



Strengthening Health Interventions in the Pacific (SHIP)

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Highlights

- SHIP numbers
- Timeline of cohorts up to July 2026
- Examples of SHIP participants' outputs and usage
- TEPHINET Intermediate Accreditation process and standards

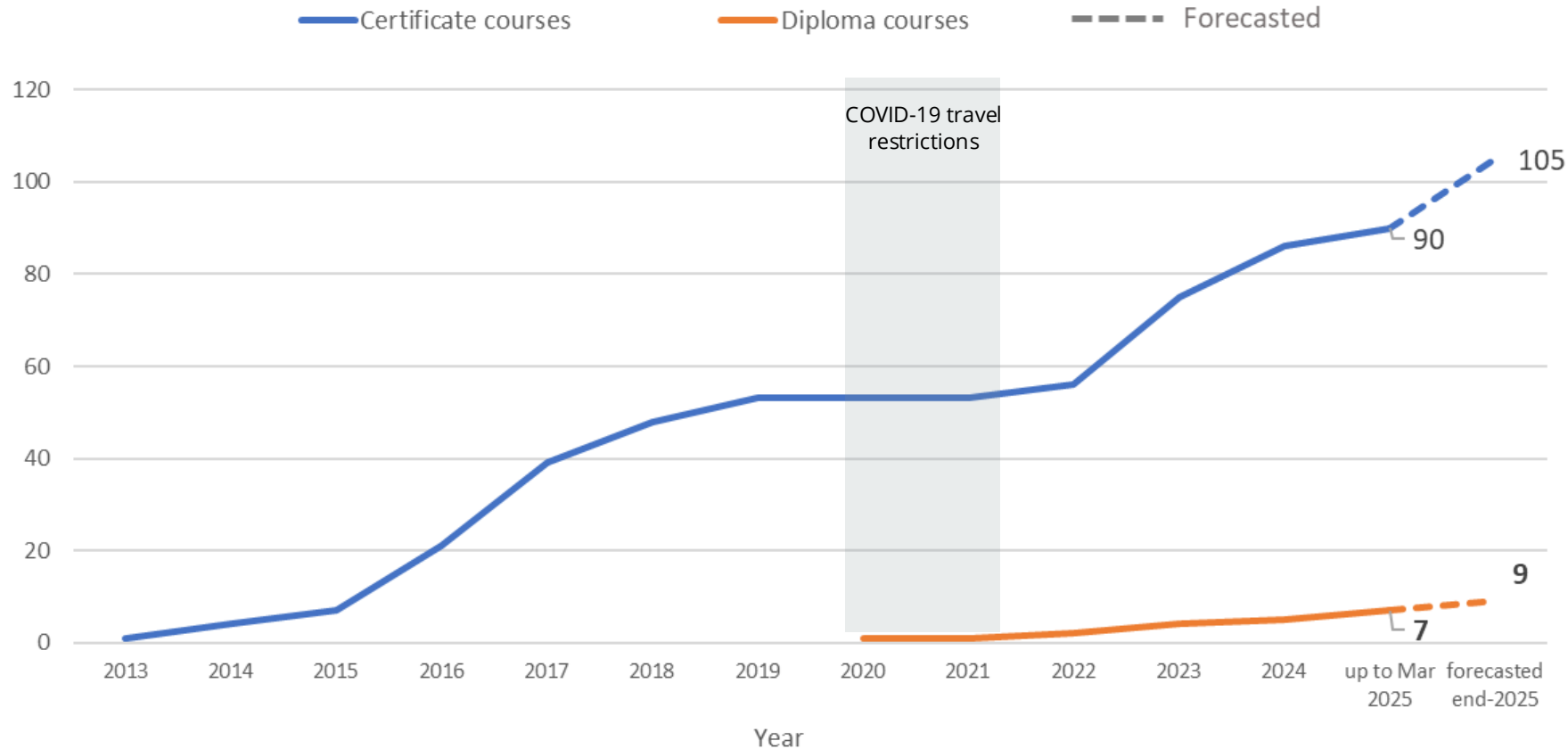


SHIP training, Palau Diploma cohort, January 2025



SHIP training, PPHFP Certificate cohort, January 2025

Cumulative number of **PGCFE (Certificate)** and **PGDAE (Diploma)** Courses conducted and forecasted in the in the USAPIs, 2013 - 2025



