



OVERVIEW

As the leading organization in the field of migration, IOM supports the Republic of Palau in addressing several migration and mobility-related challenges that the country faces, ranging from human trafficking to displacement caused by disaster and environmental degradation. Established in 2012, IOM Palau Office contributes to strengthening migration governance and promotes the overall well-being of migrants and local communities in Palau. Over the past few years, IOM's operations within the country have expanded to cover various thematic areas, including disaster risk reduction, counter-trafficking, education, climate change adaptation, and migration policy and research.

Since the Republic of Palau officially became a member state of IOM in 2018, IOM has further expanded its presence within the country, seeking to strengthen its partnership with relevant government and civil society partners. IOM Palau has worked abreast with local, national, and international stakeholders, ranging from government ministries and agencies, civil society and community-based organizations, including Pacific Education Resources and Learning (PREL), Environmental Quality Protection Board (EQPB), Red Cross (PRC), and the U.S. Civic Action Teams (CAT).

IOM MICRONESIA MISSION

IOM Palau Office is one of six sub-offices that constitute the IOM Micronesia mission whose main office is located in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). Five other sub-offices are located respectively in Majuro and Ebeye in the Republic of Marshall Island (RMI) and three FSM states, Chuuk, Kosrae, and Yap.

IOM MICRONESIA

➤	Main Office	Pohnpei, FSM
➤	Chuuk Sub-Office	Chuuk, FSM
➤	Kosrae Sub-Office	Kosrae, FSM
➤	Yap Sub-Office	Yap, FSM
➤	Majuro Sub-Office	Majuro, RMI
➤	Ebeye Sub-Office	Ebeye, RMI
➤	Palau Sub-Office	Koror, Palau

IOM COUNTRY STRATEGY REPUBLIC OF PALAU 2017-2020

Strategic Priority 1. Migrants and communities throughout the Republic of Palau benefit from migration as a sustainable development and climate change adaptation strategy.

Strategic Priority 2. Displaced persons and affected communities in the Republic of Palau are protected from and resilient to the impact of natural disasters and climate change.

Strategic Priority 3. Migrants in the Republic of Palau enjoy protection from human rights abuses and are able to migrate in a safe, orderly, and dignified manner.

AREAS OF WORK



Disaster Risk Reduction

IOM's disaster risk reduction and resilience activities seek to reduce disaster-induced displacement through prevention and preparedness measures, mitigate the impacts of disasters through risk-informed response, and strengthen resilience through sustainable recovery and reconstruction.



Counter-trafficking

Based on a comprehensive and rights-based approach, IOM's counter-trafficking programs address human trafficking in all areas of counter-trafficking –prosecution, protection, and prevention. IOM supports governments in advancing counter-trafficking efforts and works abreast with various counter-trafficking stakeholders.



Migration Policy and Research

Drawing on its technical and operational experience in migration governance, IOM conducts research designed to guide and inform migration policy and provides in-depth analyses to governments and relevant institutions.



Migrant Protection and Assistance

IOM provides direct assistance to vulnerable migrants that is accommodated to the different needs of the individuals. The assistance includes safe accommodation, medical and psychosocial support, and assisted voluntary return and reintegration.

KEY PROJECTS (PAST AND ONGOING)

- Strengthening Human Trafficking Protection Mechanisms across the North Pacific (2019-2021)
- Donor: IOM Development Fund
- Improving Access to Support Services for Vulnerable Migrants in the North Pacific (2019-2021)
- Donor: IOM Development Fund
- Palau Emergency Preparedness and Enhanced Resilience (PEPER) (2019-2021)
- Donor: USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance
- Alii Climate Adaptation Disaster Risk Reduction and Education Program (Alii CADRE) (2014-2019)
- Donor: USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance
- Restoring Emergency VHF Communications in the Republic of Palau (2018-2019)
- Donor: Government of New Zealand