

The Economic Impacts of the End of Compact Grant Assistance in the Freely Associated States.



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### Background



- Initial Consultations in DC and all three FAS
- Progress to-date...
- ... thus, the study has been reduced in focus from the original three scenarios...
  - Thinking practically—base scenario
  - Thinking negatively severe scenario
    - Thinking positively—extended funding scenario
- ... to just two scenarios

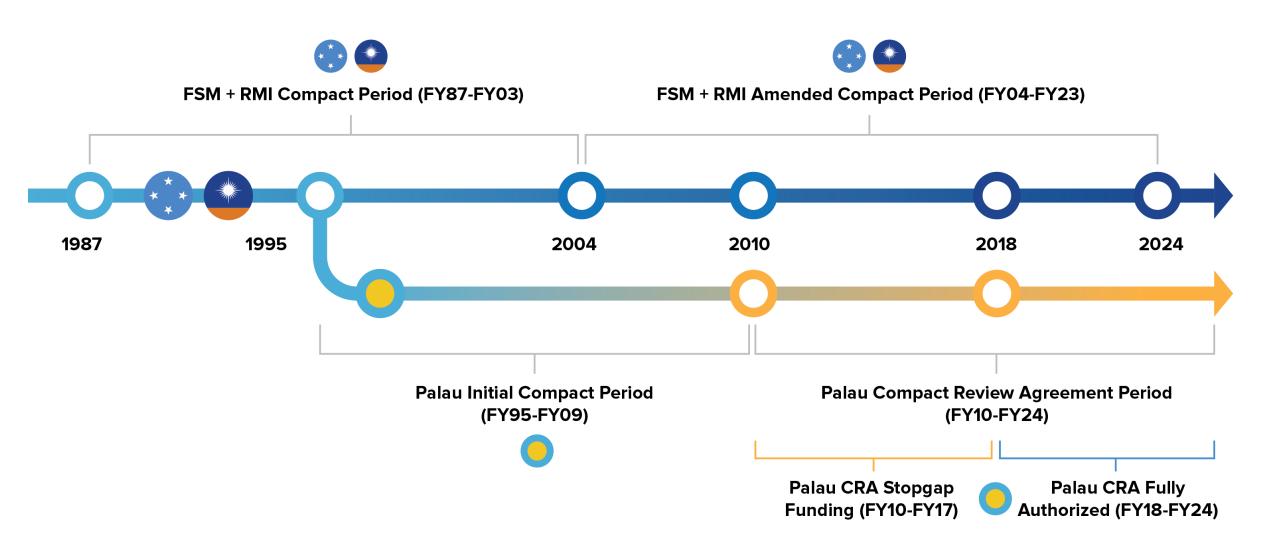
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# 1. FAS Compact Periods

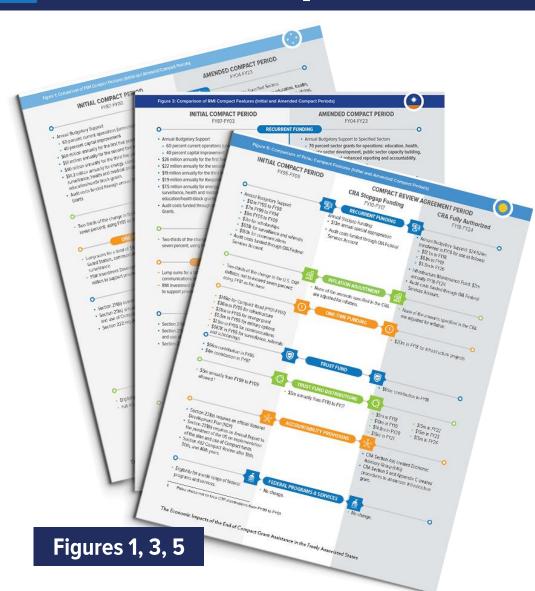




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### **FAS Compact Feature Comparison**





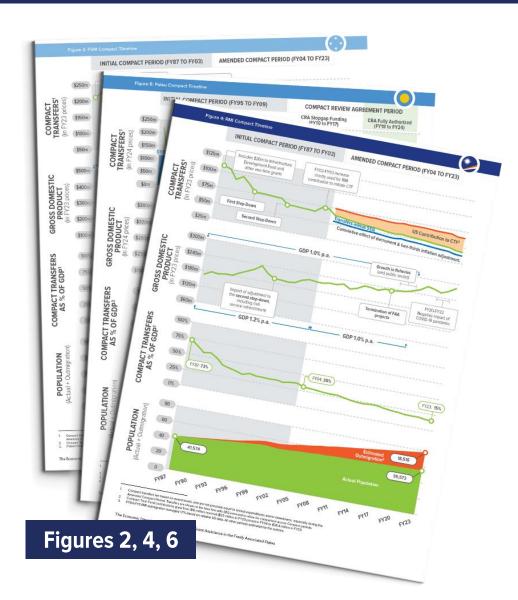
### Features by Period:

- Recurrent Funding
- One-time Funding
- Inflation Adjustment
- Trust Fund
- Accountability Provisions
- Federal Programs/Services

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# **FAS Compact Timeline**





### Trends over entire time period:

- Compact Transfers
- Real GDP Growth

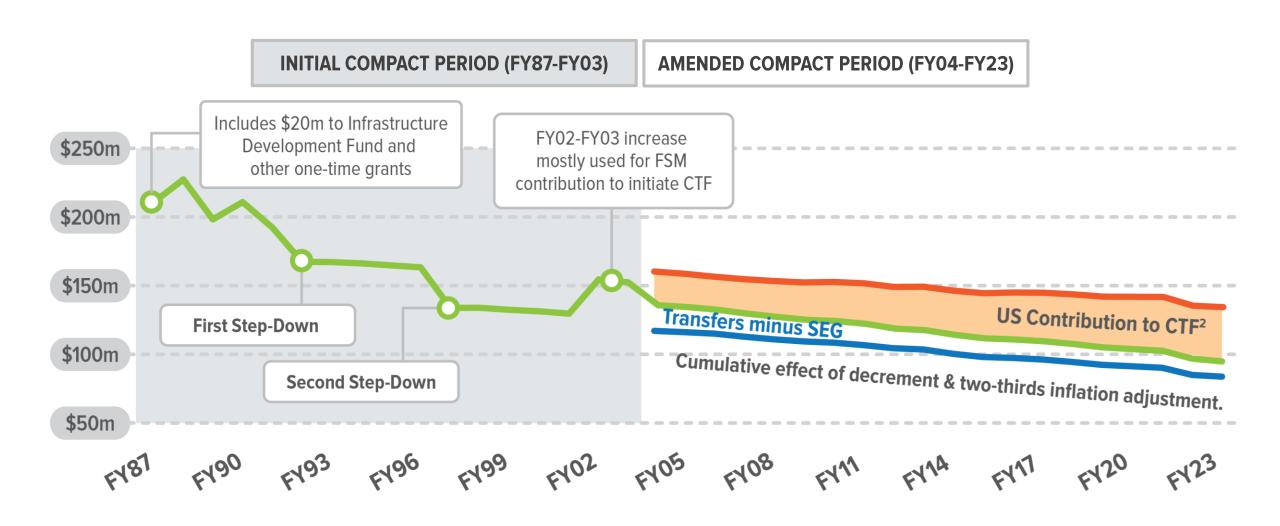
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- Transfers as % of GDP
- Population/Outmigration

