

Identical letter to State Governors

March 11, 2005

The Honorable Rensley A. Sigrah
Governor
State of Kosrae
Tofol, Kosrae State, FSM 96944

Dear Governor Sigrah:

I wish to inform you that the Department of Economic Affairs, Division of Statistics is preparing to undertake the 2005 Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) throughout the four FSM States. The survey comes in several phases and the enumeration phase is estimated to run for one and a half month, beginning June 6th and ending about July 10, 2005.

Your Administration and People's support is very much needed in order for the survey to be successful, especially when it is launched in June 2005.

The purpose of the survey is to collect information on the household sector of the economy, relating especially to the income and expenditure patterns. The results of the survey will be used in the following ways:

- Assess distribution of income and expenditures throughout the FSM;
- Provide benchmark updates for household components (particularly regarding income from home production activities and other goods and services not available) of the National Accounts;
- Provide nutritional information & food consumption patterns for the FSM families;
- Provide up-to-date data for poverty analysis of FSM households;
- Re-base the FSM Consumer Price Index (CPI) to be comparable to other Insular Areas.

As authorized under Public Law 5-77, all information collected through the HIES survey will be kept strictly confidential and shall only be used for statistical purposes.

For any clarification pertaining to the survey, please do not hesitate to contact the Acting Secretary of Economic Affairs or Mr. Stoney Taulung, Manager, Kosrae Branch Statistics Office at phone no. 370-3797.

Additional information on the survey will be conveyed to you in due course by the Department of Economic Affairs.

Your Administration's usual support toward the survey is highly solicited.

With personal regards, I remain.

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President

cc: Acting Secretary, Dept. of Economic Affairs

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