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Introduction

• The Marshall Islands, officially the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), is Micronesian island nation situated between approximately 155 degrees E and 175 degrees E and 3 degrees N and 12 degrees N. The nation is composed of 34 low laying atolls and isolated islands scattered over an ocean area of roughly a quarter of a million square miles in the western pacific. However, the land mass based on its physical composition is a mere 70 square miles with a population of 53,000 (1999).
Disaster Threats in RMI

- Typhoon
- Tsunami
- Earthquake
- Fire (man-made or otherwise)
- Contamination
- Drought
Response and Damage Control

Authorities/Agencies

- **Organization**
  - **Office of the President (Cabinet):**
    - Full responsibility
  - **All Ministries and Agencies of the RMI Government are considered to be part of the disaster response Organization.**
  - **Disaster Committee:**
    - Chief Secretary, (Ex-officio, Chairman)
    - Secretary of Foreign
    - Secretary of Finance
    - Secretary of Education
    - Secretary of Health
    - Secretary of Resources and Development
    - Secretary of Public Works
    - Secretary of Transportation and Communication
    - Secretary of Internal affairs
    - Chief of the Department of Public Safety
Initiatives & Strategies

• Coordination & Control
  1. Warning
  2. Disaster Declaration
  3. Communications
  4. Command Post

• Review and Analysis
  1. Function

• Support Measures
  1. Public Awareness Programs
Ministry of T&C New Initiatives:

- Ensures general readiness of Dep’t to response to disaster
- Ensures Nat’l Disaster Plan accurate/appropriate from Department’s own viewpoint
- Ensures Dept operational procedures are current and personnel are aware of their responsibilities
- Ensures, as far as possible, that equipment and facilities are available and serviceable for Disaster Tasks, when required
Challenges & Areas of Assistance need in Disaster Management

- **Challenges**
  - Preparation
  - Planning
  - Readiness

- **Assistance?**
  - Equipment, Training, Human Resources, funding & Implementation
Thank you!

Komol Tata!