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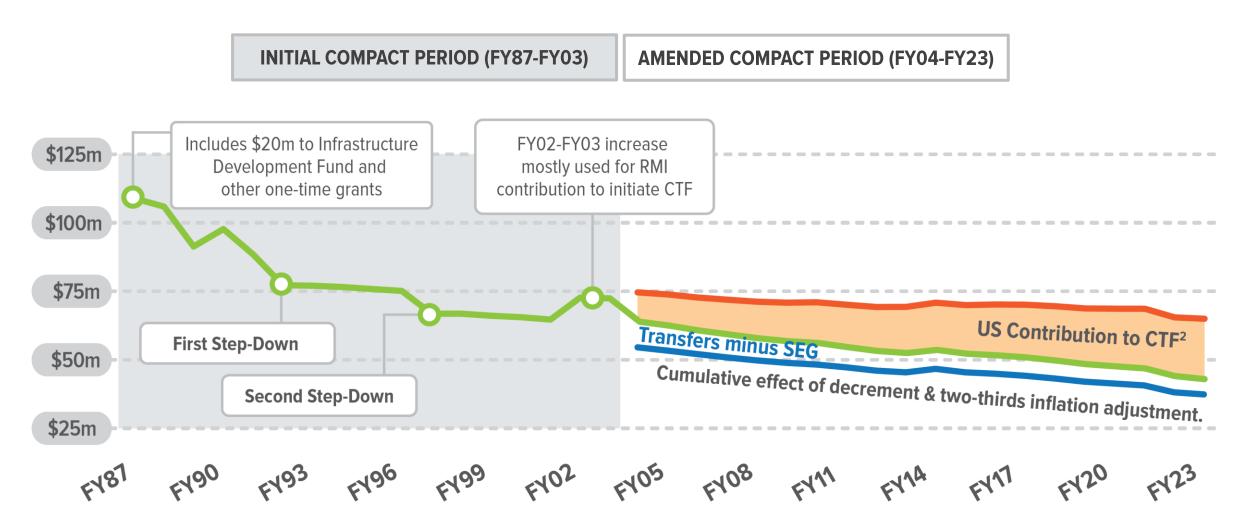
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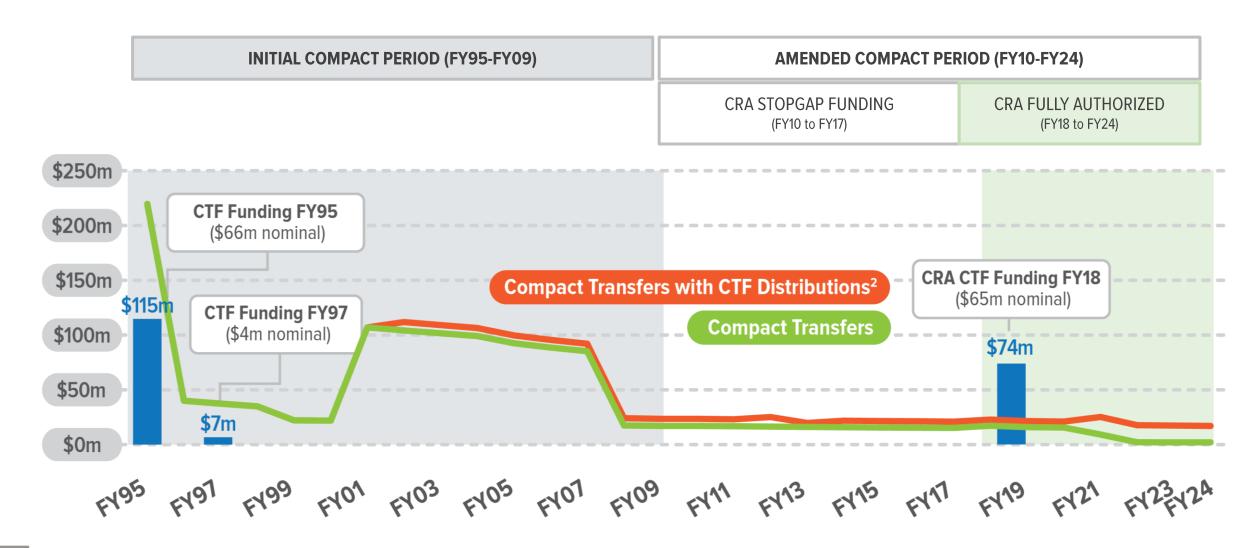
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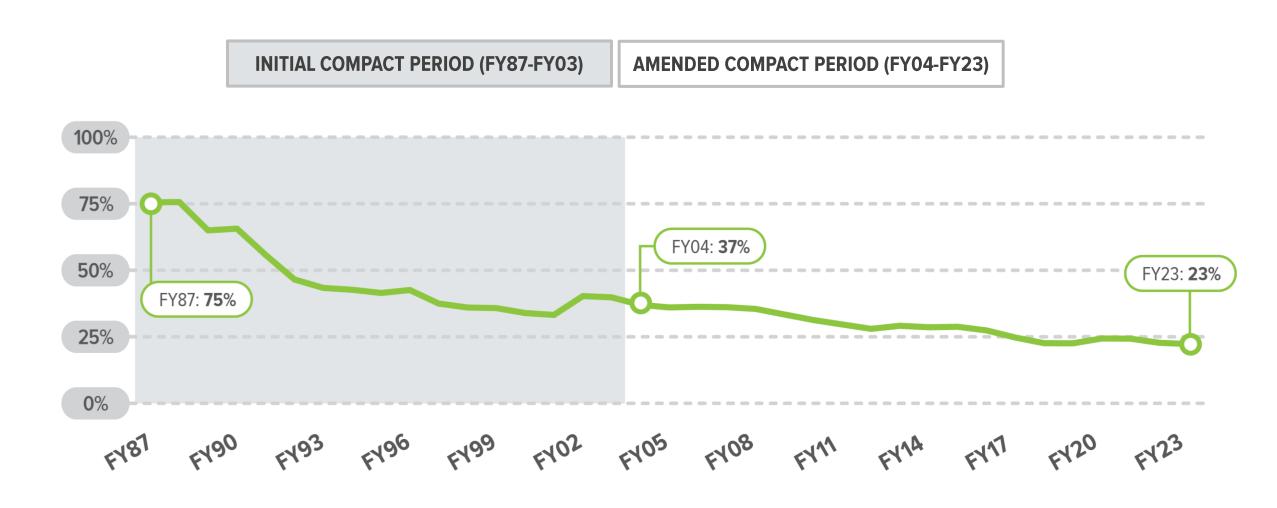
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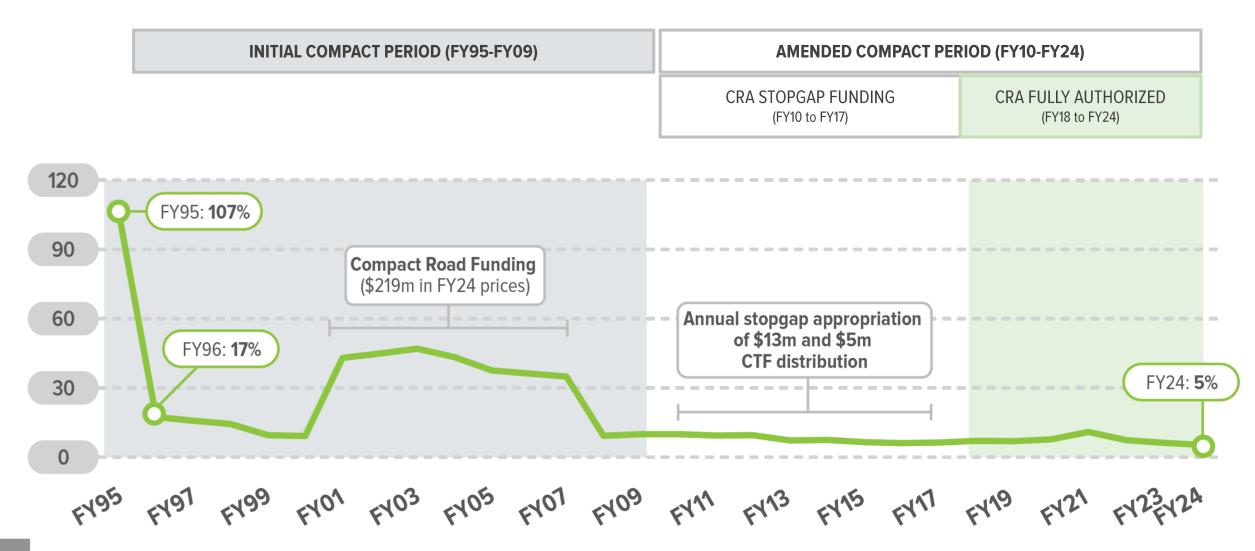
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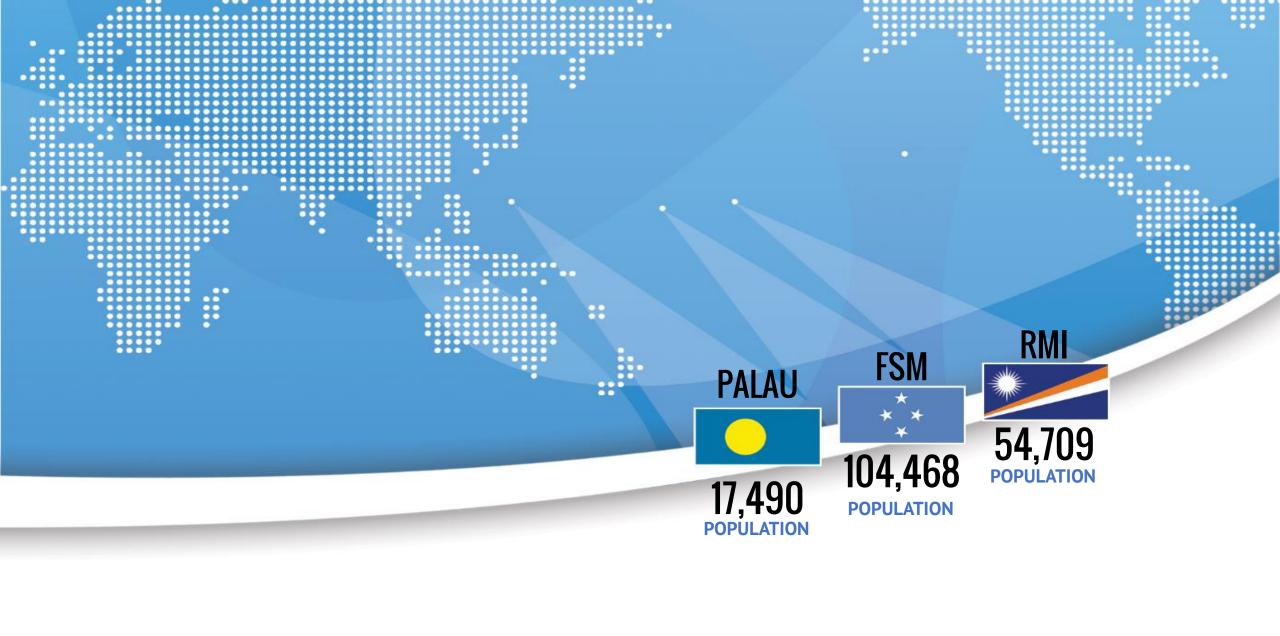
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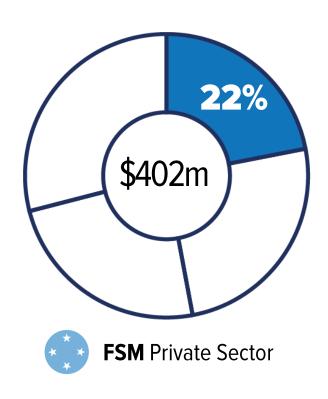
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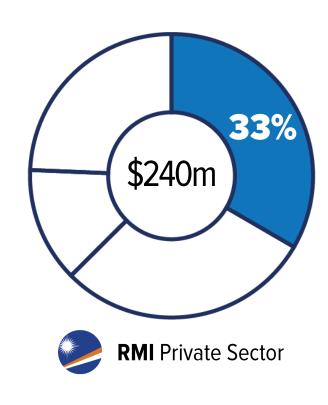


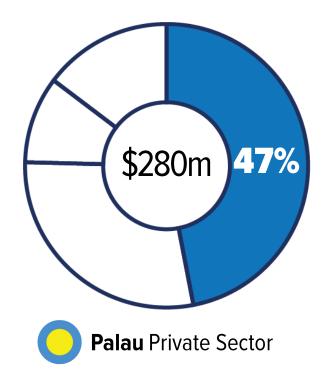


>> FAS INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE ECONOMY (FY17-FY19, 3-YR AVG)

