



The President
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Federated States of Micronesia

PRESIDENTIAL ORDER

**Streamlining the functional duties and effective supervision and monitoring
of the Overseas Development Assistance Office and the Office of Compact
Management**

WHEREAS, the purpose of this presidential order is to further streamline the essential responsibilities of the Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) and Office of Compact Management (OCM) and reinvigorate their functional assignments directly under the Office of the President with a view towards bringing them into becoming more proactive and strategic national agencies to coordinate, solicit and track ODA, including foreign financial assistance, loans and in-kind assistance, and be able to manage financial and technical assistance under the Amended Compact;

WHEREAS, also part of the intention of this presidential order is to bring closer cooperation, strengthened coordination, and greater transparency among various national agencies and offices that do perform interrelated activities and functions that specifically relate to ODA and Compact management;

WHEREAS, it is noted that the interrelated ODA and Compact management activities are presently performed by several offices, and because of their separate structures and mandates, miscommunication and even conflicting priorities do arise, which would lead to undermining the overall effectiveness of the support that foreign assistance provide to key programs and essential priority development projects of the FSM Government that could be addressed by multiple funding sources; and

WHEREAS, fragmentation of ODA policy and prioritization critically weakens the ability of the National Government to tap effectively upon suitable and viable sources of funding to support State projects and development programs and implement long term strategic planning and resourcing for national and state needs.



NOW THEREFORE, by the powers vested upon me by the Constitution and the Laws of the Federated States of Micronesia, I, David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, do hereby order as follows:

A. ODA Activities and Functions

- (1) The ODA Office shall have the responsibility of actively carrying out solicitation functions and activities in order to finance priority projects and programs under the ODA Policy.
- (2) The ODA Office shall actively monitor funding opportunities and share such information in a timely manner with the Office of the President. It is the responsibility of the ODA Office to provide quarterly reports to the President.
- (3) All ODA related information shall be relayed to the Office of the President, in particular, to the Special Assistant on ODA matters serving as monitor, coordinator and liaison of the President with respect to ODA formulation, strategizing and implementation of ODA funding on a nationwide scale. This Special Assistant shall provide guidance and leadership in ODA discussions from time to time, as may be directed by the President.
- (4) A secretariat for ODA may be designated from time to time as ODA representative who shall be present during courtesy calls and other meetings that include, or likely include, foreign aid discussions, and be involved in oversight and liaison role in the monitoring and evaluation of overseas development projects and programs.
- (5) It is deemed a policy of the FSM National Government that all ODA activities shall be properly coordinated in a more focused and organized manner as a top priority area for this administration. The Office of the President shall provide national policy direction through the Special Assistant on all ODA and related activities within the scope of this presidential order.

B. Office of Compact Management (OCM)

- (6) The OCM shall maintain its current functions and responsibilities, with greater coordination of its activities with the Office of the President, ODA Office and relevant agencies that also receive or management Compact funding or projects.



- (7) OCM activities and updates or information shall be relayed to the Office of the President, in particular, to the Special Assistant for the OCM. The Special Assistant for the OCM shall provide guidance and leadership in Compact Management discussions or issues as the President may assign.

C. General provisions

- (8) The role of the Special Assistant includes taking stock of the Strategic Development Plan and priority areas of the nation within the context of ODA and Compact management, utilizing ODA funding opportunities and also Compact financing.
- (9) Handling of ODA shall be carried out in a manner that would pursue greater cooperation and collaboration between the State and National Governments and in collaboration with all relevant development partners of the Federated States of Micronesia.
- (10) It is the intention of this directive not only to harness and harmonize the full potential of ODA and foreign assistance, but also to avoid the likelihood of pursuing unclear policy direction and even conflicting or disproportionately burdensome terms and conditions of foreign assistance. The Office of the President will review recommendations and options of financial, economic and legal nature.
- (11) This presidential order shall serve as a framework of a general nature of the subject matter covered hereby, and shall be further amplified by presidential issuances and directives.
- (12) Prior orders and directives that are in conflict or inconsistent with this presidential order are considered revoked and superseded by this order.

SO ORDERED.

David W. Panuelo
President

9/20/19
Date