

**Ambassador Campbell's Remarks at the USAID/FEMA
Town Hall on the National Disaster Assistance Blueprint**

**Melele Room, Marshall Islands Hotel
Friday, October 7 at 9:00am**

- The United States is committed to supporting the people of the Marshall Islands in the event of a serious national disaster. We work together with the government, other international partners, and Marshallese businesses, organizations and individuals, to prepare for the worst.
- The United States Agency for International development (USAID) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are visiting Majuro this week to talk with all these stakeholders regarding the U.S. Government's disaster assistance strategy. This strategy is outlined in a document called the *Operational Blueprint on Disaster Mitigation, Relief and Reconstruction in the RMI*.
- As an important member of the disaster response community in Majuro I would like to welcome you to this Town Hall Meeting to discuss this strategy and share questions and ideas about how best to work together in the event of a disaster.
- We have experts here from several offices and agencies of the U.S. government who are part of the strategy, including both FEMA and USAID, as well as the International Organization for Migration (IOM), an organization funded by the United States to provide disaster response services in the Freely Associated States.
- I invite you to listen and share your thoughts so that we can learn from you how the United States can better communicate with you and work together to respond to a national disaster.