

Quarterly Project Progress Report

Tourism Adaptation Project

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Basic Project Information

Project Title:	
UNDP Award ID	00060884
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Project Duration	3 years
Reporting Period	January – March 2016 (Q1)
Implementing Partners	Ministry of Tourism
National collaborating agencies	Ministry of Environment and Energy Maldives Meteorological Service Ministry of Education
Other UN/International collaborating agencies	
Cost-sharing third parties	
UNDP PM/PA	

1. Project Implementation Status and Key Results

Implementation Status Summary

The Project Board Meeting for Tourism Adaptation Project was held on 31 January 2016. The TAP PMU has been working on implementing the Revised Annual Work Plan which was approved in the Project Board Meeting.

Work was started on new activities while continuing the activities already ongoing. Several activities faced delays due to difficulties in recruitment of consultants and implementation.

ACTIVITY UPDATES

Activity 1.2.2. CCA Investment Facilitation Info Booklets Development.

A consultant was hired during the end of last year to design the investment facilitation booklets in a presentable manner. After much delay in delivery, she completed the designing work for the six booklets during this quarter. Six separate booklets were designed on six topics with a folder for all of them so that they may be distributed as a package.

A total of 400 copies per investment facilitation booklet were printed. The printed copies were handed over to Ministry of Tourism, as per the initial understanding, to distribute and utilize. The booklets will be distributed at international trade fairs and other avenues where potential investors will be attending. The booklets have also been distributed to other Ministries and partners who would be attending such meetings so that they may also distribute them.

If there is available budget towards the end of the project we would like to print more copies of this booklets.

1.2.3 Establish a Green Award for Maldives Tourism Industry incorporating CCA criteria

Maldives Tourism Green Award was officially launched by Ministry of Tourism at ITB Berlin (Internationale Tourismus-Börse Berlin), held on 8 March 2016.

Furthermore, a local consultant was hired to design the Green Award Manual. The work is still underway.

A local consultant is designing the website for Maldives Tourism Green Award. The application process of the Green Award is fully online in order to follow (as much as possible) a policy for using less paper. All promotion of the award will also be done online instead of making pamphlets or leaflets. The Green Award manual will also be available online only, with a minimal number printed for internal use.

We are working with a local firm on designing and making a prototype of the Maldives Tourism Green Award trophy.

The award will be launched to the public at the end of April 2016 and TV programmes will be used to publicize it.

1.2.4 Preparation of synthesis Report from TAP Studies.

The development layout for the Synthesis Report is underway. Once the layout is complete, the Synthesis Report will be printed and handover over to the Ministry of Tourism. It will also be distributed to relevant institutions.

1.2.5 Facilitate development of Strategic Plan and Standards for Marina Development Incorporating CCA Measures.

An international consultant was hired to develop the Strategic Plans and Standards for Marina Development in Maldives, by incorporating CCA Measures. He stayed in Maldives for approximately three weeks, met with several stakeholders and had a couple of field visits as well.

The Strategic Plan and Standards for Marina Development Incorporating CCA Measures has been finalized after incorporating comments from the Technical Committee. The layout for the plan document is currently being developed by Ministry of Tourism. Once the layout is complete, the plan would be printed and handed over to Ministry of Tourism for implementation.

1.2.6 Study on Local Tourism and Data Collection for TSA Development.

The validation workshop for the Tourism Satellite Account Development was conducted in January 2016. The draft report developed has been shared with Ministry of Tourism. Once the report is finalized the final payment for the consultant would be released.

Activity 1.2.7 Strengthen institutional capacity of MoT towards environmental management

In the previous AWP there were three components to this activity. (1) Consultancy to develop SOP's and operational guidelines of environment unit, (2) Develop a tourism resources inventory data base for tourism planning and (3) ministry staff to attend a training on environment management or climate change.

During the formulation of the new AWP the first two items were discussed and estimates of the price for the development of a database that would meet the needs of the Ministry were obtained. However, with the revision of the Annual Work Plan, the two components were removed from this activity and it was decided to conduct the training for three ministry officials only; mainly because there was insufficient budget to allocate to them and because of time constraints.

