



# Women's Affairs Office

## Office of the Governor



### FY 2020 Citizen Centric Report

#### WHO WE ARE?

The Women's Affairs Office (WAO) was established by Article III Section 22 of the CNMI Constitution on November 03, 1985. WAO carries out its missions but not limited to the following:

- Formulate and implement a policy of affirmative action in the government and private section to assist women achieve social, political and economic parity.
- Promote the interest of women.
- Assist agencies of government and private organizations to plan and implement programs and services for women.
- Monitor compliance of laws and regulations by government agencies and private organizations.
- Organize community education strategies regarding the roles of women, and recommend to the governor and the legislature for consideration of legislation of benefit to women.

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## Women's Month/Women's Recognition/International Women's Day/CNMI Women's Summit

The Women's Affairs Office in partnership with First Lady Diann Torres, Second Lady Wella Palacios, the CNMI Women's Association and other partnering agencies had collaborated to coordinate the Women's Month events and other community projects/events. We assist & help raise awareness of women issues, gender equality, empower women in our society, as well as celebrate and recognize women in the CNMI.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE CNMI WOMEN'S MONTH PROCLAMATION SIGNING BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S WOMEN'S AFFAIRS OFFICE, CNMI WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, AND COLLABORATING PARTNERS.

**CNMI Women's Month PROCLAMATION SIGNING**

Friday, February 28, 2020  
11:00A.M.  
Multi-Purpose Center  
Susupe, Saipan



**“Women of Action Recognition”**

Women were nominated by their department or agency by submitting their success stories.

FIRST LADY DIANN TORRES & SECOND LADY WELLA PALACIOS PRESENT

**Woman of Action RECOGNITION**

Get to know the inspiring women working with you!

Nominate a woman working in your department or agency by submitting her success story along with a photo. Your nominee must be a woman who despite going through hardships has become the woman she is today and in the position she is in.

STORY SUBMISSION DUE ON FEB 17, 2020 TO THE WOMEN'S AFFAIRS OFFICE

Email your story to [scogumoro@gov.mp](mailto:scogumoro@gov.mp) with the subject line: "WOA - your department name"

WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON WOMEN'S RECOGNITION NIGHT

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020  
6PM TO 8PM  
MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER

For any questions, please contact 488-2658 or email [scogumoro@gmail.com](mailto:scogumoro@gmail.com)

A special event for women, by women.

Women's Affairs Office  
CNMI Women's Association  
and collaborating partners.

Please join us in celebrating:

**International Women's Day**

Theme: Continuing to Rise:  
Women Leading Sustainable Development

First Lady Diann Torres & Second Lady Wella Palacios

**Woman of Action Recognition**

Saturday, MARCH 07, 2020  
2 PM-6 PM @ Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe

Activities: Meet & Greet, Ethnicity Presentation, Cuisine Tasting & Road side waving!!

**Si Yu'us Ma'asi, Ghilsson & Thank You!**



**7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL Women's Summit**

Continuing to Rise:  
Women Leading Sustainable Development

**VIRTUAL SUMMIT**  
September 24, 2020  
8:00am - 5:00pm

Hosted by:

Sponsored by:

Virtual CNMI Women's Summit

**Action Plan Meeting**

- Education
- Health & Safety
- Economic Development

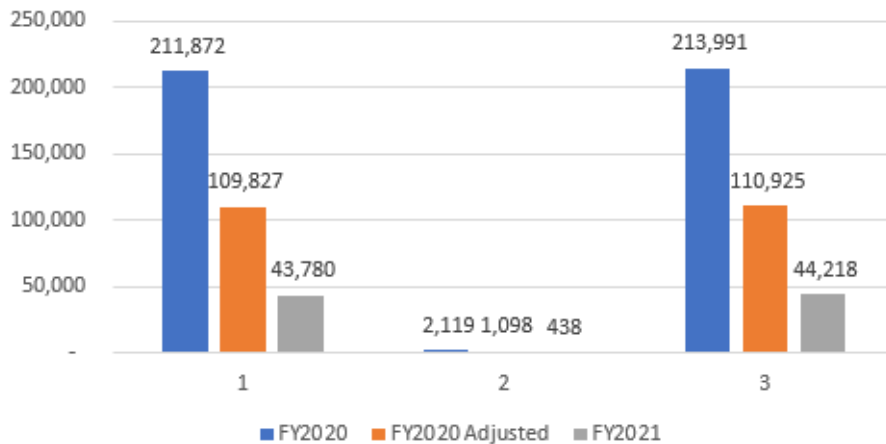
**Meeting Sustainable Development Goals#5**



