



4-H Marianas Impacts



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS 4-H Positive Youth Development



General Program Overview

The CNMI 4-H program reaches approximately 1,200 members a year, with the exception of 2020 during the global pandemic. The program was able to migrate to an online platform in mid-March serving over 600 youth and was able to successfully implement a virtual camp engaging 100 youth across the CNMI. In 2021 the program slowly transitioned back to conducting in-person events thereby increasing trained youth volunteers, community and school clubs and creation of 3 new SPIN clubs. 297 youths volunteered with the 4-H programs accumulating a total of 14,190 hours and a volunteer time contribution of \$102,877.50. Total return of initial investments is \$29,019.00. Growth in programming volunteer hours increased by 4,831.5 from FY20-21 to FY21-22.

Expansion of programs & volunteer engagement

	Total Volunteer Hours	Hourly rate	Total Amount
FY 2021-22 4-H Programming Efforts	14,190	\$7.25	\$ 102,877.50
FY 2020-21: 4-H Programming Efforts	9,359	\$7.25	\$ 67,849.13
Growth in programming volunteer hours	4,831.5	\$7.25	\$ 35,028.38

One full-time 4-H agent and three full-time 4-H Extension Aides serve the three 4-H programs on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.



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The Thrive Model’s Pathway to Long-Term Outcomes

Academic and Vocational Success

Program Description – 4-H Camp Maga’lahi Counselor Training

The summer program builds the capacity of the youth ages 15-19 by providing numerous workshops, “Train-the-Trainer” series, and hands-on training sessions to enhance their capacity and leadership skills to assist with program planning and implementation. Equipped with the necessary skills, these young leaders successfully engage campers between the ages of 7-14 by facilitating a plethora of activities that enhance learning and personal growth.



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- 5 youth serving organizations invited 4-H Marianas youth leaders to conduct workshops on public speaking, time management, goal setting, resume development & interview etiquette, and team building.
- 5 agencies expressed their commitment to integrate 4-H into their program delivery by having 4-H youth leaders assist with program planning and implementation.

Teen Citizen Scientist

Teen Citizen Scientist Program is expanding - **20 trained 4-Hers** (15-19years old) **taught the Marine Debris presentation** (by Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance - MINA) **to almost 500 youth** across the CNMI. This program is looking to expand to allow Teens to be trained in MINA's Climate Change curriculum. Additionally, the program is also exploring opportunities to train youth in being Teen Citizen Nutritionist/Chefs and Mental Health Peer Mentors.



Civic Engagement

Program Description – Disaster Preparedness In partnership with the CNMI Homeland Emergency Management Services (HSEM) and the CNMI Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services (DFEMS), the MyPI (My Preparedness Initiative) NMI trains youth on disaster preparedness and community education. Since the program’s inception in 2020, 48 youth have been CERT & CPR certified.



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- Of those trained, 38 (80%) expressed confidence in their families’ preparedness level in responding to a natural disaster.



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- 36 (75%) trained youth assisted with providing additional support to camp counselors during the 4-H Camp Maga'lahi in 2021 & 2022.
- 19 (40%) trained youth assisted MyPI instructors in conducting disaster preparedness presentations.

Employability and Economic Stability

Program Description – 4-H Teen Leaders...Workforce Ready

Competitive leadership development program that engages the youth across the CNMI to work collaboratively in identifying, developing, and implementing research-based projects that support youth advancement. The program helps to develop and enhance research capacity among the youth through training and providing adult mentorship and scaffolding along the way. Youth participating in 4-H Teen Leaders program are sought out by governmental and non-governmental organizations to assist with program development and implementation.

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- Over 200 trained youth volunteers across the CNMI are actively engaged in implementing positive youth development programs in their schools and community.
- 4-H Productions working alongside with the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors (GCEA) on the "Marianas Destinations Project".

Happiness and Well-Being

Program Description – 4-H Camp Maga'lahi

4-H Camp Maga'lahi provides opportunities for youth ages 7-14 to learn about cultural values, environmental awareness, and local history while building their social emotional skills. The 4-H activities enhanced their ability to work well with others in achieving a common goal, increase their confidence and self-esteem, and overall self-worth.



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- 92% of youth reported they work well with other youth,
- 97% of youth reported wanting to help others,
- 71% of youth reported their confidence increased during camp, and
- 98% of youth reported that they take responsibility for their actions.



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Challenges to the 4-H Marianas Program

Challenge	Solution
1. Inadequate work space - Super Typhoon Yutu decimated the NMC campus on Saipan losing approximately 90% of classrooms and office space. Rebuilding efforts ongoing – timeline for completion being 3-5years	Flexibility in using funds
2. Challenge of inter-island travel	
3. Lack of public transportation	
4. Immigration status of 4-H members limits participation – unable to participate in the National 4-H Conference	
5. Time Zone – difficult attending training, seminars, meetings, etc....	Rotation of schedule to accommodate different time zones.

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