PART 1

Introduction: The Community Risk Programme Manager Alan Mearns accompanied by Litea Biukoto from the EU Project visited the Marshall Islands to provide technical assistance with the review of their National Hazard Mitigation Plan. This visit coincided with the delivery of an Introduction to Disaster Management Course and Training for Instructors Course conducted through The Asia Foundation/US Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance Regional Disaster Management Training Programme based at SOPAC.

Objectives:
1. To provide technical assistance with the development of an updated National Standard Mitigation Plan in line with the reporting requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
2. To ensure that the group discussions from the Introduction to Disaster Management Course were factored into the development of the new plan.

List of People: The following personnel were present at various meetings and consultations attended by the SOPAC technical advisors:

- Hon Kessai Note – President;
- Phillip Kabua – Chief Secretary;
- Eldon Note – Mayor Bikini Atoll;
- Clement Capelle – Director National Disaster Management Office;
- Member of the National Disaster Committee;
- Participants at the IDM course; and
- A range of other stakeholders were also consulted during the review of the 1998 National Hazard Mitigation Plan and a full list is attached to the Draft Standard Mitigation Plan 2005-2007.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A draft Standard Mitigation Plan was prepared by a small working group of the National Disaster Committee with assistance from the SOPAC technical advisors.
This draft plan is now being taken through the Government approval process before being forwarded to FEMA for their consideration. Before leaving the Marshall Islands, the Manager Community Risk and the TAF/OFDA Programme Director prepared a Strategic Action Plan to support the ongoing strengthening of disaster risk management in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. This was provided to the Chief Secretary and included ongoing capacity building support from SOPAC.

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<td><strong>Review of the 1998 National Mitigation Plan</strong>&lt;br&gt;The SOPAC technical advisors assisted a small working group of the National Disaster Committee to review this document.</td>
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<td><strong>Development of the Standard Mitigation Plan 2005-2007</strong>&lt;br&gt;The SOPAC technical advisors assisted with the development of this plan using the FEMA Mitigation Planning Guidelines</td>
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<td><strong>Strengthening of the disaster risk management arrangements in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.</strong>&lt;br&gt;The CRP Manager drafted a strategic action plan for the Chief Secretary as the next steps to strengthening disaster risk management and supporting the endorsement of the Pacific Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction 2005-2015 by the Pacific Forum Leaders in Papua New Guinea in August 2005</td>
<td>CRP to continue to advocate for support from the Republic of the Marshall Islands&lt;br&gt;CRP to ensure that the agreed support is included in the CRP 2006 work plan and budget</td>
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### Annex

**Reference Documents**

- Strategic Plan for strengthening the disaster risk management arrangements

Note: Annex document available on request from the Community Risk Programme