



RMI Multisectoral Early Childhood Development Project - II (P177329)

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Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Culture and Internal Affairs, Ministry of Education, Sports and Training, Ministry of Finance, Banking, and Postal Services, Ministry of Health and Human Services, Office of the Chief Secretary, The Republic of the Marshall Islands

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 06-Jun-2022

Effectiveness Date: 14-Oct-2022

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 11-Nov-2024

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:

Original Closing Date: 31-Dec-2026

Revised Closing Date: 31-Dec-2026

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

To improve coverage of multisectoral early childhood development services in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and in case of an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, respond promptly and effectively to it.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

Components Table

Name
Improve coverage of essential RMNCH-N services:(Cost \$6.00 M)
Improve coverage of stimulation and early learning activities:(Cost \$6.00 M)
Social assistance for early years families:(Cost \$9.60 M)
Strengthening the multisectoral ECD system and Project management:(Cost \$5.40 M)
Contingent Emergency Response

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

Good momentum has been sustained on the progress towards achieving all five project development objective indicators regarding increase in shares of pregnant women receiving antenatal care during first trimester, under 2 years old receiving well childcare visits, children aged 3 and 4 years enrolled in public preschool, and increase in number of under 5 years old receiving visits from parent educators, and beneficiaries of cash transfers. Notable implementation progress includes (i) completion of renovations of maternity and neonatal ward and neonatal intensive care unit at Majuro hospital, (ii) certification of the community health outreach workers (CHOW) training program by the College of Marshall Islands and graduation of 10 CHOWs, (iii) ongoing 18-months nurse-midwifery training program, (iv) continuing recruitment of teacher assistants, teachers coach, and teacher trainings, (v) parenting education through the Women United Together Marshall Islands home visit program, (vi) early learning



books distributions to families and social events, (vii) assessment of facilities for roll out of preschool services; and (viii) ongoing bi-monthly conditional cash transfer payments to beneficiaries. A contract with United Nations Children’s Fund was signed to develop social behavior change communication strategy, tools and training, and the Neighboring Islands expansion action plan was updated after three pilot trips.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	Low	Low	Low
Macroeconomic	Low	Low	Low
Sector Strategies and Policies	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Technical Design of Project or Program	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Fiduciary	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Environment and Social	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Stakeholders	Low	Low	Low
Other	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Overall	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

To improve coverage of multisectoral early childhood development services				
► Share of women who have had at least one ANC visit by a skilled provider during the first trimester (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	34.00	38.00	44.00	55.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	27-Jun-2023	31-Oct-2023	01-Dec-2026
Comments:	MOHHS extracts information from ANC encounters and compiles data annually at the end of the calendar year. Final data for CY2023 will become available in Q1 CY2024.			



► Share of children aged 0-2 years who have received all required well-child care (WCC) visits to date (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	45.00	45.00	50.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	27-Jun-2023	31-Oct-2023	01-Dec-2026
Comments:	MOHHS compiles data annually at the end of the calendar year. Final data for CY2023 will become available in Q1 CY2024.			
► Number of families with children aged 0-5 years receiving home visits from parent educators (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	85.00	215.00	282.00	700.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	26-Jun-2023	08-Dec-2023	01-Dec-2026
Comments:	Intermediate target 1 (by December 2022) achieved.			
► Share of children aged 3 and 4 years enrolled in public preschool (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	2.00	5.00	7.00	25.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	26-Jun-2023	08-Dec-2023	01-Dec-2026
Comments:	Preschool enrollement in private schools was not collected and the mission agreed to collect data and recalculate the indicator. Previous actual preschool enrollment in public and private schools was 10.5% and only in public was 5%. Actual number of enrollement in public school doubled between now and previous ISM increase enrollment rate in public school to 7%.			
◻ Share of children aged 3 and 4 years enrolled in public preschool - female (Percentage, Custom Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	50.00	53.00	38.00	50.00
► Beneficiaries of social safety net programs (Number, Corporate)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1,245.00	1,677.00	3,500.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	27-Jun-2023	27-Nov-2023	01-Dec-2026
◻ Beneficiaries of social safety net programs - Female (Number, Corporate Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target



Value	0.00	1,243.00	1,674.00	2,800.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Beneficiaries of social safety net programs - households in areas with climate-related risks (Number, Custom Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1,245.00	1,677.00	1,000.00