Women's Affairs Office relies primarily on the CNMI Government's General Funds for personnel, utilities and operations expenditures. Per Public Law 21-35, WAO was allocated \$44,218.00 from the General Fund in FY 2021. FY 2021 figures reflect \$43,780.00 were appropriated for personnel and \$438.00 for operations, and \$0 for utilities.

Pursuant to Governor's Directive 2019-003 Cost Containment Measures, WAO took necessary steps to reduce operational expenditures by terminating phone land lines, office internet, trash collection, and car lease. On April 2020, WAO had a significant reduction of staff due to the COVID-19 outbreak in numerous foreign countries, the United States and the CNMI has resulted in a dramatic and severe reduction in economic activities and thus government revenue. The dramatic drop in revenue makes the current number of Executive Branch employees unsustainable.

Chart Title



WAO had received some Federal Funding Aid from the Department of Interior for the Integrating Energy Efficient & Renewable Energy in the amount of \$38,425.00 for Operational Resiliency:

- Cool Roof System
- LED Lighting
- Window Reflective Film



United States Department of the Interior  
 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
 Washington, DC 20240  
 September 16, 2020

The Honorable Ralph DLG Torres  
 Governor of the Commonwealth of  
 the Northern Mariana Islands  
 Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building  
 Capitol Hill  
 Caller Box 10007  
 Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Torres:

I am pleased to award the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands a total of \$1,706,075 in Fiscal Year 2020 grant funding through the Office of Insular Affairs' Energizing Insular Communities (EIC) program. This funding will be used for high-priority energy projects, as detailed in EIC grant applications submitted this year. Funding is awarded for the following six projects:

- Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Phase III: Pre-Pay Meter Conversion Project - \$672,000
- Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Improved Efficiencies in Power Generation Through SCADA Technologies - \$403,500
- Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Acquisition of Solar Engineering Master Professional Services - \$301,700
- Department of Public Works, Energy Efficiency/Energy Star Rebate Programs - \$212,920
- Office of the Governor, Integrating Energy Efficient and Renewable Energy for Operational Resiliency: Cool Roof System - \$77,530
- Women's Affairs Office, Integrating Energy Efficient and Renewable Energy for Operational Resiliency: Cool Roof System, LED Lighting and Window Reflective Film - \$38,425

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns. You may also have your staff contact Krystina Alfano by e-mail at Krystina\_Alfano@ios.doi.gov or by phone at 202-219-8536 should there be any issues regarding these grants.

Sincerely,

Douglas W. Domenech  
 Assistant Secretary  
 Insular and International Affairs

cc: The Honorable Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan



**Continue to promote the interest of women by:**

- Partnering up with other government agencies and Non-government agencies on projects and services.
- Look for funding and resources in the community to achieve projects and goals.
- Empower and promote the interest of women in the CNMI. Seek and promote trainings
- Continue collaboration with the Public & Private Schools to provide incentive awards to top honor female senior graduates. Continue the awareness of gender equality and promoting the interest

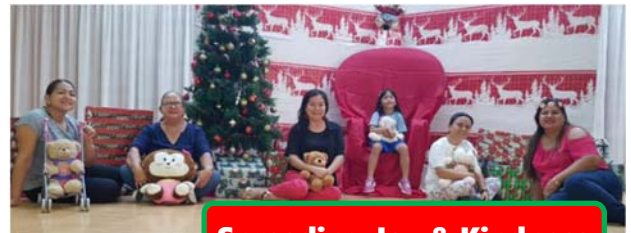


Training



Teamwork

Recognition of the 2020 Outstanding Female Senior Graduate Award  
The WAO annually awards outstanding top female senior graduates nominated by their school administrator.



Spreading Joy & Kindness



Outreach & Awareness



Collaboration



Tinian Partners



#EachforEqual

