

Northern Islands Mayor's Office

Citizen Centric Report - October 2019



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 now have an estimated population of one-hundred eighty-four (184).



GOALS

- 1.To establish safe, reliable, and consistent transportation and communication system between Saipan and the Northern Islands.*
- 2.To create and/or establish permanent and meaningful jobs and other employment opportunities for the Northern Islands residents and CNMI residents in general.*
- 3.To establish and provide basic infrastructure facilities (water,power, sewer, roads, ports, etc.) on Anatahan, Alamagan, Pagan, and Agrigan.*
- 4.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.*
- 5.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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OUR PROGRESS



The NIMO staff have completed repairs and renovation of water tanks on Alamagan, Pagan, and Agrigan. These water tanks were built during the Japanese administration on the islands and are either totally damaged or are in serious direpair. The repair and renovation tasks include repair of cracks, construction of concrete tops/cover, and construction of water catchment facilities. Presently, Alamagan and Agrigan has roughly 10,000 gallons of potable water and Pagan have an estimate of 20,000 gallons of potable water. The NIMO assisted in rebuilding public facilities in Alamagan, Pagan, and Agrigan which were totally destroyed by recent typhoons. This include construction of governments offices (radio and communications room, health dispensary, and etc.) typhoon shelters, and related facilities. The pathways on Alamagan, Pagan, and Agrigan are continuously maintained to allow passage from their landing beaches to the village site. Expansion of the trails are done manually using peak, shovels, rakes, wheel barrows, etc. The NIMO is working closely with the Department of Public Lands regarding the Agricultural Homestead lots one Pagan Island.



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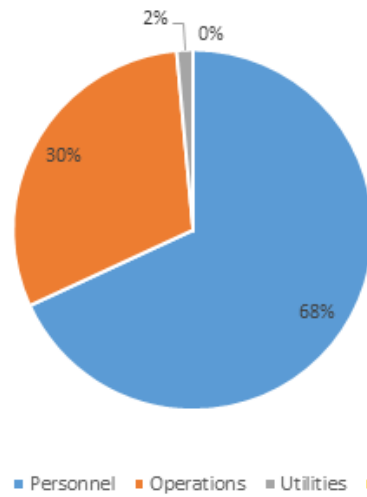


FINANCES

CNM) PUBLIC LAW 21-08 - APPROPRIATIONS

The Northern Islands Mayor's Office was appropriated \$495,507 in Fiscal Year 2020.

FY 2019 Expenditures



	#FTE	PERSONNEL	OPERATIONS	UTILITIES
FY 2018 (PL 20-11)	17	\$348,749.00	\$ 71,286.00	\$10,000.00
FY 2019 (PL 20-67)	17	\$396,361.00	\$177,047.00	\$8,550.00
Budget reduction of 15.2856%	17	\$335,775.00	\$149,984.00	\$7,243.00



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CHALLENGES



One of the current and future challenges for the NIMO is providing a reliable source of transportation and port facility for each island. Current mode of transportation between Saipan and the Northern Islands are sporadic and expensive.

Procuring a vessel will save millions of dollars to the CNMI and will also help the residents who are un-employed import all the harvested crops and livestock for marketing.

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

These tasks are ambitious and monumental particularly since the available resources necessary for their accomplishments are minimal.

