Marshall Islands Islands is a upper middle-income country (UMIC) and a Small Island Development State with a GNI of 4,840 USD per capita (2017) and a population of 53,000 inhabitants (2017). In the 2018 Monitoring Round, Marshall Islands reported on 81 million USD in development co-operation flows.

1. National development planning and results orientation

Overall quality of national results framework
High-quality, inclusive and results-oriented development strategies are critical for countries’ ownership over their development and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The quality of national development planning in Marshall Islands is high (85%).

- **SDG 17.15.1**
  - **Objectives**: 67% (Target: 100%)
  - **Indicators**: 78% (Target: 100%)
  - **Data**: 58% (Target: 100%)
  - **Joint evaluations**: 49% (Target: 100%)

The national development strategy and results framework...
- ... defines priorities, targets and indicators: **YES**
- ... includes budget or costing information: **YES**
- ... aligns to SDGs: **YES**
- Regular progress reports are available: **YES**

Extent of use of country-owned results frameworks by development partners
Development partner alignment to country-led development priorities is at the heart of country ownership. Global Partnership monitoring assesses whether interventions: draw objectives from national development strategies; draw indicators from country results frameworks; use government data and statistics for monitoring; and involve government in evaluations. The first three elements provide the official data to report on SDG indicator 17.15.1. In Marshall Islands, development partners align to country priorities to a high extent (89% - SDG indicator 17.15.1).

2. Multi-stakeholder engagement

Recognising that successful development efforts require the inclusive and equitable participation of all actors, the 2030 Agenda calls for collective action by the whole of society. Global Partnership monitoring examines the engagement of civil society and the private sector from both the perspective of the government and representatives of these stakeholder groups.

Quality of public-private dialogue
In the 2018 Monitoring Round, government representatives and representatives of large firms, SMEs and trade unions in Marshall Islands did not assess the quality of public-private dialogue.

- **Government**
- **SMEs**
- **LARGE FIRMS**
- **TRADE UNIONS**

Enabling environment for civil society organisations...
... was not assessed by government representatives, civil society organisations and development partners in the 2018 Monitoring Round in Marshall Islands.

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3. Quality and use of public financial management systems

Strengthening public financial management systems

Strong public financial management (PFM) systems are an essential element of good governance and vital to achieving development goals. Marshall Islands did not assess progress in the quality of its PFM systems.

- Progress
- No change
- Decline
- Not assessed

Development partners’ use of country systems

Development partners’ use of these systems to deliver co-operation both lowers transaction costs but also helps to accelerate their strengthening. In Marshall Islands, use of country PFM systems decreased from 92% in 2016 to 1% in 2018.

Further, legislative oversight of the budget has decreased. The share of development co-operation recorded on budgets subject to parliamentary scrutiny decreased from 91% in 2016 to 26% in 2018.

Overall use of country systems

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Systems to track and make public allocations for gender equality and women’s empowerment

Adequate and effective financing is essential to achieve gender equality and to empower all women and girls. Marshall Islands has none of the elements of a system in place to track and make public allocations for gender equality and women’s empowerment, not meeting the requirements of SDG indicator 5.c.1.

5. Mutual accountability mechanisms

Mutual accountability underpins the efforts of development actors to meet joint commitments, improve how they work together and increase their development effectiveness. Mutual accountability mechanisms are made up of multiple, reinforcing components that can help enhance transparency and accountability at country level. Global Partnership monitoring defines and assesses mutual accountability against five components. Marshall Islands has three out of five components in place.

Component 1 Comprehensive policy framework for development co-operation
Component 2 Country-level targets for government and development partners
Component 3 Regular joint assessment of progress
Component 4 Assessments are inclusive and involve non-state actors
Component 5 Timely, publicly available results of assessments

4. Predictability and forward planning

High-quality and timely information on development co-operation helps governments in planning and managing resources for results and can guide development partners in coordinating their support with other providers, as to avoid fragmentation and duplication of efforts.

Annual predictability of development co-operation is high, with 98% of co-operation disbursed as scheduled. Medium-term predictability is high, with 100% of co-operation available in forward looking expenditure plans for the next three years.

Predictability of development co-operation

- Disbursements as scheduled
- Medium-term predictability

Systems to track development co-operation information in Marshall Islands

- AIMS: Aid Information Management System
- DMS: Debt Management System
- FMIS: Financial Management Information Systems
- Other: Excel-based systems or similar

- In place
- Not in place

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