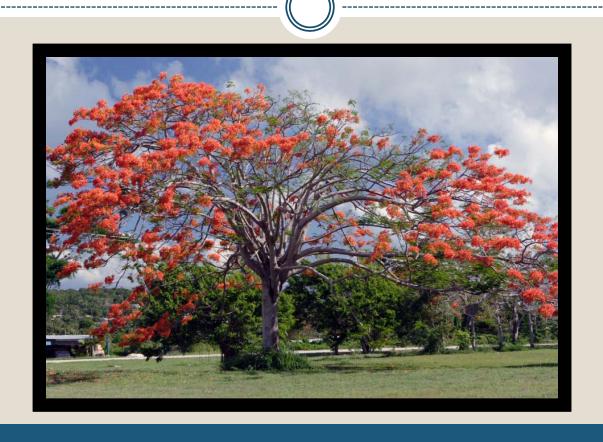
## The CNMI & Our Efforts to Reduce Lost to Follow-Up

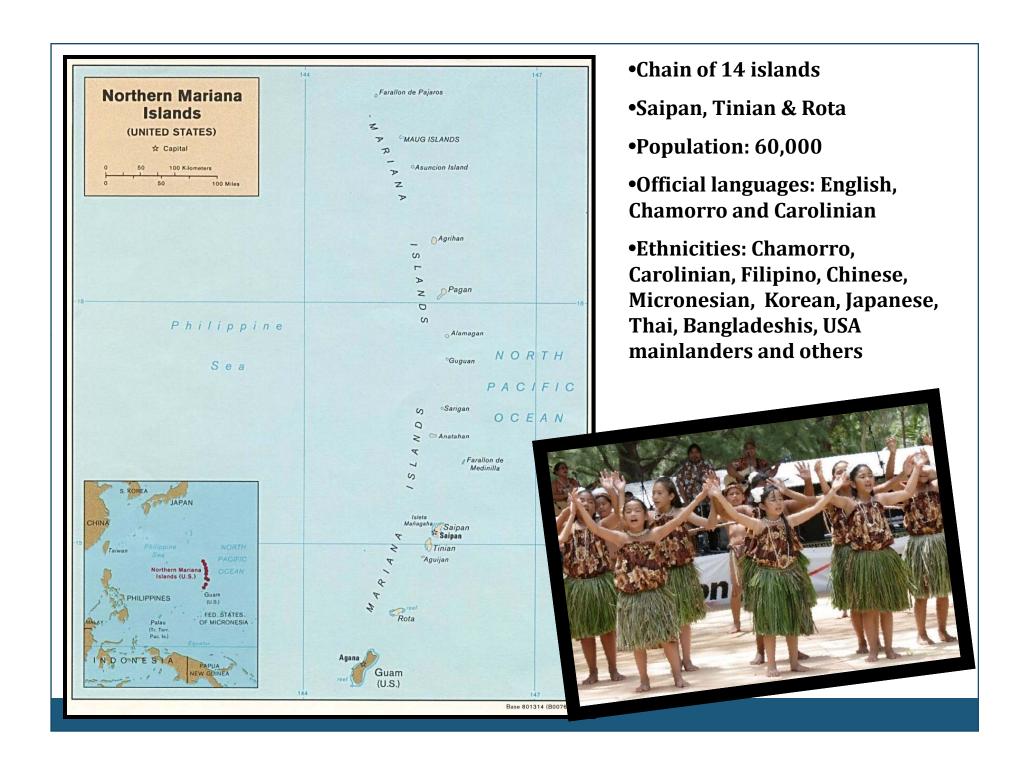
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### Where is the CNMI?







# Implementation of Newborn Hearing Screening

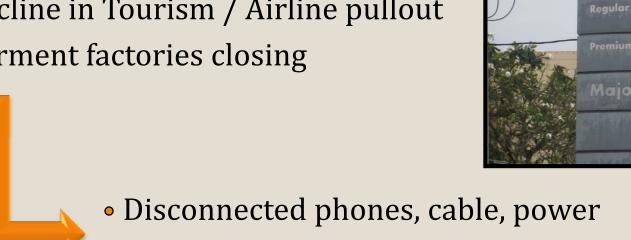


- Implemented in 2002
- There is only one birthing hospital on Saipan, with health centers on Tinian & Rota.
- 1,400 births annually



#### **Economic Challenges**

- Minimum Wage = \$3.55
- High Cost of Living
- Soaring fuel costs
- Rolling blackouts/Utility cost increase
- Decline in Tourism / Airline pullout
- Garment factories closing





Transportation limitations



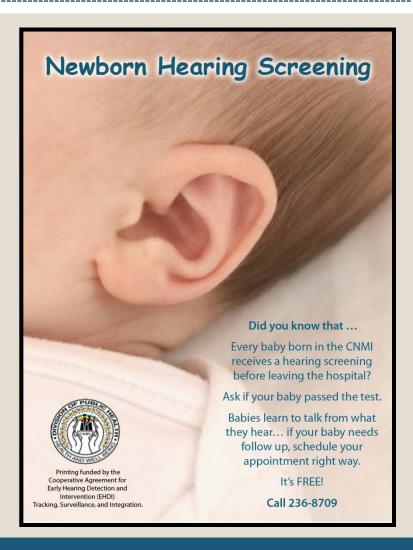
## **Lost to Follow-Up**

Year	2005		2006	
Total infants needing follow up	84		116	
Infants rescreened	52		83	
Infants lost to follow up	32	38%	33	28%