### PRIVATE SECTOR



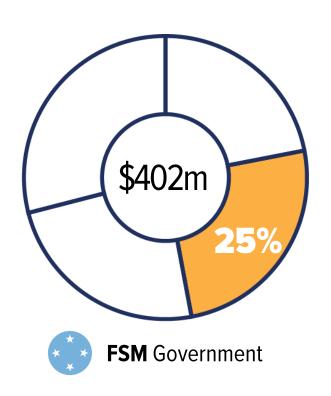


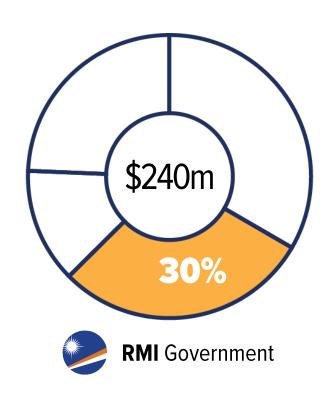


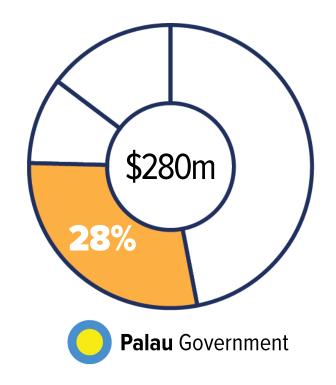


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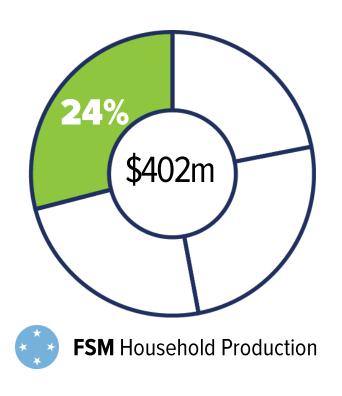


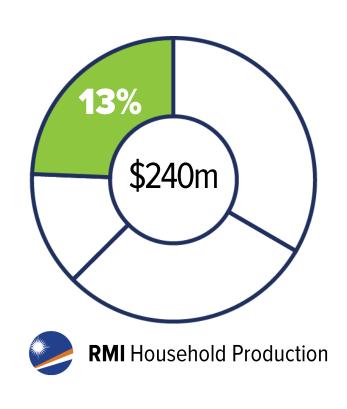


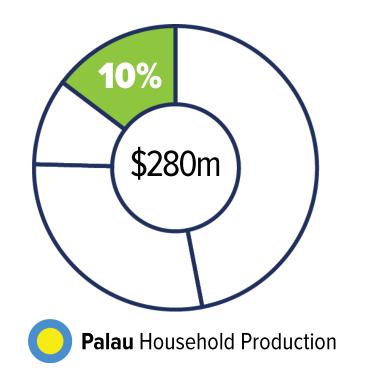


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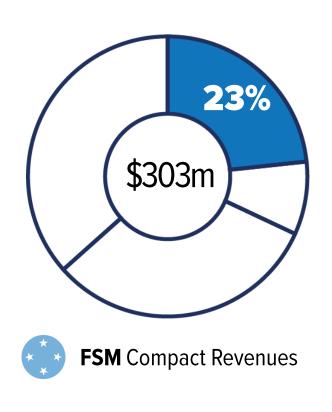


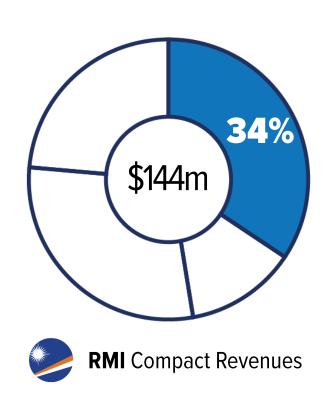


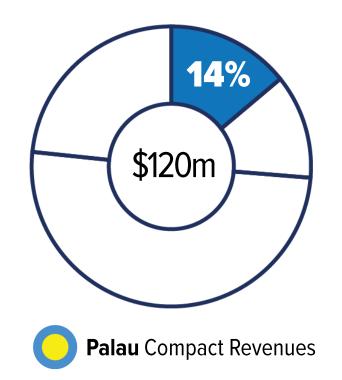


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### **COMPACT REVENUES**



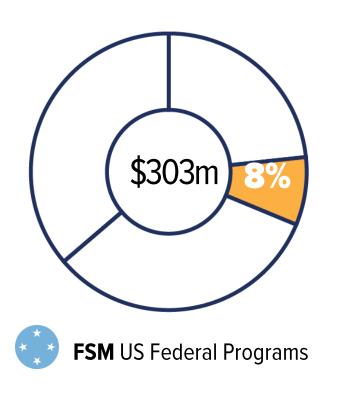


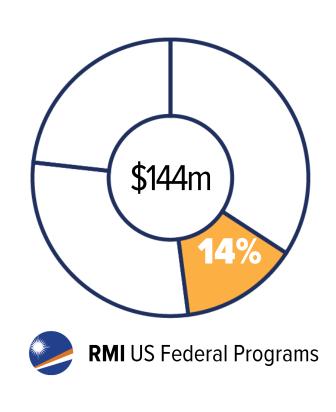


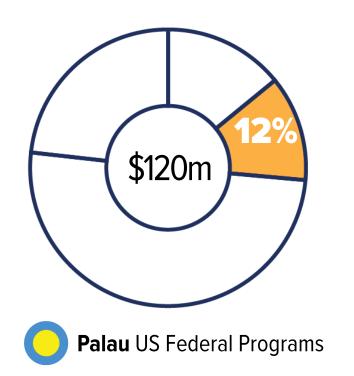


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### **US FEDERAL PROGRAMS**



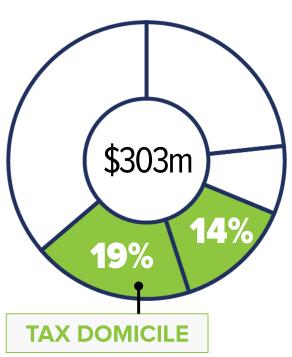






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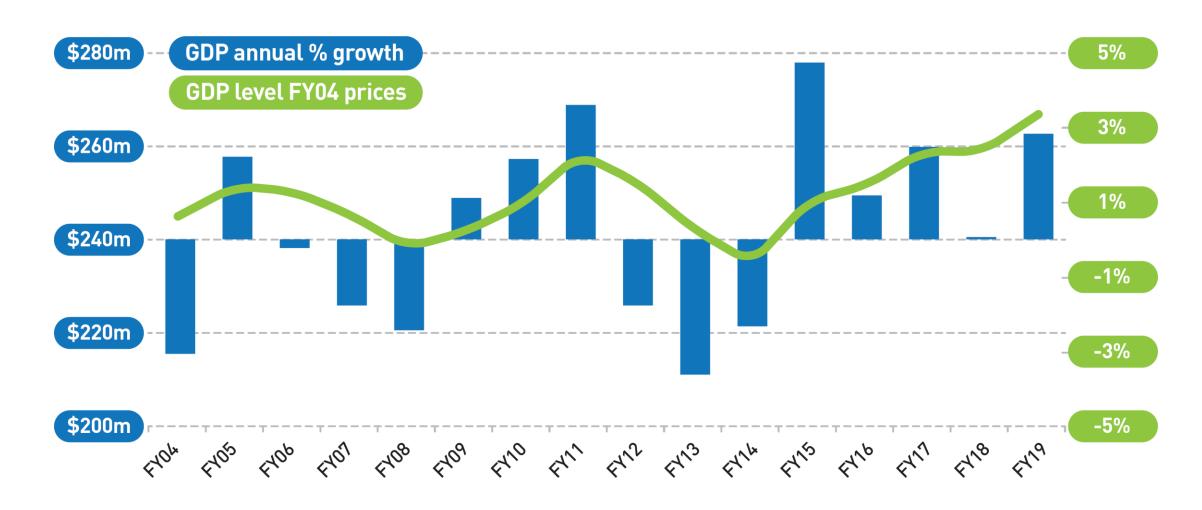