Three Ministry staff to attend a training on Environment Management or Climate Change

Three participants from Ministry of Tourism, have already departed to Bangkok to participate in the "3rd International Training Course on Managing Risk In The Face Of Climate Change" by the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center. It is planned that on their return they will facilitate a one day workshop for Ministry staff and civil society members to share their knowledge.

1.4.1 Update and publish Environment Guidelines for tourist facility operators (incorporating TAP recommendations).

During the last quarter, a consultant for this activity was selected and communicated. Under this activity, TAP faced delays in contracting the consultant. The consultant is scheduled to commence work in April 2016.

2.1.1 Create and Implement a Future Sustainable Strategy for the MTAP.

The consultant hired to create and implement a future sustainable strategy for MTAP arrived in March 2016. He has completed the validation workshop and is yet to share the draft final report. The proposal is to approach the Green Climate Fund for a project that would continue the foundation laid by TAP. Though TAP is mostly focused on Adaptation, in order to meet the scale of projects accepted by GCF, mitigation will also need to be part of the next project. The consultant has also agreed to make an initial draft of the concept paper for GCF application which the Ministry and UNDP will then have to finalize.

Once the concept paper and strategy document are received we plan to hold meetings with the Ministry of Environment to discuss the way forward. One concern is who will be a dedicated staff at the Ministry who will follow-up on this process once TAP is over.

2.1.3 Facilitate national and international visibility of the project through the Internet and other media coverages.

The premier of "Aydin" Cartoon was launched in February 2016. The ceremony was a success and students from the greater Male' area was invited to the premier.

We are working on signing an MoU between Ministry of Tourism and some media partners in Maldives such as Public Service Media, Sangu TV and Ice TV, to broadcast the animation. The MoU's is expected to be signed during the second quarter of 2016. This will ensure that the animation is broadcast to public even after TAP is over.

The animation has been handed over to the Ministry of Education with a request to distribute it to all primary schools, so that it can be shown during class breaks and environment related events.

The cartoon was also viewed at the Sea Turtle festival which was held in various islands of Laamu Atoll on 30th March 2016. A total of 3 schools (Maabaidhoo Laamu Atoll School, Maamendhoo School and Hitadhoo School) took part in the public viewing of the cartoon with over 305 students (138 boys and 167 girls) between the age of 6 – 11 years joining the premiere. The cartoon was well received by the students and schools have insisted to get copies of the cartoon which was distributed to them.

2.1.7 Facilitation for the Preparation to COP21 through Marketing Support and CCA Success Story Communication Material Production.

This activity is being implemented by the Ministry of Environment and Energy. The activity has two components. The Ministry of Environment provided the following update:

1. Recruitment of a Media Marketing Consultant

The marketing consultant hired and based in Ministry of Environment and Energy, has been working since the last quarter. His contract is till 27 April 2016. Among other things he is working on developing a marketing strategy for the climate department of the Ministry of Environment so that it can be implemented beyond TAP.

2. Recruitment of Videographer to develop video for use at COP21

Based on the request of the contractor, an extension to the consultant's contract was provided, as discussed during the previous quarter. A revised timeline was submitted by Ministry of Environment and Energy, after consulting with the local videographers. TAP PMU provided support to MEE to arrange the meetings with various resorts. The second video is currently in production. The activity faced delays due to in availability of resorts of capturing the videos.

2.1.8 Transport Emissions Audit of Tourism Sector.

This activity is being implemented by the Ministry of Environment and Energy.

The consultancy has been awarded under the contract of Ministry of Environment and Energy. The consultant has planned to visit a total of 13 resorts, located in different areas of Maldives. The TAM PMU provided the necessary support to the consultants to inform the selected resorts about the study and with the official correspondence from Ministry of Tourism. The consultancy is scheduled to end in the next quarter.

2.1.11 MTAP Platform Publication through Competition in Social Media (6 months).

The final month for the Snap and Win, Facebook Mobile Photo Competition was conducted from January 2016 till February 2016. For the final month, awards were given to first, second and third place winners, based on Facebook photo likes. The last round received 160 entries and the winner got 10556 Likes to his entry. The winners were awarded the prizes in a small ceremony, held at Ministry of Tourism and the final payments for the winners have been processed. This activity is completed.

