

Mission: To promote and protect health and well-being of island communities in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)

ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH

Health agencies are working across the country to actively protect the public's health, prevent avoidable diseases and conditions, and promote healthy communities.



TOP 5 HEALTH AGENCY PRIORITIES

- 1 Decreasing funding in Compact of Free Association
- 2 Chronic diseases
- 3 Aging health workforce
- 4 Putting qualified students in health/medical fields
- 5 Upgrading quality of medical care in the country

IMPACT OF POTENTIAL CUTS TO FEDERAL FUNDING



Increased rates of infectious disease due to limited capacity to protect people from infection and respond to communicable disease outbreaks



Reduced hours, location closures, and potential elimination of key public health preventive services such as childhood immunizations, health screenings, influenza vaccination, leading to increases in preventable diseases.



Delay disease outbreak response and investigation activities resulting in increased illness and death.



Reduced capacity to respond to public health emergencies putting more people at risk of harm due to natural disasters and health threats due to terrorism.



Inability to stay current on public health and clinical best practices due to cuts in professional development funding and access to training and learning events

CDC 2018 OPIOID OVERDOSE CRISIS FUNDING

Year 1 (FY18) \$1,437,107.00

This funding will support the Federated States of Micronesia in working to prevent opioid-related overdoses, deaths, and other outcomes. It will advance the understanding of the epidemic and scale-up prevention and response activities, including improving the timeliness of data. Specifically:

- Develop a monitoring data base for narcotic prescriptions in all FSM hospitals
- Train local physicians in the CDC Guidelines for Prescribing narcotics for Chronic Pain
- Conduct mass opioid educational campaign on the fact-sheet of opioid, narcotic abuse and overdoses and alternate chronic pain relief

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STATE PUBLIC HEALTH SPOTLIGHT

From 1990-2016, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) has seen a significant reduction in child mortality. Specifically, decreasing rates of:

- neonatal mortality
- infant mortality
- under-5 mortality

FSM built support for maternal and child health by encouraging breastfeeding, increasing immunization coverage, partnering with community health centers to improve prenatal care access, adopting WHO's antenatal care model, and enhancing hospital and public health surveillance.

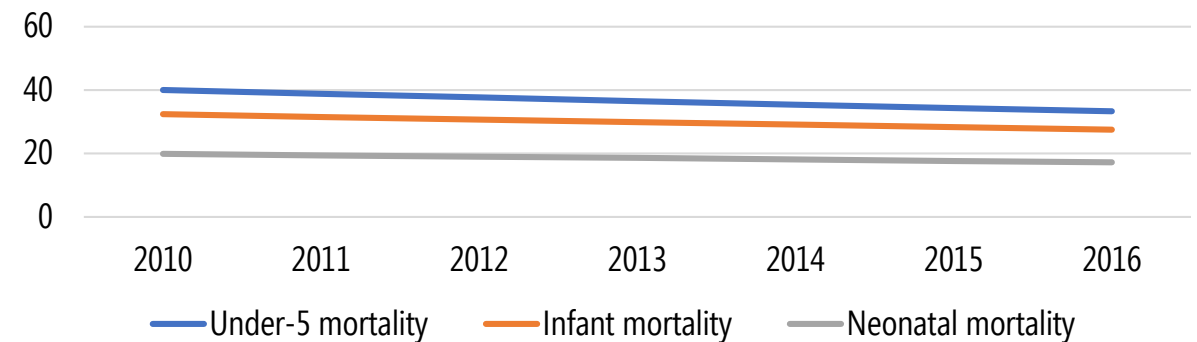
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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP: "IT TAKES A VILLAGE"

Child mortality rates within The Federated States of Micronesia continue to drop each year. FSM has employed several tactics to reduce the rate of child mortality, one of which is through the use of community partnership.

The MCH Program, Special Education Program, Linking Access and Unmet Need of Children (LAUNCH) Program, Parent-Teachers Associations, local NGOs, and church groups all work together to support the development of children within FSM. Involving the entire community throughout the assessment, planning, and implementation process of identifying needs for improving the health of women and children in the FSM has made a significant impact on lowering rates of infant and child mortality.

Child Mortality: FSM, 2010-2016



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