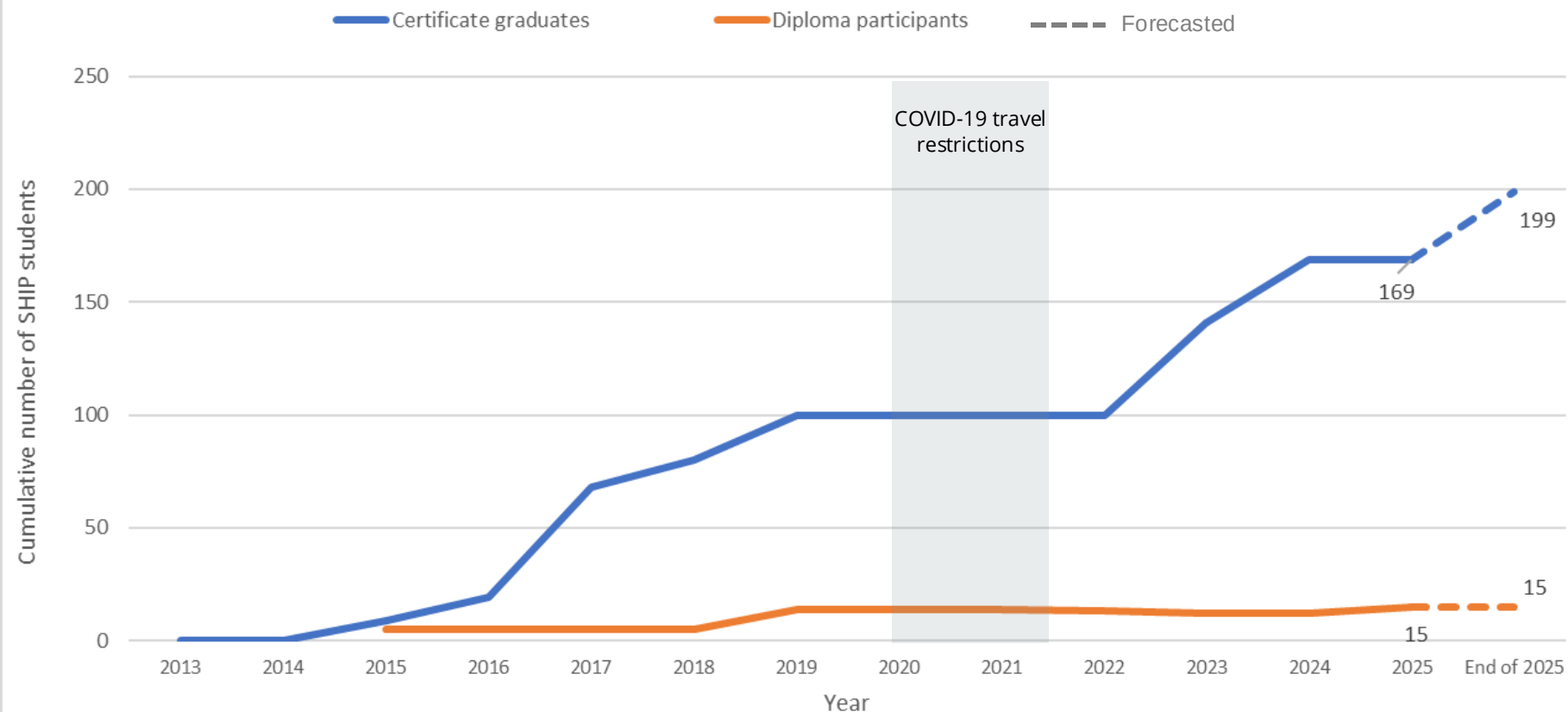
SHIP since 2013:

- At least 1 Certificate course completed in each USAPI
- Total of 90 courses conducted (Certificate and Diploma)

2025 and forward:

- Current Certificate courses: Regional PPHFP and Kosrae
- Planned Certificate courses: Chuuk, Guam, and American Samoa
- On-going Diploma course: Palau

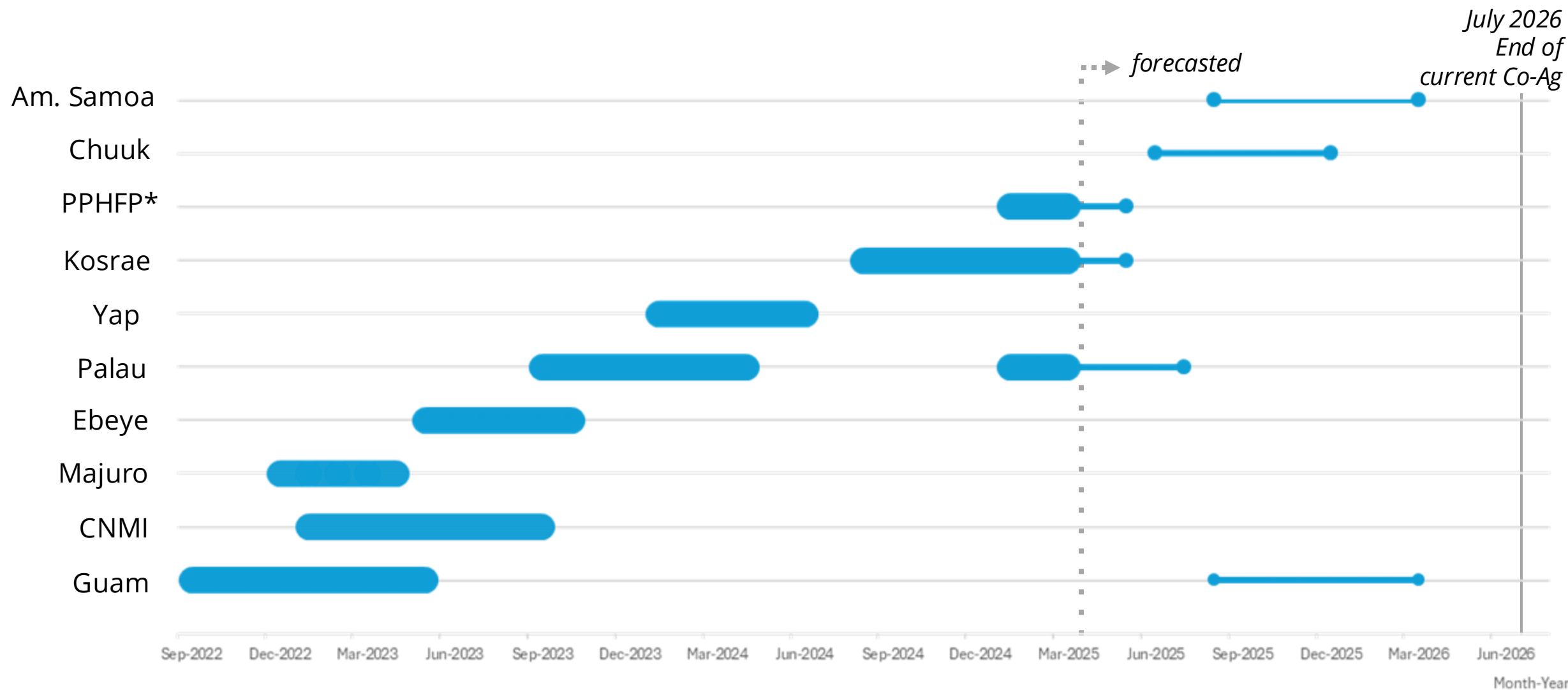
Cumulative number of SHIP PGCFE (Certificate) graduates and PGDAE (Diploma) participants in the USAPIs, 2013 - 2025