2.2.2/2.3.2 TAP Small grant awards

The projects are moving forward but some of the projects had experienced delays due to circumstances outside the control of grantees for example, getting clearances from local councils and central authorities in Male'. Site visits were made for monitoring, scoping and resolving of issues. These include:

1. The IWMR facility of MARS at B. Maalhos is complete. The NGO has sent the termination report of the initial grant which was approved and the final payment of the grants has also been released. The NGO has also sent their proposal for a top up grant, which was approved. The first 90% of the top-up has already been awarded to the NGO.
2. It has been decided to terminate the grant between Ministry of Tourism and Seamarc. After meetings and discussion, the grantee proposed the termination of the grant, due to the lack of cooperation and support from the council of Bodu Huraa. The grant is

under discussion whether to return the funds completely to TAP, or reimburse some of the expenses borne by the council in building the wall of the waste management facility.

3. Sea explorers has also proposed for a top-up grant. They are yet to send their termination report for the initial project.
4. A second amendment of the contract of Dive Desk Pvt Ltd, was done on March 2016. Reason being, the procurement of the hybrid engine for this grantee is now to be carried out by UNDP. The procurement process is ongoing.
5. FACE has submitted the termination report of their initial project to TAP PMU. The final payment for the NGO was released. Moreover, they also submitted the proposal for a top-up grant, which was approved by the GEC. The first 90% of the top-up has already been awarded to the NGO.
6. Serene Sky has been requested to submit a revised activity plan to TAP PMU, to officially inform a revision of their initial plan. The project is scheduled to end in May 2016.
7. The termination report by Friends AID was also submitted and approved during this quarter. The final payment for the NGO was made. Friends AID also submitted their proposal for a top-up which was approved by the GEC. The first 90% of the top-up has already been awarded to the NGO.
8. The termination report by AND Noonu was submitted and approved during this quarter. The final payment for the NGO was made. Friends AID also submitted their proposal for a top-up which was approved by the GEC. The first 90% of the top-up has already been awarded to the NGO.
9. There are ongoing discussions with Maldives Inc and TAP. The grantee has delayed in achieving the deliverables and submitting the necessary documents to TAP PMU.
10. VESHI has completed the energy audits of the resorts, under their project. The remaining tasks comprises of installation of solar panels at A. DH Mahibadhoo Hospital.
11. The final payment for Chayaa Lagoon Hakuraa Huraa is currently on hold since they have not achieved one of their deliverables, which was to create a video of the grant for knowledge sharing purposes. The grantee utilized the funds for another purpose. Hence the grantee has been given an option to produce the video on their own funds or to sponsor the TAP PMU, who could produce the video internally. No constructive decision has yet been made.
12. The consultant who is conducting the "Adaptation to Coral Bleaching Event" has commenced the surveys. TAP PMU is following up on the progress.
13. A monitoring visit was made by PMU, Ministry of Tourism and UNDP to L. Gan to monitor Gamu Development Society. The compost site was built and they were conducting a training with the help from the grantees from MARS. They are yet to complete the training of trainers and promotional material of the grant. The termination report needs to be submitted to approve the final payment for the grant.

3.2.3 Enhancing meteorological data collection through capacity building of MMS

This activity is being implemented with close collaboration with the Maldives Meteorological Service. It has two components.

i. Procurement of equipment for MMS

Item 1 (Seiscomp PC)

Seiscomp PC procured is for upgrading of Earthquake Monitoring System to the recent version. It is also a vital requirement for the hardware to support manual processing of

received seismic data. For this purpose procurement of two high end computer systems was initiated. The payment to the selected vendor has been released and item is expected to be delivered during April 2016.

Item 2 (Automatic Weather Station Data Logger)

The automatic weather station (AWS) data loggers currently been used for the AWS network are obsolete and not been manufactured. Therefore the process to migrate to new data loggers and data acquisition and collection software was initiated. TAP is waiting for MMS to provide the Purchase Order and Invoice of the items.

Item 3 (AWS sensor)

This item includes procurement of new Automatic Weather Station Sensor (WXT520) which will be used for maintenance of the AWS network.

