



# Ucheliaur

President  
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## Main Activities

- Encouraging youth to participate in sports
- Encouraging academic excellence
- Spreading awareness and preserving the natural environment
- Building capacity for the youth
- Supporting the community and nurturing leadership

## Background of Establishment

A group came together from Angaur State in 2017 to put together an Angaur team for the Belau Games. From this, an organization was officially established in 2019 as a youth group of Angaur.

## Purpose

This organization aims to empower, mobilize, and build self-determination amongst the youth and the community. It essentially exists as an extended arm to resources for the state of Angaur, its community and Leadership.



## Member's Voice Ms. Andrea Naivana



Anyone from Angaur with enthusiasm towards our programs is welcome to join our organization! We are currently working on a project with the grant we received from Taiwan that consists of three components. First one is to clean the beaches of Angaur and reduce the trash on the island. The second one is to create a sustainable recycling system. The trash found in Angaur is endless, and we have created a proposal to have a sustainable partnership with Koror State in hopes to turn plastic into petroleum oil and reuse the plastics found in Angaur. And the third one is to improve the accessibility for fishing for the locals. Since Angaur faces the open sea, when the weather is bad, the ocean becomes rough and the boats are unable to leave the docks, leaving the locals to fish from land. However, the path to the fishing sites is rough and rocky and is dangerous for the older generations to access. We want to create safe trails and signs leading to the fishing sites both on the east and the west, so the locals can go fishing whenever they want.

Sports are a big part of our organization because we use it as a tool to teach teamwork, discipline, and communication to the youth. We have also partnered with Palau Conservation Society and Koror State Youth Council to build sustainable biodiversity for Palau. We use this app called an iNaturalist to observe, educate and identify the plants and animals in Palau.

I think one of the major challenges we face is that our island is remote, being 60 km away from Koror. When we cannot get there, we are stuck in Koror, unable to progress in our projects. When we are in Angaur and need items, without transportation, we are stuck on the island.

I am so grateful to JICA for including us in their webpage. This will help us grow, as well as expose us to more networks and potential resources. We would love to partner with other organizations to deepen our network and gather more information to learn something new. We are all enthusiastic about new opportunities and growth!

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