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FSM Department of Environment, Climate Change, and Emergency Management and Partners Support Disaster Preparedness in Yap State

Press Release



Photo: Yap State Tabletop Exercise Participants.

FSM Department of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management (DECEM), in partnership with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) conducted a Tabletop Exercise in Yap, FSM on July 20-21 and 24-25. During the visit, the Honorable Yap State Governor Charles L. Chieng conveyed his appreciation to the FSM Government on the continued support to test and strengthen Yap State's capacity for disaster preparedness and response efforts.

The goal of tabletop exercise is to better prepare Yap State key stakeholders and understand their roles and responsibilities before, during and after a disaster. The four-day series of exercises enabled Mr. Iven En, Director of Office of Budget and Planning/Disaster Coordinating Office to identify gaps in their Yap State Standard Operating Procedures and how to streamline communications.

During the exercise, a typhoon and tsunami scenario was presented by Yap State National Weather Service Mr. Javez Mooteb and Ms. Marie Eble from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The scenarios allowed participants to test means of communications, how to initiate initial damage assessment reports, and identify various department assets for response efforts.

Participants of the exercise included key Yap State department officials, Micronesia- Red Cross Yap Chapter, IOM-Micronesia, Catholic Relief Services, Yap Weather Service, NOAA and members of civil society.