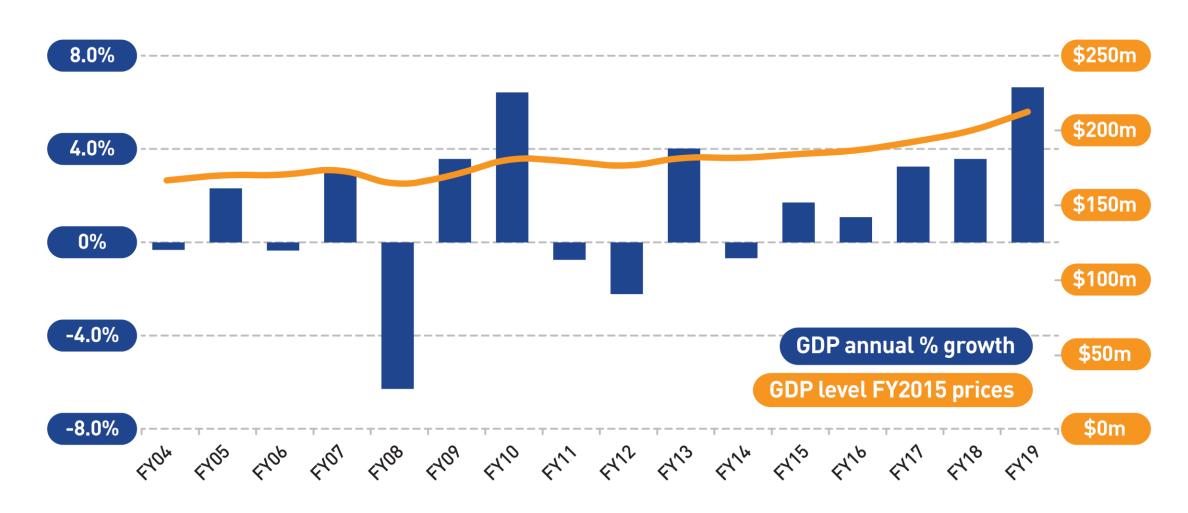


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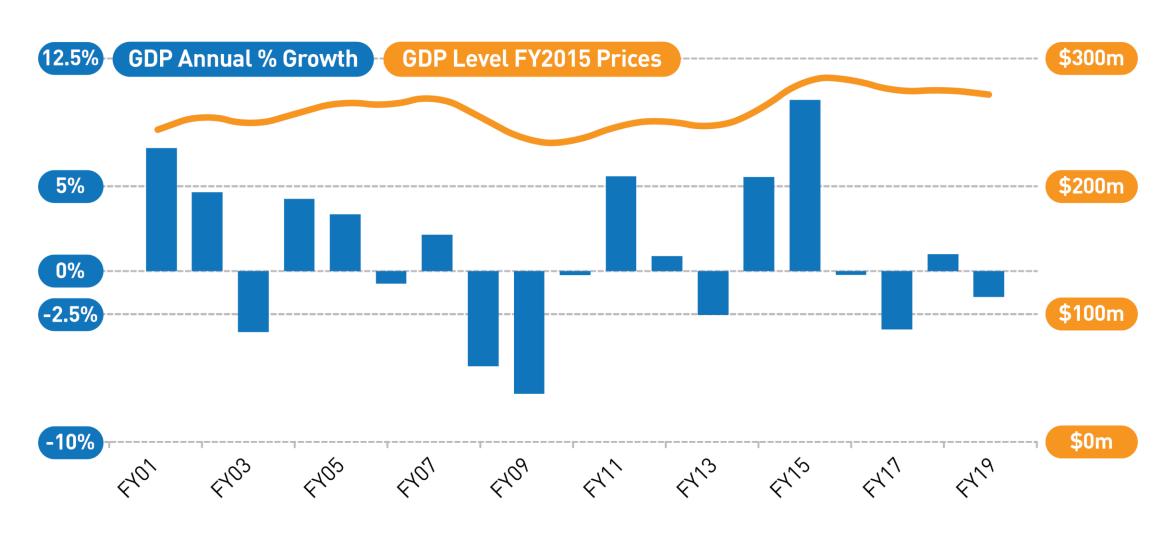


» RMI GDP LEVEL (FY15 PRICES) AND ANNUAL % GROWTH





» PALAU GDP LEVEL (FY15 PRICES) AND ANNUAL % GROWTH



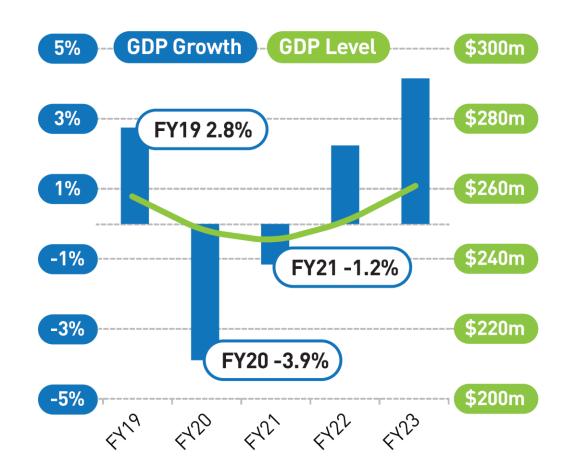
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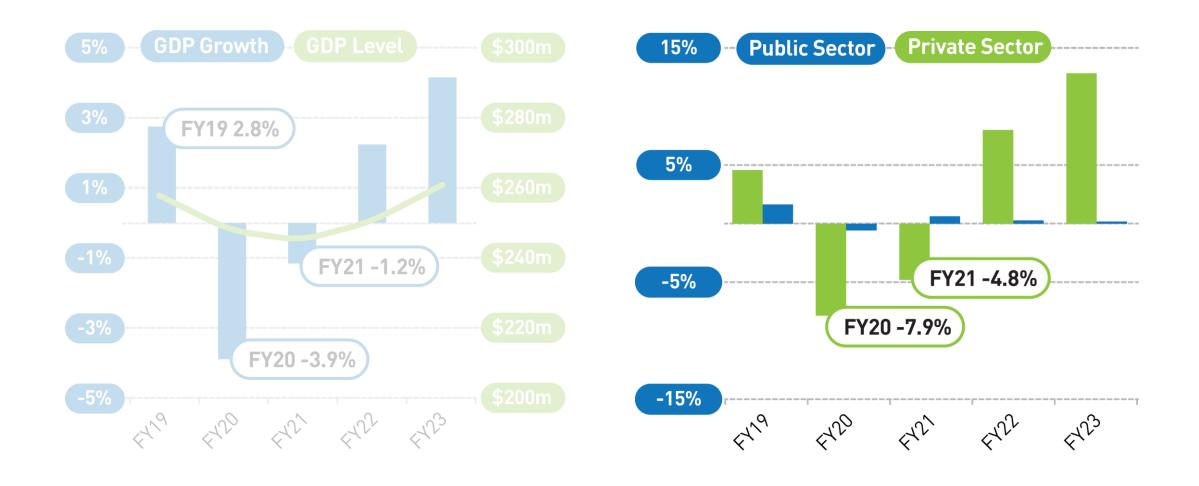


>> FSM PROJECTED GDP LEVEL AND ANNUAL % GROWTH



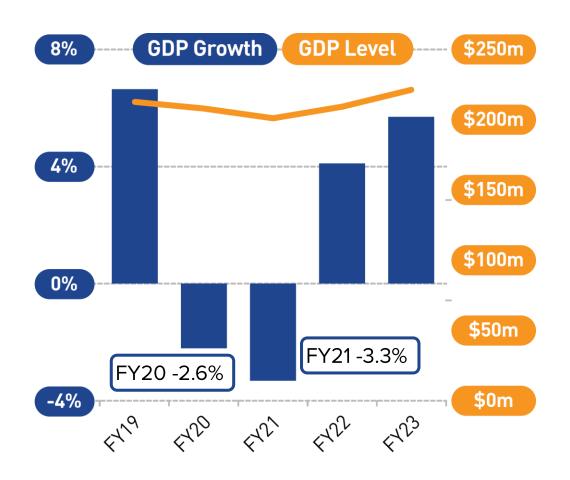


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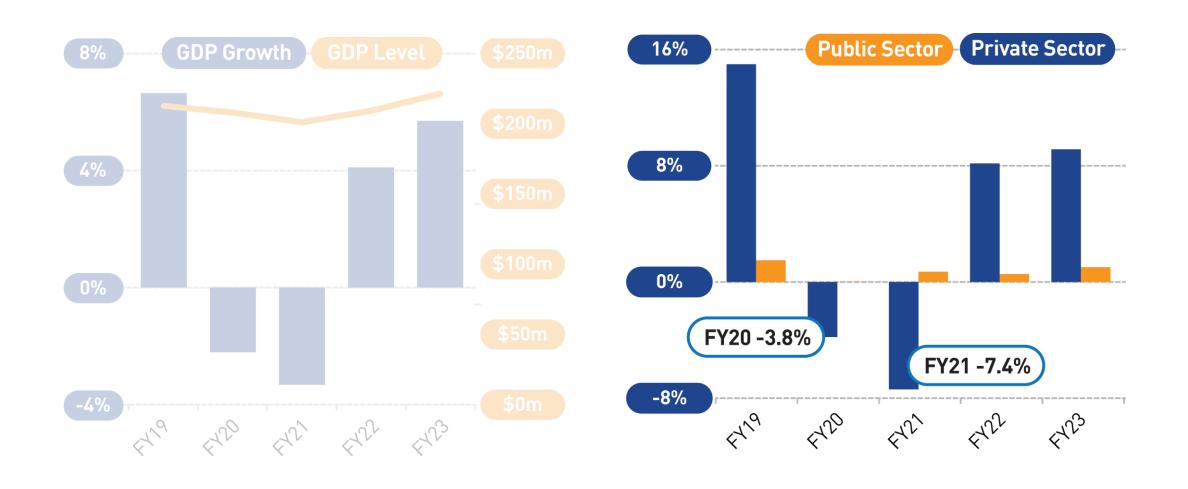


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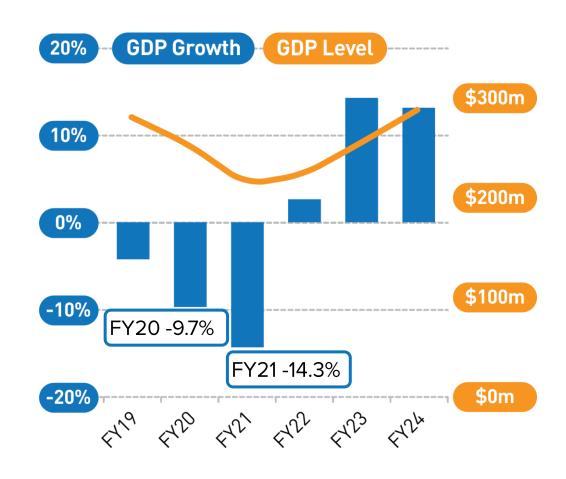


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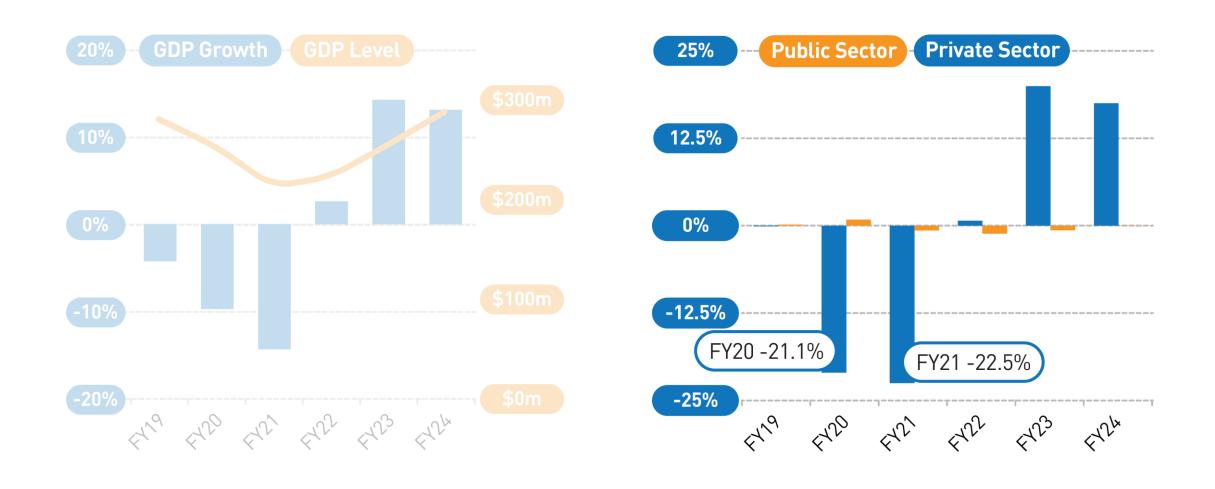


