRA method, the community was able to highlight their needs and concerns, prioritize them and devise possible mitigation measures. A major issue identified by the community was the lack of sufficient water for domestic and farming needs.

The workshop was supported by the FSM DRD in partnership with the Pacific Community (SPC) through its European Union (EU) supported intra-ACP Pacific Agriculture Policy Project (PAPP) in collaboration with the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA) and the and Pacific Islands Rural Advisory Services (PIRAS.)

“The impact of climate change on household farming is a wake-up call. Although Pohnpei is known to have abundant water there is a shortage of water in Pohsoain Village,” commented Village Chief Semes. As a result of the PRA session, and the community input and

planning, Mr. Semes indicated that Pohsoain village members will be meeting soon to devise their own action plans to address their water shortage issue.

The workshop was formally entitled Capacity Development Support for Agricultural Policy, Research and Extension Services Through Applied Knowledge Management Tools and Approaches. Workshop presenters included experts from Fiji, Australia, Cameroon and the Federated States of Micronesia.

By attending the workshop’s PRA training, agriculture officers and others were provided with a reliable process to use in their target communities, to help facilitate the gathering of members of a village to discuss, identify and analyse their key problems being caused by climate change, then collaboratively plan for solutions.

Using the PRA’s process and tools for a Community-based Vulnerability Assessment helps people in a village better understand and agree on local climate variations to which the community is exposed, its sensitivity and ability to adapt to the impacts of climate change, such as changes in temperature and rainfall patterns.

For example, some of the PRA tools used

during the Pohsoain Village included the Seasonal Calendar document where villagers listed how much seasons are changing locally and the magnitude of hazards such as landslides and droughts, plus how this is impacting on the behaviour of local animals and plants such as changes in mating seasons or planting and fruiting seasons. Another tool used was the Climatic Hazard Ranking that helped the villagers compare and prioritise their most critical local climatic hazards such as floods, landslides, fire, earthquakes or health epidemics impacting people. In addition, the Historic Trend Analysis tool was used to assess the impacts of the prioritised hazards while the Livelihoods Assets Prioritisation tool assessed the adaptive capacity of communities. Issues discussed throughout the process were revisited and the Cause and Effect Analysis tool was used to identify adaptation options.

In summary, the PRA process empowers communities to be able to assess, analyse and understand their situation, threats and impacts of climate change and identify solutions and technologies to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and other non-climatic factors. The process also allows the community to explore and mobilise their own potential and resources to address some of the challenges faced.

## ...Pehleng

The Kousapw Poahloang group in Pohnpei State, Micronesia, works to protect five rivers from pollution threatening the health of fish and more than 1,000 people in the village. With \$5,000, the group will establish trash stations so families can easily dispose of household garbage. Then, it will help them move their pig pens inland to keep their rivers free of animal waste.

This grant, like the thousands that came before it, supports local people to shape the environment they want and deserve. I cannot think of another organization that so effectively notices local change-agents and then does something incredible—invests in them.

I imagine each community action for the planet as a life-giving drop of rain. As more drops fall, turning into showers and downpours, they gain force and can change the landscape, leading to powerful rivers and oceans that cannot be stopped. This is how our work grows and brings about big change. And it all starts with a small act on behalf of the planet.

Thank you for joining me to celebrate this impressive milestone.”

The Global Greengrants Fund is the leading environmental fund that supports grassroots action around the world. We believe local people know best how to address the environmental issues impacting their own lives, so we support communities to protect, restore, and transform their environments for a sustainable future.



Youth officers from Pehleng meet at Micronesian Productions to discuss the implementation of their project

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# Pohnpei True Value Tournament nets some big fish and some just slightly underweight

*Pohnpei Fishing Club*

*October 16, 2016*

**Pohnpei, FSM**—For most of the day, it was dark and stormy but the hard core anglers couldn't be kept away from the Pohnpei True Value fishing tournament. 16 boats registered for the tournament and most had good catches. Every registered boat received a case of "Natural Light" beer.



The tournament was mainly a "big fish" tournament. Prizes were available for "lady anglers". Since the ladies won the second, third, and fourth prizes for the biggest fish caught, and because of the "one prize per fish rule", there was no need to award the "lady angler" prizes.

Konrad Englberger landed a 227.3 pound Marlin. That fish earned him a five piece outdoor furniture set valued at \$2,485.

Marla Rospeihn Hawley landed the second biggest fish, another marlin, this one weighing 159.4 pounds. For that she won 12,000 BTU Air Conditioner valued at \$795.

Mary Tretnoff also had a marlin that weighed 129.2 pounds. She won a washing machine valued at \$725.95

Denise Etscheit had a really nice 103.6 pound yellow fin tuna and won a \$600 gas grill for her efforts.

All of the big fish winners also received a \$10 phone card from FSM Telecommunications Corporation.

Pohnpei True Value also awarded prizes for the largest fish of each species. Each of those prize winners won \$100 plus a \$10 phone card from FSM Telecommunications Corporation.

Ryan Hawley won the prize for the biggest yellowfin that had not already been awarded a prize. His was 93.5 pounds. Tony Manuel nabbed the largest Mahi Mahi at 12.8 pounds. The biggest Skip Jack tuna was caught by Hilarko David. It weighed a nice 17.6 pounds. Tony Manuel caught a 16.3 pound Barracuda.

There was a tie for the biggest wahoo. Both Tony Manuel and Konrad Englberger caught 25.6 pound "twins". They both received the prize for largest in species.

Dane Nighswander caught his first ever



sailfish. At 38.8 pounds it won him a \$75 True Value Gift Certificate under the Junior Angler category. Junior Spencer grabbed both second and third prizes in the category for his 15.4 pound and 13.7 pound Wahoos. He earned a \$50 and a \$25 gift certificate for True Value.

