

**Fiscal
Year
2020**

NORTHERN ISLANDS MAYOR'S OFFICE

Citizen-Centric Report (Pursuant to PL-20-83)

ABOUT US

The Northern Islands Mayor's Office (NIMO) performs various official functions listed under Article VI (Local Government) of the CNMI Constitution. The Northern Islands have an estimated population of 184.

GOALS:

To establish a safe, reliable, and consistent transportation and communication between Saipan and the Northern Islands.

To create and/or establish permanent and meaningful jobs and other employment opportunities for the Northern Islands residents and CNMI residents in general.

To establish and provide basic infrastructure facilities (water, power, sewer, roads, ports, runway, etc.) on Anatahan, Alamagan, Pagan, and Agrihan.

To establish local revenue generating activities through taxing or licensing commercial fisheries, volcanic mineral mining, and other related activities utilizing and/or harvesting the natural resources of the Northern Islands.

To expand the CNMI's tourism industry by opening the vast resources of the CNMI's Northern Frontier to allow a wider range of activities while in the CNMI to include eco-tourism in the Northern Islands.



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Newly renovated roof for Agrihan dispensary/Mayor's Office.



Mayor Santos repairing the old Japanese tanks.



The Northern Islands Mayor's Office has completed some major repairs on all three islands. On Agrihan island, the semi-concrete dispensary needed major repair on the roofing and was completed. Pagan and Alamagan needed new typhoon shelters /Mayor's Office to shelter residents and store government equipments in case of typhoons. Also, the three islands needed major repairs and renovations to the old cement tanks for water. These projects were complete and new projects are on-going now on the islands.



Mayor's Office on Alamagan



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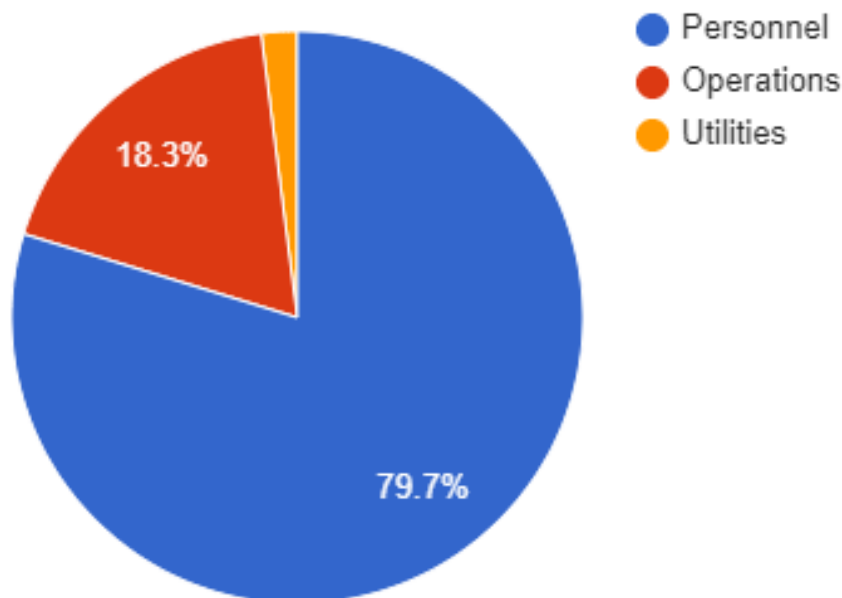
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FINANCES

The Northern Islands Mayor's Office fiscal year budget is provided by law, which includes appropriations from the general fund and local funds. The appropriation budgets pay for personnel and fringe benefits, travel, supplies, utilities, and contractual/rental services.

Pursuant to Public Law 21-08, the Northern Islands Mayor's Office initially received a total appropriation of \$495,507 for fiscal year 2020. Due to the economic downturn, the Northern Islands Mayor's Office along with other departments and branches were subjected to a budget reduction in allotment of over 40%.

Due to these austerity measures, the total appropriation for personnel and all others was adjusted to \$471,662.00.



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Challenges:

The major challenge for the Northern Islands Mayor's Office is providing a reliable source of transportation and a port facility for each island.

Procuring a vessel will save millions of dollars to the CNMI and will also help the residents who are unemployed import crops and livestock for marketing



Providing adequate resources for a safe and sanitary living conditions and essential infrastructures are other challenges we are facing.

These tasks are ambitious since the available resources necessary for their accomplishments are very minimal.

Due to the current decrease in funding, the Northern Islands Mayor's Office has been challenged to work within our means to ensure that we continue to service the people of the Northern Islands especially those that are currently on Alamagan, Pagan, and Agrihan.

