



UK & UNDP FOR MALDIVES



OUR STORY SO FAR



A VIBRANT, INCLUSIVE & PROSPEROUS MALDIVES

With the unwavering support of UK aid from the British people, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the Maldives is providing sustained assistance towards consolidating democracy in the country - setting the stage for a vibrant, inclusive, and prosperous Maldives.

FOCUS



OPEN, DECENTRALISED AND GENDER-RESPONSIVE GOVERNANCE



ACCESS TO EQUITABLE JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS



EMPOWERED, COHESIVE AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES



155 JUDGES
305 LEGAL STAFF



trained on the administration
of the

CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE

drafted with the support of UNDP
& UK aid from the British people

OUR WORK

Over two consecutive Integrated Governance Programme cycles, backing from the UK has enabled UNDP to support Maldives to empower independent institutions, transform the judiciary, legal and justice sector, and amplify the voices of civil society and media. We have provided formative and sustained support to decentralization and local governance, and in efforts spearheaded to advance women's empowerment and gender equality. The partnership has relentlessly prioritized building institutional and human resources capacity in accordance with global development agendas, international standards, and best practices. It is premised around the critical importance of coordination, dialogue, and community engagement to foster long-term stability and peace in the Maldives.

FUNDING

IGP II - £ 454,500 + ICT Additional Support -
£ 129,000

IGP III - £ 700,022

PARTNERS

Local Government Authority
Attorney General's Office
Department of Judicial Administration (including
Judicial Academy)
Judicial Service Commission
Bar Council of Maldives
Family Legal Clinic

PROGRAMMES

In 2022, UK directly contributed to the following programmes under IGP II:

- Strengthened Justice Sector and Governance Reforms in the Maldives - £ 120,000
- Increased Diverse Voices and Participation: Representation of Women in the Political Sphere - £ 45,522
- Resilient Maldives: Facilitating Climate Change Adaptation Options, Independence of Media and Social Cohesion - £ 49,572



**Judicial
regulations on
sexual offences
and domestic
violence
developed**

OUR IMPACT



30,000+

ONLINE COURT
HEARINGS VIA
DIGITALIZATION OF
COURTS

Civil Procedure Code

Drafting and ratification of the first Civil Procedure Code of the Maldives. As part of our support for continuous judicial education, the Judicial Academy has trained over 155 Judges and 305 legal staff nationwide on the administration of the Civil Procedure Code.

Justice Sector Stocktaking

A pledge matrix developed to conduct the justice and legal sector stock taking exercise is being used by the Attorney General's Office to consult with donor governments and lobby for their support to the Justice Sector.

Judicial Performance Evaluation Tool

Ensures transparency in the assessment of Judges performance contributing to the enhancement of building public trust and confidence in the judicial system. Performance evaluations of 47 Judges (incl. 3 women Judges) from around the country.

Support to fiscal decentralization

Work is ongoing to formulate Local Company Authorities Model under the local councils. This would include development of manuals and capacity building of councils on this model.

Integrated Case Management System of the Judiciary

Digitalization support to the courts. E-case management, court hearings, applications for court services, knowledge exchanges and learnings offered to Maldives Judiciary.

Judicial Education

Developed Maldives' first regulation on legal education. Conducted the standard setting study to support the formulation of the country's first national bar exam. Developed minimum standards for all undergraduate and post-graduate law programs. Judicial training needs assessment conducted and revision of judicial curriculum.



STRENGTHENED SYNERGIES

Global UK Partnership with UNDP

The global UK partnership with UNDP aims to achieve a range of Sustainable Development Goals by leveraging the expertise, resources, and networks of both entities. The partnership recognizes that economic prosperity is essential to achieving broader development goals, such as reducing poverty, promoting social inclusion and achieving climate resilience. To this end, the UK and UNDP are working together to unlock economic potential and increase access to markets and opportunities for people, enhance private sector engagement, unlocking investments and fostering innovation and entrepreneurship, with a key focus on addressing pressing global challenges such as climate change.

Climate Finance Network

Project supports efforts to promote and scale climate finance innovations: to develop a SDG climate investor mapping report, and to collect investment relevant data on key sectors of the Maldives economy.

IN THE WORKS:

- Climate Investor Mapping Report has been compiled - will be the first report which systemically maps out key Maldives industries, identifies potential broad investment opportunity areas and business models which will positively contribute to the achievement of SDGs (in particular climate action) in the Maldives.



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