

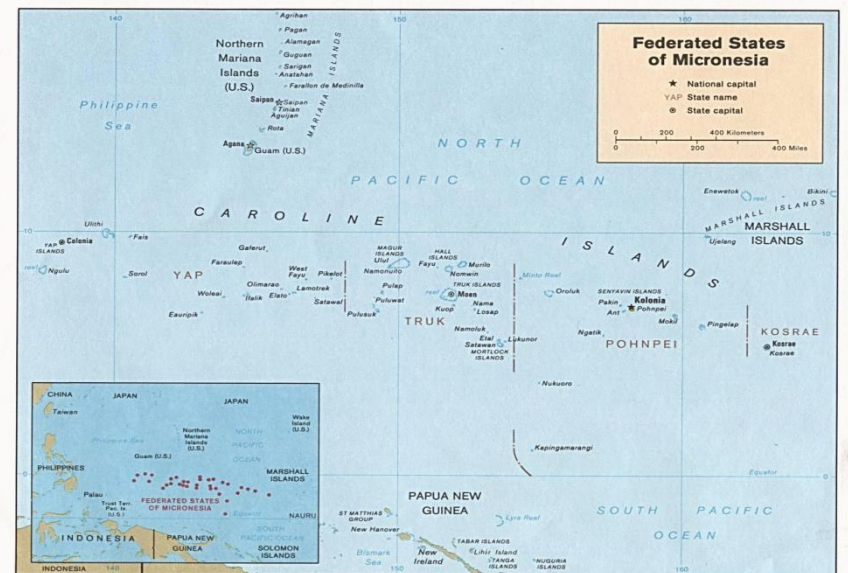
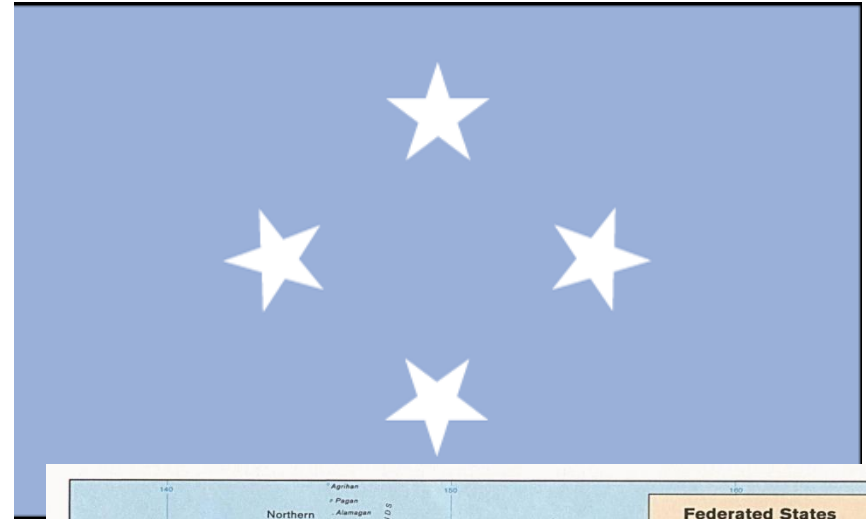


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INTRODUCTION

- The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) was part of the ICPD endorsement in Cairo in 1994
- FSM is a federation of four states, each with its own government and identity.
- Total of 607 islands
- Total land area of 702 sq. km with exclusive economic zone of 200 nm



SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & RIGHTS

- Has received increasing attention from FSM government
- No maternal death since 2008
- 90% of births attended by skilled birth attendants in 2010
- Use of contraceptives – 47%
- Adolescent fertility has declined from 90 to 44 births for every 1000 girls aged 15 – 19 yrs



HEALTH, MORBIDITY & MORTALITY

- Changing lifestyles have changed health for the worse and increased risk factors for non-communicable diseases like;
 - obesity,
 - poor quality diet (high in fats),
 - Lack of exercise,
 - Smoking
 - High blood pressure.



