

Chuuk State Update Report

Introduction

This is an update report on important activities and projects underway in Chuuk State for Fiscal Year 2026. The report will outline what is being implemented and what is close to commencing. The areas to be covered include: Social, Economic, Environment, Government, and Infrastructure.

Social Areas

- *Health*: New Hospital has been approved to proceed. The issue it faced regarding land has been resolved as the 18th Chuuk State Legislature has appropriated funds toward eminent domain. Six new hemodialysis machines are currently being installed. Management and operation of said machines are being outsourced to a private company.
- *Education*: Construction of the new See Project building has commenced, which will be completed sometime early next year. No Executive Director has been confirmed for CSSS. CSSS, along with UNDP, held a conference on Cultural Knowledge with traditional leaders and mayors last month.
- *Youth*: Chuuk Recreation Office proposed funding to the legislature for a state goodwill game this coming July. Chuuk held its bi-annual Basketball and Volleyball Games, inviting youth in Guam, Hawaii, and the US mainland.
- *Disabled*: Kiich Able Association convened with Chuuk Planning Office to review disabled legislation specifically toward disabled access to government buildings. Chuukese parents of autistic children organized a fun walk (March 31) to bring awareness to Autism.

Economic Areas

- *Tourism*: CVB assists with the celebration of the 88th anniversary of the Nauruan exile to Chuuk during the Japanese occupation in WWII. CVB assist the reopening of the landing strip on Pulusuk Island.
- *Fisheries*: First week of April, Chuuk State Dept. of Marine Resources, in partnership with KIOST (Korean marine research group), to conduct Aquaculture training.
- *Farming*: Chuuk Department of Agriculture has begun to revive its livestock project and will soon reopen the UFO agriculture site.
- *Trades and Investment*: FSM National Trade and Investment Policy validation with Chuuk State has completed setting targets.

Environmental Areas

- *EPA*: Fiscal Year 2026, the EPA office became fully funded under Compact Sector funds. Full allocation was made toward EPA programs in Climate Change, Solid Waste Management, Natural Environment, and Water & Wastewater. EPA, in partnership with JMAS and DMR, continues to support efforts to mitigate the oil leak issue from WWII ship wrecks.
- *Agriculture*: Sustainable Land Management (SLM) with Chuuk Action Plan validation conference held in mid-March. The Agriculture and Quarantine Unit building dedication was held in February.
- *Marine Resources*: DMR awaits the consultation with FSM Congress representatives regarding the Spatial Management Policy, relating to the state's ongoing MPA efforts.

Infrastructure

- *Transportation*: Chuuk road projects include WB SCORE and PRIME, ADB SRIIP, and China ODA for Weno and Tonoas. The timetable indicates that construction for ADB and WB begins in October 2026 and April 2027, respectively. China ODA for Tonoas is still pending.
- *Marine Resources*: PROP-ER project EIA and social assessment underway, consultant visiting Chuuk in May.
- *Other ODA*: 2 multi-purpose gymnasiums awarded through ODA grants for Udot and Onoun. Soon to be bid out, China ODA for the repair of Fonoton Dock.
- *IMF*: \$1.9 Million is awarded to repair the existing paved road, airport lobby & arrival areas, and the old annex building.

Government Areas

- *Finance*: Chuuk State SDP is adopted by state legislation; the Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learner (MEL) framework is ready to begin consultation, along with opening a state office to handle MEL. FY2027 submitted, awaiting CSL consultation and JEMCO review.
- *Scholarship*: The executive Branch proposed a matching fund towards state scholarships, awaiting CSL approval. FY27 proposed sector fund increased funding by \$75K.
- *Workforce*: Chuuk State Government set a minimum wage, and proposed that the non-government sector minimum wage be developed. Proposed survey study on workforce gaps in both public and private sectors.