

## Republic of the Marshall Islands - National-Level Disaster Preparedness and Response

### Country

Republic of the Marshall Islands

### ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management

### Program Component

Operational early warning systems in targeted ACP regions and countries

### Amount Approved

€180,000 / \$200,000

### Duration

02/2025 – 06/2026

### Context and Objectives

The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) is one of the world's smallest, most isolated, and vulnerable nations. Natural hazards that affect the country include heatwaves, cyclones, saline intrusion, flooding, and permanent inundation with the latter putting several of RMI's primary urban centers at risk.

The objective of this project is to enhance RMI's preparedness and response to hazards through technical advice on early warning dissemination, community preparedness, and emergency management infrastructure.

### Main Activities and Expected Results

#### ***Downstream early warning dissemination and community preparedness***

This activity supports government efforts to enhance national-level response capacities to better prepare for, and respond to, future disasters. This is being achieved through technical studies to enhance the "downstream" end of effective early warning systems (EWS), particularly to inform potential Bank investments in dissemination and communication.

#### *Expected Results:*

- Enhanced understanding and compliance with EWS guidance and strengthened integration of upstream and downstream EWS initiatives.
- Increased awareness of the importance of EWS communications and community input.
- Improved communication and coordination with diverse and vulnerable communities.

#### ***Emergency management infrastructure assessments***

This activity provides technical assessments of emergency management infrastructure and facilities needs in the capital of Majuro and in select outer islands, building on existing and planned diagnostics in EP&R. These assessments also intend to review select investment proposals from the government and consider how to incorporate traditional aspects of Marshallese culture into infrastructure design.

#### *Expected Result:*

- Enhanced capacity to manage and respond to the impacts of hazards and climate change.

### Partnerships and Coordination

The World Bank is implementing this project in close collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, the National Disaster Management Office, and the Ministry of Public Works, Infrastructure and Utilities. The team coordinates its efforts with the EU Delegation in Fiji.