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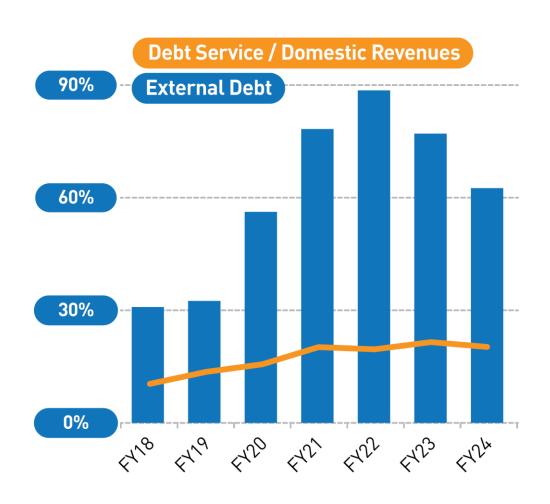


#### **» PALAU PROJECTED PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR GROWTH**





#### » PALAU EXTERNAL DEBT



- 30% Debt-to-GDP is considered a healthy, sustainable level.
- FY20-FY22 involved \$90m of COVID-related borrowing.
- Projected debt level for FY22 is deeply concerning... but unavoidable.
- As GDP recovers, debt-to-GDP will improve dramatically.

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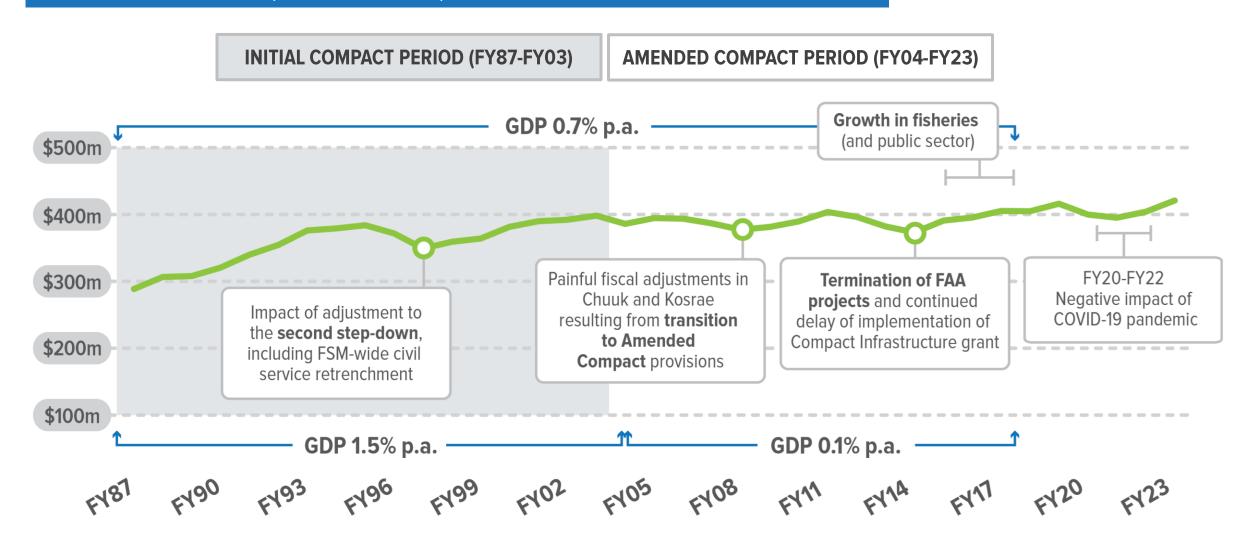


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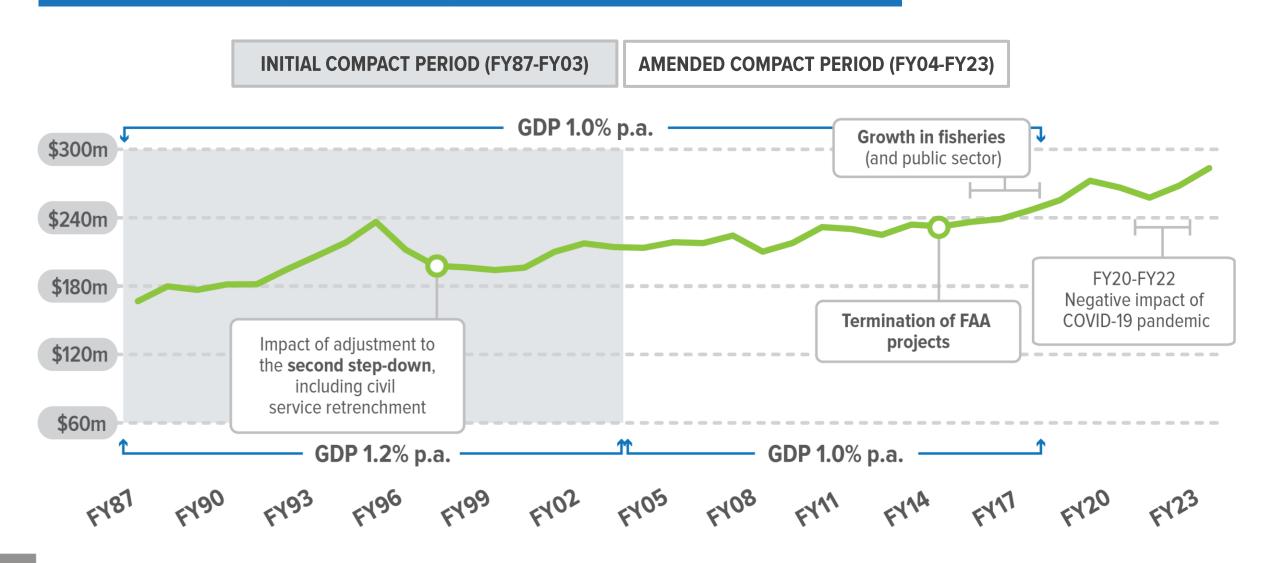
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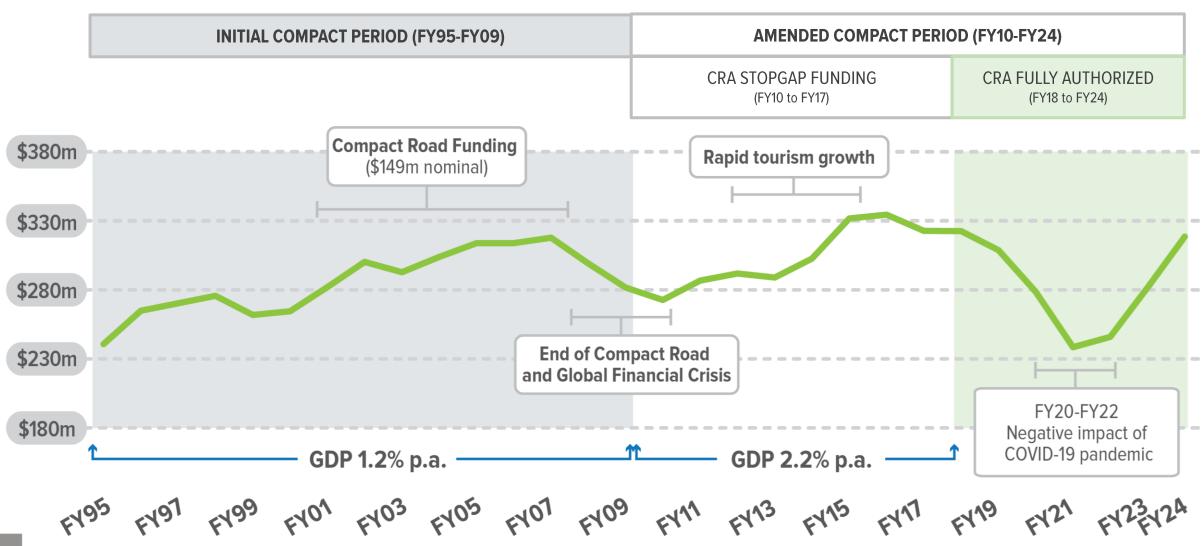
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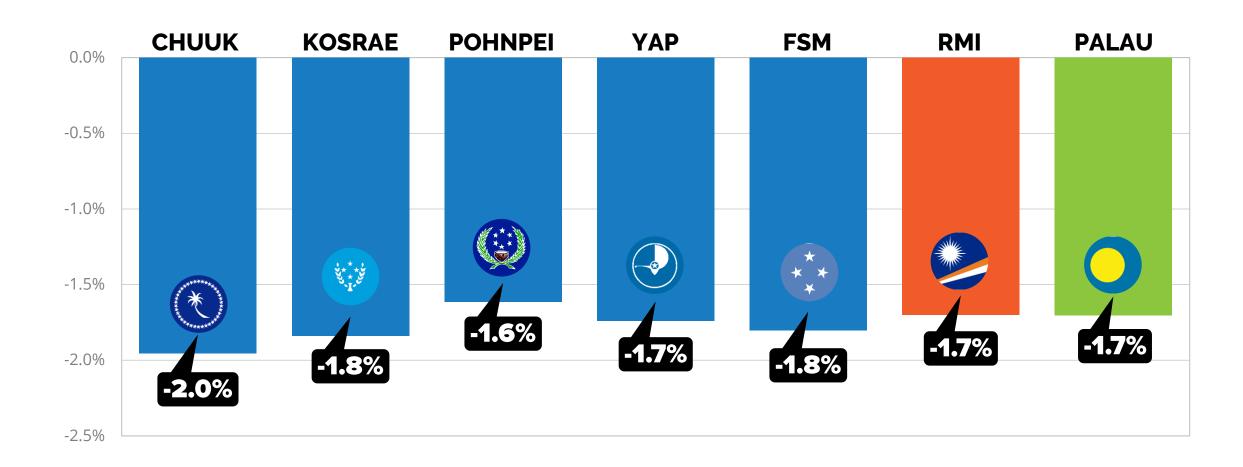
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## 4. FSM Compact Timeline