Other marlin were caught during the tournament but they were under 100 pounds and did not count. The club set that minimum weight in order to improve conservation. Some discussion has been opened about how the club could further that conservation effort.

Many thanks to Bill, Tina, Cel and everyone else from True Value who helped set up and prepare all the food and the weigh in site. We want to thank Pohnpei Port Authority for allowing us to use their portable dock.

Also, we thank True Value and all of their additional sponsors. True Value has sponsored us for 21 years and we couldn't be more grateful.



The next Pohnpei Fishing Club tournament and the last for 2016 will be the Budweiser tournament on November 12.



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# Pohnpei students speak out on UN Strategic Development Plans

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**Palikir, Pohnpei**—On the day of the celebration of United Nations Day, the Pohnpei Youth Council held an awards show at the College of Micronesia FSM China Friendship gym in Palikir.

The show which included performances by several singing groups including the ever popular Youth for Change group was held in order to present awards to the winners of a competition for high school and college students. Students made artistic and writing submissions on the subject of any one of the 17 Sustainable Development goals agreed to at that United Nations.

For high school students there were three categories, poetry, art, and song. College students could complete in an essay contest.

After the Pohnpei Youth Council met with representatives from six high schools school those schools submit their top five entries for each of the three categories.

The judges for the contest were H.E. George Fraser, Australian Ambassador; Ms. Eliza Woolcock, Second Secretary, Australian Embassy; Ms. Yumei Gao, Embassy of the People's Republic of China; Ms. Chikako Miwa, Embassy of Japan; Mr. Kennedy Nedlic, Red Cross; Ms. Elizabeth Neason, Acting Country Director, US Peace Corps; Ms. Jessi Libbing, WHO; and Mrs. Semileen Jano of the Micronesia Conservation Trust.

The United Nations Development Project provided gift certificates to Micronesia Computer Supply for the individual winners and also for the high school with the most award winners. Individual winners received a \$200 gift certificate for first prize, a \$150 gift certificate for second prize, a \$100 gift

certificate for third prize and a \$50 gift certificate for honorable mentions. Pohnpei SDA School had the most individual winners and received a \$1200 gift certificate also to Micronesia Computer Supply.

Micronesia Productions provided gift certificates for Ace Hardware to each of the six participating high schools in what seemed to be a strange amount. Patrick Blank explained that the strange amount \$94 and change is exactly the price of three basketballs at Ace Hardware which is what the gift certificates are intended to be use for.

Other sponsors were Pohnpei State Social Affairs, COM-FSM, and Youth 4 Change

**RESULTS:**

Essay: (COM Students)  
1st: Keoni Musrasrik  
2nd: Fritz Mihkel  
3rd: Emelisse Jan Santos  
Honorable Mention: Shawn Walter, Reginalt Joseph

Poetry:  
1st: Tulau Overhoff (OLMCHS)  
2nd: Alliyah Tecson (SDA)  
3rd: Chelsea Hetiback (OLMCHS)  
Honorable Mention: Tyler Nanpei (OLMCHS), Alliyah Tecson (SDA)

Art:  
1st: Jessica Dominique Villanueva (CCA)  
2nd: Soke Cantero (SDA)  
3rd: Keilani Welles (CCA)  
Honorable Mention: Alliyah Tecson (SDA), Movanski M. Camacho (PICS)

Song:  
1st: OLMCHS Junior Class  
2nd: Celyan Hebel (NMHS)  
3rd: Madonna Luther, Isabella Route, Marmelihna Soukon (NMHS)  
Honorable Mention: Lighthouse (SDA), Trudy Orlando & Lynnigineth Isiel (MHS)

**Winning Entry for Poetry: Tulau Overhoff  
A Lost Legacy Strategic Development Goal #13**

In the heart of Micronesia, a place with more ocean than land  
A grandfather stood with his grandson on an isle of sand  
As the elder started speaking in a voice so frail,  
He began telling the little boy his personal tale.

“Long ago, before the time of your birth,  
I was a young boy living in a very different Earth.  
It was an Earth much cooler with storms less violent,  
Filled with many special places like Pohnpei, our island.  
For you see, this pile of sand that you may think so small  
Is all that remains of a once beautiful atoll.  
This was our true home, the birthplace of our clan.  
Where our proud island culture had began.

I remember the pearly shore shaded by many palm trees,  
The wide open lagoon that brought a refreshing calm breeze,  
The lush green vegetation that covered the land,  
And the neighborly communities working together, hand in hand.  
There were women gathering uht and mahi from every tree  
And men sailing in their canoes to hunt fish out at sea.  
I remember relaxing in the sun without even a single care

As the laughter of family, friends, and children filled the air.  
We were blessed with such bountiful land and seas,  
So we lived with the environment in harmony and peace.

But on the other side of the world, in lands so strange,  
The machines of man were beginning to make a change.  
As their cars, planes, and factories ran at full speed,  
They spewed out waste in response to human greed,  
When these gases reached the air, the sky became stained,  
Disrupting the delicate balance nature had maintained.  
Because of this imbalance, the Earth became hotter,  
Which melted the ice caps and increased the seawater.

All the signs were there but still we ignored,  
Only seeing them as problems we couldn't afford  
But soon, the effects of this change had taken its toll  
And the forces of nature would be beyond our control  
As the sun grew hotter than a thousand lit matches,  
It destroyed almost all of our taro patches.  
Then the rising ocean that man's greed had created  
Flooded our homes and left them devastated.  
And as the salt of the sea entered our fields,  
The plants we cultivated could no longer yield.

