SUMMARY OF COVID-19 SITUATION—Report # 11

International: On April 7, 2020 W.H.O. paid tribute to the incredible contribution of all health workers, especially nurses and midwives. Nurses are the largest component of the health workforce and play a fundamental role in combating COVID-19 and achieving Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals.

W.H.O., Lady Gaga and Global Citizen have announced a concert to air on Saturday, 18 April 2020 titled 'One World: Together at home'. This globally televised and streamed special will highlight unity among all people affected by COVID-19, celebrate the brave healthcare workers doing life-saving work, and raise funds for the response.

National: The Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO) has allocated up to $7,000,000 from prior-year unexpended Compact of Free Association (Compact) funding to provide emergency support to the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) to address coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) health-related needs.

JEMCO approved the Compact allocation in connection with the FSM government’s COVID-19 Response Framework and Budget. Funds provided to Yap, Chuuk, and Kosrae States will be used to strengthen hospital and quarantine infrastructure and support outreach by health personnel to the outer islands of Yap and Chuuk during this global COVID-19 pandemic.

The allocation of Compact Sector grant funds for the FSM will be divided as follows:
Yap State – $1,650,000 to be used towards building quarantine facilities, equipment, personnel, and general operations in support of COVID-19 response. Chuuk State – $1,403,800 to be used towards personnel, inter-island travel, and general operations in support of COVID-19 response. Kosrae State – $1,205,922 to be used towards the temporary construction of twenty-four COVID-19 quarantine isolation rooms. Pohnpei State – pending submittal. This announcement supplements the $416,918 in infrastructure maintenance funds previously approved and announced on April 3, 2020, that will go toward repair of COVID-19 quarantine facilities in Chuuk State.

Local: In Yap, only 7 PUM remain in State Facilities under quarantine at the Colonia Middle School in Dinay. All the remaining PUM at Yap High School (YHS) were released earlier this week. The YHS facility, like the Sports Complex, will be closed for 4 days to minimize the potential COVID-19 risk to cleaners before any cleaning is done.

The PH and CHC outreach teams will also be heading into the community visiting homes to provide COVID-19 one on one education. Everyone is encouraged to write down any questions they may have so that when the team visits your home all your questions will be answered for peace of mind. If your home is not visited by a PH or CHC team during the month of April and you wish to receive a visit please call the COVID-19 hotline on 350-4161 and ask for an outreach team to visit your home to share with you and your family the COVID-19 information and updates on how to protect yourself.

On April 9, 2020 it came to the attention of the Yap DHS Command Post that there are two foreign yachts anchored in two outer islands of Yap State. At this time we are unsure of when they arrived, how many people are on board, if they went onto the islands, where they came from and who authorized them to be in our waters given the April 2 Ban on Passenger Disembarkation Decree 2020 banning all passenger disembarkation at any air and sea port in Yap regardless of origin. The only amendment made to this ban was on April 6 to allow exception for MV Hapilmohol to come back into Yap from Chuuk with students, government workers and crew from Yap. A breach of this Decree is prosecutable by law and the perpetrator may be liable for fine or imprisonment or both if convicted.

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