SHIP since 2013:

- 169 people have completed the Certificate
- 30 are forecasted to complete the Certificate by the end of 2025
 - 16 are current participants (PPHFP and Kosrae cohorts)
 - 14 expected to participate in a new cohort in Chuuk
- 15 current Diploma participants (RMI and Palau)

Timeline of Certificate and Diploma cohorts in the USAPIs, 2022-2026



* Cohort comprised of Pacific Public Health Fellowship Program (PPHFP) fellows from 4 USAPIs; training conducted in Guam

Expanded Roster of SHIP Instructors

11 Consultants



Dr. Amardeep
Thind



Dr. Apple Charm
Agulto



Dr. Anthony
Marfin



Dr. Chris
Drummond



Dr. Courtney
Choy



Dr. Fadzai
Chikwava



Dr. Haley
Cash



Dr. Katherine
Robsky



Dr. Mark
Durand



Peter
Williams



Stephanie
Kern-Allely

In-country Expertise



Alwin Alik
Kosrae



Donalyn Waguk
Kosrae



Patrick Sotto
Guam

CDC Partner



Dr. W. Thane Hancock

Palau Certificate cohort, 2023-2024



Yap Certificate cohort, 2024



Kosrae Certificate cohort, 2024-2025



PPHFP Certificate cohort, 2025



Palau Diploma cohort, 2025



Examples of 2024-2025 Cohort Outputs

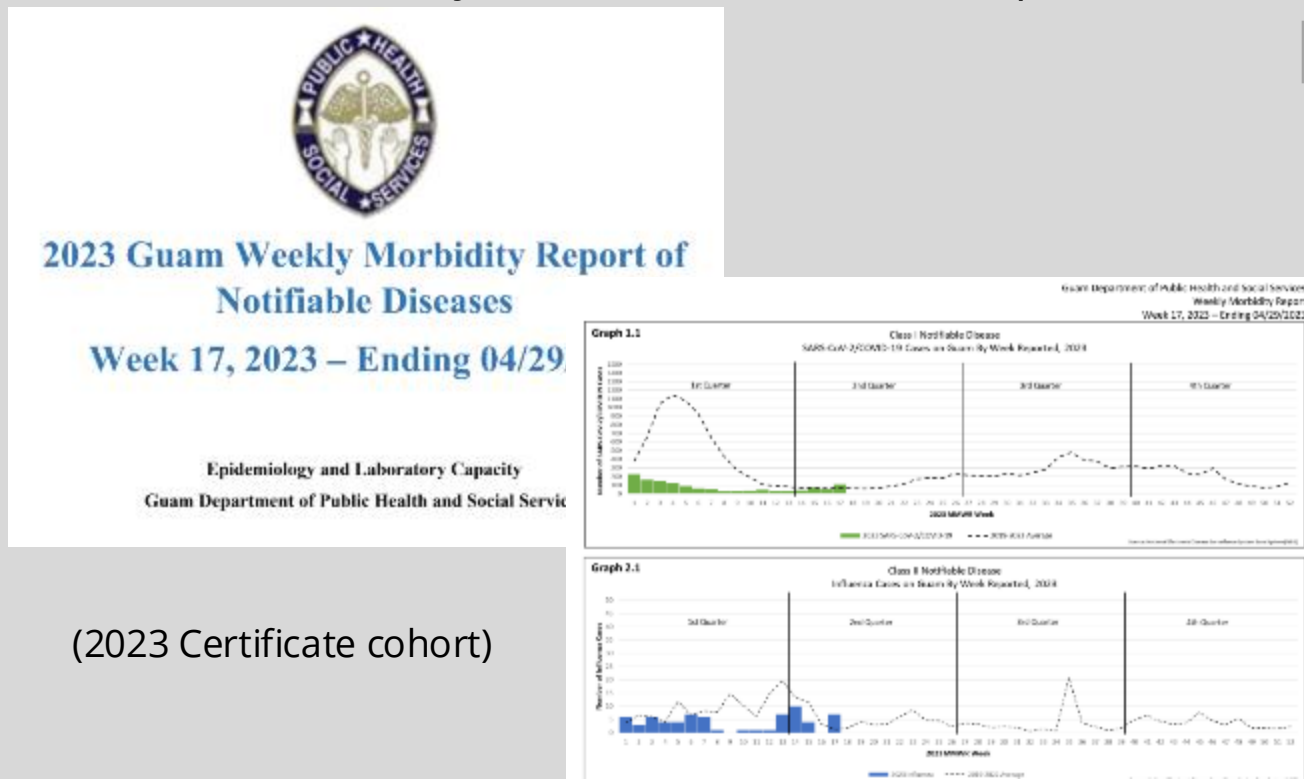
- 1 manuscript (RMI Diploma cohort) submitted to the Hawaii Journal of Health and Social Welfare
- 2 abstracts (RMI Diploma cohort) submitted to the 2nd SAFETYNET Conference (Malaysia, September 2025)
- Field Epidemiology Projects presented to health agency leadership, and in Palau, to President Whipps