By the time we started to realize, it was already too late.  
The world had doomed our islands to a terrible fate.  
As the waters warmed up, the colorful coral reefs perished,  
And drove away the sea life we islanders cherished.  
That was the final straw; it was either 'stay or die'  
So we packed up and sadly bid our island goodbye.  
When we left our home, so was our identity left behind,  
But the memories of that place have never left my mind.  
We eventually found a new home in the island of Pohnpei  
While our poor atoll slowly receded into what you see today

Now listen closely, young one, to what I'm going to tell you  
Let these lessons you've learned be of great value.  
Study each of nature's problems in the way it's presented  
So that we may better understand and find ways to prevent it  
Don't make the same mistakes we made before  
By just standing by to wait for something more.  
There is still hope for you and your generation,  
For you all are the future of this island nation.  
Speak for your people however you decide  
But make sure you have the rest of the world on your side  
I know you'll make it; you're going to be terrific  
In protecting our islands, our culture, and the whole pacific.”

**2nd place entry – Alliyah Tecson  
The Pencil Strategic Development Goal #5**

I'm sick and tired of sexist jokes  
I'm sick and tired of getting talked over  
I'm sick and tired of being called inferior.  
Which is why I stand up –  
I stand up to all of humanity,  
To tell them,  
I won't let you write my story.

My gender doesn't define who I am,  
It doesn't define what I can do.  
Because we are like pencils,  
I write my own story,  
So mind your own, too.

Some people say,  
You're a girl, you can't do that  
You shouldn't care,



1st Place Song Contest SDG#13

No one needs a little chit-chat  
Boys are not animals, and girls are not toys  
No one should ever be played with for joy.

Stereotypes shouldn't exist,  
Instead talk with words not our fists.  
We need to fix this mentality,  
And start looking with eyes of clarity.



First and second place winning pieces of art on SDGs 13 and 1

Do you know what we need?  
It's gender equality, within all this disparity,  
Yes, I'm a girl.  
Yes, he's a boy.  
But then again, my gender doesn't define who

I am or what I can do  
Because we are like pencils,  
I write my own story – so mind your own, too.

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# Englberger's Family Continues to Support Island Food Community of Pohnpei



Konrad Englberger handed over keys of a vehicle to Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) on October 25, 2016. Englberger's mother-in-law, Doris Noellsch, who is still strong at 97 years old, generously funded the vehicle, printing of posters and shipping of equipment to the outer islands.

Konrad is the husband of Dr. Lois Englberger, who founded the non-governmental organization, Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) in 2004 and passed away in September 2011.

Lois and her team documented the remarkable diversity in traditional food systems in the Federated States of Micronesia. They documented, for example, 133 breadfruit varieties, 55 bananas, 171 yams and 24 giant swamp taros. And furthermore, conducted scientific research to test the nutritional content of these local foods, which many considered 'just starch' in the past. One of her published papers, for example, shows that giant swamp taro is rich in fiber, iron, calcium, zinc, and vitamin A carotenoids.

Dr. Englberger's work laments the shift from a traditional diet of crops and fish to the consumption of unhealthy imported processed food, and with it growing health problems such as obesity and diabetes.

Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) continues to use Englberger's research to promote local food for health using the slogan 'Let's Go Local' and stresses the CHEEF benefits of local foods: Culture, Health, Environment, Economy and Food security. Island Food also discourages the less nutritious imported foods such as rice, sugary drinks and fatty meats.

Lois published many scientific papers on her findings on local food. For more information, see [www.islandfood.org](http://www.islandfood.org).

# ...Color Run

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speech was refreshingly transparent and emotional as she spoke of her own situation of having been a teen mother and the challenges that presented to her, challenges that she was able to overcome through her own determination, the help of her parents, and support from the community.

"The world's 1.1 billion girls are part of a large and vibrant global generation poised to take on the future. Yet the ambition for gender equality in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) highlights the preponderance of disadvantage and discrimination borne by girls everywhere on a daily basis," the UN's website says. "Only through explicit focus on collecting and analyzing girl-focused, girl-relevant and sex-disaggregated data, and using these data to inform key policy and program decisions, can we adequately measure and understand the opportunities and challenges girls face, and identify and track progress towards solutions to their most pressing problems."

"Every day, girls around the world are victims of discrimination and

violence. They are subjected to genital mutilation and sexual abuse. They are denied education and forced into child marriage. Early marriage often results in early pregnancies, which is also the leading cause of death among girls and young women," wrote Begonia Randhav, a 23 year old One Young World Ambassador from Sweden.

A spokesperson at the US Embassy said that they had brought 600 registration forms and T-Shirts but those all ran out very early on the morning of the color run and participants kept coming and kept coming. People on the street that morning said it was the largest Fun Run they'd ever seen in Pohnpei. The number of participants was estimated to be between 900 and 1000 people.

There were also several dozen volunteers who helped to throw the colored chalk dust and covering some of the details on the morning of the run.

The US Embassy's Facebook page gave thanks to the National Olympic Committee, Pacific Missionary Fellowship Youth Group, Pohnpei Track & Field Team, Pohnpei Swimming Team, Pohnpei Sports, and Palm Terrace.

## Tender Audit Services for the WCPFC to commence late April 2017



The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission was established to ensure, through effective management, the long-term conservation and sustainable use of highly migratory fish stocks in the western and central Pacific Ocean. The Commission's Secretariat which is located in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia now invites applications for the consultancy. The Headquarters for the Commission is in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia.

At the 12th Annual Regular Session of the WCPFC (WCPFC12) in Bali, Indonesia in December, 2015 the Secretariat was tasked to test the international market for an auditor for the 2016 and 2017 financial statements.

