

FSM NATIONAL PUBLIC AUDITORS OFFICE QUARTERLY REPORT



OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2025

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Reporting and Communications



- A total of three audit reports were issued during the reporting period, with eight audit engagements currently in progress.



- 7/27 Financial Statement audits issued for FY2024 Single Audits.



- 1 Investigation Cases Completed and 16 are in progress.



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ONPA TEAM BUILDING

OCTOBER 03, 2025



On Friday, October 3, 2025, the Office of the National Public Auditor (ONPA) held its annual team-building activity at Nihco Marine Park to strengthen professional bonds and review goals for the upcoming fiscal year. The day began with a prayer by Chief Investigator Kelly Samuel, followed by divisional presentations on the 2026 operational plan, code of conduct, and human resources manuals. During the afternoon, staff participated in competitive games designed to foster camaraderie and teamwork, which were followed by a reflection on expectations for FY26. The event concluded with the recognition of the ONPA's Weight Loss Challenge champions, leaving the team with renewed motivation and a shared sense of accomplishment as they look toward a successful year ahead

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST POHNPEI SENIOR STUDENT 1 DAY OBSERVATION VISIT AT ONPA

NOVEMBER 13, 2025

On November 13, 2025, the Office of the National Public Auditor (ONPA) in Palikir hosted SDA senior Marlishia Dungawin for a career shadowing day focused on public oversight and accountability. After an orientation with Public Auditor Haser Hainrick and his staff, Ms. Dungawin observed the operations of the Compliance Investigation Division, Audit, and Corporate Service teams. The visit concluded with a direct observation session with the Public Auditor, highlighting the ONPA's dedication to fostering professional development and civic awareness among the future leaders of the Federated States of Micronesia.



PASAI HOSTS STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY WORKSHOP IN GUAM

NOVEMBER 17-20, 2025



Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) successfully hosted a four-day Stakeholder Engagement Strategy workshop in Guam from November 17–20, 2025, bringing together representatives from audit offices across the Northern Pacific, including a participant from the Office of the National Public Auditor (ONPA). The workshop supported PASAI's 2024–2034 strategic goals by focusing on strengthening communication practices, improving stakeholder engagement, and enhancing audit impact, transparency, and public trust. ONPA expressed sincere appreciation to PASAI for organizing the valuable program and to all participating offices for their collaboration and knowledge sharing.

Our Story for the Quarter

Professional Certification: Certified Fraud Examiner

October 10, 2025

The Office of the National Public Auditor (ONPA) proudly congratulates Ms. Royaleen Antonio, Investigator I, on earning her Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) credential. This prestigious certification, awarded by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), recognizes her expertise and professionalism in detecting, preventing, and investigating fraud.

Achieving the CFE designation requires rigorous preparation, relevant professional experience, and a strong commitment to ethical standards. Ms. Antonio's accomplishment reflects her dedication to continuous professional growth and her determination to strengthen her skills in support of public sector accountability.

Royaleen's achievement enhances ONPA's capacity to fulfill its mandate of promoting integrity, transparency, and good governance. ONPA commends her for this important milestone and thanks her for her continued service to the people of the Federated States of Micronesia.



