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Kiribati extends its border closure until the end of 2021

Bairiki, Tarawa, 28 July 2021-----The Government of Kiribati confirms that following a thorough assessment of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has declared a further extension of its border closure. This new extension will remain in effect until 31 December 2021 unless a new advisory is issued to lift this extension when the situation improves, or other justifying requirements are met. As with previous border closure notices, special approvals can still be obtained for humanitarian flights to transport essential equipment, medical supplies and for the conduct of medevac operations.

Standard Operational Procedures developed to safeguard the public from the potential entry and transmission of COVID-19 will remain in force for all incoming vessels/travelers including a mandatory quarantine of 14 days at the Government-designated facility on South Tarawa. The repatriation of stranded I-Kiribati abroad would also be subjected to the strict assessment of the risks involved and the capability of our current COVID-19 safe measures to manage these underlying risks.

The provision of medical supplies and cargoes will also continue under the established COVID-19 safety procedures and protocols to ensure necessary support is provided to strengthen the national health system and to address people's needs.

The Government acknowledges that the COVID-19 free status of the country has been possible from the dedicated service of all frontline workers and continues to appeal to the general public and Kiribati's development partners for their continued cooperation, support and understanding to ensure the necessary arrangements are strictly followed so that risks are managed and the health safety of all is not compromised.

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