



FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PROJECT



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Chuuk Energy Working Group selects sites for Feasibility Assessment



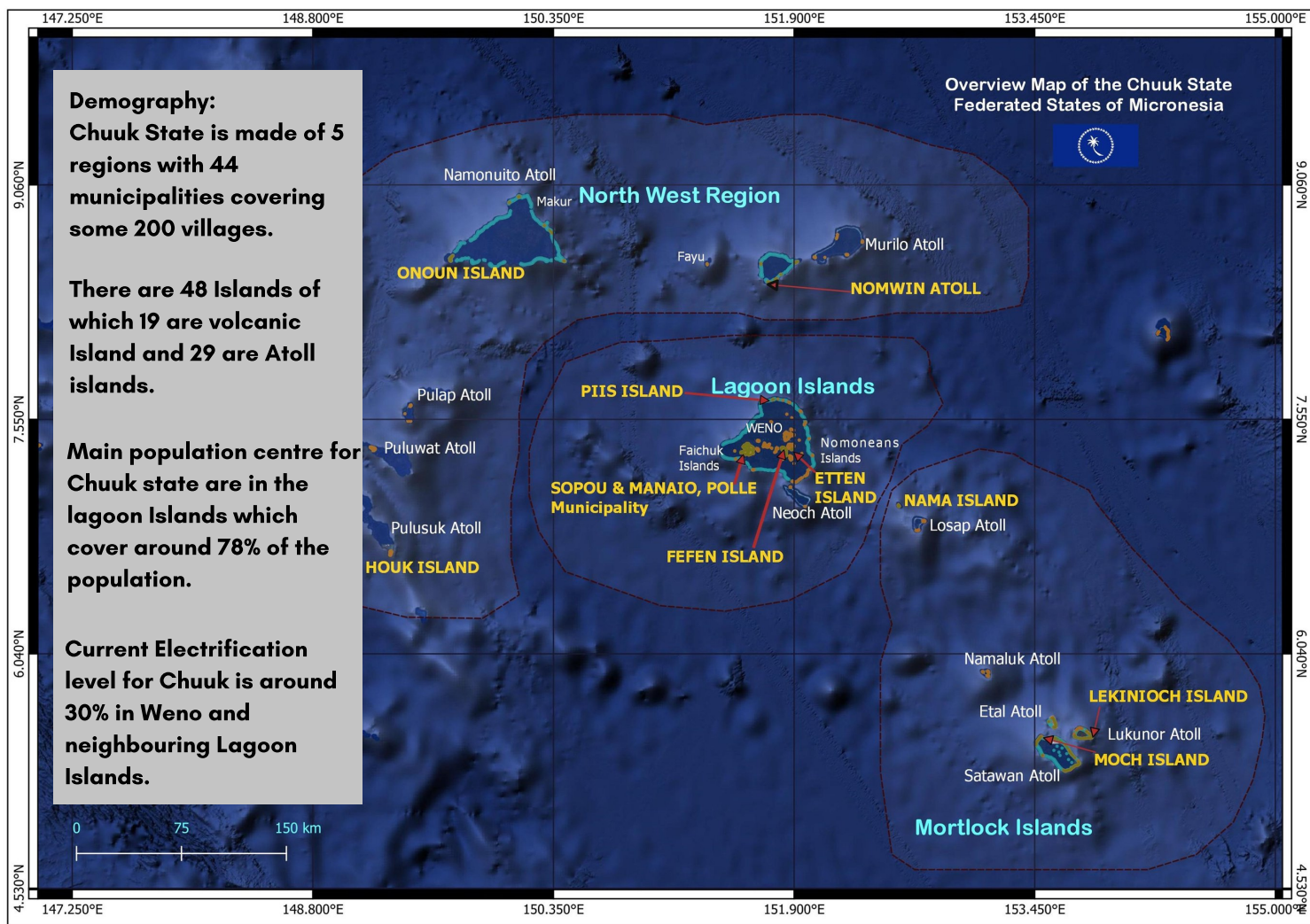
On November 10, 2021, the Chuuk State Energy Working Group met and unanimously passed the adoption of the ten (10) sites for feasibility studies and future installations of solar power systems. The selected sites were recommended by the Chuuk Public Utilities Corporation (CPUC) after visiting the sites and selection was based on location, population, number of households, size and makeup of island, infrastructure (or lack thereof), safety concerns, success of past projects, availability of government buildings for solar panels, and safety of workers and assets. Through the FSM Sustainable Energy (FSM.SE) Project, CPUC will be hiring a project officer and ten (10) project coordinators who are to facilitate the work with the communities and therefore are to reside on the selected islands to assist with conducting surveys, meetings, planning and construction and future works such as collection of power costs and maintenance work.

