Republic of the Marshall Islands

Agency Mission
To strengthen the commitment to the Healthy Islands concept by implementing health promotion to protect and promote healthy lifestyles; to improve the lives of the people through primary health; and to build the capacity of the Ministry of Health, communities, families, and partners to actively participate in and coordinate preventive services programs and activities as the core resources in primary health care services.

Top Five Priorities
1. Address tuberculosis (TB), including multi-drug resistant TB
2. Eradicate leprosy
3. Reduce non-communicable diseases and their major risk factors
4. Protect against vaccine-preventable diseases
5. Fight childhood malnutrition

Structure and Relationship with Local Health Departments
The state/territorial health agency is under a larger agency—sometimes referred to as a “superagency” or “umbrella agency.”

Organizational Structure
The health official does not report directly to the president of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The state/territory has a board of health.

Planning and Accreditation
The state/territorial health agency has developed the following within the past five years:

- Health Assessment
- Health Improvement Plan
- Strategic Plan

The state/territorial agency plans to apply for accreditation, but has not yet registered in e-PHAB.

Agency Workforce
The state/territorial health agency has 570 FTEs.