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**PROJECT DOCUMENT**

**[Disaster Risk Reduction Project-UNDP-Japan Partnership Fund]**

**Project Title:** Enhancing Disaster and Climate Resilience in the Republic of the Marshall Islands through improved Disaster Preparedness and Infrastructure

**Project Number:** 00118500

**Implementing Partner:** UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji

**Start Date:** 1 April, 2019

**End Date:** 30 September 2020

**Brief Description**

*Briefly describe the overall development challenge and the expected results of the project.*

The project aims to improve the capacity for preparedness and mitigation of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) to geo-physical and climate related hazards and enhancing resilience to climate change impact, guided by the overarching Disaster Risk Management National Action Plan (DRM NAP), The National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP), the Standard Hazard Mitigation Plan and the National Climate Change Policy Framework (NCCPF). In addition, the project will respond to Outcome 1 of the UN Pacific Strategy 2018 – 2022: By 2022, people and ecosystems in the Pacific are more resilient to the impacts of climate change, climate variability and disasters; and environmental protection is strengthened. The cooperation with the Government of Japan will contribute to achieving the goals of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, eliminating the threat to human security and protect gains of sustainable development and in line with Japan's ODA in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and its Priority Areas: 1) Overcoming vulnerability and 2) Environment and Climate Change.

In line with the overall outcome, the overall project goal is to effectively address the consequences of, and responses to the different hazards, to protect lives, sustain livelihoods preserve the environment and safeguard the economy. RMI, Ebeye in particular, faces a swelling magnitude of impacts in multiple ways as sea-level rise poses a certain and grave threat to the RMI's national integrity. Even less than 50cm rise in sea level could threaten the RMI's suitability for human habitation, and sea-level rise is expected to exacerbate inundation, storm surge, erosion and other coastal hazards (IPCC, 2007), which will further threaten coastal infrastructure, settlements and facilities that support the livelihood of the island communities. Recent damages from storm and coastal inundation, unpredictable rainfall causing extreme droughts and floods have revealed the exigency of the situation. Protection from and responses to these threats are urgently required.

The outcome will be achieved through 2 outputs:

1. Strengthened Disaster Communication and Climate and Inundation Monitoring Systems,
2. Enhanced National Disaster Responders readiness capacity & better resourced to minimise loss of lives and damages

The project will be implemented by the UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji under the UNDP Direct Implementation Modality (DIM) and will be part of the Resilient and Sustainable Development team. It is also designed in line with RMI's national plans and priorities for disaster resilience to complement their efforts and capacities.

The duration of this project is 18 months y (1 April 2019 – 30 September 2020). The proposed budget is USD\$7,400,000.



Contributing Outcome (UNDAF/CPD, RPD or GPD):  
 Outcome 1 of the UN Pacific Strategy 2018 – 2022: By 2022, people and ecosystems in the Pacific are more resilient to the impacts of climate change, climate variability and disasters; and environmental protection is strengthened.

Indicative Output(s) with gender marker<sup>2</sup>:  
 Output 3.2. Preparedness systems in place to effectively address the consequences of and response to natural hazards (geo-physical and climate related) and man-made crisis at all levels of government and community. Gender Marker: GEN1

<b>Total resources required:</b>	USD \$7,400,000	
<b>Total resources allocated:</b>	USD \$7,400,000	
	<b>UNDP TRAC:</b>	NA
	<b>Donor:</b>	Government of Japan
	<b>Government:</b>	NA
	<b>In-Kind:</b>	NA
<b>Unfunded:</b>	NA	

Agreed by (signatures)<sup>1</sup>:

Government	UNDP
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Date:	Date: 6 June 2019

<sup>1</sup> Note: Adjust signatures as needed

<sup>2</sup> The Gender Marker measures how much a project invests in gender equality and women's empowerment. Select one for each output: GEN3 (Gender equality as a principle objective); GEN2 (Gender equality as a significant objective); GEN1 (Limited contribution to gender equality); GEN0 (No contribution to gender quality)