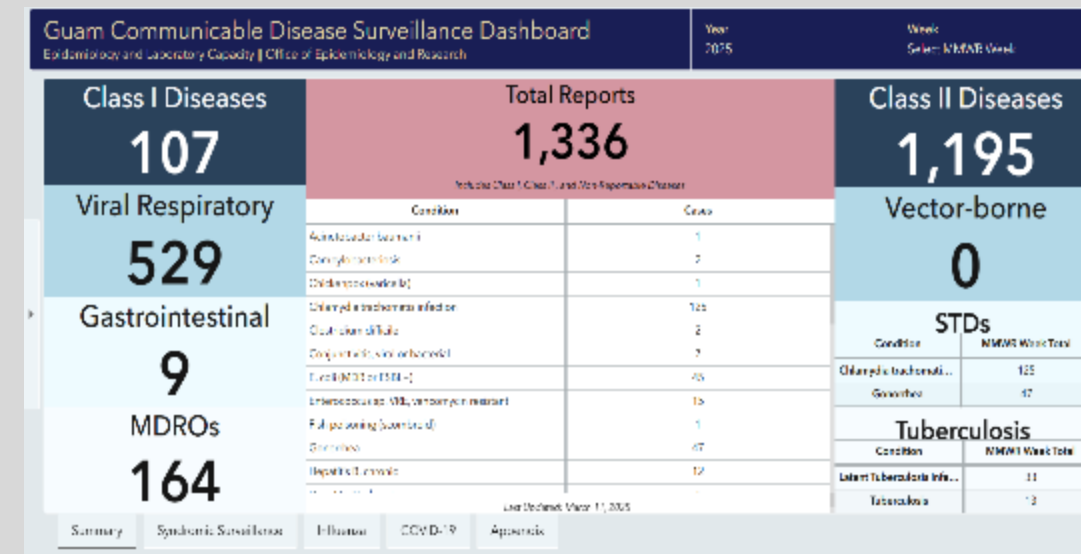
Examples of Post-Course Use of Field Epidemiology Projects

Palau: Integration of Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program and Cancer Registry Data into an NCD program evaluation report. (2024 Certificate cohort)
A Certificate graduate is replicating the analysis for an NCD report card for providers, which is accessible online to Palau MHHS providers.

Guam Weekly Morbidity Report of Notifiable Diseases and SOPs, and Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report



streamlined and integrated into the Guam Communicable Disease Dashboard.



