

REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS – DROUGHT

FACT SHEET #3, FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2013

JULY 30, 2013

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

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Drought-Affected Atolls and Islands in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)
Government of RMI (GoRMI) – May 2013

6,384

Drought-Affected People in Atolls and Islands Targeted by USAID/OFDA¹ Assistance
GoRMI – May 2013

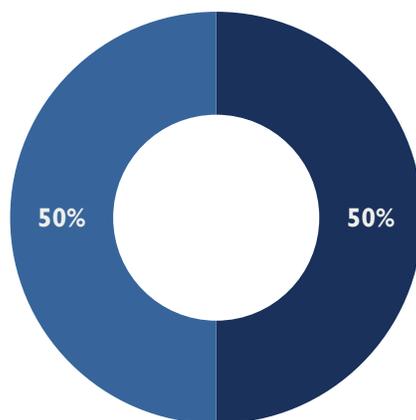
1,200

Islands, Islets, and Atolls that Compose RMI
U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) – May 2013

53,158

Total Population of RMI
GoRMI – 2011

USAID/OFDA FUNDING BY SECTOR IN FY 2013



■ Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene (WASH)

■ Logistics & Relief Commodities

HIGHLIGHTS

- Normal seasonal rains begin in drought-affected areas of northern RMI, alleviating drought conditions
- U.S. Government (USG) provides nearly \$1.8 million in additional assistance for drought relief activities in RMI
- Two shipments of USG-provided food commodities for distribution to drought-affected communities arrive in RMI in July

HUMANITARIAN FUNDING TO RMI IN FY 2013

USAID/OFDA ²	\$3,040,270
USDA/FNS ³	\$262,012

\$3,302,282

TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO RMI

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Normal seasonal rainfall continues to improve drought conditions in northern RMI; however, freshwater resources in affected atolls remain vulnerable. In addition, staple food crops throughout affected areas sustained significant damage due to prolonged drought conditions, and affected populations will continue to require food assistance while crops recover over the coming months.
- USAID/OFDA's primary implementing partner in RMI, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), delivered two-week supplies of food commodities, locally procured using USAID/OFDA funding, to nearly 680 families residing in drought-affected atolls and islands of northern RMI.
- On July 19, USAID/OFDA stood down its Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) and corresponding D.C.-based Response Management Team (RMT), activated on June 28 and July 1, respectively. USAID/OFDA staff remain in country to monitor humanitarian conditions, coordinate response activities, and serve as liaison to the GoRMI and humanitarian organizations. USAID/OFDA continues to coordinate USG disaster assistance efforts in conjunction with FEMA and USDA/FNS.

¹ USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA)

² Under the Compact of Free Association (COFA) between the USG and the GoRMI, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides funds to USAID/OFDA to implement humanitarian response programs in coordination with FEMA and the GoRMI. This funding figure does not include the cost of USAID/OFDA pre-positioned relief commodities distributed in response to RMI drought conditions.

³ The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (USDA/FNS)