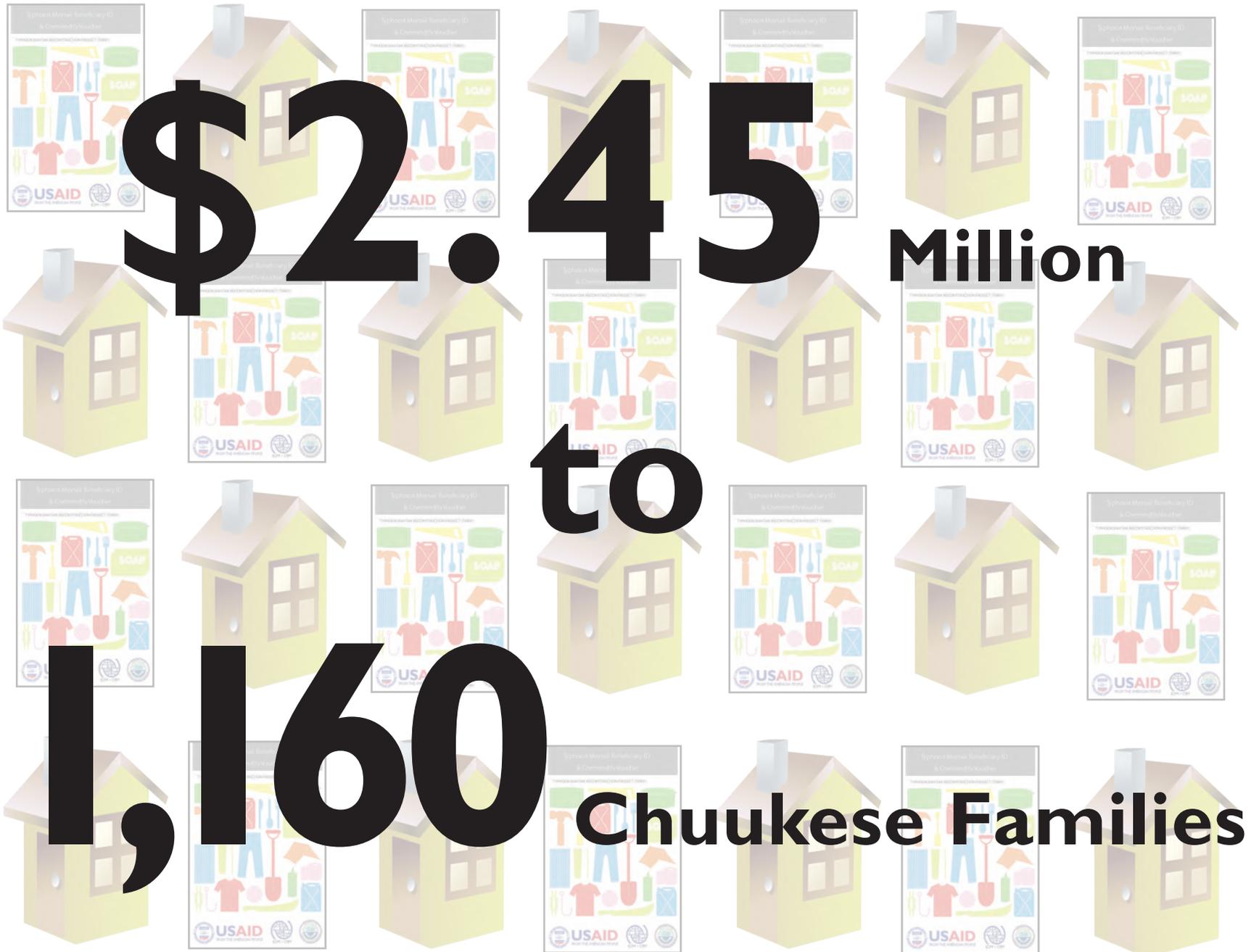
As per the Financial Regulation, the Auditor shall be the Auditor-General or equivalent statutory authority from a member of the Commission or an internationally recognized independent auditor with experience in the audit of international organizations. The Term of Reference (TORs) for the audit can be found at <http://www.wcpfc.int/vacancies-opportunities>.

If needed, additional information can be obtained from the Finance and Administration Manager (Aaron Nighswander) at [Aaron.Nighswander@wcpfc.int](mailto:Aaron.Nighswander@wcpfc.int).

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USAID’s ongoing Typhoon Maysak Reconstruction Project recently celebrated a milestone with the completion of the distribution of approximately 1,160 vouchers worth \$2.45 million – every cent of which is being injected into Chuuk’s local economy. In partnership with IOM and in close cooperation with the Chuuk Chamber of Commerce, these vouchers were distributed to the Chuukese families most-affected by 2015’s Super Typhoon Maysak. The vouchers were designed to range in value according to the amount of household damage inflicted by the storm and allow households flexibility; they can be redeemed for food, construction

equipment, clothes, fishing equipment, household necessities or larger items damaged during Maysak. Before the vouchers were distributed, the beneficiaries received an orientation on how to use their vouchers, including information on sustainable purchasing habits.

In true Chuukese fashion, many of those who received a voucher shared their food and building materials with their neighbors. According to one beneficiary, “To me, it’s like my name is written there but (the voucher) is for all of us. Thank you. It’s important for you folks to know that you did something good for us. If no one has

told you that, I will represent everybody in saying that.”

**Vendors**

Prior to the voucher rollout, IOM provided one-on-one orientations to each of Weno’s thirteen vendors who chose to participate in the program to ensure a clear understanding of the rules, procedures and record-keeping requirements. An evaluation team recently sat down with the head accountant of the shop His and Hers to follow up on the program:

“We are very grateful for the program -

it helps people’s self-esteem, as well as their economic sustainability within their family. As far as the business is concerned, we are very grateful and thankful for being accepted as one of the vendors. It helps us generating some sales and some profits. The people behind IOM are helpful, they asked if there were any concerns and let us know they can help. I would say that as an accountant, we are very thankful. They are very helpful.”

