



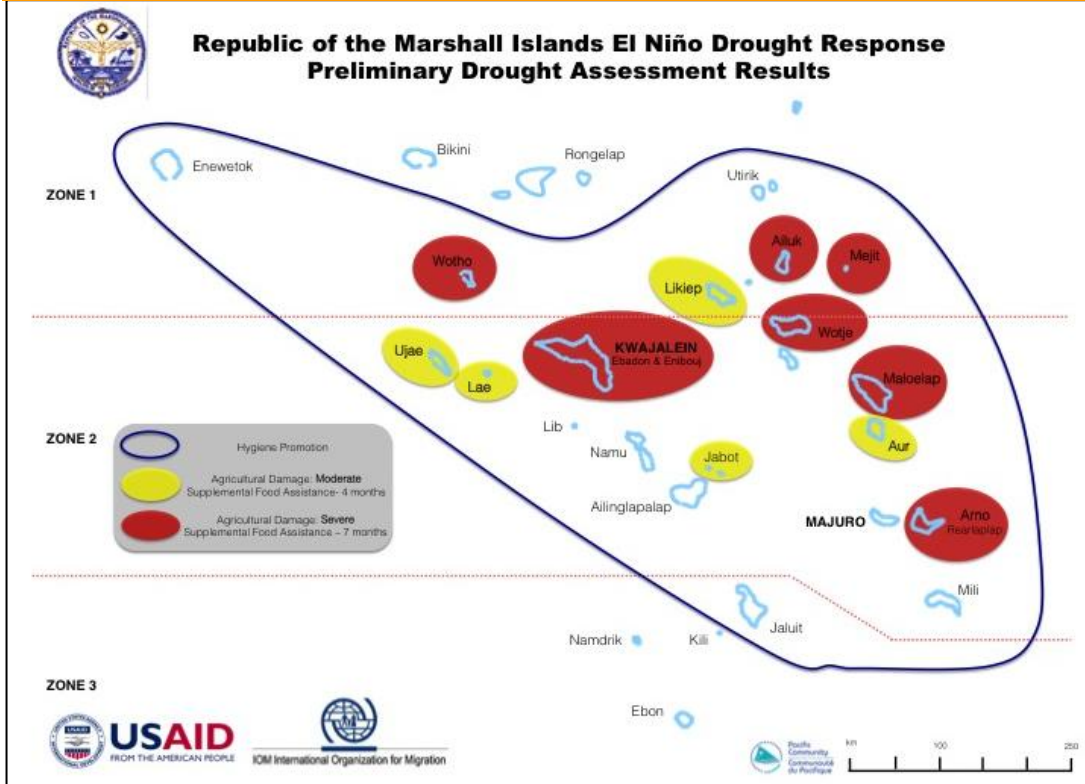
# IOM MICRONESIA

## Republic of the Marshall Islands

### El Niño Drought Response

Situation Report #8

September 8, 2016



- #### Distribution Timeline
- June 29—July 13: MV Kwajalein two-month SFA and hygiene items
  - July 11— 19: MV Tobolar hygiene items to Ailinglaplap, Namu, Lib, Jaluit
  - July 16: MS Mata one-month SFA and hygiene items to Arno Rearlaplap
  - August 13— 24: Indies Trader RO unit retrieval
  - August 18— 21: MS Mata one-month SFA to Arno Rearlaplap/ hygiene item and RO retrieval from Arno and Mili
  - August 12—15: Indies Trader jerry can distribution in Ebeye, Kwajalein
  - August 17: Indies Trader one-month SFA to Arno Rearlaplap
  - September 21— October 12 (tentative): two-month SFA and hygiene items

### Situation Overview— Supplemental Food Assistance

IOM Majuro is gearing up for the second supplemental food assistance (SFA) distribution to the moderately and severely affected atoll/islands funded by USAID/OFDA. During the USAID preliminary drought assessment completed in mid March, the RMI islands were assessed for agricultural damage produced by the El Niño induced drought. Of the 24 inhabited island/atolls, five were determined to be moderately impacted, while eight were considered severely impacted. The moderately impacted islands will receive four months of USAID supplemental food assistance, while the severely impacted islands will receive seven months of USAID supplemental food assistance in total.

