



l Metkao Famalåo'an Guåhan Para Sinestienen Ekunomia

The Women of Guahan's Marketplace for a Sustainable Economy Project



Mission Statement

I Hagan Famalao'an Guåhan (IHFG), Incorporated, as the indigenous CHamoru Women's Association of Guåhan is founded on the collective mission to enhance, promote, protect and foster the social, economic, cultural, spiritual and political well-being of CHamoru women, girls and gender-diverse people within the overall Guåhan community.



IHFG honors the CHamoru women of Guåhan as the link of their mangåffa and the predecessors of todu i nanan-måmi (our mothers).

IHFG is sustained by the kåhna (spirit force) of our ancestors and our sacred connection to our lands and waters.

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IHFG is aimed to function on the traditional CHamoru systems of:

- Magåhet (truth)
- •Ináyuda (helpfulness)
- •Fa'taotao (treat others with utmost respect as a member of humanity)
- Dinaña' (togetherness)
- Geftao (generosity)
- Mamåhlao (conscientiousness/humility)
- •Respetu (respectfulness)
- •Inaguaiya (to be loving)
- Minaggem (softening of the heart)
- •Hulat maisa (self-control)
- Minenhalom (wisdom)
- •Inafa'måolek (cohesion/promote harmony)

in order to accomplish the organization's mission and implement its primary purposes





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Aims to strengthen CHamoru women's economic capacity by empowering them to engage entrepreneurial projects to reduce poverty.

Three objectives are:

- (1)create a virtual marketplace as a cooperative that will sell CHamoru women's products under the I Hagan Famalao'an Guåhan (IHFG) brand/label;
- (2)create a virtual, non-cash/bartering site for the exchange of goods and services fashioned after traditional chenchule' (reciprocity) practices; and
- (3)provide microlending start-up loans to CHamoru women whose products are rooted in traditional livelihood practices