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New Team Member Announcement: Marcus Dipwek Joins the SAP020 Food Security Project

We are delighted to introduce our new team member, Mr. Marcus Dipwek, who began working on January 13th with the SAP020 Food Security team as the Food Security and Livelihoods State Coordinator in Chuuk. Marcus will mainly focus his work on Component 1 of the project by supporting farmers in Chuuk and the rest of the project team in coordinating the project activities on the ground. We are excited to have Marcus on board.



FAO and Climate-Resilient Food Security Project Support Farmers Through Training and Planting Material Distribution

In February, Pohnpei State R&D–Agriculture, together with FAO, EPA, FSM Health, and the Climate-Resilient Food Security Project team, conducted farmer training and distributed planting materials in Sokehs, Nett, and Madolenihmw. The outreach focused on sustainable soil management, effective crop cultivation, and climate-smart farming practices, including the use of weather forecasts to support better farming decisions. More trainings and distributions are planned for Uh, Kitti, and the outer islands.



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GCF SAP020 Strengthens Collaboration and Climate Services in Kosrae



On May 19, 2025, GCF SAP020 Project Manager Gienah Narruhn participated in the Research and Development (R&D) Conference in Kosrae, which focused on strategic planning, infrastructure maintenance, and cross-cutting development priorities. The meeting reaffirmed the Federated States of Micronesia’s commitment to inclusive and sustainable development aligned with national and community needs.

During the visit, Narruhn and Communications Officer Jeffrey John met with key stakeholders, including the Kosrae Farmers Association, local telecommunications and radio representatives, the ODA Assistant, and the Department of Resources and Economic Affairs (DREA) to provide project updates and strengthen collaboration. Discussions introduced Component 1.5, which will deliver tailored climate information to farming households through accessible channels such as local radio and mobile platforms.

The mission strengthened partnerships, improved communication pathways, and reinforced alignment between GCF SAP020 activities and national development goals.



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GCF SAP020 Project Team Updates

Appointment of Mr. Kimisky Kubo as Senior Technical Officer



On July 22, 2025, the project team proudly welcomed Mr. Kimisky Kubo as the new Senior Technical Officer for the Green Climate Fund SAP020 Food Security Project. He officially joined the project on July 14 and is based at the College of Micronesia-FSM.

With more than five years of experience in conservation, agriculture, and food security, Mr. Kubo will support farming households across the Federated States of Micronesia by promoting climate-resilient practices and assisting with project monitoring, data collection, and reporting. The team looks forward to the expertise he brings to strengthening project implementation.

Appointment of Mack Mailos as Chuuk State Coordinator



On August 5, 2025, the GCF SAP020 Project proudly welcomed Mack Mailos as the new Chuuk State Coordinator. Originally from Uman in Chuuk, Mack recently retired from the United States Army after 20 years of service, achieving the rank of Master Sergeant.

Now based in Chuuk, Mack brings strong leadership experience in operations, logistics, and team management. In his new role, he will support project activities, strengthen coordination with communities, and help advance climate-resilient food security efforts across the state.

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FSM GCF SAP020 Food Security Project Promotes Local Produce in Pohnpei Schools

September 8–23, 2025 , The GCF SAP020 Food Security Project brought the Go Local Club to schools across Pohnpei, encouraging students to enjoy and celebrate local produce. Starting at Pohnpei Catholic School and continuing to public schools in Madolenihmw, Kolonia, Kitti, Sokehs, and Nett, the visits highlighted the benefits of local foods for health and the community.



Senior Technical Officer Kimsky Kubo, with support from Pohnpei State Project Coordinator Don David and project partners from the College of Micronesia–FSM, led the visits, identifying schools as key sites for future activities that strengthen local food consumption and food security.

These school visits are just the beginning of the project's efforts to engage students, teachers, and families in building a stronger connection to locally grown foods. By combining education, hands-on activities, and community involvement, GCF SAP020 is helping Pohnpei communities take meaningful steps toward healthier diets and greater food security.



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Third Quarterly ESC Meeting Showcases GCFSAP020 Progress in Yap



September 25, 2025 – Under Component 1 of the GCFSAP020 Food Security Project, Yap is using the Environmental Stewardship Consortium (ESC) as its platform for coordination and collaboration. ESC brings together project coordinators, staff, consultants, and facilitating agents on a quarterly basis to share updates, report progress, and discuss challenges faced during project implementation across the state.

GCFSAP020 participated in the third quarterly ESC meeting, providing updates on project activities and progress over the past months. The platform also serves as an important channel for the two traditional councils and state government leadership to stay informed about ongoing initiatives, identify community needs, and plan future actions.

Mayors Unite to Support GCFSAP020 Food Security Project in Chuuk Lagoon

On September 30, mayors from communities across Chuuk gathered at L5 Hotel for an awareness meeting on the GCFSAP020 Food Security Project. The project aims to strengthen food security by supporting farmers, forming farmer groups under the Chuuk Mesenifót Farmer’s Association, and preparing communities to address climate change challenges.

During the meeting, the project team emphasized the mayors’ critical role in mobilizing farmers, providing land for nurseries and demonstration plots, and encouraging participation in upcoming trainings. Their leadership and support will help build healthier, stronger, and more resilient communities across Chuuk.





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FSM Celebrates World Food Day 2025: “Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future”

On October 31, the Federated States of Micronesia National Government celebrated World Food Day 2025 at the National Convention Center in Palikir, Pohnpei, hosted by the Division of Agriculture under FSM R&D. The event opened with an invocation by Plant & Animal Quarantine Specialist John Wichep, followed by remarks from Assistant Secretary Menoleen Jacob-Oswalt, who emphasized the role of agriculture in food security, healthy lifestyles, and resilient communities. She also highlighted this year’s theme, noting FSM R&D’s collaboration with international partners to strengthen local food production, safeguard biodiversity, and support farmers and communities. Participants explored exhibit booths on food security, forestry, biosecurity, and invasive species management, concluding with an interactive exhibition to learn how collective action helps ensure a sustainable and secure food system.



Yap World Food Day 2025

On October 24, 2025, the State of Yap celebrated World Food Day, with support from the GCF SAP020 Project. Two schools, Yap Catholic High School and Faith Christian Academy, participated by showcasing staple crops promoted under the project.

The event also featured fun activities, including a cooking contest and a drawing contest, engaging students and the community while promoting local foods and food security.





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Promoting Local Foods: Go Local Events Held Across Pohnpei Schools

Several Go Local events were held in Pohnpei to promote local foods and raise awareness about the FSM GCF SAP020 Food Security Project.

- November 28, 2025 – Madolenihmw High School's Go Local Club hosted an event at the Madolenihmw Gymnasium. Students from Pohnlangas Elementary School participated in a cooking contest.
- December 10, 2025 – Nanpei Memorial High School's Go Local Club hosted an event, featuring a cooking contest by the school's elementary students.
- December 12, 2025 – Pohnpei Island Central School's Go Local Club hosted an event, with two students representing their municipalities in a cooking contest.

Each event provided an opportunity to engage students and the community while promoting local foods and strengthening food security awareness.





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