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

1. Improve coverage of essential RMNCH-N services				
▶ People who have received essential health, nutrition, and population (HNP) services (Number, Corporate)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	3,226.00	17,450.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	27-Jun-2023	31-Oct-2023	01-Dec-2026
Comments:	This is a cumulative data and will be reported on annual basis. Final data for CY2023 will become available in Q1 CY2024.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Number of children immunized (Number, Corporate Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	2,942.00	4,600.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	27-Jun-2023	31-Oct-2023	01-Dec-2026
<input type="checkbox"/> Number of women and children who have received basic nutrition services (Number, Corporate Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,750.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	27-Jun-2023	31-Oct-2023	01-Dec-2026
<input type="checkbox"/> Number of deliveries attended by skilled health personnel (Number, Corporate Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	284.00	3,100.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	27-Jun-2023	31-Oct-2023	01-Dec-2026
▶ Share of ANC clinic encounters complete for all required components (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target



Value	0.00	81.00	81.00	65.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	27-Jun-2023	30-Jun-2023	01-Dec-2026
Comments:	Aggregate report of Quality Assurance surveys (QA/QI) for July - Dec 2023 period is not yet available to update this indicator.			
► Share of WCC encounters complete for all required components (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	46.00	46.00	65.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	27-Jun-2023	30-Jun-2023	01-Dec-2026
Comments:	Aggregate report for Jul-Dec 2023 is not yet available to update this indicator.			
► Share of neighboring islands health assistants completing certification course (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	10.00	33.00	33.00	75.00
Date	03-Jan-2022	27-Jun-2023	30-Jun-2023	01-Dec-2026
Comments:	MOHHS compiles data annually at the end of calendar year. Final data for CY2023 will become available in Q1 CY2024.			
► Share of neighboring islands health centers that (a) have completed an annual on-site assessment and (b) meet MOHHS standards as defined using an assessment tool (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	27-Jun-2023	31-Oct-2023	01-Dec-2026
Comments:	A total of 7 facilities have been assessed, 0 met criteria. There are a total of active 47 health facilities in the country.			

2. Improve coverage of stimulation and early learning activities

► Teachers recruited or trained (Number, Corporate)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	14.00	113.00	150.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	26-Jun-2023	08-Dec-2023	01-Dec-2026
Comments:	2 preschool TAs and 113 educators trained under ECD-II to date (1 Teacher TA hired and 100 teachers trained since last mission. Baseline of 0 reflects the number of teachers trained under ECD-II at approval (agreed during June 2023 mission).			



□ Teachers recruited or trained - Female (RMS requirement) (Number, Corporate Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	12.00	106.00	85.00
▶ Share of targeted caregivers engaging in early stimulation activities (Text, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	TBD	TBD	TBD	95.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	26-Jun-2023	08-Dec-2023	01-Dec-2026
Comments:	RMI PSS provided home reading sets to WUTMI, with 7 books and one string bag for each family. WUTMI Parent Educators distributed one home reading set to each client family. Baseline data has been collected and is being analyzed.			
▶ Share of early years families with access to Marshallese language children's books (Text, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	TBD	TBD	TBD	40.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	26-Jun-2023	08-Dec-2023	01-Dec-2026
Comments:	Data to be provided through MEIPI baseline survey / report which is not yet available. Preliminary data from MIEPI shared in an email from the PM indicates only around 1% of families surveyed report having at least 3 Marshallese language children's books in their home. Once final analysis is available, baseline for ECD-II will be set.			
▶ Share of targeted male caregivers engaging in early stimulation activities (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	26-Jun-2023	08-Dec-2023	01-Dec-2026
Comments:	Related project activities have not yet commenced.			

3. Social assistance for early years families				
▶ Share of beneficiary families meeting conditionalities within compliance period (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	13.00	80.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	26-Jun-2023	27-Nov-2023	01-Dec-2026
Comments:	Compliance with conditionalities started October 1, 2023. 13% of eligible families are complying with conditionalities (data related to preschool attendance only).			



► Share of eligible families receiving timely cash transfers (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	58.00	58.00	90.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	26-Jun-2023	27-Nov-2023	01-Dec-2026
Comments:	As of CCT #7, 1,677 eligible families received payment. There are currently 2,895 families registered waiting to be enrolled once documentation will be provided. $1,677/2,895 = 58\%$ of families have been enrolled out of those registered.			
► Share of grievances recorded through the GRM that are resolved within agreed timeframes (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	100.00	100.00	80.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	26-Jun-2023	27-Nov-2023	01-Dec-2026
Comments:	One complaint regarding the inactive bank account was received and it is being addressed by PIU and updated in the GRM module of the MIS.			

4. Strengthening the multisectoral ECD system and Project management

► Share of children aged 0-5 years that are developmentally on track (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	78.90	0.00	0.00	85.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	26-Jun-2023	08-Dec-2023	01-Dec-2026
Comments:	Baseline survey data collection ended March 2023 and final analysis will become available after consultation with stakeholders in mid February 2024.			

