

## Surveillance & Epidemiology

- Technical assistance to Palau's public health programme to help strengthen surveillance for HIV and other STIs, including assistance with data management and reporting
- Assistance with conducting second-generation surveillance surveys of HIV and other STI risk behaviour through consultation with the general population and groups that might be at risk, provision of survey tools, and in-country support and assistance with analysis, report writing and dissemination of results
- Technical assistance for the development of Palau's individual health information system on HIV and other STIs

## Programme Management, Monitoring & Evaluation

- Assistance with the collection, collation and analysis of data to comply with Palau's international, national and regional reporting requirements, such as UNGASS and the Millennium Development Goals
- Technical assistance and training to develop monitoring and evaluation frameworks, systems and activities
- Coordination, monitoring and evaluation of regional HIV and other STI activities implemented in Palau

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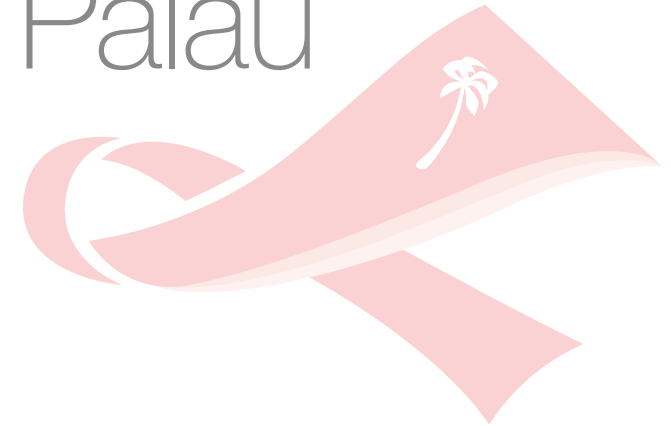
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# Activities of the HIV & STI Section in Palau



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# What is the HIV & STI Section?

As part of SPC's Public Health Programme, the HIV & STI Section aims to respond to the needs of Pacific Island countries and territories and to emerging trends in HIV, other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and related issues.

The section is responsible for managing, coordinating and monitoring the implementation of the Pacific Regional Strategy on HIV (2004–2008), and focuses on four areas: Behaviour Change & Communication; Treatment, Care & Counselling; Surveillance & Epidemiology; and Programme Management & Development.

The 18 team members are based in New Caledonia and Fiji but spend much of their time working across the 22 Pacific Island countries and territories. The section is supported by SPC core funds and other resource streams including AusAID, the Government of France, NZAID, the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and the Asian Development Bank.



## Behaviour Change & Communication

### *Behaviour change communication activities*

- Technical support for applying behaviour change approaches in the development of effective HIV and other STI programmes in Palau on request
- Technical support to develop targeted behaviour change communication campaigns and materials to address HIV and other STIs on request
- Technical support to projects focused on undertaking outreach to vulnerable groups in Palau
- Training and technical support to pilot the community-based Stepping Stones training package in Palau. The programme addresses issues of gender, sexuality, HIV and other STIs, gender violence, communication and relationship skills to create a supportive environment for behaviour change
- Production and dissemination of behaviour change communication materials and assistance with tailoring generic materials to meet local needs as requested
- Production and dissemination of information, education and communication materials to support awareness activities and promote condom use among seafarers

### *Communication and advocacy activities*

- Training, networking and mentorship of Palau media personnel on reporting on HIV and other STIs
- Assistance with dissemination of second-generation surveillance surveys and routine surveillance findings as well as other research results on HIV and other STIs in Palau
- Assistance with dissemination of information about successful programmes and lessons learnt in Palau

## Treatment, Care & Counselling

- Support and mentorship as required for HIV and STI counsellors in Palau
- Training on request and ongoing support and mentorship for HIV care teams in Palau
- Assistance on request with the development of country-level HIV-related guidelines and protocols for Palau
- Support on request for the implementation of plans of action in relation to HIV and tuberculosis co-infection in Palau
- HIV and other STI test counselling training on request for health-care workers in Palau
- Technical support for and oversight of the regional procurement mechanism that provides antiretroviral drugs for people with HIV in Palau
- Secretariat support and mentorship to the Oceania Society for Sexual Health and HIV Medicine, which represents and supports health-care workers engaged with people living with HIV and people facing sexual health issues in all Pacific Island countries and territories, including Palau

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