

PROJECT DOCUMENT

Republic of Palau



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Project Title: Palau Local Governance Strengthening Project

Project Award Number: 00096488

Implementing Partner: United Nations Development Programme (Direct Implementation)

Start Date: September 2016 **End Date:** October 2019 **PAC Meeting date:** September 2016

Brief Description

The Palau Local Governance Strengthening Project is expected to provide support to the Government of Palau in strengthening governance capacities at local state government levels and national capacity within the Ministry of State's Bureau of Domestic Affairs in delivering services and maintaining relationships with State Government administrations (executive, legislative). The project will be providing technical expertise and undertake specialised training activities, produce and deliver relevant tools and guidance documents (such as standard operating procedures) to enable smooth operations around state finance, local governance, administration and human resource management. Hence, one of the key elements of the project is delivering targeted training workshops for state governments (executives, legislative and administrative staff) on public financial management, audit laws and around state and national law enforcement. Additionally, the project will also support harmonization of national and state laws through strengthening legislative and record management capacities at both state and national government levels.

The Project will be based within the Bureau of Domestic Affairs under the Ministry of State (and initially implemented in 4 local States, with the option of being rolled out if resources are made available). It will be directly implemented by UNDP and has an implementation timeframe of 3 years.

Contributing Outcome (UNDAF): Outcome 5: Regional, national, local and traditional governance systems are strengthened and exercise the principles of good governance, respecting and upholding human rights, especially women's rights, in line with international standards

Indicative Output(s): **Output 1:** Four States (Executive and Legislative branches) have enhanced capacities to plan and manage public resources to deliver basic services to their constituencies **Output 2:** The Ministry of State (Bureau of Domestic Affairs) has enhanced capacities to support State governments and facilitates relations and operations between central administrations, the Senate, the House of Delegates and State governments. **Output 3:** Local residents from 4 States, including youth and women, have increased understanding of central and local governments' roles and responsibilities and participate more actively in local decision-making and oversight.

Total resources required:	USD\$800,000	
Total resources allocated:	UNDP TRAC:	100,000USD
	Government:	450,000USD
	Donor:	
	In-Kind:	
Unfunded:	\$250,000	

Government	UNDP (Direct Implementation)
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