» NET MIGRATION THROUGHOUT THE FAS (2004-2011)



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» POPULATION (ACTUAL vs OUTMIGRATION)

**INITIAL COMPACT PERIOD (FY87-FY03)** 

**AMENDED COMPACT PERIOD (FY04-FY23)** 



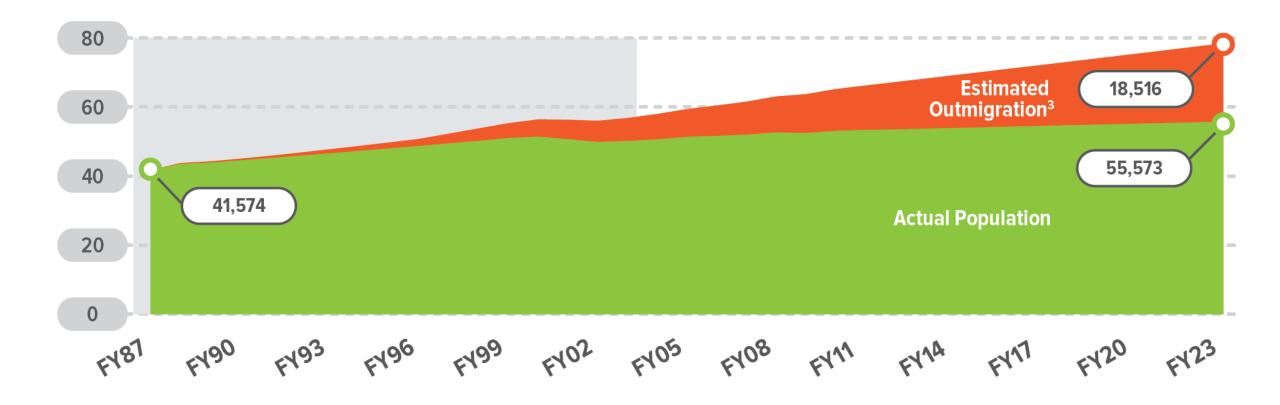
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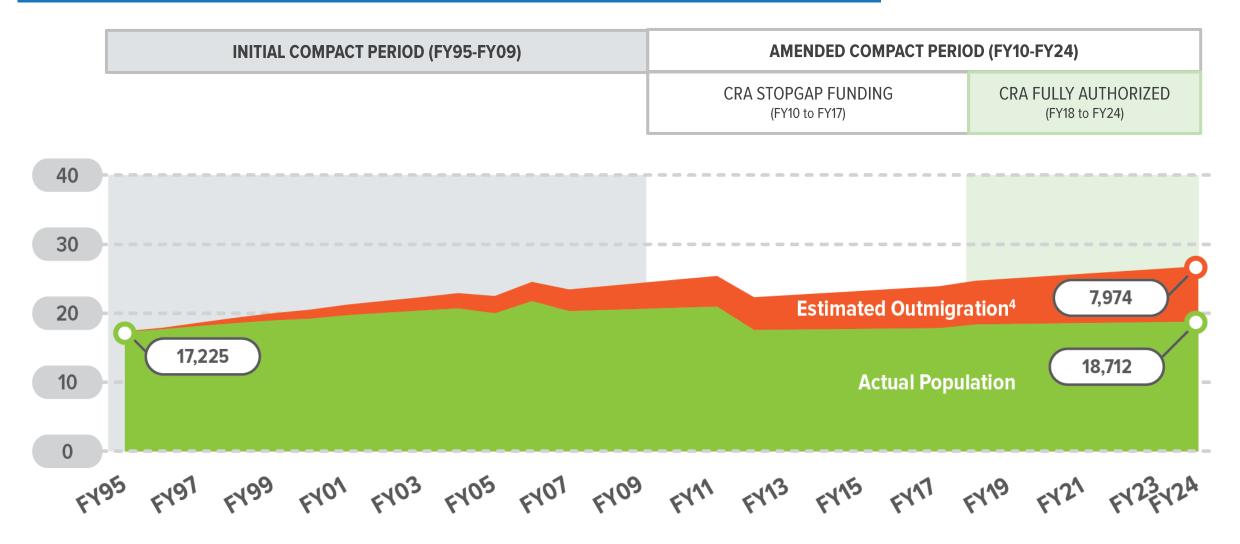


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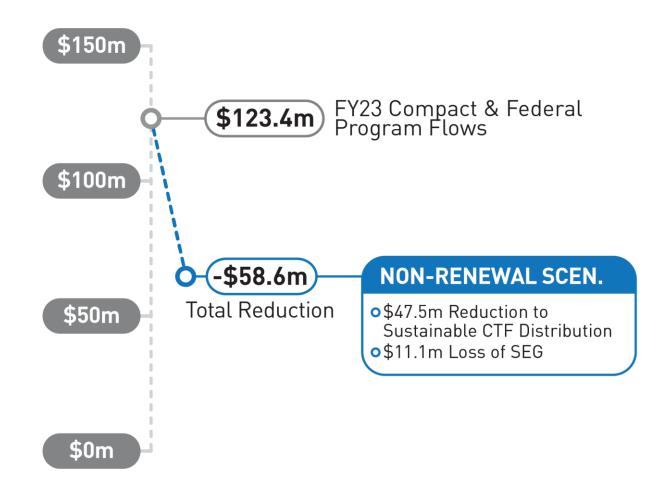
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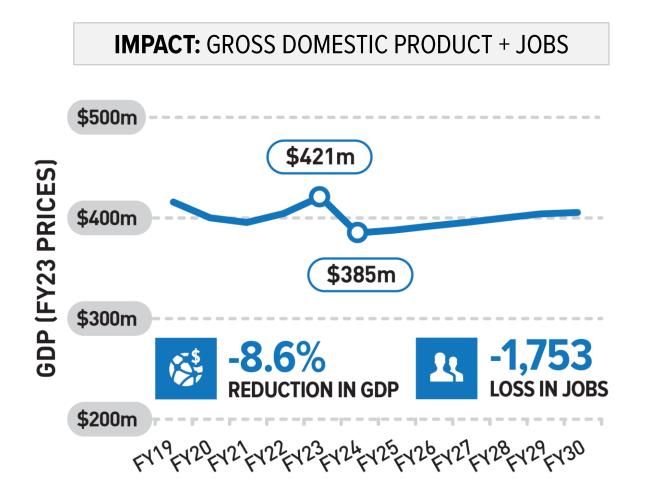


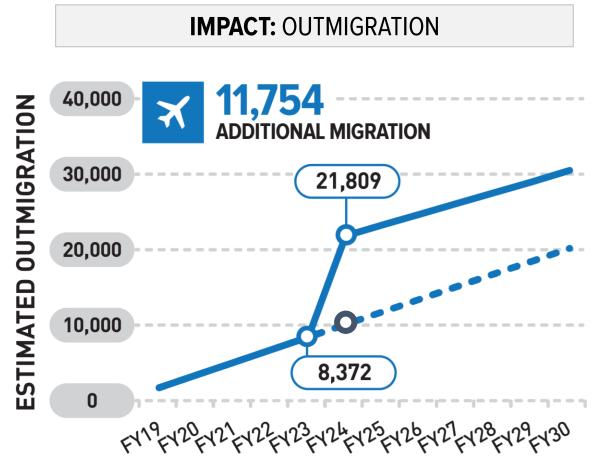
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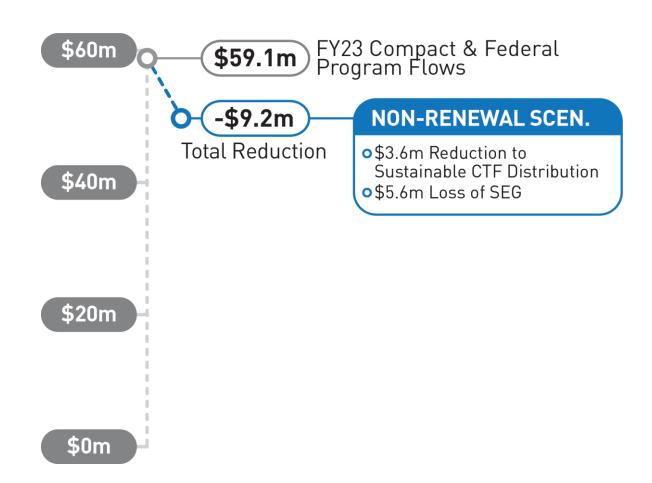
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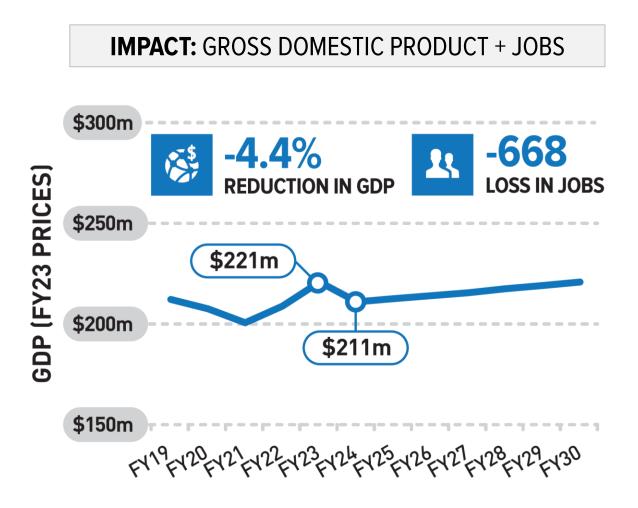


