



2019 CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Planning for a sustainable future...

Mission

To increase the effectiveness of government and private actions, to improve coordination among different agencies and levels of government, and to provide for the wise use of resources and future development of the CNMI.

As further mandated by the Governor and the Legislature, OPD aims to:

- (i) create the “CNMI Comprehensive Sustainable Development Plan”;
- (ii) establish and maintain a data library for the continual collection and storage of public information needed or utilized in the development planning process; and
- (iii) institute an interagency framework within which OPD can support the development of policies and collection of data to achieve its mission and mandates.

Objectives and outcomes to achieve these goals are outlined in the 2018 Annual Report that is available at opd.gov.mp

OPD and PDAC

OPD works with the **Planning and Development Advisory Council (PDAC)** to fulfill the planning, project prioritization, and data centralization mandates of Public Law 20-20. The image below shows key PDAC members at our most recent council meeting on Rota in September, 2019.

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PDAC Members

The PDAC is comprised of the following members:

- Director, Office of Planning and Development
- Administrator, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality
- Secretary, Department of Public Works;
- Secretary, Department of Public Lands;
- Secretary, Department of Lands and Natural Resources;
- Secretary, Department of Commerce (current PDAC Chair);
- Administrator, Saipan Zoning Office;
- Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation;
- Managing Director, Marianas Visitors Authority;
- Representative from the Office of the Mayor of Rota;
- Representative from the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan;
- Representative from the Office of the Mayor of Saipan;
- Representative from the Office of the Mayor of the Northern Islands;
- President, Saipan Chamber of Commerce



PERFORMANCE

PLANNING MILESTONES

Timeline of significant achievements

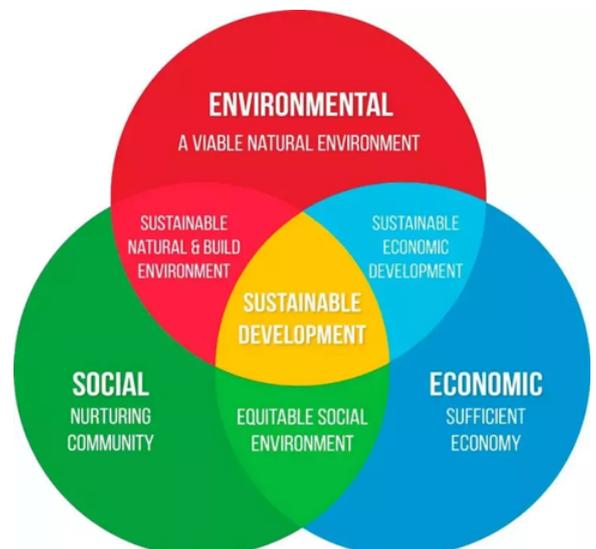


Accomplishments

- **April 2019** - Produced and submitted update of CNMI's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy to U.S. Economic Development Administration
- **May 2019** - Convened recovery project managers for training on centralized online tracking system
- **June 2019** - Reestablished Garapan Revitalization Taskforce
- **July 2019** - Processing of high resolution imagery of Saipan, Tinian and Rota
- **August 2019** - Launched website and "data library" of plans and reports shared by PDAC and partners
- **September 2019** - Shared draft Resources Report with PDAC and Partners for review, comment, and publication (pending)

Next Steps

- **Winter 2019-20** - Community engagement efforts to identify shared vision, objectives, and goals for CNMI's Comprehensive Sustainable Development Plan
- **Spring 2020** - Draft plan shared with PDAC and Partners for review and updates
- **Fall 2020** - Plan adoption process initiated with support of Office of the Governor, PDAC, Partners, and stakeholders of CNMI



FINANCES



Building Sustainable Capacity

The Office of Planning and Development's Director, administrative, and planning staff are 100% locally funded through legislative appropriations. Although \$400,000 was requested for FY19 (P.L. 20-67), \$317,805 was allocated as detailed below:

Fiscal Year	Total Personnel	Total All Other Expenses	Total
FY18	\$241,666	\$178,334	\$420,000
FY19	\$108,010	\$209,795	\$317,805

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Office is funded by U.S. Financial Assistance allocations through the Office of Insular Affairs pursuant to 48 U.S.C. 1803 through the grants listed below:

Fiscal Year	Budget	Period of Performance
FY18	\$8,124,000	April 9, 2018 - September 30, 2022

The CIP Office is authorized five (5) positions: One (1) CIP Administrator, two (2) Technical Analysts with a cost share of 75% CIP and 25% Public Assistance Office (PAO) and 25% Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), one (1) Contracting Officer Technical Representative (COTR), and one (1) Project Coordinator with a cost share of 50% CIP and 50% Office of Planning & Development (OPD). The number of positions currently in place is efficiently operating without the need to increase its size.

The CIP Office solicits for project managers with engineering disciplines or environmental expertise for Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) type contracts and are hired as independent consultants. Although projects typically focus on supporting critical infrastructure (including power, water, and wastewater deployment) solid waste and education, in the wake of the devastation of Super Typhoon Yutu and Typhoon Mangkhut, CNMI is leveraging CIP funding to support recovery related projects.

OPD is pursuing competitive grants to obtain additional financial support to build internal capacity to support planning, data management, and project coordination mandates of Public Law 20-20.

CHALLENGES & NEXT STEPS

Achieving Comprehensive Sustainable Development

OPD will continue to request local funding to support current operations and will request additional funds to fill capacity gaps as needed to create the Comprehensive Sustainable Development Plan. Additional project-specific and planning capacity support funding and partnerships will be sought and leveraged as opportunities arise. Area- and resource-specific studies and technical assistance are being and will continue to be pursued to incorporate vulnerability assessments and disaster risk reduction guidance into key planning efforts such as the Garapan Revitalization Plan Update and creation of "Community Improvement Districts".

Planning tool development such as build-out of "Safe, Smart Growth" scoping guidance and resilience assessment maps and models will further support streamlined planning and project implementation dialogs in the public and private sectors. Ensuring sustained funding levels to support existing staffing and operations and to fill key positions including a Technology Information Officer and additional planners will be a challenge, however, OPD is optimistic that support for this office will remain robust as the leadership has made the importance of these planning mandates well known.

Together we can achieve a sustainable future...

Please visit our website to view:

- 2018 OPD Annual Report
- CNMI plans compiled to date
- 2018 Guide Manual for Smart, Safe Growth
- 2019 CNMI Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) Update
- DRAFT CNMI Resources Report

PLEASE TAKE THE COMMUNITY SURVEY!

