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Four atolls get five doctors

A group of five Nepalese medical doctors arrived in Majuro last week to begin working with the nuclear affected atolls under the 177 Health Care Plan (HCP).

Upon arrival, the doctors received positive feedback from fellow Nepalese doctors who have been in the Marshalls serving patients from the 177-labeled atolls.

The arriving doctors were handpicked from Nepal because of their adeptness in providing quality clinical care in remote areas, lacking in electricity, says Deb Atwood 177 HCP chief financial officer.

Although on the surface, Nepal and the Marshall Islands appear vastly different environments — Nepal has many of the world's tallest mountains, while here coconut trees represent the islands' apexes. The similarity they share, however, is a need for health care in isolated, rural populations.

The two countries are also host to like disease patterns, which means the Nepalese doctors will have an advantage in treating local maladies.

Dr. Binod Prasad Gupta will care for patients on Majuro, while his fellow colleague Dr. Prajwal Tuladhar will serve people on Kili, an island south of the capital city. Dr. Krishna Bahadur Pachera is set to work on Enewetak. Utrik will be managed by Dr. Nabin Kumar Oli, while the Rongelap people living on Mejjatto will be attended to by Dr. Tirtha Bhattarai.

Starting next week the 177 health clinic in Majuro will be open daily with Dr. Gupta attending.