INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION (IEE)
AMENDMENT - 2
Disaster Resilience in the Compact Nations (RESILIENCE)

Program/Activity Data:

**Country/Region:** Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI)

**Objective:** To strengthen disaster resilience and expedite delivery of emergency and reconstruction assistance in FSM and RMI.

**Activity Name:** Disaster Resilience in the Compact Nations (RESILIENCE)

**Funding Period:** July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024

**LOP Amount:** Up to $17 million

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**Date:** April 1, 2020

**IEE Amendment (Y/N):** Y

**Date of Original IEE:** October 19, 2018

**Tracking No. Original IEE and IEE Amendment:** Asia 19-005 and Asia 19-082

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**Purpose and Scope:**

[Amendment 2] The amendment aims to: (1) reflect that the award was made to a Public International Organization (PIO); and (2) increase the Component 3 total estimated cost (TEC) for reconstruction by $28,000,000 (from $12,000,000 to $40,000,000), and overall program TEC from $17,000,000 to $45,000,000.

The geographical code, nature of activities and other conditions as approved in the original IEE will remain the same. All conditions of the original IEE and Amendment 1 remain in effect.

**Justification of Amendment:**

The procurement of this activity encountered delays, and the award was finally executed on January 13, 2020 to a PIO, the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The amendment will reflect that the implementing partner is a PIO, and in the implementation of the Resilience Activity will apply its own environmental policies in compliance with ADS 308.3.10(c) as appropriate according to their Organizational Capacity Review (OCR). Hence, in the implementation of this award, USAID shall strive to rely on the PIO’s application of its own environmental policies.

The overall objective of the Resilience Activity is to enhance the local capacity of the Governments of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) to prepare for, respond to, and reconstruct after natural disasters. While USAID has an obligation to respond to U.S. presidentially-declared disasters (PDD) in FSM and RMI, projects such as RESILIENCE expedite the delivery of mitigation, relief and reconstruction assistance by working through and supporting the national governments in leading their own responses. The project promotes resilience through capacity development and local ownership in preparedness and disaster management, while raising the threshold that necessitates U.S. assistance. It has the following Components: (1) Disaster Preparedness; (2) Pre-positioning of Resources for Effective Response; and (3) Reconstruction.

On February 21, 2019, Typhoon Wutip made landfall over the FSM and affected over 9,700 people located across 29 islands of Yap and Chuuk States. On May 7, 2019, the President of the United States declared a disaster under the Compact of Free Association between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the FSM due to damage resulting from Typhoon Wutip. Funded by FEMA, the Resilience project will provide the reconstruction work brought about the typhoon, which includes the reconstruction of houses, schools and public infrastructure.

Between October 27 and November 9, 2019, USAID and the Government of FSM undertook a follow-up assessment to understand the extent to which the affected communities had recovered eight months post-Typhoon Wutip. Using the results of these follow-up assessment USAID submitted to FEMA a revised disaster relief and reconstruction plan (DRRP) and budget. The revised DRRP was approved by FEMA last December 2019, and the final reconstruction budget allotted to Resilience implementing partner is $22,609,360. FSM and RMI are prone to natural disasters, for the past five year alone, 3 Presidential Disaster Declarations were already been made and hence, reconstruction work in these countries have a high probability to occur during the Resilience implementation. This amendment will reflect the increase in Component 3 total estimated cost (TEC) for reconstruction by $28,000,000 (from $12,000,000 to $40,000,000), and overall program TEC from $17,000,000 to $45,000,000.
and the Resilience Activity has submitted the reconstruction implementation plan by the end of February 2020, with the aim of dispatching teams to the various outer islands and lagoons to start developing the DEDs and mobilizing communities to support the reconstruction work by the middle of March 2020.

To date, the Resilience implementing partner is complying with the approved EMMP and IEE Amendment #1. As a PIO, they are also following the environmental safeguard guidelines of the organization concerned.

Note that the geographical code, nature of activities under the Resilience award, and other conditions as approved in the original IEE and Amendment 1 will remain the same. Hence, all conditions of the original IEE and Amendment 1 remain in effect.

**APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

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