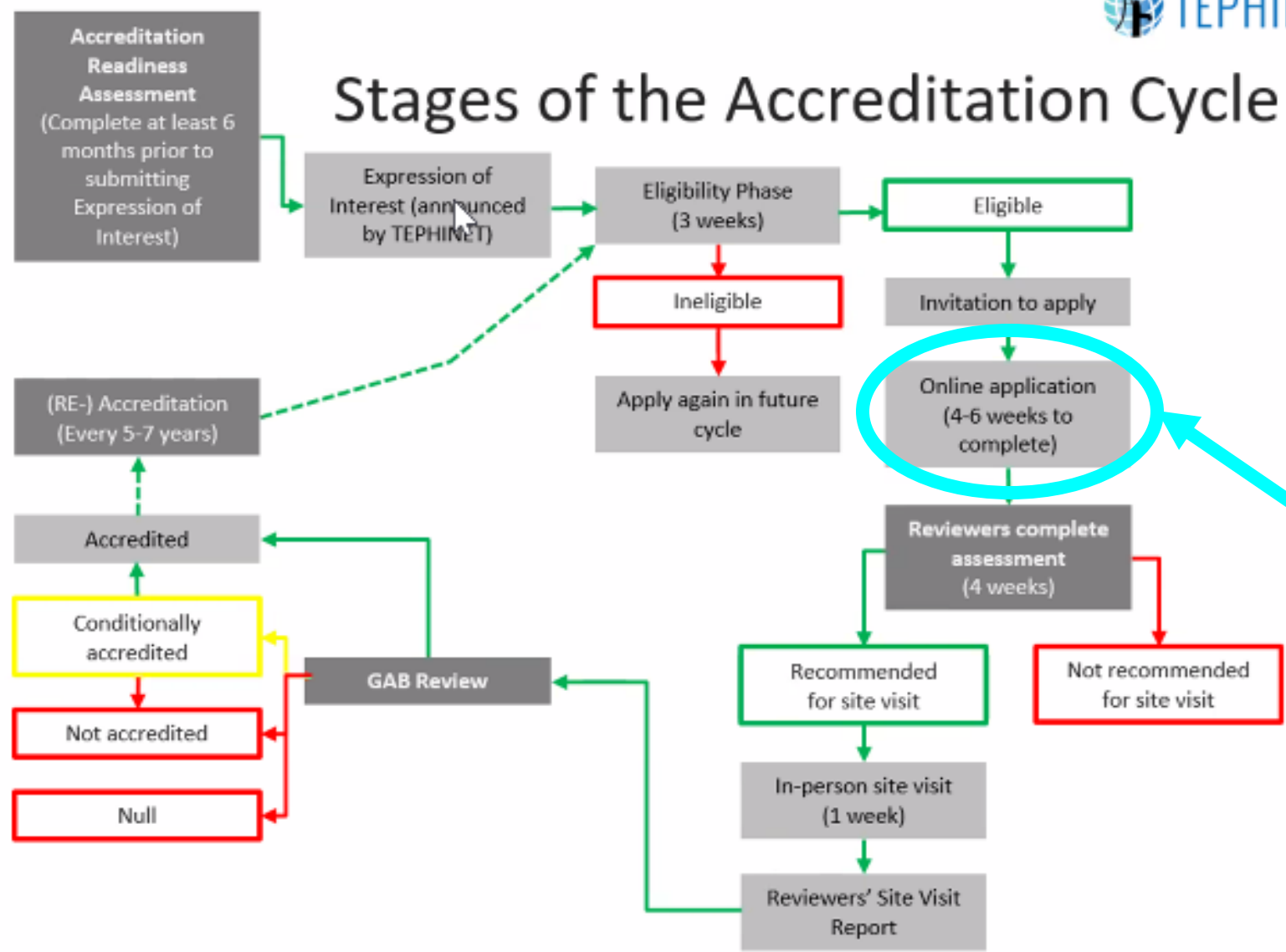
Guam Communicable Disease Surveillance Dashboard
Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity, Office of Epidemiology
and Research
<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/269209cc73ac4743a83f622e146fcb0f>, accessed March 18, 2025

