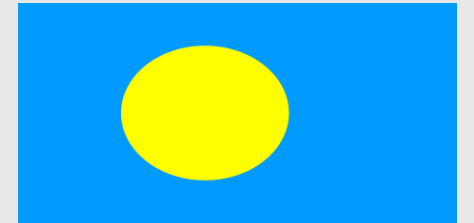


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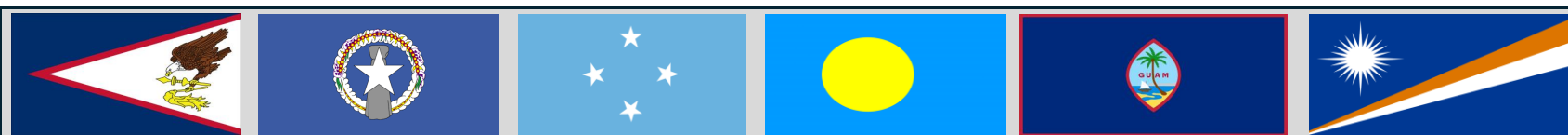
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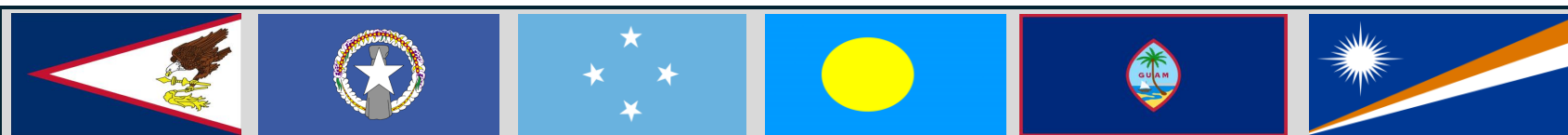
# Directly Observe Therapy

- Ensure pt's commitment to treatment and completes therapy
- Keep track of problems or side effects
- Reduce the change of LTBI pt to get TB disease in the future
- Decrease the changes of treatment failure and relapse
- Reduce the risk of MDR



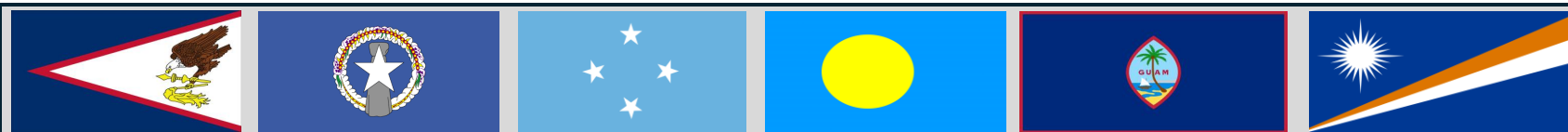
# Patient lack of commitment to treatment

- Side effects and pill burden
- Treatment duration
- Lack of knowledge
- Relationship with chows/nurse
- other use of medication



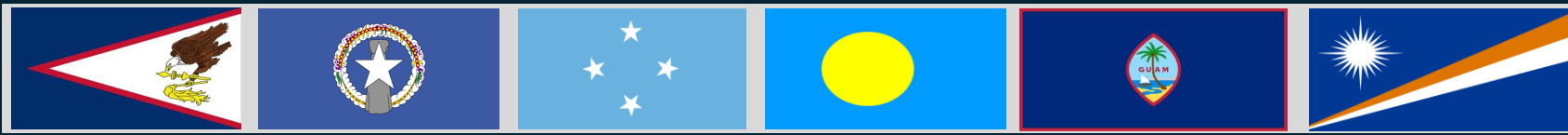
# Difficult for chows/nurses to reach pt's location

- Pt giving false address
- Pt constantly moving from house to house
- Lack of cellular credit/services
- DOT vehicles not available due to mechanical problems
- weather



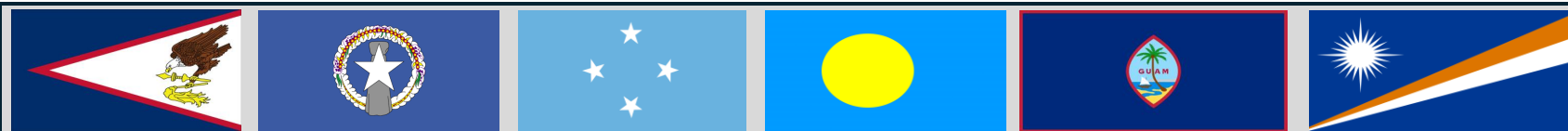
# Lack of resources

- Manpower/shortage of staff
- Incentives and Enablers



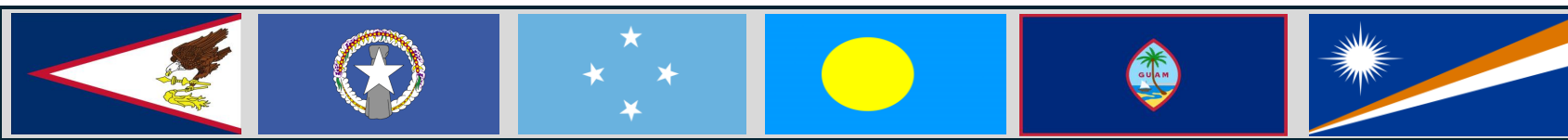
# Stigma

- Feeling undesirable or disvalued by families and friends
- Families with TB patients feeling isolation from other member of the community
- Feeling shame or guilty



# SUMMARY

- most common challenges that our Majuro TB chows/nurses face daily
- Mostly resolved by our chows
- Difficult pt are brought in to see/ consult with our NPs and Dr.Frank



# KOMOL TATA