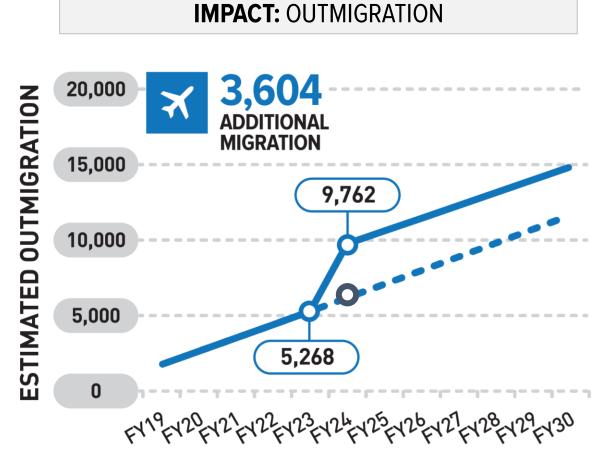
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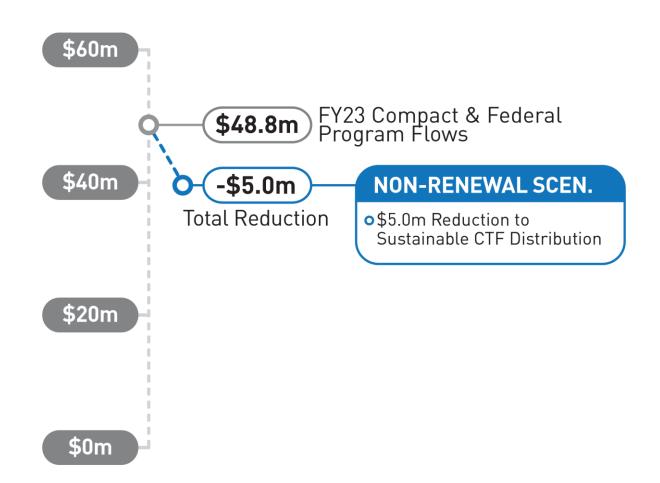
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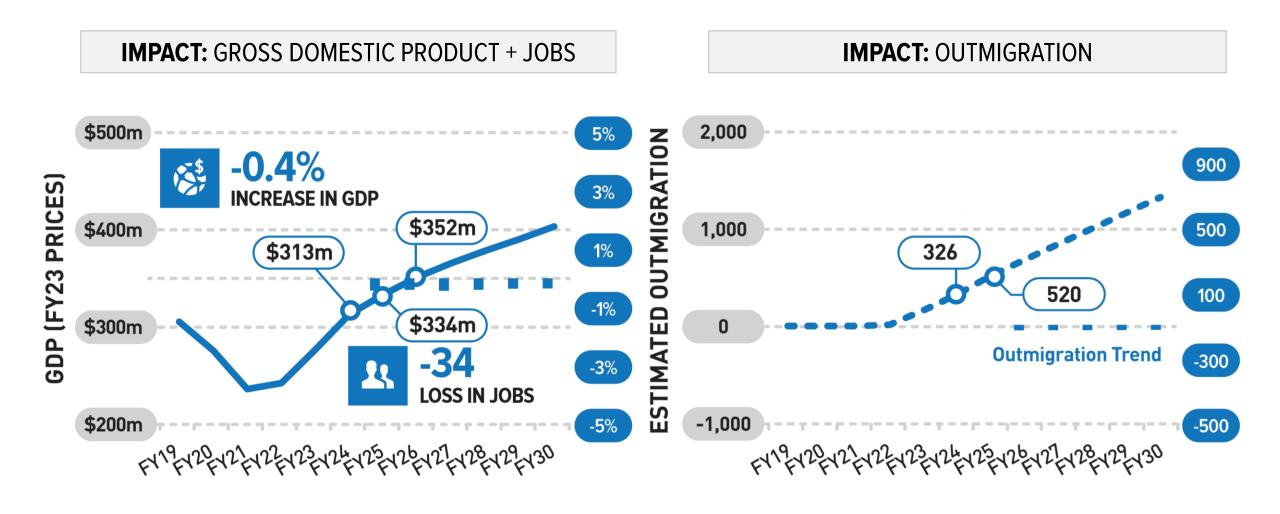


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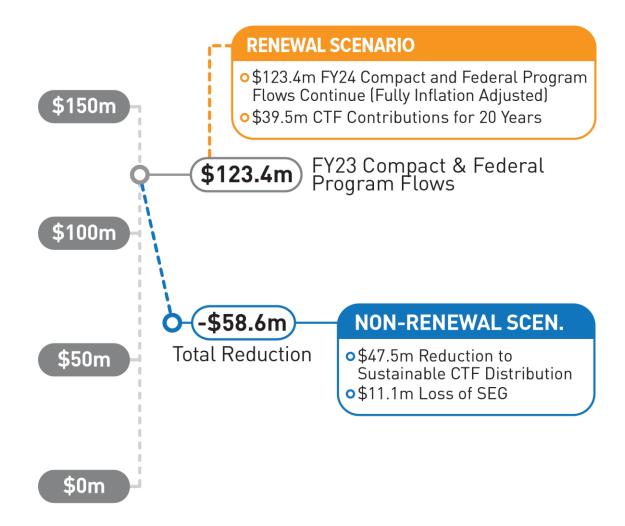


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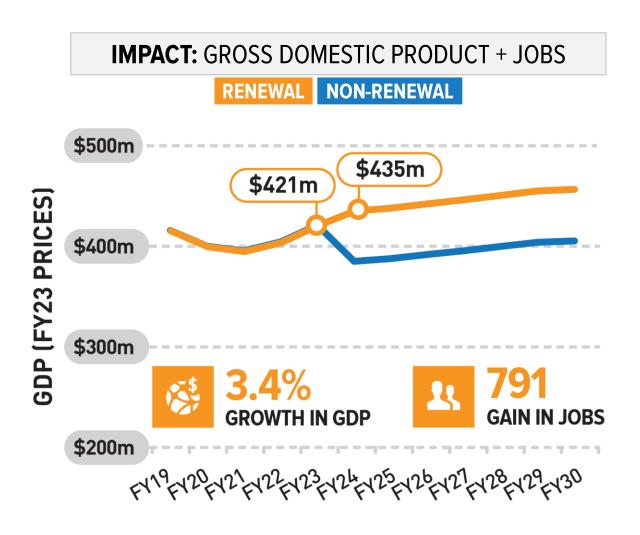
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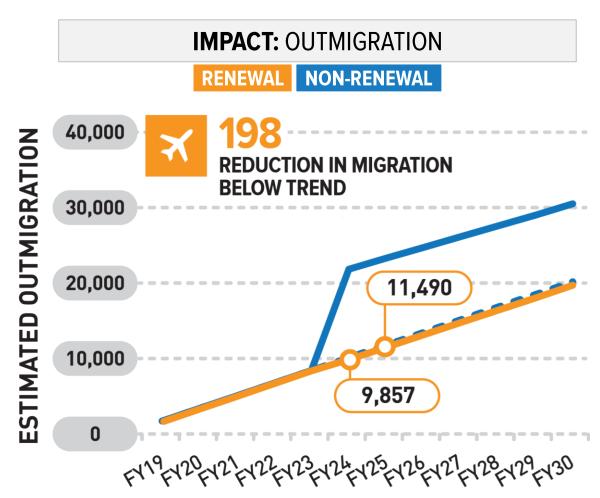


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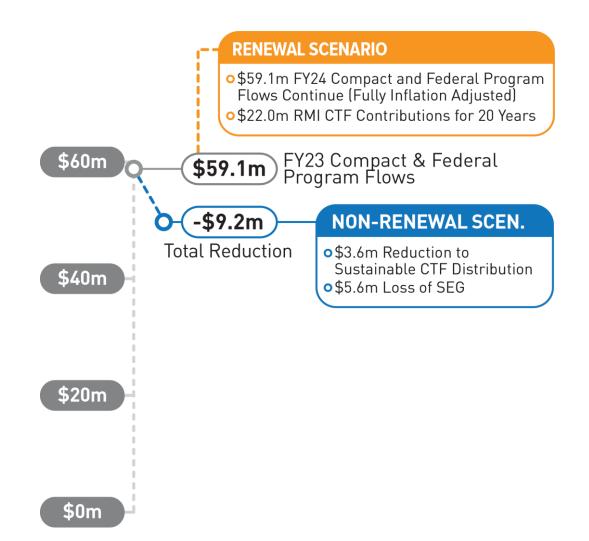




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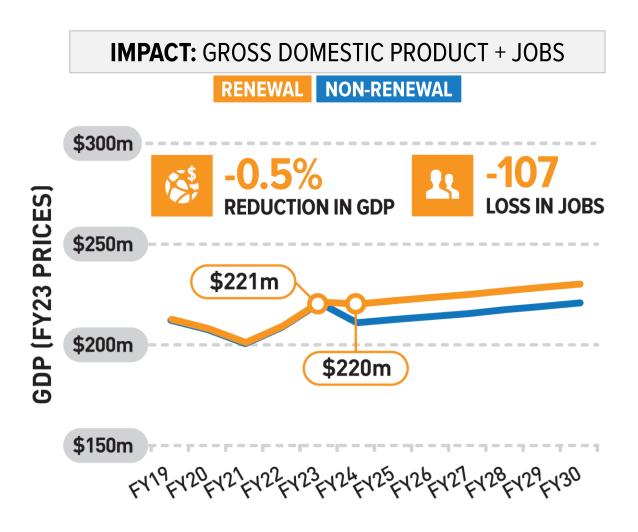
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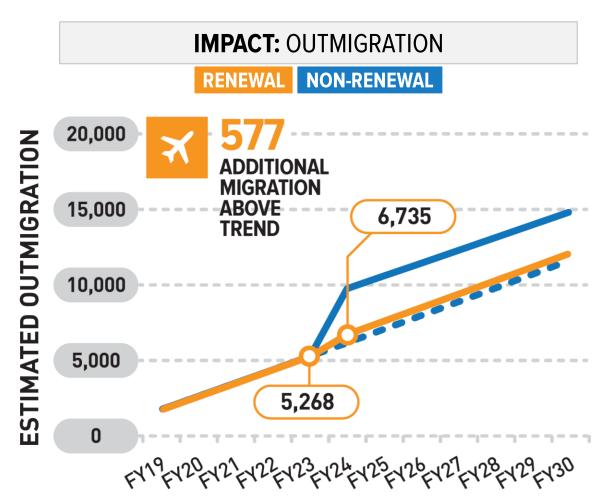