The Chuuk Energy Working Group is a decision-making body at the State level on the Energy Sector and its main purpose is “to develop, review and evaluate energy action plans, update State Energy Strategic Plan and to develop policies for state-wide energy.” The Chuuk State Energy Working Group-is currently chaired by Honorable Lt. Governor Mekioshy William- and through the Administrative Directive No. 03-2017, the members are: 1) Office of the Governor 2) Chief of Staff 3) Department of Health Services 4) Department of Transportation & Public Works 5) Department of Education 6) Mayor's Council 7) Chuuk EPA 8) Chuuk Public Utilities Corporation 9) ODA 10) Planning Office 11) C&I.

The FSM.SE will also work closely with each State Energy Working Group to review current energy action plans and updates of the National Energy Policy.



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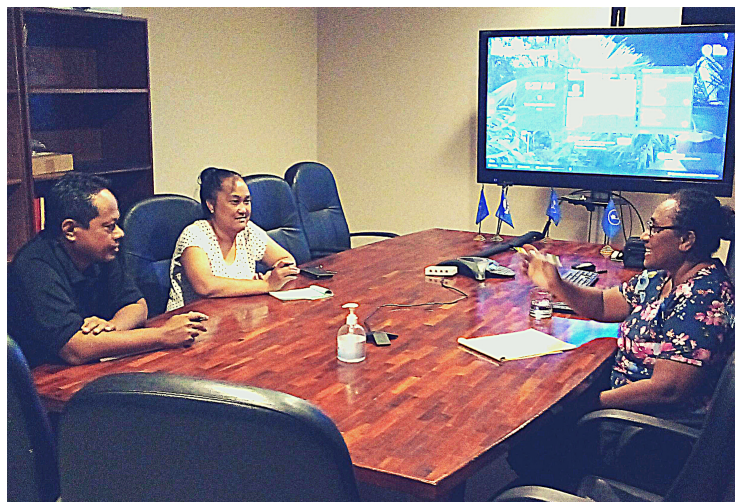
Ten selected sites:

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| 1) Fefen | 3) Sopou & Manio, Polle | 5) Moch | 7) Houk | 9) Nomwin |
| 2) Etten | 4) Lekinloch | 6) Nema | 8) Onoun | 10) Piis Paneu |

On November 18, 2021, FSM.SE Implementation Advisor, Mrs. Koin Etuati, and National Officer, Mr. Kesdy Ray Ladore, met with Ms. Joyleen Sienes and Mr. Weison Weital from the FSM Department of Education to introduce the FSM Sustainable Energy Project specifically the scholarship component of the project and to understand the FSM National Scholarship and Financial Assistance Program guidelines and selection process.

A component of the project focuses on providing degree level scholarships for at least two FSM nationals (male and female) to undergo formal education or training on energy planning, management and electrical engineering. The number and types of scholarships will depend on the duration of degrees and the universities utilized given the range of regional possibilities whether in the US or in the Pacific (e.g. University of the South Pacific). This activity aims to increase capacity of FSM citizens in the field of energy planning policy and engineering with the intention that they are qualified and support the role of the Energy Division of the Department of Resources and Development and possibility of the State Utilities.

FSM.SE Project Meets with FSM Department of Education



A tribute to *Christina "Kiki" Stinnett*



Mrs. Christina (or as she is better known "Kiki") Stinnett served as the President of the Chuuk Women's Council (CWC), until her passing on December 03, 2021. The CWC is the umbrella organization of more than 60 women's organizations in Chuuk State. The Chuuk Women's council promotes gender issues such as women's leadership, education and health, environmental conservation, and the preservation of traditional craft.

Kiki was a member of various state boards including Chuuk State Board of Education, Chuuk Conservation Society and FSM Women in Business Network. For the FSM Sustainable Energy (FSM.SE) Project, Kiki and the Chuuk Women's Council are to play a vital role in the implementation of the FSM.SE Gender Equality Social Inclusion and Rights Based Approach Analysis and Integration Plan in the Chuuk state activities. The Chuuk Women council was recommended to be a member of the Chuuk Technical Working Group, to provide overall guidance to the Project Management team and CPUC. Since her passing, the team has been working with Ms. Mary Rose Nakayama to continue progressing the work with the FSM.SE project.

Kiki's warmth, friendships and passion for gender equality and improving the lives of people in Chuuk extended beyond our region, she is dearly missed not only by her family but by those she has worked with in the past. She was a wonderful leader and a phenomenal Micronesian woman.



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