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#### **Organization Background**

Kosrae Women Association is organized and chartered as a non profit, non government organization. It consists of young and experience mothers, business women, women from the public sector and other women from different level of the society. Women members are voted into office by the board members of the group as the executive officers. They are responsible to make decisions on behalf of the members, carry out activities in line with the organization's goal and mission. Seek funding for the need of the daily functions and operation of the organization. Community representatives from the 4 communities representing the 4 village organizations are also elected as community representatives at the community level. The organizations are under the umbrella of the Kosrae women association. The women association acts as an advocate for women empowerment, gender equality, human rights for women and children, and seek ways to minimize violations and discrimination to women and children in all shapes and sizes.

### How the Project come about

The women in Kosrae see a need for change. A change for productive citizens of society and active participation in all walks of life. The desires to have important roles in society contribute and make a big difference socially, economically and culturally. This very desire is the reason behind this project. International Women's Day (IWD) is a worldwide event which women around the world celebrate women's' social, economic and political achievements throughout history. This day aims to educate the community about the continuous effort for equality, gender bias and the need to eliminate discrimination against women and girls. IWD take place on March 08 and it was first celebrated on 1909.IWD has become a key date in the equality calendar. IWD encourages leaders from all walks of life to recognize the importance of gender equality within the society. There are benefits to all in the society when there is gender equality. Gender equality creates a safer, healthier happier and stronger economy.

#### Activities

Three important key issues the days' activities will touch base on;

- 1. Awareness raising on the importance and benefits of gender equality and sharing successful stories on social, cultural and economical achievements. Key players like department heads, business owners, and church leaders will be invited to share their views with the women group on the importance of gender equality.
- 2.Increase the awareness about the importance of healthy lifestyle by leading an active life instead of a dormant one, thru healthy recipes and food display, food processing and one value added, one local product will be identified as Kosrae product to be improved on and encourage women to produce for local consumption and export; hence food security is addressed. Exercised in the form of fun walk will be done during the early morning hours. Outdoor games such as volleyball will also be enjoyed during this event. Registration for weight loss program with the interest group is ongoing. There will be performances like dancing, zumba exercise by the younger girls.

3. Financial Stability, opportunity to generate income thru sale on handicraft , fresh produce and local clothing by local tailors , Booth will be available for women to sale their items . The end result out of this street market set up will create Income for all women participated during this event, thus financial stability created.

# **Expected Output**

The project will encourage women and girls to continue to be active participations in the community to continue to make a difference socially, economically and culturally. All members will be advocate for a gender equality future and improve their skills and health so they are empowered and become successful in life.

#### **Budget**

International Women's Day 2023 March 8, 2023 Proposed Budget - \$10,000.00

- 1. Healthy Recipes \$4,000.00
- 2. Seedlings/Seeds \$2,000.00
- 3. 4 Package Services \$4,000.00

  - a.) Includes: Space Rental
    - Plastic Chairs
    - Folding Table
    - PA System
    - Set up/Set down crew services

# 1. Healthy Recipes Food Display:

Name	Title/ORG	Village	Payment Amt	Signature of Receive Payment
Sepe D Mongkeya	President	Tafunsak	\$1,000.00	
Tulpe D Kephas	President	Malem	\$1,000.00	
Nona R Nena	President	Utwe	\$1,000.00	{ m
Aione S Siba	President	Lelu	\$1,000.00	
		Total	\$4,000.00	

# 2. Seedlings/Seed:

Name	Title/ORG	Village	Payment Amt	Signature of Receive Payment
Sepe D Mongkeya	President	Tafunsak	\$500.00	
Tulpe D Kephas	President	Malem	\$500.00	
Nona R Nena	President	Utwe	\$500.00	
Aione S Siba	President	Lelu	\$500.00	
		Total	\$2,000.00	

# 3. Four Package Services:

Name	Title/ORG	Village	Payment Amt	Signature of Receive Payment
Sepe D Mongkeya	President	Tafunsak	\$1,000.00	
Tulpe D Kephas	President	Malem	\$1,000.00	
Nona R Nena	President	Utwe	\$1,000.00	
Aione S Siba	President	Lelu	\$1,000.00	
		Total	\$4,000.00	