

HUMAN RIGHTS in The Marshall Islands – The Enjebi/Enewetak case

Situation in Enjebi/Enewetak – Issue 1: Healthcare



Enjebi/Enewetak people face many health issues related to nuclear testing and other toxic contamination with inadequate health services

Recommendations - Healthcare

- RMI government to conduct a full review of the history, performance, and needs of the 177 health program.
- RMI government to intensify its actions for providing health care services for nuclear affected peoples in the Marshall Islands
- RMI government to ensure adequate available budget for emergency and referral services for nuclear affected peoples
- The international community to provide monetary and technical support to the RMI government in achieving these recommendations to provide essential health services for nuclear affected peoples

Situation in Enjebi/Enewetak – Issue 2: Food

Enjebi/Enewetak people do not have access to safe and adequate food, and often suffer from famine due to late food shipments

Recommendations: Food

- RMI government to fully enforce the Food Safety Act of 2010 to provide oversight of our quarterly food distributions to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the Enjebi and Enewetak peoples
- RMI government to conduct a full review of the history, performance, and needs of the Enewetak Supplemental Food Program
- RMI government to evaluate and monitor food distributions to ensure on-time deliveries
- RMI government to support local efforts of citizen science initiatives to monitor amounts of radionuclides in our food systems by advocating at high levels and procuring monetary and technical assistance for such activities

Situation in Enjebi/Enewetak – Issue 3: Nuclear Claims Tribunal

Historically served as a de facto Truth Commission and awarded Enjebi/Enewetak \$341 million in 2006 for Loss of Use, Remediation and Rehabilitation, and Hardships. Enjebi/Enewetak people have receive 1/2 % of this amount and no funding available at the Tribunal.

Recommendations – NCT

- RMI government to intensify its efforts toward transitional justice to include Nuclear Claims Tribunal awards
- RMI government to support the Enjebi and Enewetak peoples in finding other legal pathways to access our adjudicated claim

Situation in Enjebi/Enewetak – Issue 4: Free Prior and Informed Consent



No Free Prior and Informed Consent for research, policy, programs, and advocacy on behalf of our people and islands

Recommendations – FPIC

- RMI government to ratify the Universal Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)
- RMI government to develop projects, programs, policies, and advocacy tools through the UNDRIP lens of Free Prior and Informed Consent
- RMI government to follow Enjebi and Enewetak protocols
- RMI government to engage with Elimondik as a mechanism for liaising with both Traditional leaders and community members of Enjebi and Enewetak.

Thank you

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