TEPHINET Accreditation

- Training Programs in **E**pidemiology and **P**ublic **H**ealth **I**nterventions **N**etwork
- A global network of Field Epidemiology Training Programs (FETPs)
- Advantages of accreditation
 - 5-year accreditation
 - Internationally recognized
 - Eligibility for quality improvement and/or other epi capacity building grants (TEPHINET)
 - Network of candidates and faculty to join communities of practice
 - Roster of the WHO Global Outbreak and Response Network (GOARN)
- PIHOA Board endorsement to pursue accreditation (2024)



Stages of the Accreditation Cycle



1. Accreditation Readiness Assessment completed in August 2024
2. Expression of Interest completed in January 2025
3. Eligibility phase completed in February 2025
4. Online application due April 9, 2025
5. In-person site visit (Guam) one week in June-July 2025
6. Review by Global Accrediting Body

TEPHINET Accreditation Process

SHIP FETP Intermediate Accreditation (4th Cycle)

Stage 1: Preliminary Forms (Intermediate) Accreditation.2025

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Program Information Form | 2025

Status: ● Completed

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Letter of Intent Form | Intermediate.2025

Status: ● Completed

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Annual Program Calendar Form |
Intermediate.2025

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Certification of Eligibility Form |
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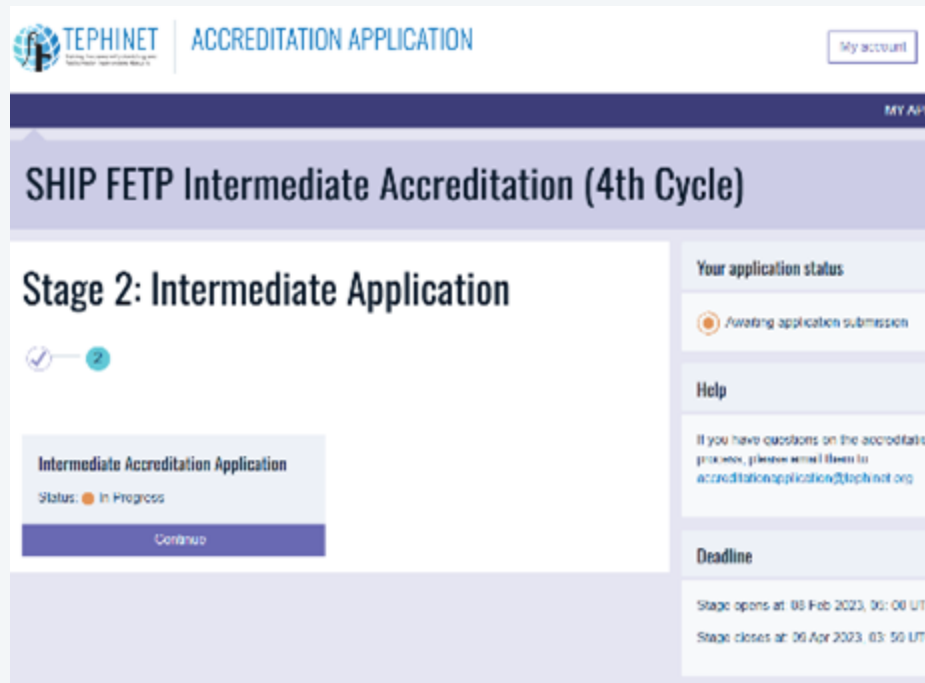
4 eligibility requirements:

- Program **duration** (min **7.5 months**; max 15 months)
- **Completion rate** (75% of the participants who started the program complete it)
- **Predominance of field work** (max of 25% in classroom)
- **Work site** (80% employed in Public Health institutions)

TEPHINET Accreditation Process

5 domains, 13 key indicators (22 standards)

1. Governance
2. Infrastructure
3. Operational Guidelines and Procedures
4. Orientation Manual
5. Scientific Integrity
6. Government (or Public Health Authority) Support
7. Work sites
8. Engagement with Public Health Authorities
9. Program Staffing
10. Selection of Participants
11. Defined Core Competencies and Associated Curriculum
12. Participants are Completing Requirements of the Program
13. Continuous, quality improvement





Thank You!