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A New Year of Progress and Project Activities

Pohnpei State: Coordination and Government Engagements

On January 19, 2026, On behalf of Governor Steven A. Joseph, Director Mark Kostka received the delegation from the FSM Department of Resources and Development's Division of Agriculture, led by Assistant Secretary Menoleen Jacob-Oswalt.

PM join the Agriculture team in meeting with AS prior to the State courtesy visit for Pohnpei State's Governor (Component 1,2,3)

- Points of discussion:

Update on the ongoing activities with the projects

Flag with Pohnpei focal point to confirm the inactive Farmer's association



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Yap State: Demonstration Sites and Community Engagements

In Yap State, activities focused on strengthening partnerships and advancing demonstration sites that promote climate-resilient farming practices. On January 27, 2026, the Project Manager and State Coordinator, in collaboration with CRE at FSM College of Micronesia, visited demonstration sites in Makiy, Gagil Municipality. These sites are being established to support practical learning and showcase climate-resilient farming practices for local communities.

The PM also joined the Agriculture team in a preparatory meeting prior to a courtesy visit to Governor Itimai. Additional engagements included coordination with the Rutgers University team on the development of the State Agriculture Policy and meetings with the SAP020 State Coordinator and CRE Coordinator.

Field visits were conducted to established sites in Thol (Tamil) and Thabeth (Gilman), along with meetings with the Yap Farmers Association and collaboration with the GEF-6 project team. The team also visited elementary school demonstration sites and engaged with community members and farmer groups.

Progress was noted across multiple sites, including four established demonstration locations. One site has already received 100 chickens and is expected to receive an incubator. Four elementary schools have also received materials for demonstration sites, with construction to be led by local communities.



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Chuuk: Outreach and Coordination

The Chuuk State visit began on February 2, 2026, with a courtesy meeting with the Office of the Governor. The team was received by Lt. Governor Mekioshy William, where discussions focused on strengthening collaboration to support agricultural and food security initiatives.

The Project Manager (PM) and team also engaged with the Chuuk Farmers Association and conducted visits to Eot and Onei Municipalities to raise awareness of project activities. Meetings were held with key state officials to discuss the identification and establishment of project sites across Chuuk's 16 municipalities.

From February 3–5, the PM joined State Coordinator and partners in community outreach and awareness activities, working closely with local farmer groups and the NCD Program. The team also participated in joint coordination activities with the GEF-6 project and the Mesenifot Farmers Association to strengthen alignment and implementation efforts.



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Kosrae State: Strengthening Partnerships and Field Activities

From February 12–20, 2026, activities in Kosrae State focused on strengthening coordination, partnerships, and field implementation. The PM joined the Agriculture team in a preparatory meeting with the Assistant Secretary prior to a courtesy visit to Governor Tulensa Palik.

Meetings were held with the SAP020 State Coordinator, CFA Coordinator, and key stakeholders, including the Mayors of Kosrae, to enhance collaboration with GEF-6 and GEF-7 initiatives. The PM also met with the State Focal Point and relevant partners to review ongoing activities and strengthen coordination with the Kosrae Farmers Association and agencies such as DREA.

Additional activities included support for the handover of biosecurity resources, participation in the opening of the CEC facility, and site visits to Lelu, Utwe, Malem, and Tafunsak. Engagements with the Kosrae Youth Association promoted youth involvement under Component 3.

The PM also participated in high-level discussions with national leadership, including President Simina and Vice President Palik, and conducted meetings with relevant stakeholders to further strengthen alignment and collaboration.



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Outcomes and Key Results

Activities across the states strengthened coordination among state focal points, partners, and stakeholders. Community outreach increased engagement with farmers and communities, improving awareness of the Food Security Project and its benefits.

Challenges Encountered

Challenges included limited access to remote lagoon areas and occasional weather disruptions, which affected travel and field activity schedules.

Recommendations and Next Steps

Moving forward, continued clear communication and strong collaboration among national, state, and community partners will be essential for effective implementation and sustainability of the project.

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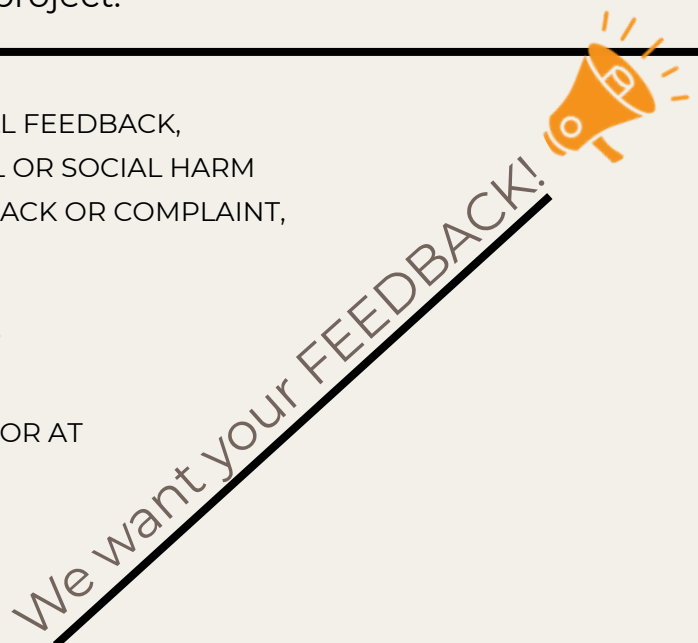
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