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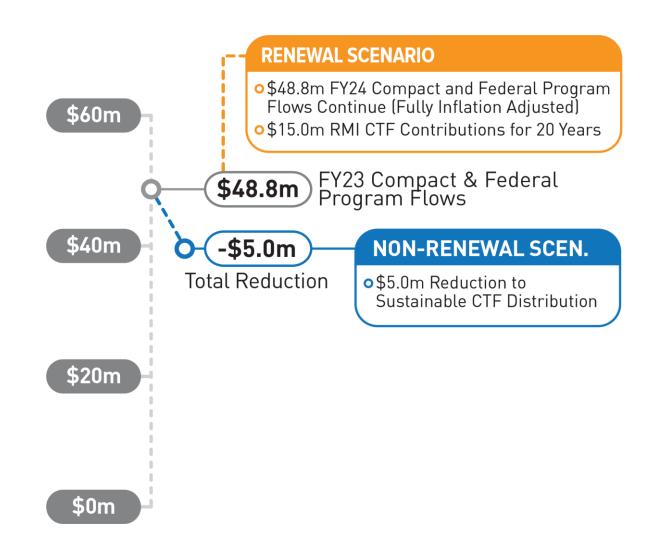




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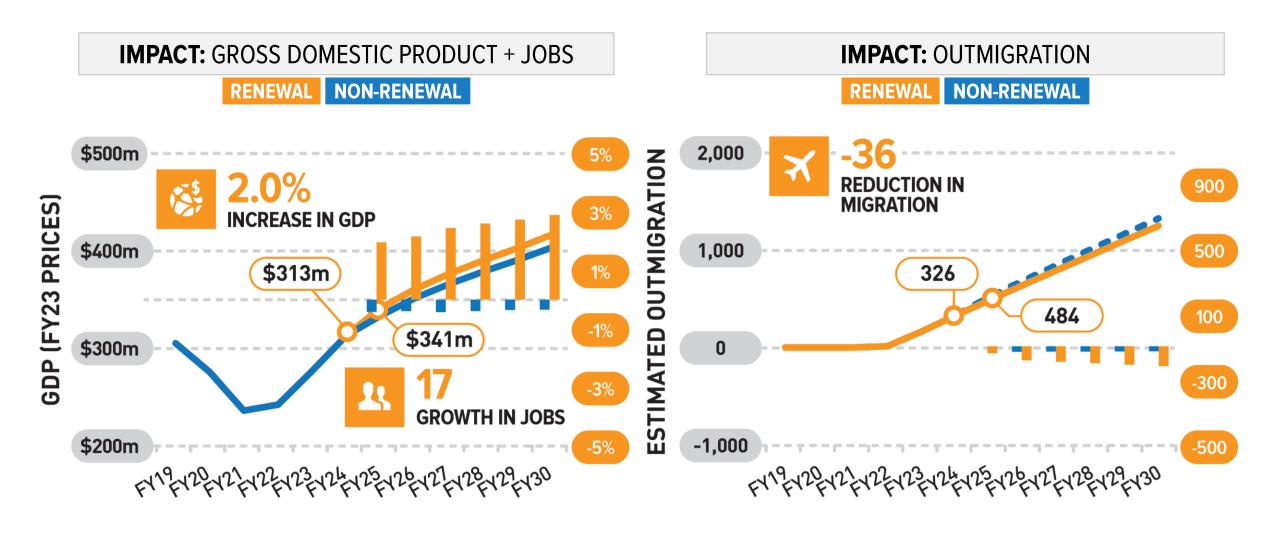
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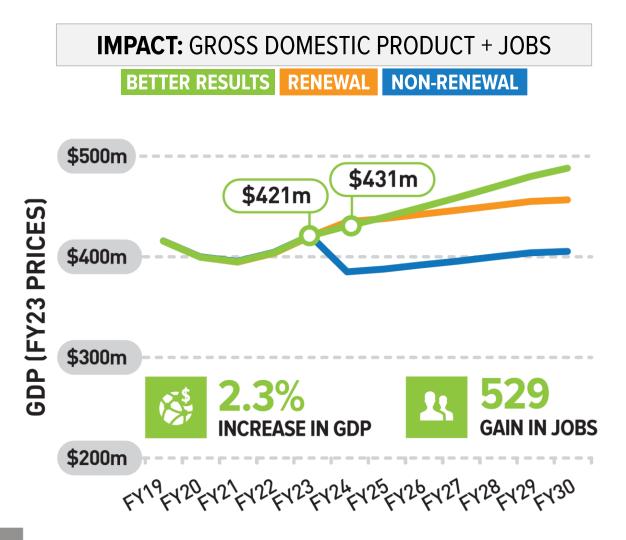


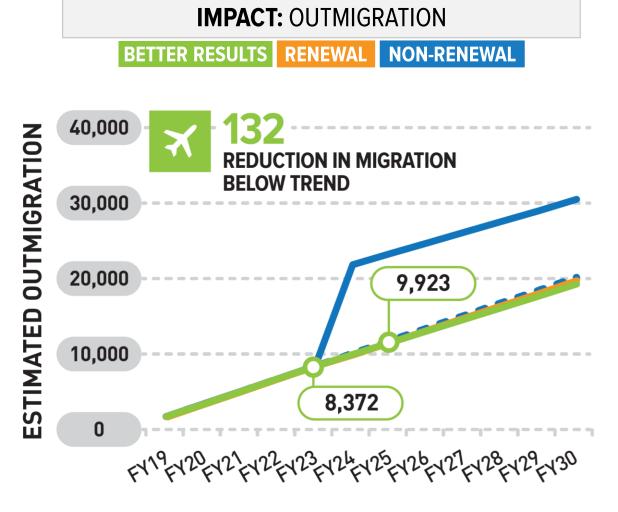
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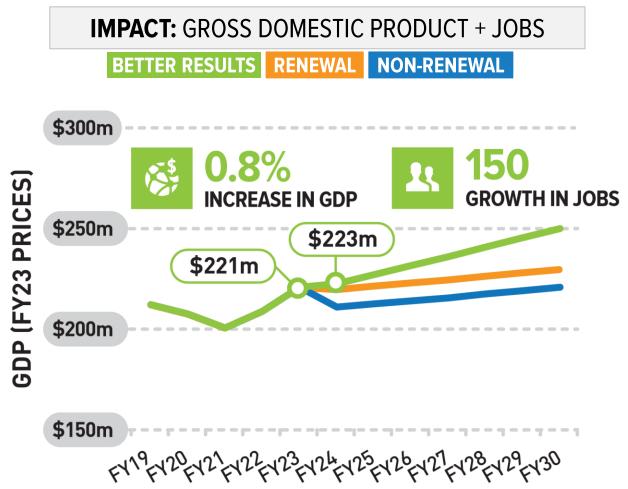


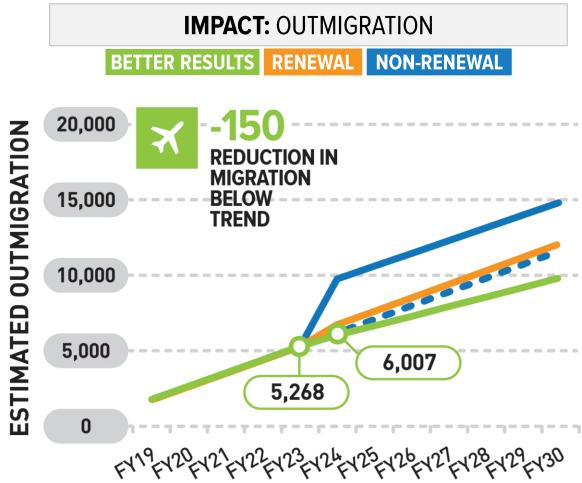


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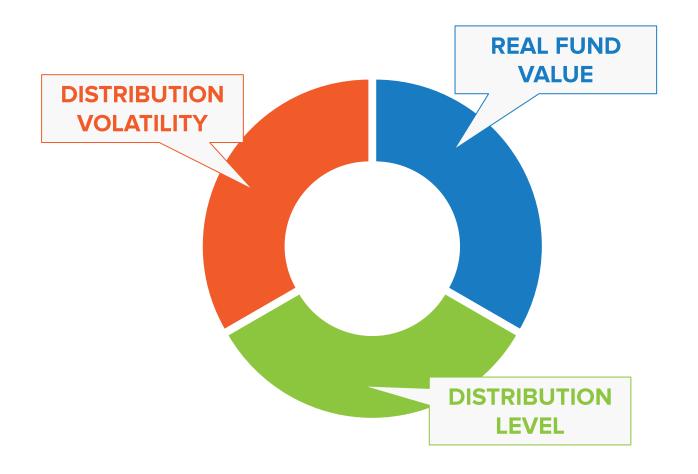
#### >> TRUST FUND OBSERVATIONS

- Broad-based recognition that the CTF Agreements require amendments by mutual agreement of the original parties followed by US Congress action
- It has proven simple to improve upon the current "COFA Rules:"
  - Simple rules such as a fixed percentage rate of distribution work better but remain flawed
  - Modeling results show that more sophisticated rules will work even better
  - However, there are always trade-offs across the three principles...hence, a "scorecard" is needed to compare results

### **Summary Results and Observations**

**» TRUST FUND ANALYSIS SCORING METHODOLOGY** 

- Maintain the real value of the Fund corpus
- Provide target level of distributions
- Minimize volatility of distributions



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### **Summary Results and Observations**

#### >> TRUST FUND SCORING RESULTS + COST OF RENEWAL

		FSM	RMI	PALAU
Non-Renewal COFA Rules CTF Score at the End of FY43/44		48%	90%	80%
Percent of Cases with Zero Distributions	COFA	<b>75</b> %	23%	23%
	SAFER	0%	0%	0%
Non-Renewal SAFER Rules CTF Score at the End of FY43/44		81%	94%	90%
Renewal Projected CTF Score at the End of FY42/44		95%	98%	97%
Total US Appropriations in FY23/24 Prices (US \$billions)		\$2.54	\$1.08	\$0.73

# THANK YOU!



Time for Discussion & Questions