USAPI NCD Law and Policy Summit Preparations

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"Declaring a Regional State of Health Emergency
Due to the Epidemic of Non-Communicable Diseases
in the United States-Affiliated Pacific Islands"

2015 NCD Surveillance Trends

USAPI NCD Core Surveillance Indicators*		Tobacco				Alcohol		↑BMI		Disease (adult)		Deaths (30-69 years)				
		Cigs- youth	Cigs- adult	Chew- youth	Chew- adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	HTN	DM	All Cause	Cancer	Cardiovascular	Diabetes	Chronic Lung
Am Samoa		↓	-	↑	-	↓		↑				O	O	O	O	O
CNMI		↓	O	↓	O	↓		↑				O	↑	↑	O	↓
	Chuuk															
	Kosrae															
	Pohnpei															
	Yap	O	O	O	O	O		O	O	↓	↑					
Guam		↓	O	O	-	↓	↑	↑	O	↑	↑	↑	↑	O	O	↓
Palau		↓	↑	↓	↓	↓	O	O	↓			↑	↑	↑	↑	O
RMI		O		↑	↑											

2023 NCD Surveillance Trends

USAPI NCD Core Surveillance Indicators*		Tobacco				Alcohol		↑BMI		Disease (adult)		Deaths (30-69 years)				
		Cigs- youth	Cigs- adult	Chew- youth	Chew- adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	HTN	DM	All Cause	Cancer	Cardiovascular	Diabetes	Chronic Lung
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CNMI		↓	O	↓	↓	↓	↑	↑	↑	↓	↑	↓	O	O	O	O
	Chuuk	O	O	↓	O	↓	↓	O	↓	O	-	↑	↑	O	O	O
	Kosrae	O	O	O	O	↓	O	O	-	-	-	O	O	O	O	O
	Pohnpei	↑	↓	O	↑	↑	O	↑	↑	O	O	O	O	↑	O	O
	Yap	O	-	↓	-	↓	O	O	-	-	-	O	O	O	O	↓
Guam		↓	↓	O	↓	↓	O	↑	-	-	-	↑	↑	O	O	↓
Palau		O	O	O	O	↓	-	↓	↓	↓	O	O	↑	O	O	O
RMI		O	↓	↑	-	-	-	-	↑	↑	↑	O	↓	↑	O	O

THE USAPI NCD Policy Commitment Package - Fifteen Essential Policies for Reversing the Epidemic of NCDs in the USAPIs (endorsed in 2012)

Risk Factor: Tobacco

- Commitment 1: Increase tobacco taxes to target level
- Commitment 2: Pass and enforce model comprehensive smoke-free air acts
- Commitment 3: Restrict all forms of tobacco product advertising
- Commitment 4: Establish and sustain tobacco cessation programs

Risk Factor: Alcohol

- Commitment 5: Restrict all forms of alcohol advertising
- Commitment 6: Restrict access to alcohol
- Commitment 7: Increase alcohol taxes to target level

Risk Factor: Poor Nutrition

- Commitment 8: Implement policies that reduce salt consumption
- Commitment 9: Implement policies that reduce sugar consumption
- Commitment 10: Implement policies that reduce fat consumption
- Commitment 11: Implement policies that promote breastfeeding
- Commitment 12: Implement policies that promote the production and consumption of local foods

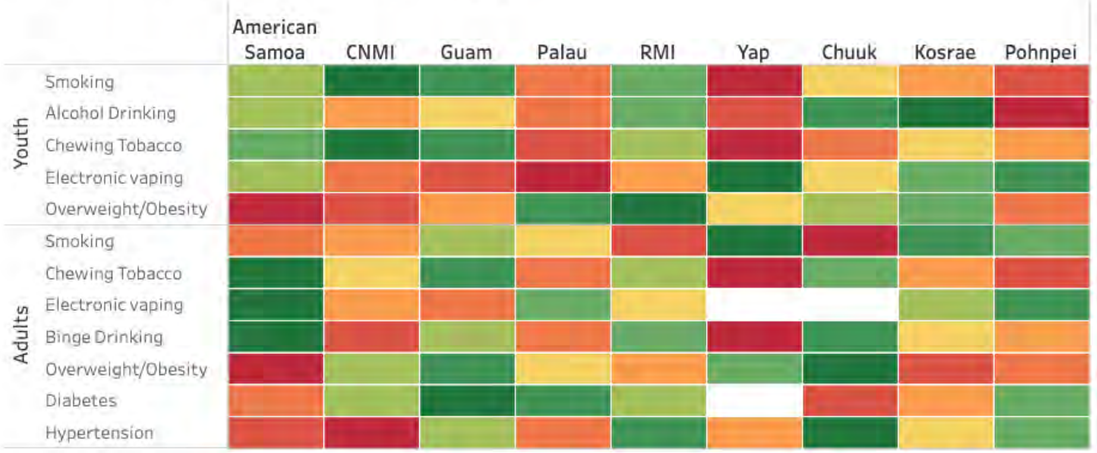
Risk Factor: Lack of Physical Activity

- Commitment 13: Develop the built environment to promote physical activity
- Commitment 14: Promote physical activity in the workplace
- Commitment 15: Promote physical activity in the schools

USAPI Regional Dashboard

US Affiliated Pacific Islands

NCD Risk Factors & Recent Prevalence (%)



