



## **Progress Report for Adult Education Program Year of 1994 to 2007**

**PURPOSE:** Palau Adult Education USDOE State Grant Award V002A70053 under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), was designed for Adult Basic Education (ABE) and General Educational Development (GED) to improve the out of school youth and educationally disadvantaged adults, to achieve their High School Equivalency Diploma and be able to pursue their education in post secondary education or earn employability skills, life skills that will enable them into a planned dynamic and cooperative lives and become productive citizens of the Republic of Palau.

1. **Adult Education Program under the AEFLA Grant had accomplished the following as of year 1994 to 2007:**
  - There were 741 candidates youth and adults who served and tested under the GED & ABE Programs.
  - 313 candidates passed the GED Tests and achieved the High School Equivalency Diploma.
  - 428 candidates failed the GED Tests and did not meet the standard passing score.
  - Palau Adult Education Program has all records and information regarding the above data and also contract with Oklahoma Scoring International Data Base (IDB) that some records can be retrieved from.
  - Under this AEFLA Grant, the Computer Literacy Training was implemented as part of ABE and GED courses. The participants for the training were 236 trainees and 182 received the Certificates for basic and beginning advance computer operation.
2. The Republic of Palau 2005 census statistical report shows that 33.4% of the 1,773 population between the ages of 18 to 24 does not have a high school diploma. Even more significant is that 23.8% of the 11,125 population between the ages of 24 to 60 also have no high school diploma. The source for stat information can be obtained at the office of Census of Population and Housing.
3. Based from the Palau 2005 Census Statistical Report and Adult Education Program records, there is about 25% of youth and adults who haven't complete their education. Palau future generation has a great need of Adult Education Program in order to lift up adults and youth who lack educational skills. Adult Education Program is the only program that Palau should have in order to open opportunities to improve the out of school youth and educationally disadvantaged adults to achieve and pursue their education beyond high school level, enter into an employment force, military force, or just to become a productive citizen of the Republic of Palau.

4. In 1994 Palau AEFLA Grant was awarded hundred percent with amount of 100,000.00 every year and slightly changes under reduction funding based on State Plan and Plan Extension, since the inception of Compact of Free Association. Grant funding was under reduction until this year of 2007 with amount of 38,743.00. This will continue on until its termination in September 30, 2009. According to the Palau survey on school dropped out records, there are so many candidates who need the program. Without the continuity of this federal program funding, future education services for out of school youth and educationally disadvantaged adults including the 428 in-completed GED candidates will be in jeopardy stages and be left behind due to the lack of education and life skills. As in our Education MOTO; “no student left behind”.
  
5. Cash out plan would not work in the future for many reasons: The pot is for the whole government system. Priorities will comes first depending on who’s who or those who have the power and authority. The Adult Education ABE and GED Programs are different programs with different purpose and planning. When it comes to priorities terms, “Cash out Plan” may not work if the melting pot will fall under political system.

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