

Republic of the Marshall Islands - Strengthening resilient urbanization and public facilities

Country

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ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management Program Component

Mainstream DRR and CCA into national
and priority sector policies and
investment planning

Amount Approved

€190,000 / \$200,000

Duration

10/2023 – 12/2025

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 support the efforts of the government of RMI to reduce the vulnerability of urban centers and public facilities in the country by enhancing building code compliance and regulation, and by developing policy mechanisms and tools that strengthen RMI's capacity to address climate change and natural hazards.

Activities under this grant build upon previous work undertaken through the [ACP-EU NDRR](#) program.

Main Activities and Expected Results

Technical support on implementation of risk-informed building codes and climate resilient standards

This activity supports government efforts to enhance compliance with the building code via technical reviews that bring in good practices for atoll nations and Small Island Developing States. The review aims to propose reforms for building guidelines, institutional reforms, and spatial planning legislation.

Expected Results:

- Improved regulatory framework for new developments that consider climate risk.
- Identification and prioritization of investments that will increase the resilience of infrastructure to climate and disaster risks.

Support for development of climate and disaster risk financing policy and funding mechanisms

This activity provides technical advisory services to the government in developing a policy on climate and disaster risk financing, especially considering its access to international climate funds, contingent financing, insurance mechanisms, and new funding mechanisms.

Expected Result:

- Enhanced understanding of funding mechanisms for climate adaptation and disaster risk management.



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Technical analysis of atoll-level adaptation pathways related to climate change in RMI

This activity contributes to the assessment of climate change issues in the creation of the World Bank's Country Climate and Development Report (CCDR) and the implementation of the country's National Adaptation Plan.

Expected Result:

- Government and non-government actors have strengthened understanding of climate change impacts and how to improve adaptive capacity.

Partnerships and Coordination

The World Bank is implementing this project in close collaboration with the Ministry of Finance and coordinates its efforts with the EU Delegation in Fiji.

Progress complements the [Pacific Resilience Program Project Phase II](#) and the [RMI Urban Resilient Project](#), both financed by the World Bank.