

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-04

RE: C.R. NO. 21-24/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,880 FROM
THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND.

JULY 23, 2019

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Twenty-First Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Second Special Session, 2019

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was
referred C.R. No. 21-24 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$15,880 FROM THE UNITED NATION'S CHILDREN'S
FUND, TO FUND THE EFFECTIVE VACCINE MANAGEMENT PROJECT
IN THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, INCLUDING ALL
THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of this resolution are expressed in
its title.

Your Committee held a hearing on July 19, 2019, the
witnesses present included the Department of Health and
Social Affairs, including the Acting Secretary and his key
staff, and a representative from the Department of Justice.
Your Committee was also fortunate to have the program
manager for this program at the hearing. Your Committee
values the input of the program managers as they administer

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the programs and can provide insight into the specific activities funded.

The program that this proposed grant supports is well known to the Committee. This grant has allowed for the ongoing immunization of FSM citizens. The witnesses noted that there is an ongoing need to continue to provide vaccines and that there are challenges in reaching children in outer islands and remote areas, which results in low overall national vaccination rates. The witnesses noted that the logistical challenges result in high operational costs to reach these areas. The witnesses provided information that there are 70,000 citizens per year who have received vaccinations.

UNICEF has provided additional funding to assist with the deficits and restrictions in the funding from the U.S. DHHS. This funding has been granted to fund activities including the EVM training and EVM assessment in the FSM.

The Committee is appreciative of the work done by this program to expand life saving immunizations for our Nation's citizens, and therefore, for the reasons set forth above, your Committee on Health and Social Affairs supports the grant activities proposed to be funded, it is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 21-24 and recommends its adoption in the forms attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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