

## REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY

## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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## Safe Travels Program Announces No July Registration Due to June Overspill

Ilo juon kweilok an National Disaster Committee eo ilo jinoin June 2022 eo, jet week alikkin an kilok registration link nan Program in Karool tok Armej nan allon in June, ear allikar ke oran armej ro raar maroñin register in rool tok ilo allon in June eo ear lukun lon im obrak jen jonaan jikin quarantine ko Aelon Kein.

Ilo an driwoj Link in Register eo an June ilo raan in kar 20 May 2022, STP working group eo ear loe jonan an lon jen jonan armej raar register itubwilijin 4 wot awa ko. Kon men in ear allikar ke emenin aikuj bwe Link in Register eo en kilok. Ear bar allikar ke jonan armej eo ear lap an lon jen jonan jikin quarantine ko ilo Kwajalein im Majuro kon jonan in 40-50 armej.

Waween in ear walok kon jet un ko im jaar jab maroñin loi ilo tore eo ear belok registration enot: Ilo an armej register, ej walok wot etan armej eo ej kanne online form eo, ijoke, emaroñ wor armej rej dependent im kamman bwe en lon lok jen juon armej ilo registration form; bar juon un ej an kar kilok jet room in quarantine ko ilo ion Kwajalein en im kamman bwe en ieet jikin jokwe jen oran ro raar register nan rool tok ilo June.

Kon men in, ewor ro im raar register im emoj aer kollaik wonean quarantine ko aer nan June ak raar jab maroñin itok, emoj lelok er nan allon in July kon tarrin in 40 lok nan 50 armej ro. Ilo an NDC kile ke elap an ieet jikin quarantine ilo Majol in, jerbal in kapok jikin quarantine bwe en maroñin rool tok aolep ro nukur im mottar ej wonmaanlok wot ilo tore in.

Aolep ro raar konaan register in rool tok ilo allon in July naj aikujin kōttar nan driwojtok eo an Registration Link eo an August. Kotemen bwe link in enaj driwoj tok ilo allon in July.

Kajitōk kijenmej im burokuk eo an ao aolep ilo an group in jerbal, ilo ad kōjparok jukjuk in bed ko ad ilo Aelon Kein.

Nan melele ko, jouj im loe lok www.ndmo.gov.mh im lale <a href="https://ndmo.gov.mh/rmi-safe-travels-program/">https://ndmo.gov.mh/rmi-safe-travels-program/</a>.

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In a National Disaster Committee Meeting held in the early days of June 2022, a few weeks after the June registration link for the month of June was closed, it became apparent that the amount of people registered to return with in the month of June, was so much more than the amount of quarantine spaces in the RMI.

When the Registration Link for June came on 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2022, the STP working group saw a surge in registrations after the link was posted, forcing the team to close the registration link in just 4 hours. The surge in registration indicated that more people had registered than the amount of quarantine spaces available in Kwajalein and Majuro.

The June overspill of registration issue was due to contributing factors such as that when someone registers, their completed forms also contained within it, a list of dependents that are to travel with the registeree, causing what looks like one registration form to actually contain 1 or more other people within the registration. As well, closure of previously used quarantine spaces in Kwajalein are now closed and not able to accommodate the usual amount of people as previous incoming STP groups.

With this, not all persons registered to arrive in June were able to be confirmed. Those 40-50 people were pushed back to the July STP group thus taking up the spaces for July's incoming group.

People interested in entering the country in July will now have to register for the August STP group. Link for August Registration is anticipated to be released towards the end of July.

The NDC and Safe Travels Working Groups asks the public for continued support in ensuring safety for the RMIs communities.

Please visit <a href="https://ndmo.gov.mh/rmi-safe-travels-program/">https://ndmo.gov.mh/rmi-safe-travels-program/</a> for information on the RMI's Safe Travels Program.

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