Any concerns about price collusion proved to be unfounded. According to Melissa, who has worked at Bernie’s Store for 15 years, “we do not want to take advantage



of a disaster. We have been here for a long time and do not want to take advantage of the community, so we don't change prices." Jagdish Daryanani of Saki shares similar sentiments: "Think about how you can help, not just how you can make a profit."

In order to ensure the program's success, IOM established strong linkages, regular coordination and good working relationships with state and municipal government officials. The traditional village chiefs have also been crucial, conveying information between IOM and their respective communities in addition to their endorsements of the voucher program.

This flow of communication became key, when in June 2016, the FSM national government requested that USAID adjust the voucher program. The resulting redesign incorporated the value of housing materials into the total value of the voucher, adding to the amount awarded.

IOM's head of the Chuuk sub-office, Ryan McVey, explains: "We (IOM) have worked closely with USAID to modify the initial assistance packages and the delivery strategy in order to expedite the distribution of the vouchers to the beneficiaries in Chuuk."

USAID's Karen Wonders elaborates: "Due to the very difficult logistics required to deliver materials to the islands other than Weno, we felt this revision to the voucher distribution would provide assistance much quicker to the beneficiaries as well as gain much needed visibility on the outer islands."

**Houses**

Meanwhile, housing construction for those whose homes were destroyed during Maysak is in full swing. Over 50 homes have been completed, each built by a team of Chuukese workers employed by

IOM and overseen by IOM's engineering team. There are currently 50 Chuukese community workers employed by the program, with plans to hire 100 more now that construction has begun on the lagoon islands. In addition to providing jobs in the FSM's most-unemployed region, the workers are taught modern construction techniques using tools and equipment provided by the program. This community empowerment strategy will ensure that come the next disaster, Chuukese citizens will be better-equipped with the tools and training necessary to develop into a more self-reliant state.



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia's National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Pacific Regional Oceanscape Program (PROP) Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for a PROP Project Assistant based in Pohnpei, FSM. The PROP Project Assistant services include:

### General Scope of Work

- Responsible for administrative and logistical support to the PROP Project including managing travel, documents processing and filing, scheduling, and the arranging of Project events.
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### Desirable Qualifications

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- Good communication skills
- Experience in procurement, project accounting and/or administration,

### Remuneration

- Salary will be based on the Local Labor Market Payscale and/or depending on qualifications.
- This will be a 2-year full-time position under contract with FSM NORMA subject to renewal based on performance.

### Application

The FSM NORMA invites interested persons (consultants) to indicate their interest in providing the above mentioned services by submitting electronic and/or hard copies of a) Letter of Interest, b) CV/resumé, c) support Degrees/Certificates and d) 3 reference letters to NORMA no later than November 18, 2016. Selection will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011 edition). Full Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained from:

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# ...TIP

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Elections'. For goodness sakes - they have a man running for POUSA (POTUS) who openly stated if his daughter wasn't related to him he would try to have sex with her. These are the type(s) of people they back to run for President and they want to criticize other countries. No one is saying it is right if is happening - but get the Hell Down Off That High Horse!!!! How dare they - Hypocrisy."

The US rates itself at Tier 1 which doesn't mean that it doesn't have a problem with human trafficking but that it is using its much more significant resources to try to combat the problem.

"The United States is a source, transit, and destination country for men, women, transgender individuals, and children—both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals—subjected to sex trafficking and forced labor. Trafficking occurs in both legal and illicit industries, including in commercial sex, hospitality, sales crews, agriculture, fishing, manufacturing, janitorial services, construction, restaurants, health and elder care, salon services, fairs and carnivals, peddling and begging, and domestic service. Individuals who entered the United States with and without legal

status have been identified as trafficking victims," the report says.

"I think rather than reacting angrily to reports we should review what can be done to address the issues raised," Gary Juffa of the PNG wrote. Juffa was elected as governor of Oro Province, PNG in 2012 and is the Leader of the People's Movement for Change Party (PMCP). He has been an extremely outspoken critic against corruption in the PNG government.

"Our problem is...though we have the laws...we have an enforcement mechanism that is too weak, has little to no capacity and there is certainly no political will. Nothing at all (in terms of law enforcement efforts on Human Trafficking) is going on as far as I know," he wrote.

"Sadly our problem is not the laws or even lack of capacity and general ignorance but the apathy of elected officials...there simply isn't anyone who cares in any position of real power," Juffa concluded.

The FSM National Government and each of the four FSM States have laws that provide significant jail terms that should be sufficient to serve as a deterrent to the crime of Human Trafficking but all of the

laws allow for a judge to decide to instead issue a sentence of a fine. The report says that a "fine" penalty is not proportionate to the severity of the crime committed and not sufficiently stringent.

"The national law prescribes penalties of up to 15 years' imprisonment for adult trafficking and 30 years' imprisonment for child trafficking, or fines up to \$50,000," the report says. "Pohnpei State's law prohibits sex trafficking of children and forced labor of adults, but not sex trafficking of adults; it prescribes penalties for these crimes of up to 10 years' imprisonment or fines up to \$10,000, or both. Chuuk State's law includes the same prohibitions, but prescribes penalties of up to 15 years' imprisonment for forced labor, 25 years' imprisonment for child trafficking, or fines up to \$10,000, or both. Kosrae State's law prohibits all forms of trafficking and prescribes penalties of 10 years' imprisonment or fines up to \$20,000, or both. Yap State's law prohibits all form of trafficking and prescribes penalties of up to 15 years' imprisonment or fines up to \$1,000,000, or both.