The first distribution on the MV Kwajalein from June 29<sup>th</sup>-July 13<sup>th</sup> distributed the first two-month supply of SFA to the moderately and severely impacted islands. IOM has procured the second two-month installment of SFA from local vendors with all food arriving by September 6<sup>th</sup>. IOM will be distributing the second two-month supply of SFA to the moderately and severely impacted islands in mid-September. In addition, the Food Nutrition Service of the US Department of Agriculture will be supplying the final three months of SFA for the severely impacted island/atolls to be distributed in early November.

### Highlight— Updated Guidance Notes

Guidance notes are distributed to beneficiaries to help explain the distribution process. Guidance notes have been updated for the second distribution to incorporate more visuals and rely less on text to relay the necessary information. The guidance notes have also been personalized for each community. Below is an example of the per person breakdown that will be distributed to all beneficiaries.



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## IOM RESPONSE



### Kabin Meto Rainwater Harvesting Improvement Program Update

Preparations continue for implementation of the 2016 Rainwater Harvesting Improvement Program in Wotho, Ujae and Lae funded by the New Zealand Embassy. IOM, based on coordination with partners, completed the purchase of repair materials. Materials include guttering, aluminum roofing, lumber and cement – all of which will be used to repair and enhance the capacity of rainwater collection systems in Kabin Meto.

A total of 68 households will benefit from this Program. On average, each household will receive the following materials:

Item	Qty Per HH
Gutter and Downspout	20 ft
Drop Outlets / Elbows	1 pcs
Gutter Connectors	2 pcs
Gutter Brackets	12 pcs
Cement Bags	2 40kg
Lumber	20 ft
Aluminum Sheeting (Roofing)	16 ft



### Reverse Osmosis Unit Retrieval Update

The Indies Trader voyage successfully completed its mission to the Northern atolls to retrieve remaining RO units. The vessel departed on August 13<sup>th</sup> with IOM RO technician Kency Silk and Majuro Water Sewer Company (MWSC) technician Earnest Kaneko aboard in order to retrieve 16 RO units on 10 atolls. All RO units were retrieved swiftly and successfully. The vessel arrived back in Majuro three days ahead of schedule on August 24<sup>th</sup>. IOM would like to thank the captain and crew of the Indies Trader for their expertise in making this a safe and successful voyage.

Additionally, five RO units were retrieved during a recent distribution to Arno and Mili Atolls. MWSC technician Calvin Amlej accompanied IOM personnel aboard the MS Mata in

order to retrieve remaining RO units. IOM would like to thank Calvin for his dedication to the mission and ensuring the distribution ran smoothly.

In total, 50 RO units have now been retrieved from the outer islands. There are two remaining units that will be retrieved during upcoming voyages. Repair and maintenance of all retrieved RO units is now underway. Once serviced, the RO units will be stored properly and positioned for deployment in the case of a future disaster in the region.



### PREPARE coordinates with Response

Though the El Niño induced drought Response activities are ongoing, IOM has continued its focus on disaster preparedness. PREPARE (Disaster Preparedness for an Effective Response) is a five year USAID funded program designed to strengthen government contingency planning for context specific hazards throughout the islands. PREPARE engages governments, civil society, and first responders to have well-defined coordinated roles in order to respond to a disaster efficiently and effectively. A three pronged radio program has been developed under PREPARE funded by USAID in order to increase outer island communication and ensure that they hear early disaster warnings issued by the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) in Majuro.

As part of this program, hand held solar powered radios will be distributed to each of the inhabited outer islands. The IOM PREPARE and Response programs have coordinated a distribution to Ebeye, Kwajalein in order to distribute solar powered radios under the PREPARE program, and jerry cans under the Response activities. 1,442 5 gal hard-sided jerry cans will be distributed to Ebeye and Gugegue communities in order to ensure safe water storage during times of disaster. The Indies Trader has been chartered and set to depart on September 12<sup>th</sup> and will be led by IOM National Program Officer, Tim Langrine.



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