



# NACDD's Pacific Chronic Disease Council

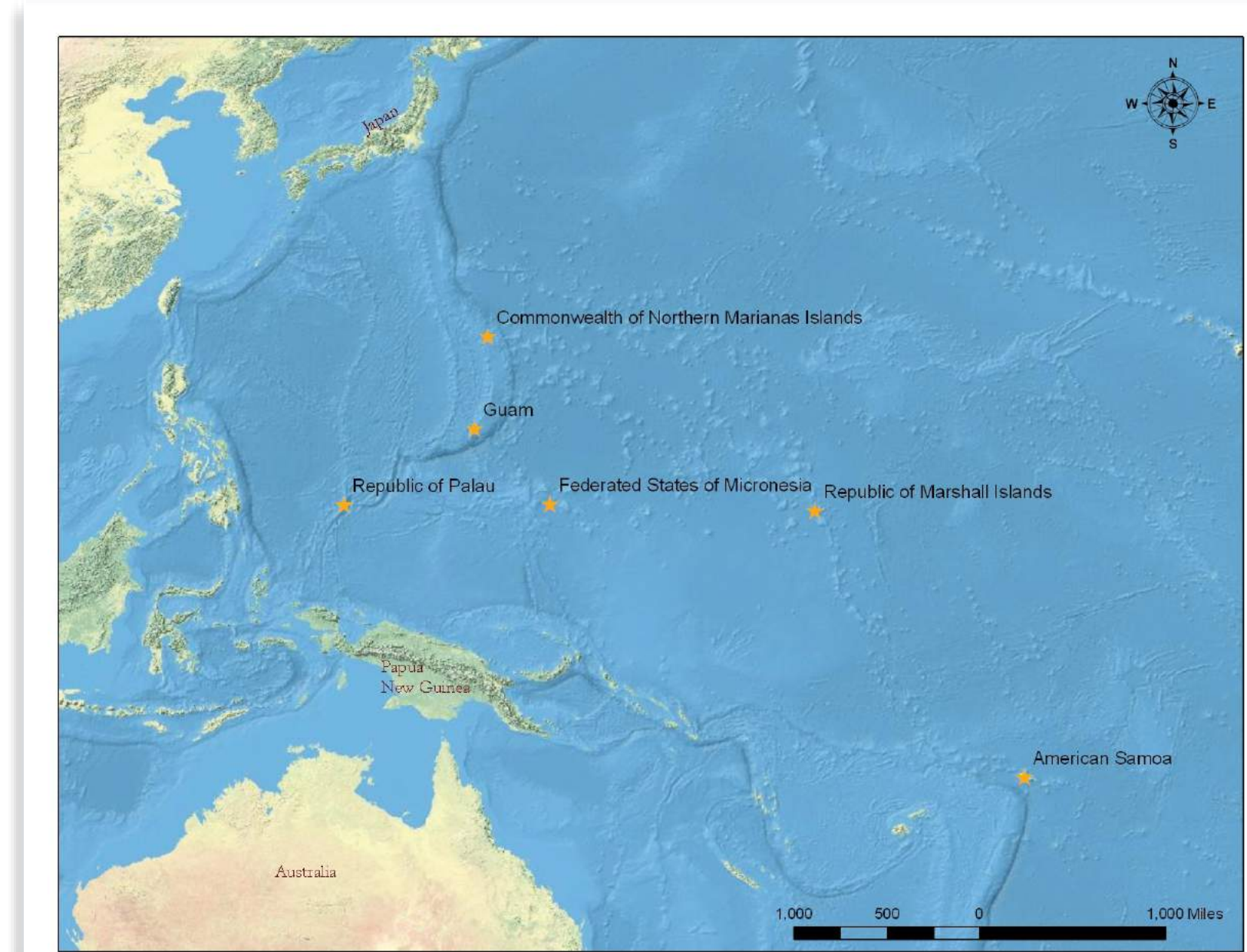
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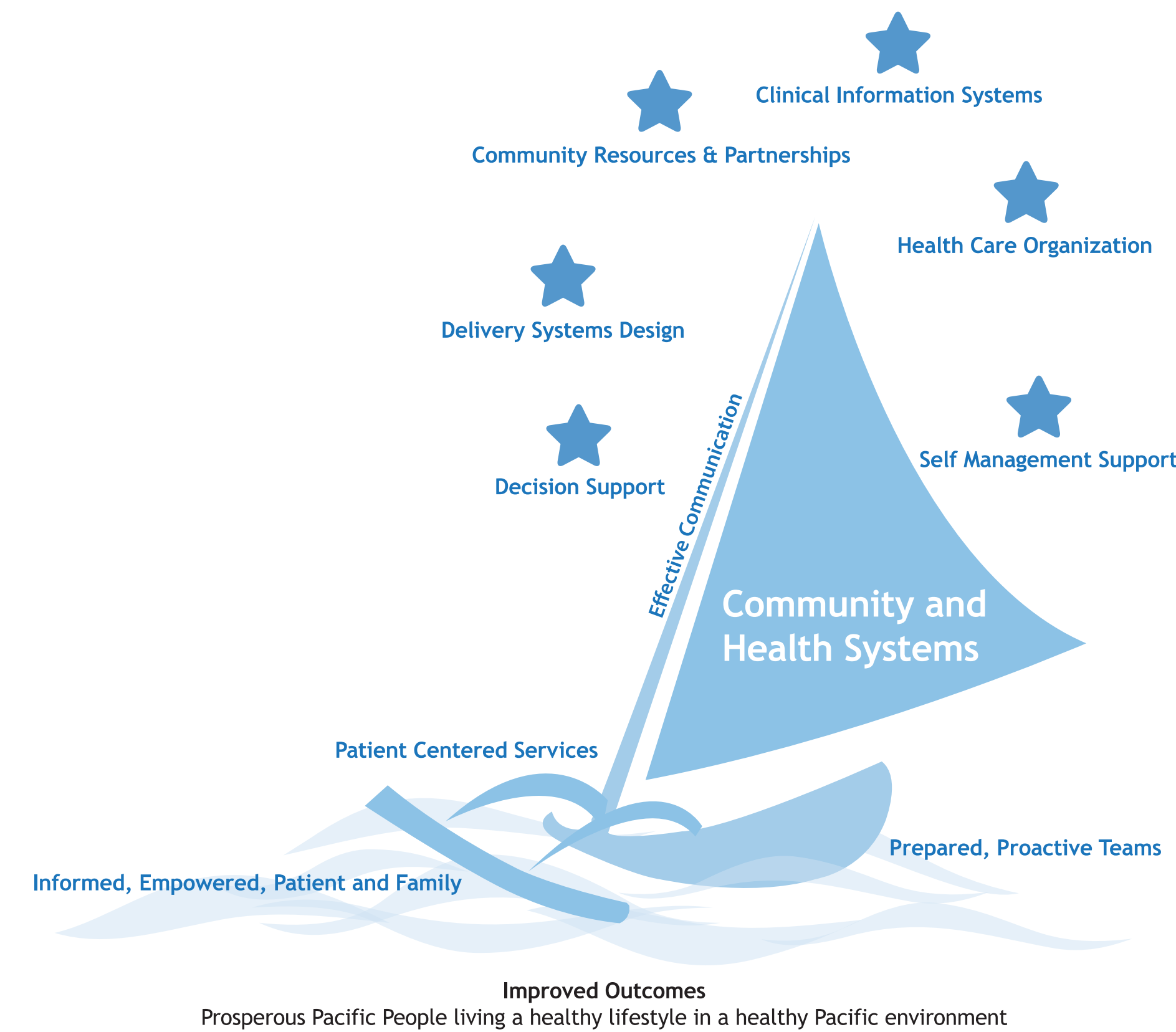
## U.S. ASSOCIATED PACIFIC ISLANDS

### The US Pacific Island jurisdictions include:

- American Samoa
- Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
- Federated States of Micronesia (Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap)
- Guam
- Republic of Palau
- Republic of the Marshall Islands



Since 2009, the Pacific Chronic Disease Council, has provided leadership in the development of a Pacific Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Collaborative Initiative, proactively targeting healthcare system transformations and expanding population outreach in the region, which spans twice the geographic area of the continental U.S., and has a population of approximately half a million people.



## PACIFIC CARE MODEL

The **Pacific Care Model (PCM)** focuses the value of local knowledge, cultural strengths, and traditional practices as an organizing framework for the Pacific NCD Collaborative Initiative. Throughout the Pacific, the canoe was traditionally a part of life. Successful journeys depended on a skilled navigator, capable captain, and crew members working collectively to navigate toward their goal, the destination.

Likewise, the PCM helps guide collaborative teams to stay on course, collective in their goal to transform health care systems and expand community and clinical linkages. The navigating stars, shown in the PCM, depict the six key elements that guide health system change to ensure good communication (represented by the canoe mast) between the patient and health care team—which leads to patient and family centered services and improved health outcomes.