TAP has received the Purchase Order and Invoice for this item and forwarded the payment request to UNDP. Once the payment is processed the vendor will deliver the equipment.

ii. Development of the Maldives Meteorology Act

Contract has been signed with both the Local and International consultants. Work is scheduled to begin on 03 April 2016 with the arrival of the International Consultant. This activity faced delays because the candidate who got selected after the Desk Review said he is no longer available and therefore we had to go for the second consultant. There were further delays in getting the required references from the consultant in order to process the contract.

Implementation Progress Summary

OUTPUT <i>In line with AWP</i>	INDICATOR	TARGET	STATUS OF TARGET <i>(Achieved, On Track or Off Track)</i>	PLANNED ACTIVITIES <i>List all activities to be undertaken during the period as stated in AWP</i>	ACTIVITY PROGRESS TO DATE <i>Give detailed explanation of the status. Provide justification if delayed and new schedule planned</i>	RESULTS ACHIEVED <i>Describe concrete, key results (policy, publication, key event etc.) achieved so far, vis-à-vis the specific targets set in the AWP</i>	BENEFICIARY <i>Approximate number of beneficiaries reached by project activities (disaggregated by sex/age), etc.</i>
OUTPUT 1.2 Policy recommendations to enable and incentivize private sector investment for climate change adaptation in the tourism industry developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of island resorts and tourism operators with increased capacity to reduce risks of climate variability Number of new investment projects in the tourism industry that are designed and implemented in accordance with revised tourism policies and planning frameworks 	To complete payment of the travel expenses of the Island Council members who came to Male' for the Forum	Achieved	Activity 1.2.1 Tourism Sector CCA Investment Forum/Workshop for Advocating & implementation of the recommendations from Study	✓ Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	Completed all pending payments	
		To develop the booklets through a local contractor	Achieved	Activity 1.2.2 CCA Investment Facilitation Info Booklets development Printing and distribution of the booklets	✓ Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: TAP has handed over the booklets to MoT. However we will continue to support the distribution of the books	400 copies of each booklet have been printed and handed over to the Ministry of Tourism, for distribution.	

					<p>New Schedule: Q1 of 2016 <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes_____</p>		
		To develop the Criteria through an International Consultant in Q4 of 2015	Off Track	<p>Activity 1.2.3 Establish a Green Award for Maldives Tourism Industry incorporating CCA criteria</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed ✓ In progress ✓ Delayed</p> <p>Reason: There is a delay in finalizing the layout of the award guideline</p> <p>There is a delay in finalizing the design of the award Trophy due to unavailability of suitable materials</p> <p>There is a delay in finalizing the development of the website</p> <p>New Schedule: Q1 of 2015 <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes_____</p>	<p>The Maldives Tourism Green Award Criteria has been approved by Ministry of Tourism and the award was launched at ITB 2016.</p> <p>A local consultant was hired to design the layout of the green award manual. Work is ongoing.</p> <p>A local website designer was contracted to create a website for Maldives Tourism Green Award. Work ongoing.</p>	

		To develop a synthesis report through an International Consultant in Q4 of 2015	Off Track	<p>Activity 1.2.4 Preparation of synthesis Report from TAP studies undertaken</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: Delay in receiving comments to the report from Ministry and Technical Committee New Schedule: Q1 of 2016 <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	<p>Synthesis report has been finalized after the draft document was shared with the technical committee of TAP.</p> <p>A local consultant was hired to develop a layout for the report. Work is ongoing.</p>	
		To develop the strategic plan and standards through an International Consultant in Q4 of 2015	Off track	<p>Activity 1.2.5 Facilitate development of Strategic Plan and standards for Marina Development incorporating CCA measures</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: New Schedule: Q1 of 2016 <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	<p>An international consultant was hired to develop the strategy.</p> <p>The strategic plan and standards for marina development has been finalized after comments from the technical committee and workshop participants.</p>	

						Ministry of Tourism is developing the layout for the strategic plan. Once ready, it will officially be handed over to Ministry of Tourism.	
		Conduct the study through a local contractor in Q4 of 2015 and Q1 of 2016	On Track	Activity 1.2.6 Study on local tourism and data collection for TSA development	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: Q4 of 2015 and Q1 of 2016 <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	Consultant has completed the survey and conducted the validation workshop. The draft of the final report has been shared for comments from Ministry of Tourism.	
		Training of 3 MoT staff in CCA Consultancy to develop SOPs and	On Track	Activity 1.2.7 Strengthen institutional capacity of MoT towards environmental management	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: The Training on CCA that has been identified is in Bangkok in March 2016	The three participants from Ministry of Tourism has been selected and sent for the training.	

