CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

CNMI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

ADULT CORRECTIONAL & REHABILITATION AND JUVENILE DETENTION



MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to enhance public safety across the Northern Mariana Islands through rehabilitation and operational excellence.

VISION STATEMENT

Na'i Animu yan Aschoscho
(Give your entire spirit)

THE DOC TEAM

81	Number of Employees
68	Sworn DOC Officers
1	Rehabilitation Substance Abuse Treatment Officers
2	Parole Officers
10	Civilian Employees

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Northern Mariana Islands Department of Corrections (DOC), pursuant to Public Law 14-25, has primary responsibility for all adult correctional services and adult offender detention throughout the Commonwealth. On April 27, 2011, the Governor's Executive Order 2004-011 transferred the responsibility for the administration and operations of the Juvenile Detention Unit (JDU) to the Department of Corrections. DOC and JDU are guided by rules and regulations and established operational policies and procedures, and ensure public safety by housing detainees, inmates, and juveniles in a safe, secure, and humane environment that meets constitutional standards for confinement; and provides its residents with opportunities to participate in rehabilitation programs to assist them in becoming law-abiding citizens.





Photo Caption: DOC Outreach Partcipants help distribute goods to families in need after Super Typhoon Sinlaku.

CORE VALUES:

Respect **I**ntegrity **T**eamwork **A**ccountability

DOC AND A YEAR IN REVIEW

ACHIEVEMENTS AND EFFORTS - REHABILITATION AND WELLNESS



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of Guma' Diniseha

On October 22, 2026, the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Corrections (NMIDOC) celebrated the grand opening of the Guma' Diniseha Outreach and Re-Entry Center, marking a significant milestone in the Department's commitment to rehabilitation and successful community reintegration.

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program

Since its implementation, NMIDOC's Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program has served 89 participants, with 41 successfully completing treatment and 10 currently receiving services. The program has recorded four recidivism cases and encouraging results from its pretrial treatment group, including negative drug screenings. NMIDOC continues to strengthen partnerships with SAAR and CGC to expand re-entry services, promote long-term recovery, and reduce recidivism.







From Participant to Instructor - True Success in the Journey Towards Rehabilitation

NMIDOC celebrates the success of Bradley Defang, a former outreach program participant who has since become an instructor at Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTECH). His achievement highlights the positive impact of rehabilitation, education, and workforce development in creating successful community reintegration.

Strengthening Re-Entry Through Case Management and Medicaid Enrollment

NMIDOC continues to strengthen re-entry preparedness through coordinated case management and Medicaid enrollment assistance, helping individuals maintain access to essential healthcare services upon release. To date, 98 individuals have been enrolled in Medicaid prior to release, with an additional 59 applications pending. These efforts support continuity of care, reduce barriers to healthcare, and promote successful community reintegration.

COMMONWEALTH MEDICAID AGENCY
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



Expanding Educational Opportunities Through ABE

In partnership with Northern Marianas College (NMC), NMIDOC supports educational advancement through its Adult Basic Education (ABE) Program. Currently, 16 individuals are enrolled, with 12 on track to complete the program before release, strengthening opportunities for personal growth and successful community reintegration.

DOC AND A YEAR IN REVIEW

ACHIEVEMENTS AND EFFORTS - CAPABILITY & CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

DOC & University of Alaska Fairbanks Affiliation Agreement

NMIDOC finalized an affiliation agreement with the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), establishing the Department as a social work internship site on Saipan. This partnership creates opportunities for hands-on professional development while supporting the Department's rehabilitation and case management initiatives.

DOC & NMC Nursing Practicum Partnership

NMIDOC partnered with Northern Marianas College (NMC) to provide nursing students with hands-on clinical experience in a correctional healthcare setting. This partnership strengthens workforce development, exposes future nurses to the unique healthcare needs of incarcerated individuals, and supports the Department's commitment to improving correctional healthcare services.







Enhancing Officer Safety Through Arrest and Control Techniques Training

NMIDOC conducted Arrest and Control Techniques training to strengthen correctional officers' skills in safe apprehension, restraint, and de-escalation. This initiative promotes effective use-of-force practices, reduces the risk of injury, and enhances the safety and security of officers and incarcerated individuals.

Strengthening Emergency Preparedness Through First Aid Certification

NMIDOC conducted First Aid and CPR/AED training and certification for correctional officers, strengthening their ability to respond effectively to medical emergencies. This initiative enhances staff readiness, improves emergency response capabilities, and reinforces the Department's commitment to the health and safety of staff and incarcerated individuals.





Modernizing Corrections Through JailTracker Integration

NMIDOC successfully implemented JailTracker MPL, a modern Jail Management System (JMS), through funding from the National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) and collaboration with the Commonwealth's Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Subcommittee. This milestone strengthens inmate record management, improves operational efficiency, and advances the Commonwealth's efforts toward a more integrated and secure criminal justice information system.

FINANCES

REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

Each year, the Department of Corrections submits a budget request to adequately address its deficiencies and provide at best a minimum level of mandated services. Each year, DOC faces challenges in living within the means of budget allocations.

GENERAL FUND

FISCAL YEAR	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	ACTUAL ALLOCATION
FY2020	$6,156,878	$2,458,816
FY2021	$6,440,986	$3,164,525
FY2022	$6,463,180	$5,828,495
FY2023	$8,398,403	$3,728,220
FY2024	$9,471,641	$4,356,089
FY2025	$9,275,963	$4,521,645
FY2026	$10,574,834	$3,991,937
FY2027	Not available prior to deadline	

SPECIAL FUNDS

Project Code 3022: A revolving account established for federal reimbursements from U.S. Marshal Services (USMS), U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE), and Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), and revenue from Community Outreach Program projects through MOAs.

FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENTS

FY2025 Reimbursements through Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Federal Agencies:

AGENCY	CY 2022/AMOUNT	CY 2023/AMOUNT	CY 2024/AMOUNT	CY 2025/AMOUNT
USMS- Housing	$ 285,770.00	$ 278,800.00	$ 240,805.00	$ 291,975.00
USMS – Transportation	$ 2,747.94	$ 3,350.55	$ 5,991.73	$ 4,947.00
ICE – Housing	$ 69,445.00	$ 107,695.00	$ 138,720.00	$ 439,363.00
BOP – Housing	$ 8,245.00	$ 13,430.00	$ 765.00	$ 765.00
Total:	**$366,207.90**	**$403,275.60**	**$386,281.73**	**$737,050.00**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REVENUE

FY2026 Revenue through DOC COP Memorandum of Agreements (MOA) with Government Agencies:

AGENCY	AMOUNT
Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs	$ 1,600.00
Department of Commerce	$ 7,200.00
Commonwealth Medicaid Agency	$ 76,658.10
Department of Finance	$ 8,400.00
Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services	$ 12,00.00
Homeland Security and Emergency Management	$ 5,000.00
Indigenous Affairs Office	$ 2,000.00
Precinct 5	$ 27,000.00
Total:	**$ 139,858.10**

GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

STRENGTHENING RESOURCES FOR SAFETY AND REHABILITATION

The Department of Corrections is pleased to highlight the successful award of several grant funding opportunities that strengthen operations, enhance rehabilitation programs, and support the safety and security of the community. These federal investments reflect DOC's commitment to accountability, innovation, and the effective use of resources to advance the department's mission.

$6,112,829.00

REHABILITATION GRANTS $278,596.00

Fiscal Year	Project Title	Award Amount	Status
2023	FY23 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Grant:	$149,644	Awarded
2024	FY24 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Grant	$109,152	Awarded
2025	CNMI Department of Corrections Opioid and SUDs Response Program	$19,800	Awarded

CAPABILITY & CAPACITY GRANTS $20,247.00

Fiscal Year	Project Title	Award Amount	Status
2022	Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Title II Formula Grant	$5,000	Completed
2023	Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Title II Formula Grant	$5,000	Awarded
2024	FY24 JAG Enhancing Officer Retention and Training	$10,247.28	Awarded

INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS $5,813,986.00

Fiscal Year	Project Title	Award Amount	Status
2023	U.S. Dept. of Interior, 285.60KW Solar PV Energy System Installation	$443,691	Awarded
2024	FY24 Agriculture Earmarks, Cong. Kilili, 285.60KW Solar PV Energy System Installation	$1,000,000	Awarded
2023	FY23 JAG Server	$25,000	Awarded
2024	U.S. Dept. of Interior, Kitchen Renovation and Rehabilitation Project	$345,295	Awarded

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS FOR A STRONGER CNMI



Photo Caption: DOC Officers join the 2026 Diviant Guard. A joint task force with U.S. Marshals and DPS



Photo Caption: DOC Staff conduct outreach efforts to the community during GCA's Fall Festival.



Photo Caption: DOC Staff meet with students at Fracnsico Mendiola Sablan Middle School to share insights regarding a career in corrections..



Photo Caption: Commissioner Anthony Torres leads professional development session on leadership facilitated by OPM.



Photo Caption: DOC's Training Officer Sergeant Daniel Joab conducts training with Federated States of Micronesia correction cadets.



Photo Caption: Commissioner Anthony Torres initiates farm-to table initiative with the Kagman Agricultural Farms and Producers Association.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

LOOKING AHEAD

The CNMI Department of Corrections remains steadfast in advancing reformative priorities that elevate the safety, security, and rehabilitation of those in its care. Guided by a commitment to accountability and innovation, DOC continues to strengthen operational standards, invest in staff development, and expand rehabilitation programs that support successful reentry. Through collaboration with local and federal partners, the department strives to build a correctional system that protects the community while fostering opportunities for positive change and second chances.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SERVICES

Enhancing data integrity, automation, and interagency communication through inter-governmental partnerships, technology integration, including system modernization and secure data sharing across the criminal justice network.



CAPABILITY & CAPACITY BUILDING

Investing in staff development and organizational efficiency through targeted training, technical assistance, and leadership programs to build a more skilled and resilient workforce.



HEALTHCARE AND MEDICAL REFORM

Expanding access to quality healthcare through improved medical staffing, on-site triage protocols, and investments in medical infrastructure that prioritize inmate wellness and public health safety.



REVENUE GENERATING INITIATIVES

Pursuing innovative strategies and partnerships to increase fiscal sustainability, including cost-recovery programs, inmate work initiatives, and grant-funded development.



PAROLE, REENTRY, AND REHABILITATION

Supporting reentry initiatives that reduce recidivism and promote community safety by expanding parole options, rehabilitation programs, and addressing existing reentry gaps.



INTER-JURISDICTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Strengthening collaboration with regional and federal partners to align correctional standards, share best practices, and secure resources that enhance CNMI's correctional system operations.



EDUCATION AND SKILL BUILDING

Empowering sworn officers and individuals who are incarcerated through academic and vocational training programs that elevate professional capacities for officers and academic opportunities for inmates.