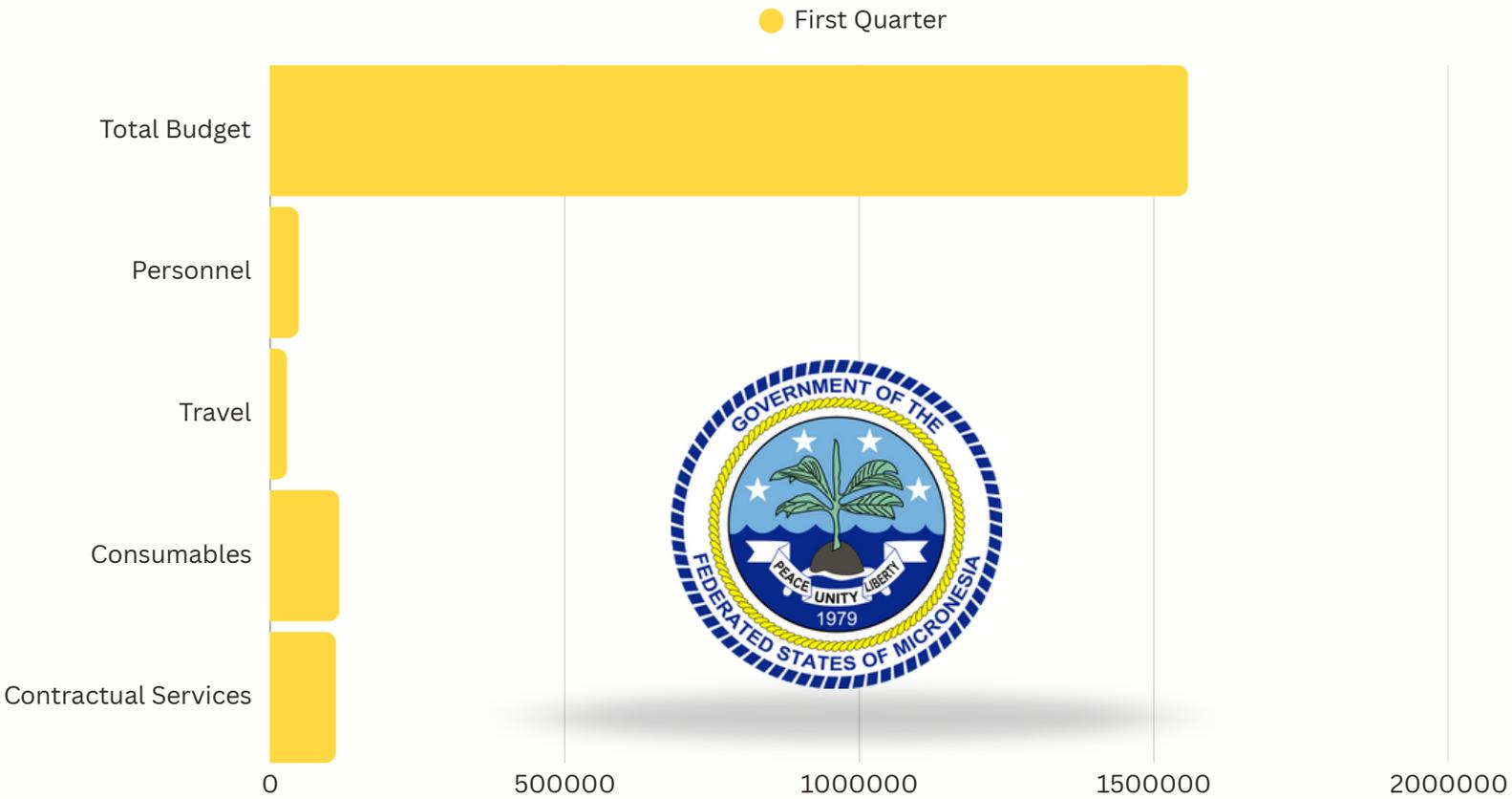
Office of the National Public Auditor

MS. ROYALEEN ANTONIO

Certified Fraud
Examiner (CFE)



BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE REPORT



NOTE: \$1,322,858.00 was allotted in the 1st quarter for FY26. The amount expended during the 1st quarter was \$101,871.17 and the amount available by the end of the 1st quarter was \$1,220,986.83.

AUDIT HIGHLIGHTS

- Finalized the 2027 annual audit plan during the first quarter of FY 2026, incorporating organizational priorities, risk assessments, and stakeholder input. In parallel, we commenced and drafted the 2028 annual audit plan to support forward-looking audit coverage and ensure continuity in annual audit planning.
- During the reporting quarter, audit management approved the annual audit planning process, ensuring alignment with organizational objectives, risk priorities, and governance requirements. A revised performance evaluation process was also reviewed and approved, strengthening accountability, consistency, and professional development across the audit function. In addition, endorsement was provided for the pursuit of relevant professional certifications for all audit staff, reinforcing capability building, and adherence to professional standards. The quarter also saw the approval and refinement of TM+ procedures to enhance operational efficiency and audit quality. Furthermore, a Stakeholder Engagement Activity was supported and endorsed by PA, with implementation scheduled to commence in January and continue through March 2026, supporting proactive communication and collaboration with key stakeholders.



PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT SYSTEM (PMS)

Key Performance Indicators	Timeframe	FY25	Responsible Official
Goal: Goal 1: Strengthen Accountability and Transparency in the Government through Impactful and Quality Services			
Objective 1.1: Value Adding and Quality Services- Impact			
1.1.1 Percentage of planned audits & Inspections for the fiscal year completed within the quarter.	Quarterly	20%	Audit Manager
1.1.2 Percentage of carried forward audits & inspections that are completed within the Quarter	Quarterly	20%	Audit Manager
1.1.3. Percentage of audit opinions for all primary governments and component units for the period issued within the approved timeline	Quarterly	26%	Audit Manager
1.1.4 Percentage of audit & inspection reports with a completed Quality Assurance Review (QAR)	Quarterly	67%	Audit Manager/Quality Assurance Officer
1.1.8 Percentage of investigations opened during the fiscal year that are completed within the Quarter.	Quarterly	0%	Chief Investigator
1.1.9 Percentage of investigations carried forward from prior fiscal years that are completed within the current Quarter.	Quarterly	25%	Chief Investigator
Key Performance Indicators	Timeframe	FY25	Responsible Official
Objective 1.2: Efficiently improving our structure and practices for a high performing ONPA - Quality			
1.2.1 Percentage of reports successfully generated for each project in TeamMate	Quarterly	0%	IT Officer
Objective 1.3: Support our people to be healthy, motivated, skilled and strong performers – Quality			
1.3.1 Percentage of audit and investigation vacant positions to be filled within 4 months	Quarterly	96%	Manager, Corporate Services
1.3.3 Percentage of staff turnover	Quarterly	0%	Manager, Corporate Services
1.3.4 Number of Team Building activities	Quarterly	0	Manager, Corporate Services
1.3.6 Number of audit staff who receive a Professional Certification	Quarterly	1	Manager, Corporate Services

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT SYSTEM (PMS)

Key Performance Indicators	Timeframe	FY25	Responsible Official
Goal 2: Increase stakeholders' confidence in ONPA			
Objective 2.1: Create more visibility for ONPA			
2.1.1 Percentage of outreach programs performed during the Quarter targeting different stakeholders (Congress, Executive Branch, Citizens)	Quarterly	0%	IT Officer/Chairperson of SES
Objective 2.2: Increase participation in reporting of fraud, waste and abuse			
2.2.1. Number of allegations on fraud, waste and abuse effectively resolved.	Quarterly	NA	Chief Investigator
Goal 3 Strengthen ONPA contribution to improvement in Public Financial management through enhancement of the legal framework			
Objective 3.1: Submit the model legislation and regulation to relevant stakeholder			
3.1.1. Positive feedback received	Quarterly	Audit recommendation bill is still pending with Congress.	Management
Objective 3.2: Advocate for improved Financial Accountability in Government			
3.2.1. Follow-ups completed	Quarterly	NA	Management
Objective 3.3: Stronger coalition with relevant stakeholders to enhance our legal framework			
3.2.1. Positive feedback received	Quarterly	NA	Management



CANADIAN AUDIT & ACCOUNTABILITY FOUNDATION

CHALLENGES

- Multiple audit engagements are frequently assigned with overlapping start and end dates, resulting in simultaneous workload demands on the same personnel. This creates resource constraints, limits the ability to prioritize effectively, and increases the risk of delays or reduced audit quality. Competing deadlines can also lead to staff fatigue, rushed procedures, and insufficient time for adequate planning, review, and follow-up. Without improved scheduling, workload balancing, or phased engagement timelines, this issue may continue to impact efficiency and overall engagement outcomes



- There is a persistent challenge with auditees not submitting requested documentation and information within agreed-upon timelines. Delays in receiving necessary data hinder audit progress, disrupt planned fieldwork schedules, and often require repeated follow-ups. This can extend engagement timelines, increase administrative effort, and reduce the effectiveness of audit procedures. In some cases, late or incomplete submissions may also affect the scope of testing and the reliability of audit conclusions, underscoring the need for clearer expectations, stronger accountability, and earlier coordination with auditees.



- Quality Assurance reviews are often prolonged and results in extensive review comments due to auditor's limited familiarity with completing the standardized forms.



