



## **ONPA 2<sup>nd</sup> OUTREACH ACTIVITY IN 2022**

### **Outreach Theme: *“Improving Government Transparency & Accountability Together!”***

On July 3, 2022, the ONPA Outreach Program Team continued its community visits for the year this time at the Wone Catholic church. The reason for the program is to provide a more comprehensive and in-depth understanding of ONPA mandates and operations in order to elicit grassroots level members of the FSM societies to participate in the process of maintaining accountability and transparency within our National Government.

After partaking in the Sunday mass, the team quickly set up and then proceeded to discuss about the ONPA being formed by the people of FSM through the Constitution; its audit and investigation functions and powers; outputs and outcome of its operations; and lastly the means available and provided for the public to act as the “watchdog” of our National Government by sending to ONPA their concerns for fraud and corruption.

The community meetings consisted of mostly traditional leaders (Soumas) for each community in Enpein, Wone, and Rohi where many important comments and feedbacks were received from them. A lively discussion developed throughout the presentation on concerns shared by participants and information shared by the ONPA staff, an indication that the program is affecting the community members’ understanding and knowledge of ONPA in a positive way. One enlightening comment received from one of the ladies was *“Our women group always pray to God to help guide our government, traditional and church leaders.”* It was an important observation which the Team felt its importance and prevalence in the outreach activities that we have delivered so far since its initiation a few months ago.