◻ Share of girls aged 0-5 years that are developmentally on track (Percentage, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	78.90	0.00	0.00	85.00

► Share of parents that report awareness of ECD SBCC activities (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	26-Jun-2023	08-Dec-2023	01-Dec-2026



Comments:	SBCC activities are yet to commence. UNICEF Partnership agreement was signed on November 22. National SBCC Coordinator was recruited.			
► Strengthened multi-sectoral ECD policy and monitoring (Text, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	Inadequate	Multi-sectoral ECD Policy developed and endorsed	Costed action plan (draft) is available but needs consultation and revision for feasibility and identifying the gaps.	Data on key ECD Policy indicators and ECD financing reported in Annual ECD Summit
Date	01-Dec-2021	26-Jun-2023	08-Dec-2023	01-Dec-2026
Comments:	Intermediate Target 1 achieved.			
► Share of targeted providers reporting adequate knowledge of GBV identification, referral, support (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	10.00	0.00	0.00	70.00
Date	01-Dec-2021	26-Jun-2023	08-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2026
Comments:	The relevant training activity to begin in early 2024. Gender officer ToR (part time) finalized and recruitment to be completed in early 2024.			

Performance-Based Conditions

Data on Financial Performance

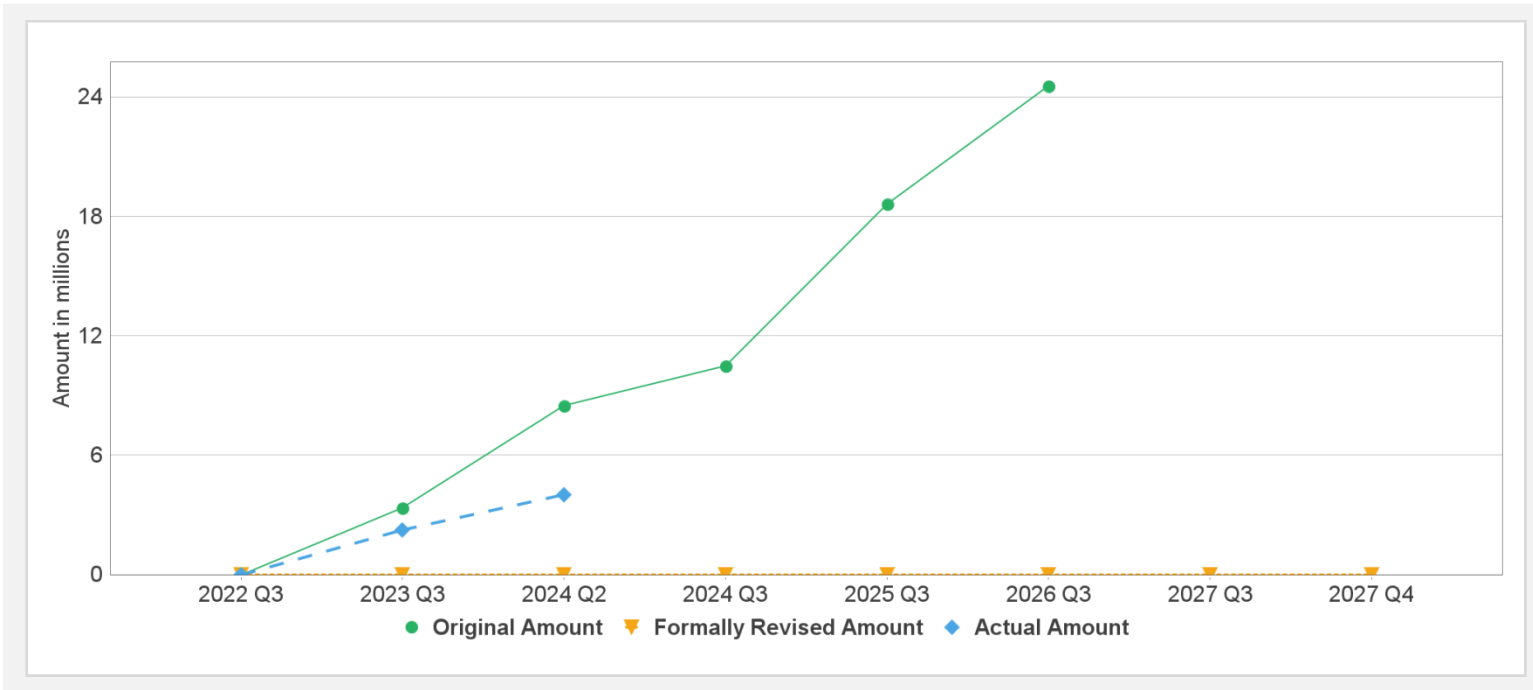
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P177329	IDA-E0320	Effective	USD	27.00	27.00	0.00	4.00	22.06	15%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P177329	IDA-E0320	Effective	06-Jun-2022	03-Aug-2022	14-Oct-2022	31-Dec-2026	31-Dec-2026

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.