

Belau Association of Non-Governmental Organizations

BANGO

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Main Activities

- Unifying all the active NGOs in Palau
- Documenting information for the participating members
- Cooperating with PIANGO
- Be a bridge between overseas support and local organizations
- Recruiting non-participating NGOs to join BANGO



Background of Establishment

In 2018, it officially became an established non-governmental organization in Palau and an umbrella organization for the Pacific Islands Association of Non-governmental Organizations (PIANGO).

Purpose

BANGO serves as an umbrella platform and coordinating mechanism for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) in Palau. The association will facilitate active and effective networking among NGOs, CBOs, Public Sector, and Private Sector within and beyond Palau on the promotion of gender and youth interests, education, health, environment, economic and social development, human capacity building access and sharing of relevant information, and may provide a common voice at national and regional forums.

Member's Voice Mr. Jefferson Thomas



The pacific umbrella organization, Pacific Islands Association of Non-governmental Organizations (PIANGO), has been serving the Pacific through “strengthening and building the capacity of NGOs and the civil society sector through giving the sector a voice in policy formulation and strengthening its member umbrella organizations in the 25 Pacific countries and territories.” (piango.org)

For a more sustainable future, BANGO has brought the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted at the UN Sustainable Development Summit in 2015, into the community level for awareness, and have translated the 17 global goals to the local language for a better understanding that enables the CBOs to relate their community activities to these goals. We try our best to be the platform for them so that they can be well informed on relevant information and funding opportunities as well as opportunities for capacity building for effective communication and networking.

One of our long-term goals in the organization is to have an official office for BANGO with staff present at all times to keep the network and partnerships active and moving forward. Presently, BANGO tries its best not to let the lack of office space hinders their goal to maintain collaboration and build an alliance with the member organizations. There is some information out there in the community that we still do not know about, and it is difficult for us to gather the relevant information from the community with none to limited resources.

It has truly been an interesting experience being part of BANGO, having the chance to go to the different communities in Palau and meeting various traditional and contemporary organizations. Learning about all the traditional and contemporary organizations from the community helps us to understand the community better.

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