		Operational Guidelines of Environment Unit			<i>The other two activities have been cancelled</i>	The two remaining components of this activity has been removed from the revised AWP, in January 2016, due to various time and budget constraints.	
		Tourism Resources Inventory data base development for Tourism Planning			New Schedule: Q1 of 2016 <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes_____		
OUTPUT 1.3 Addendum to the National Building Code pertaining to physical planning and construction in tourist resorts developed and disseminated		Develop the addendum and standards through a local firm in Q1 of 2016	Cancelled	Activity 1.3.1 Modify, adopt and incorporate the draft addendum to building code developed by TAP to develop appropriate standards to tourist facility standards and conduct training (Activity 1.3.1 & 1.3.3 combined)	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: New Schedule: <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes_____	This activity is no longer included in the revised AWP. It was removed during the revision due to time and budget constraints.	
		Develop and conduct the training through a local contractor in Q1 of 2016	Cancelled	Activity 1.3.2 CCA and Environmental Monitoring Training for Ministry Officials implementing regulations, planning, quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: New Schedule: <input type="checkbox"/> Other	This activity is no longer included in the revised AWP. It was removed during the revision due to time and budget	

				monitoring of tourist facilities	changes_____	constraints.	
<p>OUTPUT 1.4 Technical guidance on climate-proofing sensitive resource management systems and infrastructure developed and disseminated</p>		Develop the environmental guidelines through a Local Consultant in Q4 of 2015	Off Track	<p>Activity 1.4.1 Update and publish Environment Guidelines for tourist facility operators (incorporating TAP recommendations)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: Contractor's financial proposal was too high. Had to re-negotiate and arrive at a final cost proposal. New Schedule: Q2 2016 <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes_____	<p>Local Consultant has been identified.</p> <p>Scheduled to commence work in Q2 of 2016.</p>	
<p>OUTPUT 2.1 National tourism adaptation platform created to establish and support effective public-private investment partnerships for climate change adaptation in the tourism sector</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of island resorts, tourism operators and tourism-associated communities who report reduced vulnerability to climate change risks as a result of 	Develop the strategy through an International Consultant	On Track	<p>Activity 2.1.1 Create and implement a future sustainable strategy for the MTAP</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: New Schedule: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes_____	<p>International consultant commenced the work during this quarter, as per the contract.</p> <p>Consultant traveled to Maldives and compiled the draft report and conducted the</p>	

	<p>guidance provided by the project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private sector investment in climate change adaptation measures which reduce economic losses in tourism operations and tourism-associated communities from extreme climate events (US\$) 					<p>validation workshop as.</p> <p>The consultant is yet to send the draft reports for comments and feedback.</p> <p>The consultant agreed to develop a first draft of a proposal for continuation of TAP for submission to the Green Climate Fund</p>	
		<p>Develop the platform through a local contractor</p> <p>Update the database with information on the grants</p> <p>Orient Ministry staff and Grant Managers on the portal</p>	<p>Achieved</p>	<p>Activity 2.1.2 Develop a mobile application for MTAP (to share information about the pilot projects) and create a webpage in ministry website for MTAP</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Completed</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i></p> <p><i>Reason:</i> <i>New Schedule:</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other changes</i>_____</p>	<p>Product delivered</p> <p>Manager's trained.</p> <p>Database updated.</p>	

		Develop and premier the animation	Off Track	<p>Activity 2.1.3 Facilitate national and international visibility of the project through the Internet and other media coverages.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: New Schedule: Q1 of 2016 <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes_____	Premier of "Aydin" Cartoon was held in February 2016. The next step is to sign MoU's with various media partners to broadcast the animation. The signing of the MoU's are scheduled for next quarter, after facing some delays in the process. The video was distributed to schools through the Ministry of Education.	
		Conduct the programme through a local contractor	Achieved.	<p>Activity 2.1.6 CCA & Tourism Awareness program for educators</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: New Schedule: Q4 of 2015 <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes:	Training manual delivered. Training manual handed over to the Ministry of Education to distributed to schools.	