## FSMTC updates fiber optic repair dates

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# Sustainable food production and nutrition project in Micronesia

Who will ever think that in this beautiful island of Weno, Chuuk State, FSM, which I describe as a Paradise Island, many children are hungry and sickly? Due to severe malnourishment, some die unfortunately, albeit unnecessarily.

The Salvation Army has been actively operating in the states of Chuuk and Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) for 20 years. Through the years, the Army has focused mainly on the spiritual development and social services through distribution of material assistance and food parcels mostly to our constituents, their families and the bigger community during emergencies.

In our first of the three years that we have served in Weno island, Chuuk, we have observed that most of the children who attend our children's meeting appear thin, pale, weak and slow in learning. Nine to ten years old children struggle to write their names let alone read and write simple words even in their own language.

Our study shows that these vital signs are caused by severe mal-nourishment. Majority of the children are lacking proper nutrition. The reason is that most families are not producing the right and balanced diet needed for children to be healthy and smart. We also observed that in some of our Sunday meal fellowship where members are encouraged to bring their local food, most of the food they bring include canned fish, processed meats and local food which are heavy carbohydrates like taro, yam, cooked banana, and breadfruit. One fisherman we have is selling his catch in order to buy sardines for their meal.

**HEALTH AND NUTRITION** – In the wider scale, according to World Health Organization (WHO) nutrient deficiencies are common in the Pacific Islands. In 15 of 16 countries surveyed, more than one fifth of children and pregnant women were anemic. About 40% of the Pacific island region's population of 9.7 million people has been diagnosed with a non-communicable disease, notably cardiovascular disease, diabetes and hypertension. These diseases account for three quarters of all deaths across the Pacific archipelago, which includes Micronesia. With increasing population growth and a decline in subsistence farming, the demand for food in the Pacific Islands is increasingly being met by imports. Imported staples such as rice and wheat flour are replacing locally grown carbohydrates, along with the growing prevalence of canned/processed foods and other poor quality protein such as mutton flaps, turkey tails and spam. These changes in diet are contributing

to the substantial levels of obesity, mal-nutrition, the cardiovascular diseases and diabetes.

**POVERTY AND HUNGER** – Poverty is the principal cause of hunger. The causes of poverty include poor people's lack of resources, an extremely unequal income distribution in the world and within specific countries. In 2008 the World Bank estimated that 20 percent of the households in FSM live on \$1.25 a day or less. Extreme poverty remains an alarming problem in the Pacific region, which includes FSM. Unemployment is rampant. More than 50% of the available work force of Chuuk is unemployed.

Poverty, hunger, sickness and illiteracy are related. Hunger is not only an effect but also a cause of poverty. Hunger affects peoples' health. Unfortunately it's the children who are the most visible victims of poverty, hunger and under-nutrition. Illiteracy among the adult and the children being slow learners is also an undesirable outcome of poverty, hunger and poor health. Chuuk has been included in the list of top 10 countries with lowest literacy rate. Poverty, malnutrition and illiteracy needs to be reduced. Furthermore, due to the gravity and seriousness of the situation, the UN has declared that Pacific Island countries including the FSM where Chuuk is one of the states, be placed on a "state of health emergency" due to an alarming increase of none communicable diseases (NCD).

Having assessed the people's situation and in response to their felt need, The Salvation Army, Chuuk, in 2014 offered the following program:

**a. Sustainable Food Production.** Economic growth, especially broad-based growth in agriculture and the rural economy, is a necessary condition for reducing poverty and hunger. More than 75% of Chuuk's population lives in rural and remote areas. Concrete steps have been taken to promote agriculture and rural development. Local food production resulted in improved economic stability and healthy living. Malnutrition among children were greatly reduced and consequently they are able to enjoy and benefit from their education.

**b. Integrated Literacy and Nutrition.** Whilst involved in programs related to poverty and malnutrition elimination through sustainable food production scheme, an important aspect of the people's total development is literacy. Two hours each day for four days in a week in our first year of implementing literacy program is devoted for an after class remedial tutorial classes especially

for slow-learner children. At least once a month, while the children are in class, their parents are learning proper nutrition, food preparation and cooking. The cooked food is served to the children. Food production (backyard gardening) on a weekly basis is demonstrated and taught to parents of these children in their own backyard.

Through this integrated approach, our children have gained weight and their parents who are overweight lost some weight.

Recently, Major Lilia Macayana, FSM Coordinator for Resource Development reports: *"Our Literacy and After School class continue to attract boys and girls who want to learn how to read and write in English. Many newcomers and most of them received Jesus in their hearts as their personal Savior. We don't only teach them reading and writing, but we also teach them good manners and right conduct and faith in God."* Most of the children who attended our after school remedial classes are now attending our Corps Sunday School. Many of their parents too are coming to the Army on Sundays with their children.

To extend the impact and benefit of this program, in November 2015, we have arranged with the Principal of Iras Demonstration Elementary School to integrate in their school curriculum for year 7 and 8 students, subject on Nutrition and Food Production. For this current school year 2016 - 2017, we are renewing our agreement with the school administration. We believe that by influencing the children, we hope to be able to use them as agents for transformation in their homes and community. It is also hoped that this program will be implemented every school year.

On October 21, 2016, The Salvation Army launched the Food Production and Nutrition project at the Kolonia Corps, Pohnpei. Prior to this launching, we were able to pay a courtesy visit to the departments of Agriculture and Cooperative Research Extension, College of Micronesia, Pohnpei. Both offices assured The Salvation Army of



their moral, technical and other practical support for the benefit of the people of Pohnpei.

