

Pacific CEED Promising Practices & Progress Report Form

Project Name/Title:

NCD workshop to Evaluate 1st five years strategic Plan and Draft the next 5 years NCD strategic implementation Plan.

Project Date/Duration:

January 2009 – September 30, 2009

Jurisdiction/Island/Village:

Palau

Audience Reached:

NCD program within the Ministry of Health, Palau NCD Coalition and its sub-committee members, Nurses and Minister of Health. People who will benefit most from this project are people of Palau.

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One participant looks over reference material on hand.



Participants of the Palau NCD strategic implementation planning workshop



Participants at work planning Palau's 2009-2014 NCD strategic implementation plan



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History/Background:

The project is to evaluate the current NCD strategic plan and to develop a strategic plan for the next five years. In 2004, Palau convene major stock holder in the community and involves other program within the Bureau of Public Health and Bureau of Hospital and Clinical Services to develop; a five years NCD strategic Plan. The plan was developed and community group was formulate and divided into four sub-committees to address five indentified major risk factors for NCDs (Physical Activity, Tobacco Use, Alcohol use and abuse and Nutrition). The NCD coalition which is Ulekereuil a Klengar (UAK) served as an umbrella for the four sub-committees and assist the committees in implementing their objectives as stated in the NCD strategic plan. NCD program within the Bureau of Public Health worked closely with UAK and its sub-committees in leveraging funds to implement activities and conducted community meetings in all the states of Palau. Several program were developed and broadcasted thru television, radio and news papers within Palau.

The funding requested is to allow continuation of the existing project and to provide resources for NCD program, UAK and its sub-committees to conduct a workshop to evaluate the first five years plan, identify activities that were successfully completed, activities that are continuing, and those activities that were not met. Identify reasons for why activities were not met. The workshop participant will review the current NCD plan and assess those activities that were not met and decide if there are other ways that can be implemented so that objectives are met or objectives are not relevant and should be taken ot of the plan.

Another need for the project is to identify a person who able to review existing Public Health NCD policies and amend the existing policy to create a supportive environment for the new integrated NCD program, including cancer.

Goal and Objectives:

The goal of the project is: Collaborate, Coordinate and Integrate Comprehensive Cancer Control Program with relevant programs within the Ministry of Health including the Bureau of Public Health, Hospital Services and Primary Health Care Program. The project identified to objective which are the priorities to address. (1) All Ministry of Health Program addressing the primary risk factors and social determinants for NCDs (including cancer) will be restructured as an integrated program with comprehensive NCD strategy and an implementation and evaluation plan, supportive of the Palau Bureau of Public Health Strategic Plan 2008 – 2013. (2) review draft new public health policy or amend existing policy to create a supportive environment for the new integrated NCD program, including cancer.

Planning & Development:

Monthly activities report of the UAK and its four sub-committees were reviewed, television, radio program and news papers article were evaluated.

Members of UAK and its sub-committees represent broad spectrum of community organizations including Ministry of Education, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Resource and Development, Ministry of Arts and Cultural Affairs, Palau Community Action Agency, Community Women Organizations, Palau Congress, Community Male Organizations. Palau Community College, Media and etc. UAK sub-committees major roles was to review the existing NCD plan especially section pertaining to their committee and develop objectives and activities for that

section in the next five years. The members also need to assess what their organization can contribute to the implementation their section and plan activities that are realistic and can be implemented.

Implementation:

The priority activities of the project are to provide a workshop to evaluate the current NCD strategic plan and develop NCD strategic plan for the next five years. NCD program will invite members of the cancer coalition and cancer program within the Bureau of Public Health to the workshop. The reason for this is to try and realign objectives and activities that are promoted by Cancer Program and Cancer Coalition with the NCD strategic plan so that merging of the two coalition and Public Health program can occur and activated can be implemented to address both cancer and other NCDs. Because the small resources and small population it is important for Palau to strengthen program partnership and maximize its small resources so that activities can be implemented and the health of the Palauans will improve.

Evaluation:

Outcome of the project was that

- Palau NCD Strategic Implementation Plan was developed and it is on its final stage for printing.
- NCD Community Coalition Ulekereuil a Klengar were able to meet and strategies next steps to implement activities identified.
- Comprehensive Cancer community coalition met with NCD coalition to initiate collaborative and coordination of their activities to maximize their resources and not duplicating activities.

Lessons Learned:

Major Strength:

- For the first time all NCD program coalition and Public Health staff met to try and coordinate activities to maximize resources.
- For the first time Palau convene 3 major donor agency (Pacific CEED, University of Hawaii –CDC, SPC and WHO) to work together to improve its services.
- Community members were part of the development of the plan which demonstrate the ownership of the plan.

Weakness:

- Timing was short
- Working with people physically in different places was hard.

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