MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PALAU SCALING-UP PACIFIC ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE (SUPA) PROJECT AS AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES LISTED BELOW:

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) serves as a collaborative agreement between the Division of Environmental Health (DEH), Bureau of Public Health, of the Ministry of Health and Human Services, Palau Environmental Quality Protection Board, Bureau of Public Works of the Ministry of Public Infrastructure and Industries and recipient State Governments for a Technical Assistance on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene "WASH" Training through a grant support from the European Union administered through the South Pacific Community, SPC.

Herein the "Division of Environmental Health, Bureau of Public Health", Ministry of Health shall be known as "DEH"

Herein the "Palau Environmental Quality Protection Board", shall be known as "EQPB"

Herein the "Bureau of Public Works", shall be known as "BPW"

Herein the "Office of Climate Change", shall be known as "OCC"

Herein the "State Government", shall be known as "SG"

Herein the "**S**caling-**U**p **P**acific **A**daptation", shall be known as "SUPA"

Project Goal:

Reduce vulnerability to Water and Vector borne Diseases in five states in Palau; Airai, Aimeliik, Ngatpang, Ngeremlengui and Ngardmau.

Background:

In the past years, Palau has experienced a number of health related diseases and outbreaks due to contamination of water and poor environmental sanitation and hygiene. This is prominent especially after disaster events i.e. Typhoon, El Niño, La Nina and other extreme weather events. This is further worsened when the community is limited to basic knowledge and skills to detect and manage environmental health risk known to have potential source to water contamination and vector borne diseases.

Purpose of project:

The purpose of this project aims to increase awareness and build community resilience against environmental vectors and improve access to safe drinking water.

Project audience:

Project targets State employees, School teachers, school maintenance staff, community organization, & Red Cross Disaster Action Team. This is a gender sensitive project; ASG will ensure at least three female participants.

In entering into this MOU, stakeholders shall agree to the following roles:

WHEREAS, the State Government agrees to provide contact person to liaise with regarding activity & training arrangements, logistics, and announcements; and

WHEREAS, the State Government agrees to identify location for 2 x 1500 gallons of water tanks (total 3,000 gal) to enhance WASH support at Emergency Shelters; and

WHEREAS, the State government agrees to provide quarterly maintenance and repairs on rainwater catchment tanks after DEH officially hands-over to State Government; and

WHEREAS, on the construction phase, State Government agrees to provide electrical source to the awarded contractors to construct the water tanks at the agreed location including allow contractor to enhance water tank systems or other structural improvements to ensure proper functions of the water tanks or as specified on the Terms of Agreement on the contract awarded by Capitol Improvement Project (CIP), Bureau of Public Works, MPII to the Contractor on behalf of the DEH; and

WHEREAS, the DEH will Provide Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene workshop provided with Dengue preventive measures and other vector diseases; and

WHEREAS, the DEH will coordinate with state contact person to arrange state visits, training schedule and other logistical arrangements; and

WHEREAS, the DEH & EQPB will conduct two days training session with classroom lectures and field activities; and

WHEREAS, the DEH shall accommodate weekend training if needed; and

WHEREAS, the DEH will provide meals and beverage if such training is to take place during lunch time or evening time; and

WHEREAS, the DEH will provide certification or awards for the participants completing the trainings; and

WHEREAS, the DEH will support EQPB with the training supplies, printing materials, fuel and other training needs for the successful implementation of project activities; and

WHEREAS, the EQPB will provide Rain Water Catchment Workshop; and

WHEREAS, the EQPB will provide information on water safety and training on water treatment using Chlorine Residual Test Kit; and

WHEREAS, the EQPB will provide Water Safety campaign at Home; and

WHEREAS, the BPW will provide technical support with rainwater catchment design, site assessment, cost estimation and other technical support; and

WHEREAS, the BPW will provide project oversight of the construction and installation of rainwater catchment system until completion; and

WHEREAS, the BPW will provide administrative guidance to stakeholders and project officers in regards to administrative process i.e. Palau procurement requirements, bidding, contracts, etc. and further assist DEH communicate technical details with project funders; and,

So entered on this 25th **day of** August **, in the year 2021.**

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