The Salvation Army Chuuk is grateful to program partners who are supporting this project like the following: Doctor Lolita Ragus, Researcher/Extension Specialist, College of Micronesia, Chuuk, Mr Rogelio Ragus, volunteer agriculturist for The Salvation Army, Chuuk, School Parents Teachers Association of the Iras Demo Elementary School in Chuuk and members of the Salvation Army Advisory Board Chuuk led by Ms Linda Mori Hartman, the board chairperson.

**Major Jaime Macayana**  
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## FSM welcomes two new JICA Volunteers

On October 6th 2016, the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs welcomed two new JICA Volunteers to the Federated States of Micronesia. The new dispatched volunteers are Mr. Noriaki Murao (SV) for the division of Public Health at FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs, and Mr. Hirotaka Mori (JOCV) for Physical Education at the Yap Sports Council located in Yap. Mr. Murao will be contributing his pharmaceutical expertise to the Immunization Program under the Department of Health and Social Affairs, focusing mainly on vaccination of small children. On Yap, Mr. Mori will be dedicating his passion for physical fitness to train and prepare the young athletes of Yap for the upcoming Micro-Games 2018, with Yap as the host state.

Currently, 18 volunteers (8 Senior Volunteers [SV] and 10 Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers [JOCV]) are serving in the FSM including the new volunteers. Most of them will serve two years in their respective posts. The aim of the volunteer is to develop a better life for the local people and community.

Best wishes to these new volunteers as they embark on their journey to share and promote their technical knowledge and skills, as well as enhance the mutual understanding between the FSM and Japan.



*JOCV Mr. Hirotaka Mori, Senior Volunteer Mr. Noriaki Murao, Deputy Assistant Secretary of DFA Mr. Brendy Carl and JICA Volunteer Coordinator, Mr. Eiji Asano*

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has been dispatching volunteers to the FSM since 1989. JICA Volunteers have been assisting in priority sectors of Education, Health, Environment, Agriculture, Fisheries, Tourism and other fields.



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# Education Corner:

**Richard Womack, Ed.D**

Last EC we explained more about the Case Study approach to learning and mentioned that this approach is often for critical thinking development. Last K-Press the beginning teacher Navarro Navarro asked his students to take a simple pledge on his first day. I \_\_\_\_\_ promise to be the best student I can be and I promise to help Mr. Navarro Navarro become the best teacher he can be. For our critical thinking ideas we said that Navarro admitted to the 5th graders that it was his first day ever as a teacher and he admitted it to them. He does not pretend to be a trained teacher. So now we can ask the EC Readers to think about the first two (2) Case Study Discussion Questions

1. Do you think it was a good idea for Navarro to admit to his students that he really was not trained as a teacher and that he was a real beginner? Why or why not?
2. Do you think that good students can help make good teachers? Why or why not?

EC Readers-What do you think? You might guess it is the critical thinking that is forced with the -Why or why not? Whether we think Yes or No we must give some reasons. Training to give reasons for Yes or No answers is critical thinking training. Think about true/false questions that follow with-Explain your answer. This is the same type of question. These types of questions are not meant to prove right or wrong but sometimes when questions are discussed people may switch their answers or change their minds. Also in the Case Study we had the following

That first day Navarro found all of the fifth grade textbooks piled in his room and a nice copy of all of the books on the big desk which he assumed would be his—the Teacher’s Desk. He was happy to find that there was a Teacher’s Edition for English and grammar. Navarro had been a straight A student in high-school English and his college years in the States had sharpened his skills at reading, writing, listening to and speaking English. To be honest, Navarro was far better in English than in his own vernacular language. As a young boy he could count in more than ten (10) different ways and even understood “high words” used by chiefs. Now, English was almost his first language and he was actually happy that at Mt. St. Mary’s the teachers must teach in English. In fact, on the wall of his classroom he saw a sign that read “English Must Be Spoken At All Times While On This Campus—And This Means At Recess Too.” He noticed in small print that someone had added—in the bathroom too. Yes, he was grateful for that and confident in his own skills, but could he teach it? Somehow, he realized that teaching English was different. Certainly, being good at something did not mean one could teach it ... Navarro thought of his brother who was well known as an expert carver. No matter how hard he had tried to teach Navarro a little of that skill, Navarro could not carve the likeness of a shark. And further Navarro considered himself lucky to have ten fingers

on his hands when he finished attempting to carve. TO BE CONTINUED-

3. Do you agree that just because a person knows something well it should be easy to teach it? Why or why not? Think of and share some examples.

On this one Navarro is leaning toward a No and he has two (2) examples. He could not learn from the expert shark carver and while he is very good in English he worries about teaching it. However there are likely EC Readers that have reasons why they lean more toward a Yes. What do you think?

Continuing

But his mind now came back to the English. He glanced at the Table of Contents and saw the terms subject and predicate. He remembered those words but when he saw gerunds and participles he became worried. These had something to do with -ing words but beyond that his memory failed him. Navarro wondered if gerunds and participles were part of diagramming. He hoped not. But seeing the Teacher’s Edition he breathed easier. There seemed to be lots of help and suggestions in the margins of the large book. These were printed in red so he imagined that red did not always have to be a negative. He had thought that red was always for marking the incorrect problems and how he had come to buy both a black and red pen. This is why he carefully used his red pen when he made his remarks about the bad teachers—especially Miss Maupin. In this wonderful find were exercises and tests for students, and even little sections marked Teaching Suggestions. And there were answer keys. “Maybe the English will not be as hard as I feared,” Navarro hoped. It was no wonder his own teachers did not have to work out all the answers for themselves—they had these Teacher’s Editions. “Maybe that is why teachers always seemed so smart,” he thought as he looked over the rest of the neat piles.

