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Community Engagement in Chuuk (Parem Island)

On March 2, the Chuuk State Food Security team conducted a visit to Parem Island, accompanied by the Mesenifót Farmers Association. Food Security Coordinator Mr. Mack Mailos met with local leaders and community members to discuss the GCF-funded food security project.

Key information shared included:

- Distribution of farming tools and equipment to all households
- Training opportunities for farmers
- Purpose and composition of the Mesenifót Association

The visit provided an opportunity to engage with the community, respond to questions, and strengthen efforts toward a more food-secure Parem Island.





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Local Awareness Activities in Pohnpei (Kitti Municipality)

On March 2, a representative from the Pohnpei Agriculture Office, Mr. Rodasio Samuel, conducted an awareness session with traditional leaders in Kitti.

Discussions focused on project activities within the municipality, including planned material distribution and upcoming trainings.



Participation in Yap Day Celebrations

On March 2, the project participated in Yap Day celebrations, sharing information about the FSM GCF Food Security Project and engaging with the public.



Promoting Local Food Systems in Pohnpei (Go Local Event)

On March 2, a Go Local event was held at Kolonia Elementary School, hosted by the school's Go Local Club.

The event featured a cooking competition using local crops and raised awareness about the importance of local food systems.



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Strengthening Skills in Food Processing & Preservation (Pohnpei Women Council)

On March 6, under Component 3 led by COM-FSM CFE, a Food Processing and Preservation Training was conducted for members of the Pohnpei Women Council. The training strengthened practical skills in food processing and promoted better use of local food resources.



School-Based Garden Initiative at Enipein Elementary School

On March 6, a joint visit was conducted at Enipein Elementary School by FSM R&D, COM-FSM, Pohnpei State Education, FAO, and the FSM GCF SAP020 Team.

The visit supported preparations for a school and community garden to promote hands-on learning and local food production.



Celebrating Women's Contributions to Food Security (International Women's Day)

On March 9, a cooking competition was held at the Spanish Wall to celebrate International Women's Day 2026.

Organized by COM-FSM with partners, the event highlighted women's contributions to food security and local agriculture.



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Expanding Outreach in Kosrae (Walung Community)

On March 12, an awareness session was conducted in Walung, introducing upcoming activities including:

- Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) training
- Food processing and preservation training
- Distribution of household materials
- The outreach marked an important step in extending the project to remote communities.



Island-Wide Awareness Completion in Chuuk (Piis Paneu Island)

On March 13, the Mesenifót Farmers Association and the Chuuk State Food Security Coordinator conducted an outreach visit to Piis Paneu Island.

This visit completed awareness activities across all 16 islands in Chuuk.

Information shared included:

- Distribution of farming tools and equipment
- Training opportunities for farmers
- Role of the Mesenifót Association
- The next phase will focus on validating project sites.



Building Local Capacity Through Training of Trainers (Pohnpei Women Council)

On March 26, a Training of Trainers session was conducted under Component 3 on food processing and preservation.

Participants gained skills to support community-level training and strengthen local food systems.



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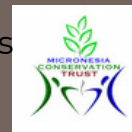
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Youth Engagement in Local Food Systems (Chuuk Go Local Club Launch)

On March 27, the Chuuk Youth Council introduced the Go Local Club during a school event at Weno Elementary School.

This marks the start of youth-led awareness activities promoting local food production.



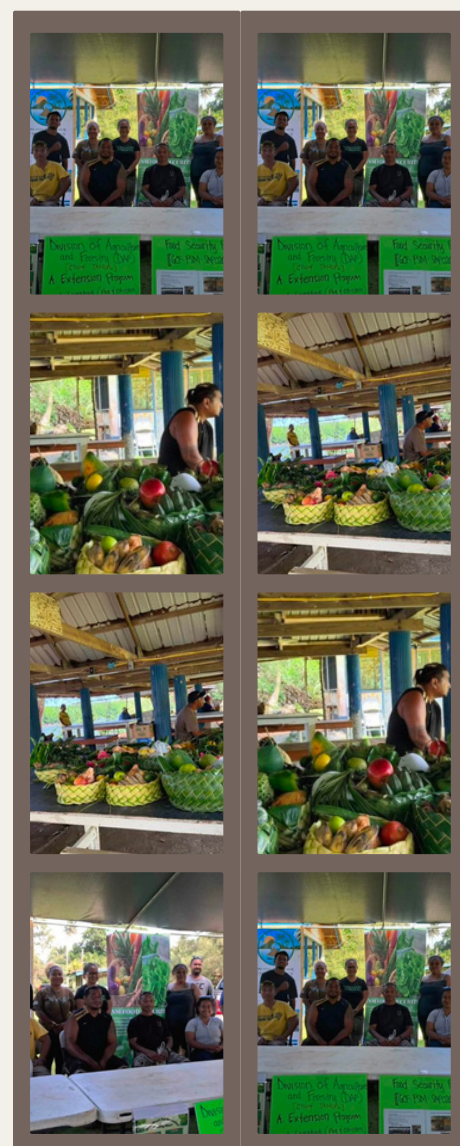
Community Outreach in Yap (Mal'ay Village)

On March 29, an awareness session was conducted in Mal'ay Village, Kanifay Municipality, in collaboration with the Department of Resources & Development and COM-FSM programs.

The session included participation from local partners such as the Farmers Association of Yap (FAY), Island Resources Conservancy of Wa'ab (IRCW), and the Nimgil Youth Organization (NYO).

Information shared included:

- Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) packages
- Project sites and awareness activities
- Food processing and preservation training opportunities
- The outreach strengthened collaboration and supported food security efforts in Yap.



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Welcoming the Communications Consultant

In April 2026, the FSM GCF SAP020 Team welcomed Mr. Joshua Joseph Pangelinan as Communications Consultant.

He is a climate adaptation and food security specialist with experience supporting Small Island Developing States in strengthening resilience across agricultural systems, climate policy, and project implementation. His work focuses on linking national priorities with community-level action, ensuring that climate-resilient agriculture information is practical and accessible for farmers.

Under the FSM GCF SAP020 project, he supports the development of communication systems that improve information sharing, strengthen coordination across institutions, and enhance the adoption of climate-resilient practices. His broader experience includes supporting climate finance initiatives, national reporting processes, and international engagement on climate-related issues.



Strengthening Women Trainers in Food Processing

On April 21, COM-FSM, together with the Senior Technical Officer Mr. Kimsy Kubo, Mr. Rodasio Samuel, and Mr. James, conducted a training session at the PNI Agriculture Office under Component 3 of the project.

The session demonstrated practical approaches to food processing and preservation, including proper handling, preparation techniques, and methods to extend the shelf life of local food products. It also emphasized the importance of food safety, value addition, and reducing post-harvest losses.

A total of 17 certified women trainers participated in the session and strengthened their capacity to deliver similar trainings within their communities. These efforts will support knowledge sharing, improve household food utilization, and contribute to strengthening food security across Pohnpei.





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