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ONPA Releases Its Final Report on the Inspection of the Selection and Project Implementation of the Anti-Human Trafficking Victims’ Shelter in Pohnpei State was found with issues of Non-Compliance and Transparency

This is to announce the issuance of our new inspection report of the Anti-Human Trafficking victims’ shelter in Pohnpei State following an anonymous complaint received at our office. This inspection was conducted in accordance with the Quality Standards for Inspections and Evaluations issued by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE).

Based on our inspection, we found the following issues pertaining to the victims’ shelter at Pohnpei state, including the administration and implementation of the relevant public laws PL21-42 (Victim Shelter and Services) and PL21-185 (Build Anti-Trafficking Shelters in Pohnpei, Yap and Kosrae) as appropriated by the FSM Congress.

The inspection disclosed the following findings:

1. Location of the victims’ shelter in Pohnpei State does not promote confidentiality and safety;
2. Questions costs worth $48,476.98 relating to victims’ shelter
3. Allottee did not sufficiently describe in detail the plan for implementing and sustaining the AHT shelter; and
4. DOJ did not complete the bidding process that it started and was not transparent in selecting the final contractor.

To view the full report, click the link here Report No. 2022-02. Printed copies are also available at the ONPA located in Palikir, Pohnpei.

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