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GRANT NUMBER 0680-FSM (SF)

Year Ended September 30, 2024
Report No: 2026-05



**RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
GRANT NUMBERS 0680 FSM (SF)**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Rose N. Nakanaga
Secretary
Department of Finance & Administration
FSM National Government

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Renewable Energy Development Project Grant numbers 0680-FSM(SF) which comprise the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, and the related notes as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024. In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial performance of the Project in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally acceptable in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Project and to meet our ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit.

Responsibility of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Project's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We are required to communicate to those charged with governance, regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 15, 2026, on our consideration of the project's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Project's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Project's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Haser H. Hainrick
National Public Auditor

Palikir, Pohnpei
January 15, 2026

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Statement of Financial Position for the year ended September 30, 2024

	September 30, 2024 (\$)	September 30, 2023 (\$)
Assets		
Current Assets		
Receivables		
Project Coordinator Receivables	---	---
Finance & Administrative Officer Receivables	14,948	14,984
Project Assistant Kosrae Receivables	---	1,300
SMO Consultant Receivables	---	81,931
PUC Director Corporate Receivables	90,000	45,000
Department of Resource and Development	36,982	---
Total Assets	141,966	143,214
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Payables		
Project Coordinator Payables	---	---
Finance & Administrative Officer Payables	14,984	14,984
Project Assistant Kosrae Payables	---	1,300
SMO Consultant Payables	---	81,931
PUC Director Corporate Payables	90,000	45,000
Department of Resource and Development	36,982	---
Total Liabilities	141,966	143,214
Net Position	---	---

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Statement of Financial Performance for the Year Ended September 30, 2024

	September 30, 2024 (\$)	September 30, 2023 (\$)
Revenues		
Grant Revenue from ADB	1,004,263	605,528
Contribution from FSM	81,982	113
Total Revenues	1,086,245	605,642
Expenditures		
Project Management and Other Expenses		
Output 1: Yap Renewable Energy	191,337.11	-
Output 2: Kosrae Main Grid Renewable Energy	103,941.06	-
Output 3: Pohnpei Utilities Corporation SMO	90,796.24	404,866
Output 4: Efficient Project Management	700,170.79	200,776
Total Expenditures	1,086,245	605,642
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	-

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements
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(1) General Information

(a) The Grant

The Federated States of Micronesia initially, on December 03, 2019, entered into a grant agreement (Grant Number 0680-FSM(SF)) with the ADB in the amount of \$15 million for the Renewable Energy Development Project (*the Project*).

On December 17, 2021, the ADB made an additional financing (Grant number 0813-FSM(SF)) of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) available to the Project.

As a result of the additional financing, the closing date of the Grant was extended from August 31, 2023, to August 31, 2024, as agreed to on the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 01 June 2023.

The proceeds of these Grants were to be exclusively finance the expenditures of the Project (refer (b) below) in accordance with the provision of the Grant Agreement.

(b) The Project

The Project, named Renewable Energy Development Project (REDP), aims to increase sustainable generation and utilization of renewable energy in the states of Yap, Kosrae and Pohnpei.

The project comprises four parts:

Part	Sub-part	Output
1	(i)	The installation of approximately 1.15MW of solar photovoltaic (PV) capacity and mini-grid and solar-home-system investments for Kosrae Utility Authority (KUA) in Kosrae;
	(ii)	Electrification of the Walung Community, Kosrae, through the installation of 60kW hybrid solar, 30kW diesel, 30kW/160kWh battery mini-grid, and 2.5kW/4kWh solar home systems;
	(iii)	Capacity building for Kosrae Utility Authority (KUA)
2	(i)	The installation of 300kW rooftop solar photovoltaic system on Yap Sport Center rooftops; 1.950MW ground mounted solar photovoltaic array system; 800kW/800kWh battery energy storage system;
	(ii)	Upgradation of existing control system at Yap State Public Service Corporation (YSPSC); and
	(iii)	Capacity building for YSPSC;
3		Institutional strengthening support for Pohnpei Utility Company (PUC);
4		Support for effective project management and DORD's capacity building.

The project completion date was extended and is expected to be completed by 30 June 2025.

(c) Grant Administration

The Secretary of Finance and Administration of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) National Government is designated as the representative of the FSM. The Department of Finance &

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Administration (DoFA) is the executing agency (EA) for the Project and is responsible for all disbursement approvals, accounting, and fiscal oversight. The Department of Resources & Development (DoRD) is the implementing agency (IA) for the Project and is responsible for the day-to-day implementation of the Project, manages the Project Management Unit (PMU) and maintains all documentation.

