

Executive Summary
Ministry of Health 2009-2010 Annual Report

The 2009-2010 Ministry of Health's Annual Report is a documentation of the evolving culture of benchmarking and documenting progress over time for the purpose of alleviating repeat of the same mistakes, trending of issues over time for management purposes but perhaps to be left as a documentation of posterity in health development in Palau. For that reason, you will see that this is a much improved report, however realizing that there is rooms for improvement in making this process a dynamic process over time to be used for telling the health story.

The implementation of bureau, division and program plans, of the 4 annual themes of transformation (MOH, Community, Model and Assessment), of the 6 strategic directions, the minimum essentials (pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, equipments and personnel), of the College of Health (MOH, Community, MOE and Institutions of Higher Learning) and Integrated Environmental Approach to Wellness are some of the initiatives that need to be measured over time for their effectiveness as change agents in health. Health services overtime can only be improved when directions are clear, tools are appropriately available, people are trained right and that communities are part of this evolution. The process of planning, thematic planning, strategic integration, defining core business process, capacity development, innovating thinking and documentation are the cornerstone of managing the Ministry of Health and hopefully in time adopted as a wider sector development process.

In this respect, the 2009-2010 MOH Annual Report marks the initial step toward that community engagement as health is a multi-sectoral in its design, implementation and ownership. I hope you find the report useful recognizing its shortfall as those of the baby steps toward the future. Again, I take this time to thank ALL employees of the Ministry of Health for their hard and dedicated efforts in the care of people living in Palau.

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