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OPA's Performance Measurement Report Released

PASAI Assesses Guam OPA's Performance, Impact

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Hagåtña, Guam – The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) released their Performance Measurement Framework (PMF) assessment of the Guam Office of Public Accountability (OPA). OPA was one of six Public Auditor's offices taking part in a regional project – “Supporting SAI Performance Measurement” in the North Pacific region. The assessment was conducted by the Deputy Auditor General of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Performance Audit Manager of RMI, and the PASAI Director of Practice Development.

“The purpose of the assessment was to assist the OPA in identifying the strengths and weaknesses of its audit processes and capabilities against International Standards for Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs) and other internationally established good practice...” the report's Executive Summary stated.

The PMF looked specifically into OPA's independence and legal framework, internal governance and ethics, audit quality and reporting, financial management, assets, and support services, human resources and training, and communication with stakeholder management. With each topic, OPA was assessed and given a rating on whether the minimum international standards were met or not.

“Overall, the SAI performance is considered reasonable, considering the constraints and challenges it has encountered over the years,” the report's Executive Summary concluded.

“Our office is grateful to PASAI and the regional team for conducting a thorough review of OPA's operations and performance. We did notice a dip in our ratings between the draft submitted to OPA last year and the final report we just received, which was attributed to the quality assurance review conducted by the Intosai Development Initiative representative. Nevertheless, our office remains committed to addressing the areas in need of improvement, and, in fact, have already taken steps through the issuance of our Strategic Plan 2019-2023 that identifies how we planned to correct these deficiencies,” said Public Auditor Benjamin Cruz.

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