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Trends



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PIHOA NCD Data Dashboard

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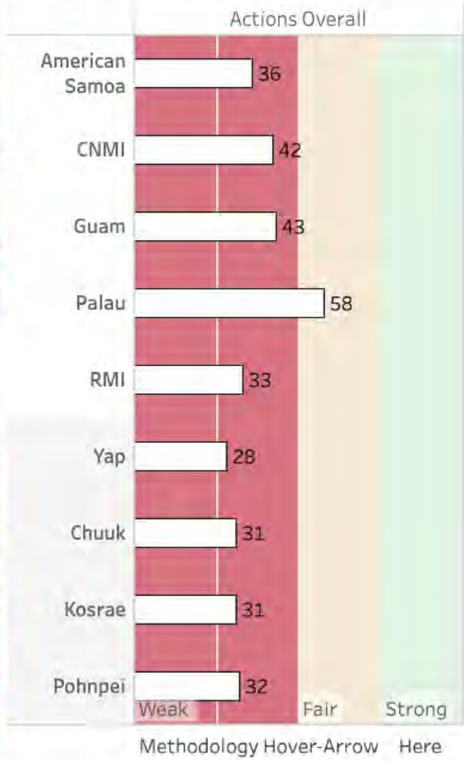
If you have any questions, feel free to email us at ncd-dashboard@pihoa.org or explore USAPI NCD surveillance and local data collection efforts here.

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Actions Overall

NCD Intervention Response (%)



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Additional Resources

The PIHOA Policy Toolkit and the Pacific Legislative Framework for NCDs includes additional details to improve each response and the Pacific Monitoring Alliance for NCD Action (MANA) Dashboard

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Table 4. **Strength of noncommunicable disease interventions in the USAPI, 2020**

Response category	Interventions	American Samoa	CNMI	Chuuk (FSM)	Kosrae (FSM)	Pohnpei (FSM)	Yap (FSM)	Guam	RMI	Palau	Total points	Points possible	Intervention score by category (%)
Tobacco	Tobacco excise taxes	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	1	5	29	45	
	Smoke-free environments	5	4	1	4	5	1	5	4	4	33	45	
	Tobacco health warnings	0	2	1	1	1	1	3	2	0	11	45	
	Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship	2	1	1	4	5	1	2	4	5	25	45	48.1
	Tobacco sales and licensing	5	5	0	3	1	0	4	0	5	23	45	
	Tobacco industry interference	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	4	45	
	Enforcement of laws and regulations related to tobacco	1	3	2	2	2	2	3	0	1	18	27	
Alcohol	Alcohol licensing to restrict sales	5	5	3	3	4	3	5	4	5	37	45	
	Restrict alcohol advertising	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	7	45	
	Alcohol taxation	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	17	45	46.4
	Drinking and driving penalties	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	3	4	25	45	
	Enforcement of laws and regulations related to alcohol	1	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	10	27	
Nutrition & physical activity	Reducing salt consumption	0	1	5	0	1	5	4	0	3	19	45	
	Eliminating trans-fats	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	5	45	
	Restricting unhealthy food marketing to children	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	4	45	
	Food fiscal policies	0	0	3	2	3	3	0	3	0	14	45	
	Healthy food policies in schools	4	2	0	1	1	0	5	1	1	15	45	
	Food-based dietary guidelines	1	1	2	2	2	2	4	3	1	18	45	24.9
	Restrict marketing of breast milk substitutes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	45	
	Baby-friendly hospitals	2	1	2	0	3	2	0	1	1	12	45	
	Maternity leave and breastfeeding	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	6	45	
	Compulsory physical education in school curriculum	5	1	1	0	1	1	3	0	1	13	45	
	Enforcement of laws and regulations related to nutrition & physical activity	1	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	8	27	
Health services	National guidelines for care of main NCDs	4	1	2	1	1	2	4	2	0	17	45	
	Essential drugs	2	5	2	4	4	2	2	1	0	22	45	47.4
	Smoking cessation availability	3	4	3	2	3	3	4	0	3	25	45	
	Total points	**50**	**53**	**37**	**38**	**51**	**37**	**68**	**31**	**51**	**422**	**1116**	
	Points possible	**124**	**124**	**124**	**124**	**124**	**124**	**124**	**124**	**124**	**1116**		
	Intervention score by jurisdiction (%)	**40.3**	**42.7**	**29.8**	**30.6**	**41.1**	**29.8**	**54.8**	**25.0**	**41.1**	**Average intervention score = 37.2%**		

63/100 left to do!

Why an NCD Law and Policy Summit?

1. Independent evaluation of the PIHOA NCD Emergency Response and the Pacific Collaborative on NCDs clearly emphasized a “lull” in health and non-health sector responses to NCDs
2. Lots of achievements and a lot of gains with some demonstrated improvements in both policy and program interventions, and some risk behaviors
3. However, overall, we have not made a significant dent in our NCD health outcomes, and in some cases, we are seeing worsening trends (e.g. childhood and adult obesity)
4. Recognizes that NCDs and NCDs risk “drivers” often fall outside of the health sector’s purview
5. An urgent need to revitalize a multi-sectoral and wider USAPI leadership response to NCDs
6. Preparations commenced for a 3-day NCD law and policy summit convening key leadership from the USAPIs to reach consensus on accountabilities and commitments to the USAPI NCD Policy Commitment Package
7. Bring together executive, legislative, judicial, and health leadership; traditional leadership; education; agriculture; finance; youth and gender, etc.
8. Important role of the Micronesian Islands Forum to help facilitate this critical convening
9. Mesulang to His Excellency President Surgangel Whipps, Jr., for generously agreeing to host the USAPI NCD Law and Policy Summit at the MIF meeting in Pohnpei, FSM, in February 2023
10. Working on expert input to support the planning of the summit and resource mobilization


Thank You!