		Support implementation by the Ministry of Environment and Energy	Off Track	<p>Activity 2.1.7 Facilitation for the preparation to COP21 through marketing support and CCA success story communication material production</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: <i>Videographer experiencing delays is capturing video of resorts as resorts are not confirming site visit dates</i> New Schedule: Q4 of 2015 <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	Marketing Manager hired. First video delivered. After considerable delays, the production of the second video underway.	
		Support implementation by the Ministry of Environment and Energy	Off Track	<p>Activity 2.1.8 Transport emissions audit of tourism sector</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: <i>Contract started late after contracting difficulties.</i> New Schedule: Q4 of 2015	Consultant has commenced the work. Scheduled to travel to 13 resorts to collect the data. Work scheduled to be completed within the next quarter.	

					<input type="checkbox"/> Other changes_____		
		To Develop the videos through a local contractor in Q4 of 2015 and Q1 of 2016	Cancelled	Activity 2.1.9 Tourism Sector CCA Good Practice Comms (video& writeup)	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: Put on hold New Schedule: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes_____	This activity is no longer included in the revised AWP. It was removed during the revision due to time and budget constraints.	
		Monthly Facebook competitions until February 2016	Achieved.	Activity 2.1.11 MTAP platform publication through competition in social media (6 months)	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: Competition was put on hold after November to re-strategize for the final round of the competition New Schedule: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes_____	Final month of the competition was held in January 2016. The final winners were awarded prizes in a small ceremony held at Ministry of Tourism.	

<p>OUTPUT 2.2 & 2.3 Development of at least 10 new investment projects on climate-proofing water supply/storage/distribution, solid waste management, wastewater management, energy management, and/or new physical infrastructure in island resort and/or safari boat operations And Development of at least 10 new investment partnerships between island resorts and tourism-associated communities which result in joint climate risk management activities</p>		<p>Implementation of grants</p>	<p>On track</p>	<p>Activity 2.2.2/2.3.2 TAP Small grant awards Four Small Grant Project under the First Round Nine Small Grant Projects under the second Round</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: Some grants having difficulty getting authorizations from the Island Councils to proceed.</p> <p>Most projects are on track</p> <p>New Schedule: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other changes_____</p>	<p>The IWRM facility of MARS at B. Maalhos is complete. Final payment processed and the first payment of the top-up grant has been processed.</p> <p>Decided to terminate the grant of Seamarc due to unfortunate circumstances. Seamarc to return the funds to TAP or reimburse some of the expenses to Huraa council and return remaining funds.</p> <p>Sea explorers to submit their top-up proposal.</p> <p>A second amendment to</p>	

						<p>the contract of Dive Desk was done, since the procurement of the hybrid engine required for the grant is being done via UNDP.</p> <p>The final payment for FACE has been approved and processed. The first payment of the top-up grant has been processed.</p> <p>Serene Sky has been requested to submit a revised activity plan. The grant is scheduled to end next quarter.</p> <p>The final payment for Friends AID has been approved and processed.</p>	
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						<p>The first payment of the top-up grant has been processed.</p> <p>The final payment for AND Noonu has been approved and processed. The first payment of the top-up grant has been processed.</p> <p>Maldives Inc has delayed in sending the necessary documents to TAP. Still yet to send the required documents. Discussions underway on way forward. Maybe the grant will be cancelled.</p> <p>VESHI completed the energy audits.</p>	
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						<p>Remaining deliverable is to install the solar panels at local island hospital. Work underway.</p> <p>Chayaa Lagoon Hakuraa Huraa is yet to complete one deliverable, knowledge sharing component. Once shared, the payment would be processed.</p> <p>Adaptation to Coral Bleaching has commenced during this quarter by the grantee. The project is scheduled to end next quarter.</p>	
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		Monitor Small Grants	On Track	<p>Activity 2.2.3/2.3.3 Monitoring Visits for TAP supported Programmes -There monitoring trips conducted: N. Maalhendhoo Crab fattening project, Chaaya Lagoon Hakuraa Huraa Bio Gas project and coral propagation project in R. Fainu -2 Scoping missions held. One in Noonu Maafaru and another in Noonu Kudafari -Three TAP grantees took part in the waste management training held in AA. Ukulhas</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	<p>Monitoring visit was done to Gamu Development Society in L. Gan. The compost site was built and they were conducting a training with the help from the grantees from MARS. They are yet to complete the training of trainers and promotional material of the grant. The termination report needs to be submitted to approve the final payment for the grant.</p> <p>More monitoring trips have been scheduled for the next quarter.</p>	
<p>OUTPUT 2.4 South-South transfer of tourism adaptation case studies between Maldives</p>		To Organize the web conference in Q1 of 2016	Cancelled	<p>Activity 2.4.1 Regional Web Conference on Tourism Climate</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____	<p>This activity is no longer included in the revised AWP. It was</p>	

