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Department of Agriculture partners with I Hagan Famalão'an Guåhan in distribution of home-garden kits

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July 13, Mangilao, GU---This past Saturday, July 11th, Department of Agriculture (DOAG) Agriculture Development Services (ADS) division, **with** I Hagan Famalão'an Guåhan (IHFG), Northern Soil and Water Conservation District (NSWCD), Chamorro Land Trust Commission (CLTC) and the Mangilao Mayor's Office, **distributed over two hundred (200) FREE home-garden kits to island residents.**

I Hagan Famalão'an Guåhan, Inc. (IHFG), a contemporary CHamoru women's organization established in August 2019, was awarded a grant from the indigenous Pawanka Fund to distribute 150 home-garden kits used to reduce the impact of COVID-19. IHFG has additional COVID-19 related community projects funded through this grant. *As our community continues to face the increasing social, economic, and health challenges of the pandemic, IHFG rises to meet some of those needs and DOAG, NSWCD, and CLTC are here to support and assist.*

On Saturday, your Department of Agriculture provided technical guidance, logistical support, and manpower to help ensure a successful event. **IHFG's goal was to distribute 150 kits, however, this event exceeded that goal with the distribution of over 200 kits!** More home-garden kits will be distributed at DOAG on Saturday, July 18th at 9:00 until all supplies are given out.

Community response was tremendous and residents expressed gratitude and appreciation for the event, as all supplies were provided free of charge through IHFG's Pawanka Fund grant funding.

"We want food sovereignty. We want food security for Guam. We are here to help our community benefit and thrive," emphasized Chelsa Muña-Brecht, director of Department of Agriculture.

If you have questions or concerns, please call Terilynn Francisco at (671) 486-8374 or e-mail haganguahan@gmail.com. The flyer is included with this release.