The Project is governed by a Project Steering Committee (PSC) who should meet at least twice per year, and quarterly (if possible) to receive project updates, make key decisions and provide overall guidance to the PMU. The membership of the PSC includes: Kosrae Utilities Authority (KUA), Yap State Public Service Corporation (YSPSC), Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC), DoRD, DoFA, and PMU.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying financial statements of the Project have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the recognized standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Project's accounting policies are described below.

For financial reporting purposes, this is a standalone and a separate donor-funded project from the FSM National Government funds and activities.

Basis of Accounting

The Project's financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Receivables

The Project's receivable is recognized when the Project has received invoices from the consultants (external party) in accordance with agreed conditions/requirements and is entitled to receive the agreed funding. Where uncertainty exists in relation to the receipt of grant funding, a receivable (and associated revenue) would not be recognized unless it was more probable than not that payment would be made hence allowances for uncollectible amounts is not necessary.

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Payables

Payables refers to consultants (external party) invoices received as of September 30, 2024, and yet to be paid.

Reporting Period

The accompanying financial statements cover the fiscal year from October 01, 2023, to September 30, 2024. The period for the comparative balances covers the period October 01, 2022, to September 30, 2023.

Presentation of currency

The FSM currency is the US Dollar. In the presentation of the financial statements, cost estimates and financing plan, the Project uses the US Dollar.

(3) Direct Payments made by ADB

Direct payment procedures are used for civil works, consulting services, and equipment. The Project management unit (PMU) support such as the project coordinator, consultant and project steering committee meeting costs are reimbursed.

The executing agency and/or implementing agency covered the PMU support costs directly and submitted withdrawal applications to ADB for reimbursement.

From September 30, 2023, to September 30, 2024, direct payments by ADB to the consultants amounted to \$1,004,263.

(4) Procurement of Goods and Consulting Services

The procurement of goods, works and consulting services were based on an ADB-approved Procurement Plan which requires International Competitive Bidding.

(5) Withdrawals from Grant Account

The proceeds of the grant were allocated to items of expenditure, and disbursement on the basis of withdrawal percentage for each item of expenditure.

(6) Procurement

All procurement of project goods and works were undertaken in accordance with ADB's Procurement guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time). An 18-month procurement plan indicating threshold and review procedures, goods, works, and consulting service contract packages and national competitive bidding guidelines includes the following:

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Method	Threshold
International Competitive Bidding for Works	Above \$3,000,000
International Competitive Bidding for Goods	Above \$1,000,000
National Competitive Bidding for Works	Below or Equal to \$3,000,000
National Competitive Bidding for Goods	Below or Equal to \$1,000,000
Shopping for Works/Goods	Below or Equal to \$300,000

(8) Statement of Budgeted versus Actual Expenditures

The schedule below shows the estimated project cost and actual expenditures incurred in FY 2024.

Particulars	Budget	Actual Expenditures (millions - USD)				Savings / (Deficit)
		FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	
Yap						
1 BESS at power station	1.31	-	0.33	-	0.19	0.79
2 Ground mount solar photovoltaic array near power station	4.47	-	-	-	-	4.47
3 Rooftop solar photovoltaic extension at sports center	0.49	-	-	-	-	0.49
4 Upgrade to power station SCADA and controls	0.31	-	-	-	-	0.31
Total Capital Expenditure (CAPEX)	6.58	-	0.33	-	0.19	6.06
Total Import Taxes and Duties	0.26	-	-	-	-	0.26
Total for the Yap Project	6.84	-	0.33	-	0.19	6.32
Kosrae						
1 KUA Main Grid	3.69	-	0.34	-	0.10	3.25
2 Walung mini-grid and solar home system	1.16	-	-	-	-	1.16
Total Capital Expenditure (CAPEX)	4.85	-	0.34	-	0.10	4.41
Total Import Taxes and Duties	0.20	-	-	-	-	0.20
Total for the Kosrae Project	5.05	-	0.34	-	0.10	4.61
Pohnpei						
1 SMO Consultant	0.74	0.09	0.10	0.40	0.18	(0.03)
Total for the Pohnpei Project	0.74	0.09	0.10	0.40	0.18	(0.03)
FSM						
1 Project Implementation Consultants (PIC)	0.87	0.07	-	0.02	0.71	0.07
2 Project Management Unit (PMU) Support	0.23	-	0.12	0.04	0.05	0.03
Total Project Management Support	1.10	0.07	0.12	0.06	0.75	0.10
Contingency	1.78	-	-	-	-	1.78
Total Project Costs	15.51	0.16	0.89	0.46	1.22	12.78

