

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE NO. 17-83

Subject: Interim Arrangement Concerning the
Operation of the Statistical Program in the Office of Planning

References:

- A) Executive Order No. 13; Amendment to Executive Order No. 09 by establishing a National Planning Committee and an office of Planning directly under the Office of the President.
- B) Executive Order No. 09; Reorganization of the Executive Branch - Government of the Republic of Palau.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Administrative Directive is to provide an interim arrangement concerning the operation of the Statistical Program within the office of Planning, whereby mechanism for implementing the overall program could be effectuated by the executive Branch and to delineate procedures to be followed by respective offices in supplying the required statistical information and data.

II. SCOPE

The provisions of this Directive apply to all the Bureaus and Divisions of each respective ministries and the office of the President, which are directly or indirectly involved in compiling any statistical information and data that are useful and required for program planning purposes or related matters. Other activities funded or sponsored by U. S. Federal Programs as well as foreign Governments and/or international and regional organizations/institutions are specifically included in the scope of this Directive.

III. POLICY

It is the policy of the Executive Branch of the Government of the Republic of Palau to obtain and compile reliable statistical information and data that are vitally necessary for the purpose of socio-economic development planning to achieve the desired goals and objectives of the Republic of Palau.

IV. BACKGROUND

Reference A formally established the National Planning Committee, within which the Office of Planning is created with specific functions and responsibilities for the Republic of Palau. Furthermore, Reference B established several agencies in the Executive Branch of the Government of the Republic of Palau whose responsibilities include compilation of statistical information and data related specifically to the respective activities. Such information and data

were previously transmitted to the Trust Territory Government in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands for official compilation and publication.

Presently the services of compilation and publication of statistical information, provided by the T. T. Government has been discontinued and therefore it becomes necessary for the Republic to assume the full responsibility for providing the required services. Besides the statistical information compiled and provided to the T. T. Government in the past, other statistical series are needed and the collection of these will involve many Bureaus, Divisions and agencies of the Executive Branch.

V. ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Specific responsibilities for the implementation of this Directive are assigned as follows:

(1) All the staff of the office of Statistics in the Division of Public Affairs, Bureau of Domestic Affairs are assigned to work closely and in full cooperation with the United Nations Development Programmed (UNDP) Associate Expert (Statistician) from the office of Planning in order to establish a formal system for collection, compilation and publication of all statistical information and data. The UNDP Associate Expert will assume full responsibility in the execution of the program.

(2) Each Minister from the respective ministries within the Executive Branch of the Government of Republic of Palau as well as the office of the President will identify an official contract person or persons within the respective agencies to whom the UNDP Associate Expert or his representative(s) will contact for the purpose of obtaining the required statistical information and data.

(3) The contact persons in the agencies will coordinate the collection, compilation and tabulation of their respective statistics (see Appendix) with the technical assistance from the UNDP Associate Expert and his Palauan counterpart.

(4) Each Minister shall ensure that the respective offices/agencies that compile certain statistical information and data shall continue to collect them until further advice.

(5) For effective coordination of the overall program, any inquiry regarding the general policy and the implementation of the program should be addressed to the Vice President/Minister of State and Chairman of the National Planning Committee through appropriate channels.

VI. This Directive is in effect as of the date on which it is signed.

Done at Koror State, Republic of Palau this 1st day of September in the third year of the Constitution of the Republic of Palau.

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President of the Republic of Palau