FAMILY WELLBEING & SOCIETY

- Increasing efforts to ensure health, education and welfare services functioned collaboratively and effectively.
- Providing assistance to families and the individuals within them who are affected by specific problems.
- Preventing children's abuse and neglect and providing assistance to child victims of abuse, neglect or abandonment, including orphans.



GENDER & EMPOWERING WOMEN

- Establishment of a gender office
- Provisions criminalizing rape and other forms of physical and sexual violence
- FSM states of Kosrae and Pohnpei domestic violence legislation was enacted in 2012.
- Still very little involvement of women in national Congress and state Legislature



POPULATION & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Face challenges in the protection and sustainable use of land and marine environments
- Urbanization of poverty has been a visible development, with the expansion of informal settlements
- Environmental management and the prevention of environmental degradation



POPULATION CHANGE & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

- Lack of employment opportunities for youth
- Chronic health conditions and population ageing are the two major causes of rising disability prevalence
- Has limited experience of national provident fund schemes, national insurance and other schemes for retired people
- Has addressed the need to make education more inclusive amongst persons with disabilities.



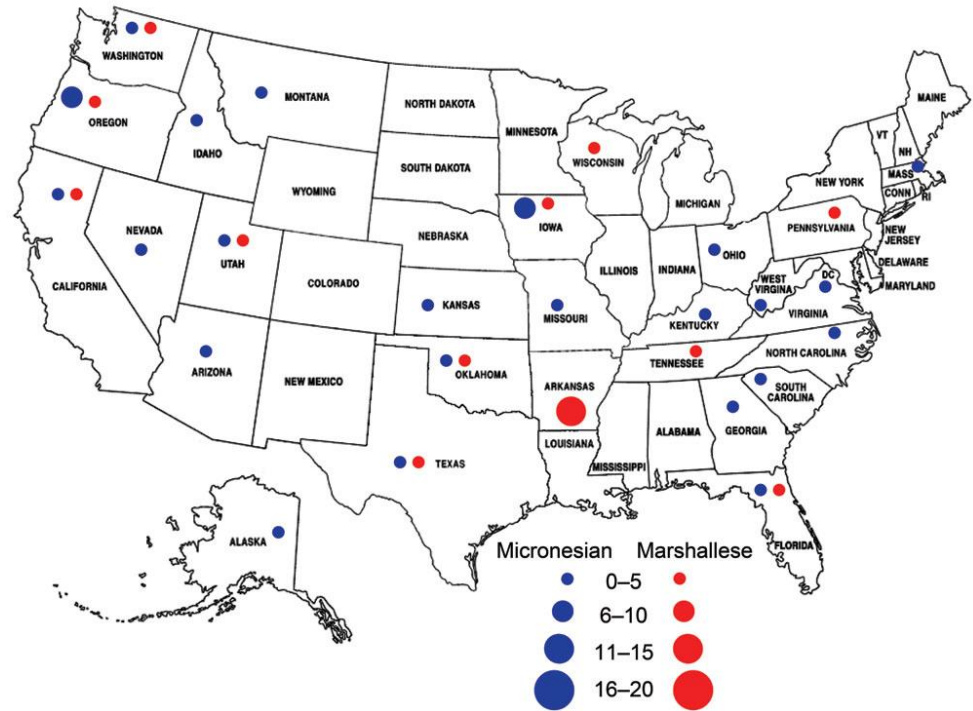
URBANISATION & INTERNAL MIGRATION

- Traditional landowners play an important part in urban planning and development.
- Land purchase in Yap for outer islanders
- Rural development strategies
- Decentralization strategy



INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION & DEVELOPMENT

- Ease of entry, the right to work, and access to education and social and medical services have attracted significant numbers of migrants to the US.



POPULATION, DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

- The ratio of girls to boys at the various levels of schooling indicates that FSM women have generally achieved equality in education
- Absence of strategies to ensure pregnant teenagers' completion of secondary school