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(9) Cost and Financing

The Project is financed as follows: Equipment, Works, Project Implementation Consultants, and Supplemental Management Operations from ADB Supplemental Fund in the amount of \$15 million with an additional \$4m and FSM Government in-kind counterpart financing consisting of exemptions from import taxes and duties estimates of \$0.51 million. No in-kind disbursement from the FSM Government was paid during the period, and no import duties were recorded in FY 2024.

Detailed Estimates Financier	Cost by	ADB		Government		Total Costs	
		Amount	% of cost category	Amount	% of cost category	Amount	Taxes and Duties
Output1: Yap Main Grid Renewable Energy							
1	BESS	1.31	96%	0.05	4%	1.36	0.05
2	Ground PV	4.47	96%	0.18	4%	4.65	0.18
3	Roof PV	0.49	96%	0.02	4%	0.51	0.02
4	Upgrade control system	0.31	96%	0.01	4%	0.32	0.01
	Total	6.58	96%	0.26	4%	6.84	0.26
Output 2: Kosrae Main Grid Renewable Energy							
1	Main Grid PV and BESS	3.69	96%	0.15	4%	3.84	0.15
2	Walung Mini-grid and solar home system	1.16	96%	0.05	4%	1.21	0.05
	Total	4.85	96%	0.19	4%	5.05	0.19
Output 3: Pohnpei Utilities Corporation SMO							
1	SMO Consultant	0.74	100%	-	-	0.74	-
	Total	0.74	100%	-	-	0.74	-
Output 4: Efficient Project Management							
1	PIC	0.87	100%	-	-	0.87	-
2	PMU Support	0.23	100%	-	-	0.23	-
	Total Support	1.10	100%	-	-	1.10	-
	Subtotal (A)	13.27	97%	0.45	3%	13.73	0.45
	Contingency						
1	Physical	1.33	97%	0.05	3%	1.37	0.05
2	Price	0.40	97%	0.01	3%	0.41	0.01
	Subtotal (B)	1.73	97%	0.06	3%	1.78	0.06
	Total (A + B)	15.00	97%	0.51	3%	15.51	0.51

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(10) Subsequent Events

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely to affect significantly the operations of the Project, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Project in the subsequent financial year.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL
CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON
COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT
OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on An Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

Honorable Rose N. Nakanaga

Secretary

Department of Finance & Administration

FSM National Government

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Renewable Energy Development Project Grant numbers 0680-FSM(SF), (the "Project"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024 and the statement of financial performance for the year ended and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 15, 2026.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the project's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the Profit and Loss Statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the project's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, detect, and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the project's financial statement will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Project's Profit and Loss Statement is free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; noncompliance with which provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The Project's Response to Findings

No findings were identified during the course of our audit. Consequently, the project's related response is not required.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the project's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the project's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Haser H. Hainrick
National Public Auditor

Palikir, Pohnpei
January 15, 2026



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Report on Compliance with the Financial Covenants and Other Requirements of the Grant Agreement

We have audited the Renewable Energy Development Project Grant numbers 0680-FSM(SF) (*the Project's*) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the Grant Agreements dated December 3, 2019, with the Asian Development Bank, which could have a direct and material effect on the Project as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with financial covenants and other requirements of the grant agreement.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance with the financial covenants and other requirements of the grant agreements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the audit requirements of the Grant Agreement. Those standards and the Grant Agreement require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above could have a direct and material effect on the Project. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Project's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we consider necessary in the circumstances.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Project complies with the finance covenant, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Project as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024. In addition, funds were used for project purposes as set out in the Grant Agreements dated December 3, 2019.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the Project is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Project's internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the Project to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the grant agreement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Project's internal control over compliance.

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with the compliance requirements of a grant agreement on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of the grant agreement that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies, and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Haser H. Hainrick
National Public Auditor

Palikir, Pohnpei
January 15, 2026

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Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
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<u>Finding No.</u>	<u>Audit Finding</u>	<u>Status</u>
2023/01	Non-maintenance of separate accounts and records for the project.	Not implemented