

**Ambassador Campbell's Remarks at the Visit to the  
USAID Disaster Assistance Warehouse**

**IOM Warehouse  
Thursday, October 6 at 4:00pm**

- The United States is committed to supporting the people of the Marshall Islands in the event of a serious national disaster.
- In the event of a disaster, it is important that the government and its partners are able to respond quickly to the needs of the people.
- To better prepare for an emergency relief commodities have been prepositioned here at this warehouse in Uliga.
- In consultations with local authorities, the commodities here were selected to provide the U.S. government in the Marshall Islands with the capacity to respond immediately to a disaster.
- Under a grant from the United States government, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) manages the warehouse and maintains the equipment and supplies to make sure they are ready when the situation arises.
- The items stored here include emergency medical supplies and equipment designed to serve 10,000 people for 3 months, such as emergency hygiene kits, temporary shelter, camp supplies and reverse osmosis equipment to provide clean water.
- Drought vulnerability is a major concern in the Marshall Islands and today the United States is donating five additional reverse osmosis units to the National Emergency Management Office.
- These units are mobile - they fit easily in the back of a standard pick-up truck - but they are capable of producing up to 200 gallons per day each.
- The machines will help build the capacity of the RMI government to respond to emergency water shortages when and wherever they may occur.

- The United States will continue to work with the National Disaster Committee and other partners to develop an informed distribution strategy for these and any other disaster response commodities that may be needed in a response.