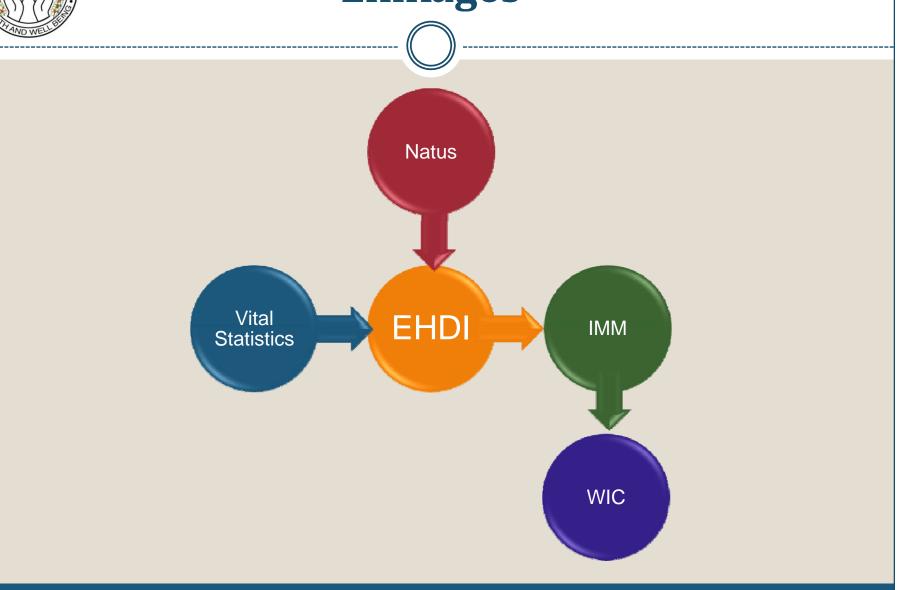
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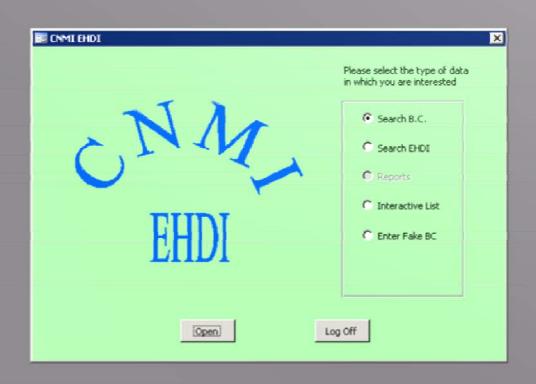


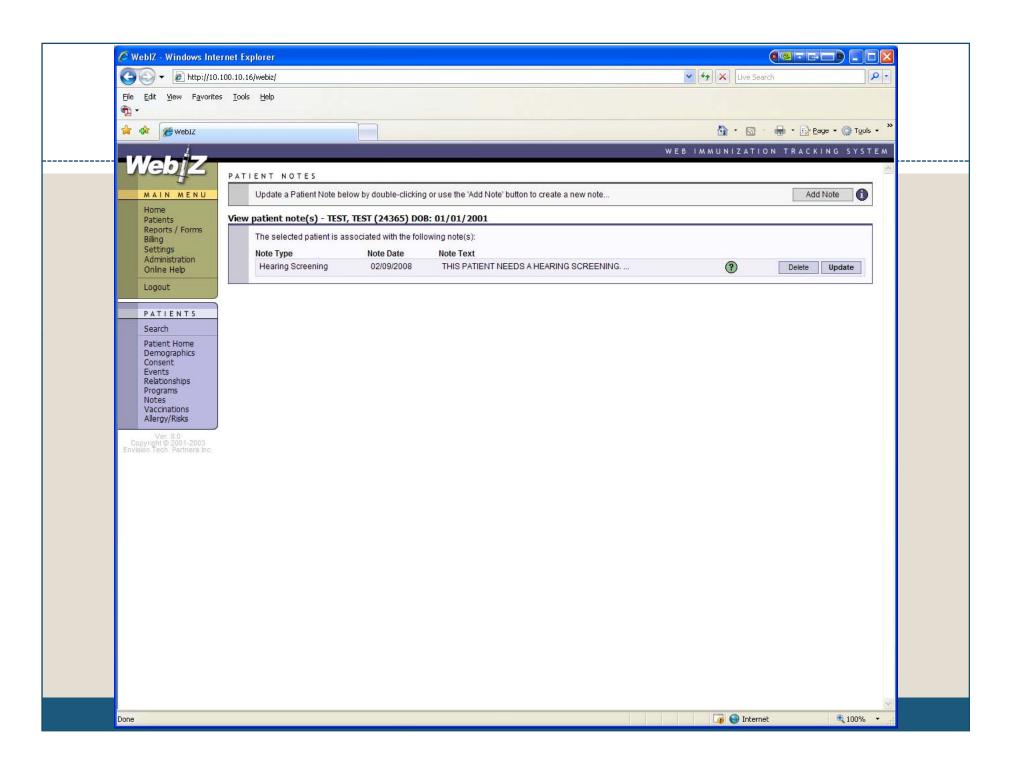
- Brochures
- Poster
- Flyer
- Calendar page
- Follow up appointment prior to discharge
- Reminder calls
- Letter insert
- Results placed on the immunization card



## Linkages













#### Immunization Record CNMI Immunization Registry

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

HINEMLO DR.

COMMONWEALTH HEALTH CENTER

**SAIPAN, MP 96950** 

(None Specified)

Known Patient Allergies/Risks:

TEST TEST

Patient ID: 24365 Gender: FEMALE DOB: 01/01/2001

Address:

Comments:

02/09/2008 THIS PATIENT NEEDS A HEARING SCREENING.

PLS CALL 236-8716 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.

Immunization History (\*= Reaction Specified)

DOSE DATE	AGE	CLINIC
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## Thank you



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