& other SIDS				Change Adaptation organized by TAP	Scheduled for Q1 of 2016 New Schedule: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	removed during the revision due to time and budget constraints.	
	Organize in Q2 of 2016	Cancelled		Activity 2.4.2 Exposure & Learning visit	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	This activity is no longer included in the revised AWP. It was removed during the revision due to time and budget constraints.	
	To participate and sponsor	Achieved.		Activity 2.4.4 Regional 3R Forum in Maldives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: New Schedule: <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	All payments complete	256 participants from 33 countries and 77 Non-government Organizations Representatives from all Atoll Councils Live coverage

							on TV
OUTPUT 3.2 & 3.3 Feasibility study on index-based insurance and risk pooling options to address risk transfer priorities of the govt and tourism industry and Feasibility study on micro-insurance for tourism-associated communities to buffer climate-related shocks from extreme events.	Transfer of climate risk financing solutions to public and private sector tourism institutions.	To make pending payments to the consultant	Achieved	Activity 3.2.2 Develop & implement activity on potential index-based insurance and risk pooling options and micro insurance for tourism operators associated communities (Pilot Projects)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: To get status of the payment from UNDP <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	Payment completed.	
		Procurement of equipment in Q4 of 2015 Development of MMS Act in Q4 of 2015	On track On track	Activity 3.2.3 Enhancing meteorological data collection through capacity development of Maldives Meteorological Services (MMS)	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: Following the government procurement process is taking time MMS Act development consultancy had to be re-strategized due to lack of local consultants with background in Meteorology or	Contracted the consultants. Work to commence during the next quarter. Procurement of equipment underway.	

					<i>related field</i> New Schedule: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other</i> changes _____		
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2. Financial Management

Financial Information Summary

Reporting Period: January 2016 to March 2016

Output	Activities	Source of Funding	Activity Budget (US)	Expenditure of the current reporting period (US)	Accumulated Expenditure by the current reporting period (US)
Output 1.2	1.2.2 CCA Investment Facilitation Info Booklets development	GEF/LDCF	934.00	933.87	
	1.2.3 Establish a Green Award for Maldives Tourism Industry incorporating CCA criteria	GEF/LDCF	9,426.00	1,326.00	
	1.2.4 Preparation of synthesis Report from TAP studies undertaken	GEF/LDCF	5,827.67	2,316.00	
	1.2.5 Facilitate development of Strategic Plan and standards for Marina Development incorporating CCA measures	GEF/LDCF	22,837.00	19,695.78	
	1.2.6 Study on local tourism and data collection for TSA development	GEF/LDCF	16,583.41	4,827.50	
	1.2.7 Strengthen institutional capacity of MoT towards environmental management	GEF/LDCF	19,000.00	18,880.82	
Output 1.4	1.4.1 Update and publish Environment Guidelines for tourist facility operators (incorporating TAP recommendations)	GEF/LDCF	20,453.33	--	
Output 1	Total of Output 1 for Quarter 1, 2016.			47,979.97	
Output 2.1	2.1.1 Create and implement a future sustainable strategy for the MTAP	GEF/LDCF	24,175.33	--	

