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Adult Education Program

Palau Narrative Report 2012 - 2013

PURPOSE: Palau Adult Education USDOE State Grant Awards for FY' 2012-2013 under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), was to help and provided the training and services to improve the out of school youth and educationally disadvantaged adults to achieve their High School Equivalency Diploma and be able to pursue their education in post secondary education or earn employability skills, life skills that will enable them into a planned dynamic and cooperative lives and become productive citizens of the Republic of Palau.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES: Our eligibility to receive federal grants has gone toward the end base on the Palau Compact Negotiation which still under the approval if U.S Congress. There is slightly increasing number of drop out students who will be our clients in the near future. It has become one of the measures that the Republic of Palau has to put more effort on by negotiating with the Compact Reviewers and Negotiators to keep on funding the program without term limitation. With 10% yearly deduction of our grant, most of our money is spent on instructions. Hopefully the Palau Compact with United State will be ratified from the US Congress, so our Feds Grant award will be increase and continue on to accommodate the implementation of the Palau Adult Education Program services more efficient and effective to meet the demands of our youth and community.

The purposes were accomplished by disseminating information about the program, identifying and recruiting participants, implementing classes in Pre-GED, GED, and computer-based learning class. Implementation of computer-based learning class was offered to GED students in the content areas.

With our efforts, we continued to identify, locate and inform potential service recipients through visits to community and continued liaison with schools and other agencies to identify drop outs adult who may need services. Radio programs, public forums, conventions and other advertisements will be conducted to bring the programs to the public's attention. Instructors were recruited and hired to develop course syllabus and course outlines for conducting class instructions and trainings for students who are qualified for the program.

The Implementation of the program was included involvement of the state governments and schools at each site where the program is. Adult Education Program was working closely with the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Ministry of Justice and Palau Community College to provide services for the qualified individuals within their respective areas.

Project programs will be evaluated at the end of each year to generate a year-end performance report. Project operation records are maintained as the project is implemented and then conduct an end of the year project review.

PERSONNEL: Program hired ten (10) instructors for Pre-GED, GED Literacy Classes and training under the contract basis depended on classes schedule. Instructors covered the Koror Central GED classes and the Department of Correction in the Republic of Palau. We also hired three (3) instructors for a computer-based learning class for GED Students.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES & EVALUATION:

- Provide technical assistance and professional development activities to program providers in developing adult- appropriate learning materials that target different learning style and are responsive to the needs of the Palauan population.
- Provide the Annual Statistical Performance and Financial Status Reports to Office of Vocational and Adult Education, (OVAE), every end of the year.
- Recruit and implement Pre-GED, GED and computer-based learning class instructions on all five solid subjects to outlying States, Koror Central and Department of Correction.
- Offer upgrading classes to lift up failing students to be able to achieve the passing GED standard score.
- Conduct GED class monitoring daily instructions and students' daily attendance.
- Conduct GED Testing and Evaluation by Pre & Post Testing.

NEEDS & CHALLENGES: Palau Adult Education GED Program is the only program here in Palau that provides the GED program and services for drop-outs youth or adults who lack ability to achieve their High School Equivalency Diploma. Palau needs the continuation of this program and its funding for the betterment of Human Resources, Economic sustainability and elevates the living standards of displaced homemakers.

Submitted by:

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