For the rest of the subjects there were only students’ editions left for him but this did not worry the young man. He was good at math, in fact very good. So he was sure he could do all of the problems correctly himself and therefore he would not need answer keys. He saw four or five chapters on fractions and while they were easy for him to do, he could not recall how he learned fractions. Perhaps remembering how he had learned something would be worthwhile for him. If he could remember how he had learned something then maybe he would teach it the way he had learned it. Yes, the more he thought about that idea the better it sounded. He saw the fifth grade science was all about plants and animals. And since he had taken both biology and zoology in college, he was sure he could handle the science. And lately Navarro had been reading a great deal about environmental problems in newspapers and magazines. He would make a point to pass along to his students these problems that humans were causing on the Earth. He was sure the 5th grade was not too early to start on teaching good stewardship of the planet, which is also called “sustainability”. To Be Continued (with discussion questions)

## Climate Change and Fisheries are the Focus of the 4th Korea Pacific Islands Senior Officials Meeting

Busan, Korea: The value of mutual prosperity through ongoing cooperation and strategic partnerships between the Pacific Islands Forum and the Republic of Korea was reinforced during the 4th Korea-Pacific Islands Senior Official’s Meeting in Busan this week.

Recognising the strong relationship that already exists, representative of the Forum Chair, Mr Samson Pretrick of the Federated States of Micronesia said in his opening statement “I would like to congratulate the Government of the Republic of Korea for its clear demonstration of commitment to our region as a Post-Forum Dialogue partner.”

The talks focussed heavily on the Forum’s priority areas of climate change and disaster risk management, maritime and fisheries issues, and development cooperation.

Officials from both parties emphasised the importance of global action to address the negative impacts of climate change, and Korea was recognised by Pacific Island Countries for its active role in support of efforts to address climate change and as the host of the Secretariat to the Green Climate Fund and the headquarters for the Global Green Growth Institute.

“Korea is well placed to support the voice of small island developing states in this regard, and as a global leader on low carbon economies, and is a valued friend of the Pacific with a shared interest in ensuring sustainable futures for our peoples,” said the Forum Chair.

Korea acknowledged the recent endorsement by Forum Leaders of the “Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific”, as the instrument for advocacy and coordination to integrate climate change and disaster risk management considerations in development planning and practice outcomes in the Pacific region. Access to climate finance was addressed in the talks, with Korean Officials supportive of calls from Forum Members to expand Green Climate Fund project funding and readiness support to include more Pacific Island Countries.

Development cooperation was another topic of discussion and there was agreement that all nations needed to work together towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) outlined in the “2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”. The newly re-opened Korean International Cooperation Agency in Fiji was cited as an example of the partnership that exists between Korea and the region, and one that is helping Pacific Island Countries face diverse development challenges in areas including health, agriculture, forestry, climate change and fisheries.

Strengthening private sector partnerships was also a point of discussion, with the Forum Chair encouraging Korea to “favourably consider support for the recommended establishment of a Pacific Trade & Invest Korea Office in 2017, as it is through such practical initiatives that we will be able to build on economic cooperation between our economies, and drive business to business, and people to people relations.”

In the last two years Forum Leaders have been focussed on strengthening cooperation around maritime and fisheries issues. During the talks, Korea stressed the need to work collaboratively on current UN negotiations around biodiversity beyond national jurisdictions which is a significant issue for Pacific Island Countries at present. Also discussed were current projects to help address illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activity in the region. The Remote Sensing Surveillance System for Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing Control Activities, is a collaboration between the Korea Institute of Ocean Science & Technology and the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency which it is envisaged will contribute to an expanded partnership in the ocean science and technology sector.

The 3rd Korea-Pacific Islands Foreign Ministers’ Meeting will take place in 2017.

## Micronesian Productions publishes IUU Fishing Video for the North Pacific

Micronesian Productions received a grant from the Pacific Regional Environmental Office (REO) out of the US Embassy in Suva, Fiji, to produce a two part video series on illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing in the North Pacific. The video launched on Friday, October 14th during a meeting with the new US Ambassador to the FSM, Mr. Robert Riley. The two part series is posted to YouTube and can be accessed from the Micronesian Productions Facebook page. The videos can also be seen on ICTV in Pohnpei.

Executive Director of Micronesian Productions, Mr. Patrick Blank, said the launch will be promoted in each FAS country in the North Pacific by sending copies of the videos to all TV stations and Departments of Education in the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau and the FSM. "We made these videos with the general public in mind but intend to get them played in schools across the Pacific so our children grow up knowing the importance of our fishery resources."

The first video provides definitions for what IUU fishing is and names all the fisheries organizations, describing what each one does to help combat IUU fishing. The second video goes into detail about what each of the 3 FAS countries are doing to protect their waters from IUU fishing and how well it's working.

The REO website states that "Because many of today's environmental problems can best be addressed through regional cooperation, the US Department of State's Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs established 12 regional environmental offices (REOs). One of these, the Pacific Regional Environmental Office, is located in the U.S. Embassy in Suva, Fiji. This office tracks environmental developments in 16 Pacific island countries and territories, and works with Pacific governments, regional intergovernmental organizations, and



*The Micronesian Productions team hands over the new IUU Fishing video series to US Ambassador Robert Riley and DCM Joanne Cummings (L to R: Nigel Jaynes, Darsy Augustine, Patrick Blank, Joanne Cummings, Ambassador Riley, Elieser Rospel)*

non-governmental actors to strengthen and expand U.S. engagement with Pacific island countries in efforts that respond to the major environmental challenges facing the region. The

Pacific REO's particular focal areas are; Climate Change Adaptation, Biodiversity Protection, and Oceanic Fisheries Management.



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