	2.1.3 Facilitate national and international visibility of the project through the Internet and other media coverage's.	GEF/LDCF	12,996.59	2,890.08	
	2.1.6 CCA & Tourism Awareness program for educators	GEF/LDCF	375.33	375.33	
	2.1.7 Facilitation for the preparation to COP21 through marketing support and CCA success story communication material production	GEF/LDCF	22,000.00	11,000.00	
	2.1.8 Transport emissions audit of tourism sector	GEF/LDCF	20,000.00	4,135.33	
	2.1.10 Tourism Day 2015 participation	GEF/LDCF	57.23	74.54	
	2.1.11 MTAP platform publication through competition in social media (6 months)	GEF/LDCF	600.00	600.00	
	2.1.13 TAP Project Multimedia CD	GEF/LDCF	1,000.00		
Output 2.2, 2.3	2.2.2/2.3.2 Award grants	GEF/LDCF	130,641.86	27,666.20	
	2.2.2/2.3.2 Top-Ups	GEF/LDCF	151,950.00	109,926.21	
	2.2.3/ 2.3.3. Monitoring Visits for TAP supported Programmes	GEF/LDCF	18,880.51		
Output 2	Total of Output 2 for Quarter 1, 2016.			156,667.69	
Output 3.2	3.2.3 Enhancing meteorological data collection through capacity development of Maldives Meteorological Services (MMS)	GEF/LDCF	90,070.00	30,551.00	
Output 3	Total of Output 3 for Quarter 1, 2016.			30,551.00	
M&E	Project Terminal Evaluation	GEF/LDCF	20,000.00		

PMU	Meetings	GEF/LDCF	400.00	209.88	
	Salaries	GEF/LDCF	26,000.00	13,558.32	
	Delivery	GEF/LDCF	500.00		
	TAP Closing Event	GEF/LDCF	2,000.00		
Output 5	Total of Output 5 for Quarter 1, 2016.			13,768.20	
Total (of the Activities in this Financial Sheet)				248,966.86	

3. Project Management and Oversight

Both the Small Grants Officer and Project Assistant – Admin and Finance of TAP moved to another project at UNDP. Therefore at the end of the quarter the PMU is shorthanded. Recruitment of a Project Assistant and Small Grants Officer are ongoing.

Coming at this critical time of the project the changeover of staff is a blow to the PMU. It is hoped that the remaining staff will remain with the project until project closure. However since the project is ending it is natural for staff to explore opportunities for their future employment.

- **Monitoring and Evaluation**

The Small Grant Officer did monitoring trips to the grant sites. All staff took ownership of planned activities and no implementations were hindered due to internal issues. Other PMU staff and Ministry of Tourism official also took part in the monitoring trips.

Grants are being closely followed up on timely delivery.

A Grants Evaluation Committee meeting was held to discuss proposals from grants for Top Up funds.

A weekly meeting is being held with the Project Director to update on progress, discuss constraints and get technical feedback to planned activities.

The International Consultant to do the Final Evaluation of the Project was advertised and Desk Review has been completed. The consultant will come to Maldives in the next quarter.

- **Risk management**

Biggest risk is that the remaining PMU staff might decide to move on to other employment as the project is ending. The new short term staff who will be hired to replace outgoing staff will be offered competitive salaries in order to encourage them to stay till the end of the project.

Recruitment of Local and International consultants have faced delays. However almost all consultants for the scheduled activities have been completed.

Getting comments from the Technical Committee to drafts of technical documents developed by TAP has very low response. On top of that the key technical official who

gave the most input to TAP documents has left the Ministry. Mooza Zameer was the initial Project Director of TAP and was heavily involved in the formulation of the project as well. He also contributed to the project as Project Manager. Therefore we need more support from UNDP, UNDP HQ and the Project Director to provide technical review of TAP documents.

- **Communication and advocacy**

A video on a small grant was uploaded to Youtube and shared in the UNDP Maldives facebook channel.

The validation workshop of the TSA Study was covered by local media.

The launching of the Green Award at ITB provided international media coverage. All stakeholder and partner ministries and institutions are invited to all validation workshop.

4. Management Responses and Recommendations

Most of the activities in the AWP are ongoing and nearing completion. The most important factor is to ensure that the new PMU staff get oriented as soon as possible.

It is important to ensure that the Small Grants get wrapped up on schedule. Close monitoring will be very important for this.

5. Annex/s

Activity Report - Aydin Cartoon Launch

Activity Report - SNAP&WIN Contest

Activity Report - TSA Study Validation Presentation