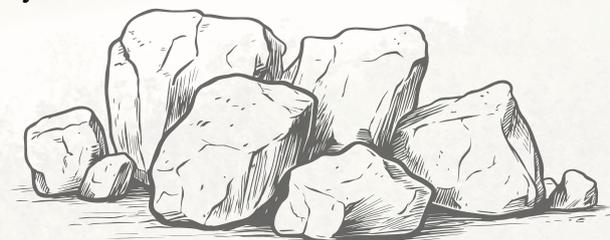
- Review comments often go back and forth because auditors do not always agree, necessitating meetings to clarify and address the deficiencies identified.

- Audit reports are not consistently submitted for Quality Assurance Review, which undermines the assurance process prior to review by the Public Auditor.



OTHER ENGAGEMENTS ACTIVITIES

- October 03- 29, 2025: Post articles, Single audit and ONPA audit reports.
- October 08, 2025: Contract renewal for staff Marleen Ladore and Midson Tom.
- October 09, 2025: Completed verification review of the audit team's implementation of the quality assurance review for the planning to reporting phase of the procurement Audit.
- October 10, 2025: ONPA and EY Hold Exit Conference for Chuuk State Audit.
- October 13, 2025: Renewed Website Host subscription.
- October 13, 2025: North Pacific Fiscal Oversight Conference virtual meeting with UNDP Governance Officer Mr. Gayeshan Jayasundara.
- October 17, 2025: Completed verification review of the audit team's implementation of the quality assurance review comment on the final draft report for the procurement audit.
- October 17, 2025. Completed quality assurance review for planning phase of the Surprise Cash Count on the FSM Government Collection Filed Offices and Agencies in Kosrae State.
- October 22, 2025: Completed quality assurance review for the fieldwork phase of the Teacher's Certification Audit.
- October 23, 2025: Completed quality assurance review for the reporting phase of the Teacher's Certification Audit.
- October 21, 2025: Legal Counsel Retainer Agreement FY26 Ramp and Meda renewed.
- October 23, 2025: FSM Jemco and Compact Management Office Visit ONPA.
- October 27, 2025: ASIAN Development Bank Courtesy Visit to ONPA
- October 31, 2025: Create teams' channel for Auditor annual planning team and Single audit
- November 10, 2025: Completed quality assurance review for the fieldwork phase of the Surprise Cash Count on the FSM Government Collection Filed Offices and Agencies in Kosrae State.
- November 12, 2025: Complete quality assurance review for the reporting phase of the Surprise Cash Count on the FSM Government Collection Filed Offices and Agencies in Kosrae State.
- November 12, 2025: Completed verification review of the audit team's implementation of the quality assurance review for the planning phase of the Follow Up Audit of the National Postal Service.
- November 17-21 025: Field work in Kosrae (Cash count).
- November 19, 2025: Pasai Compliance Audit Webinar (4)
- November 28, 2025: Shelo commenced her cross training on the QA function by undertaking her first quality assurance review on the Financial Audit on the Renewable Energy Development Project (REDP).
- December 01, 2025: Shelolyn Neth completed the quality assurance review of the planning phase of the REDP, pending verification review by Quality Assurance Officer's verification review.



OTHER ENGAGEMENTS ACTIVITIES

- December 5, 2025: Online Presentation PASAI Investigation webinar (2).
- December 09, 2025: Procure new computers and monitors.
- December 12, 2025: Rosadelima Alfons and Joey Iwo met Via Zoom with Meresimani Vosawale-Katuba to discuss the progress of the SoAQM Need Analysis, which was assessed to be approximately halfway through completion.
- December 17, 2025: ONPA management met to discuss the Public Auditors' Annual Conference in Chuuk, particularly funding matters related to the instructor.
- December 19, 2025: ONPA Christmas Luncheon.
- December 19, 2025: Engage with IT Consultant to resolve Firewall Issue.
- December 22, 2025: Confirmed Participants for the upcoming PASAI System for Audit Quality Management Workshop (SOAQM).
- December 23, 2025: PA and CS Manager met with PASAI regional Program Director Ms. Sophia Pretrick to go over ONPA Quarterly Updates.



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