

## **JOINT Announcement**

### **MINISTRY OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MEDICAL SCHOOL (UAMS) MARK FINAL YEAR OF FAITH-BASED DIABETES PROGRAM**

The **Republic of the Marshall Islands Ministry of Health & Human Services (MoHHS)** and the **University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS)** are proud to announce the launch of the **fourth and final year** of the **Faith-Based Diabetes Self-Management Education (FDSME) Study**, beginning **September 2025**.

This long-standing and impactful **joint collaboration** between **MoHHS and UAMS**, alongside key community partners — **KIJLE (Kora In Jiban Lorlorjake Ejmour, which is approximately translated “Women for Health”), Marshallese Educational Initiative (MEI), and the Canvasback Wellness Center** — represents a powerful model of partnership grounded in shared commitment to addressing the growing burden of diabetes in the Marshall Islands.

Since its launch, the FDSME program has worked directly with **churches and faith leaders** to deliver evidence-based diabetes education to local communities. To date, **20 churches and 409 participants** have taken part in the program. As we prepare for our final cycle, we are now **recruiting eight more churches and up to 200 participants** to join this important community health initiative.

This **joint effort** between a national Ministry and a U.S. academic institution reflects the importance of partnerships that are both **community-driven and evidence-based**, with the goal of strengthening local health systems and empowering individuals to better manage their health.

If you or your church is interested in hosting or joining diabetes self-management classes, please reach out to:

- **Sylveria George (MEI): 692-455-8931**
- **Dia Tibon (KIJLE): 692-455-9713**

Together, **MoHHS and UAMS** remain committed to building healthier communities through respectful, faith-based collaboration that places people and prevention at the center of care.

## **MOHHS & UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MEDICAL SCHOOL (UAMS) ETŌPAR IIŌ EO ELIKTATA IN FAITH-BASED ILO BŪROKRAAM IN KEJPAROK TŌÑAL EO**

Ra eo an Jikin Ejmour eo ilo Republic eo an Majol (MoHHS) im kumi eo an University of Arkansas Medical School (UAMS) rej mōṅṅōṅō in koba ippen dron im kommane kōjjeḷā eo an kuwota in ikkijen ekkatak eo naetan Faith-Based Diabetes Self-Management Education (Būrokraam in Katakin ikkijen kejarok naninmij in tōñal).

Jerbal im ekkatak in ikōtaan MoHHS im UAMS, koba ro jet iuwaan jukjukinped in enwot – KIJLE, MEI, im Canvasback Wellness Center eo – eto aer jermal ippen dron im kōmṃṃane juon oktak elap. Juon in waan joṅok elap im emman ikkijen juon jemjerā eo emoj an kallimur bwe en tariṅaeik apañ ikkijen an ḷaplok nañinmij in tōñal ilo aelōñ kein (RMI).

Jen jinoin an ejaak burokraam in an FDSME, jekar jermal ippen mon jar ko im ri tōl ro aer nan kommane katak ko im emoj kamool ke katak kein rej jiban kadriklok nomba in tōñal ko an armij ro rekar pād ilo kilaaj kein. Ilo torein in, ewor 20 mon jar ko im 409 armij emoj aer bok konaer ilo burokraam in. Nan maan jepopo nan iiō eo eliktata, jej bukot bar 8 mon jar im tarrin 200 armij in bar kobatok ilo burokraam in nan liñur ejmour im nañinmij in tōñal.

Jermal in ikotaan juon RMI Ministry im juon U.S. acedemic institution ak jikin jikuul, ej kaalikar jekjek in an aorōk partnership ko rej ejaak ibben jukjukinped ko koba jermal ko emoj kamool ke remman im ekkar nan armij ro, kin juon kōttōpar eo ñan kōkajoor ḷok im ka ketak kajjojo armej bwe ren jeḷā ḷok kilen kejarok ejmour ko aer.

Elaññe kwe ak mon jar eo am ej itok limo in bok konaan ak koba tok ilo kilaaj in katak kejarok jen nañinmij in tōñal kein, jouj im kepaak armej rein rej laajrak ijin:

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MoHHS im UAMS, rej ippen dron im drāpij wot aer kallimur ñan aero ejaake im kōmanman ḷok ejmour ilo jukjukinped ko ilo juon wawein eo ejonolok ilo kile im kautiej dron, ilo jermal in kabun im tomak, ilo likit armej im jermal in kejarok ilo iolapen jermal ko aer ikkijen jipañ.