# Development Cooperation Factsheet

## Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)

MAY 2025



### Overview

Estimated Australian ODA: $4.3m (2025-26)

Gross National Income Per Capita: US$7,680 (2023)

Population: 0.039m (2023)

#### Table 1: Australian ODA to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, 2023-24 to 2025-26

| Australian ODA | 2023-24 Actual ($m)\* | 2024-25 Budget Estimate ($m)\* | 2025-26 Budget Estimate ($m)\* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Country Programs | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.6 |
| Regional | 0.7 | 1.9 | 1.0 |
| Global / Other | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| Other Government Departments | 0.0 | - | - |
| **Total ODA to RMI** | **3.4** | **4.1** | **4.3** |
| **Percentage total Australian ODA** | **0.1%** | **0.1%** | **0.1%** |

\*Due to rounding, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items in totals

#### Figure 1 presents the percentage of Australia’s Official Development Assistance (ODA) to the Marshall Islands for the financial year 2025-26 attributable to seven sector groups. This information is presented in a doughnut chart, where the seven primary Sector Groups take a portion of shading in the doughnut in direct proportion to the total percentage attributable to each Sector Group. The percentages of total Australian ODA by Sector Groups are: Agriculture, trade and other production services 0% Economic infrastructure and services 1% Education 19% Governance 60% Health 12% Humanitarian 8% Multisector and General Development Support 0%Figure 1: Australian ODA to the Republic of the Marshall Islands by Sector Group, 2025-26 budget estimate

### Sustainable Development Goals



**RMI is an independent country in a Compact of Free Association with the United States. A Micronesian country, it comprises five islands and 29 atolls.**

The Government of RMI has outlined key national development priorities in its *National Strategic Plan 2020–2030*, focusing on building resilience to climate change and disasters, fostering good governance, enhancing social capital, promoting economic growth and upgrading infrastructure.

### Strategic direction

**Australia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) share a long history of close engagement and work together to promote a peaceful, prosperous and resilient region.**

Australia is proud to be a partner to the Government and people of RMI to respond pragmatically to RMI’s priorities including economic development, public sector capacity, climate change action, gender equality and the enhancement of regional connectivity, and stronger people-to-people links. We will continue to support Marshallese students to study at institutions in Australia and the region through Australia Awards Scholarships.

Australia will continue to listen and consult with RMI to ensure the development program remains fit for purpose and aligns with mutual long-term development priorities.

### Program highlights

In 2023-24:

* Australia supported RMI’s successful bid to serve on the Human Rights Council (2025-2027) and provided USD140,000 to support their New York based campaign (SDG16). RMI’s election has further elevated Pacific voices in global fora.
* Through the five-year, $2.5 million climate initiative announced by Foreign Minister Wong in Majuro in October 2022, Australia continued support RMI to implement components of RMI’s National Adaptation Plan. The initiative will support climate governance and advocacy (SDG13).
* Australia is investing up to $100 million over five years, via the Australia-Pacific Partnerships for Aviation (P4A) program, to support regional connectivity. Through this program, RMI continued to benefit from connectivity via the Australia-North Pacific Connector: Brisbane – Nauru - Tarawa - Majuro – Pohnpei - Koror (return), which began service in October 2022 (SGD10).
* As part of a multi-year $3 million contribution to a multi-partner project that helps RMI to adapt to increasing climate risks, Australia continued to support water security interventions that will build resilience from disaster and climate-induced drought impact (SDG6).
* Australia assists RMI to improve sexual health outcomes among youth and women through regular safety checks of health facilities and provision of additional reproductive health materials in outer atolls (SDG3; SDG5).