

Period of Reporting	<input type="checkbox"/> Q 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Q2	<input type="checkbox"/> Q1+2+3 (RSC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Final
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Part 1. National Coordinating Body

1. Internal Agreement << IUCN or Cost-Sharing Agreement (UNDP)>> Details

Project/ Contract number	MFF Maldives
Contract duration	April- June
Total contract amount	US \$ 341,276.00
Name of Organization	UNDP Maldives

2. Progress on NCB Work plan

This section is to be reported against the annual work plan activities and deliverables as listed in the IA (or CSA)

a. Deliverables

Results Framework Output Objective Code	Scope of Work/Deliverable	Progress
	(a) Work Plan	<p>(a) No new activities were commenced in this period as CSA revision work was started and all the activities were put on halt as the funds had to be re-programmed from the old activities to cover office running costs</p> <p>(b) CSA revision work was initiated on this quarter. A decision was made not to inject new funds but to extend the CSA till December 2016. The funds untouched in the activities which had not commenced were to be re-programmed for this purpose.</p>

3. Key actions taken by the National Coordinating Body

What were the NCB decisions that support implementation of the NSAP and overall MFF programme implementation?

NCB meeting date	Key decision	Reference to Minutes of Meeting (please provide a link to the document as stored in the country DMS site)
6 th April 2016	<p>Discussion of the NGO Regulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The recent regulation imposed by Ministry of Home Affairs which affects any NGO receiving more than USD 10,000.00 is required to get approval from the NGO registrar - Different options were considered and discussed in NCB to facilitate and make this process easier for NCB <p>Discussion of the LECReD Cycle 2 Concepts for full proposal stage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The delays with evaluation of the proposals were discussed. It was decided that a total of 20 concepts would be selected and 4 of them would exclusively be women led grants as UN women would be funding them - Selection of the concepts was commenced and a total of four were selected during the period of the meeting. 	
7 th April 2016	<p>Discussion of the Proposed Guidelines for Special Studies by 12 Regional Steering Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was discussed in the meeting that it would be good to undertake a study on what makes a small 	

<p>11th April 2016</p>	<p>grant successful should MFF Maldives obtain the funding. The following points were also noted by NCB as feedback/comments for the paper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USD 5000.00 is much less for a study in Maldives. Reason being the cost of living and transportation cost is very high. - The idea and content proposed is good for such a study. <p>Discussion of the LECReD Cycle 2 Concepts, and Shortlisting Concepts for Full Proposal Stage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shortlisting of the concepts received for LECReD Cycle two continued. - Five more concepts were shortlisted after lengthy discussion in the meeting <p>Discussion of the LECReD Cycle 2 Concepts, and Shortlisting Concepts for Full Proposal Stage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The remaining concepts for LECReD Cycle 2 were shortlisted in this meeting. A total of 20 were shortlisted including the previous shortlisting. - It was decided that NC to reviews the shortlisted concepts based on recommendations and communicate a finalised list via e-mail 	
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<p>4th May 2016</p>	<p>Discussion of the LECReD Cycle Concepts, and Shortlisting Concepts for Full Proposal Stage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LECReD colleagues has requested changes to the shortlisted concepts to allow geographical spread. - NCB deliberated and decided on allowing 2 more concepts - A total of 22 concepts were shortlisted. NC was requested to see if they fot the criteria set out in the meeting and to liaise with NCB via e-mail and finalise the list. 	
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4. Priority programmes/activities identified for the next quarter

- *CSA Extension*
- *Revision of the Annual Worplan*
- *Scoping for Private sector engagement*
- *Contribute to the national forum for scientific research in Maldives*
- *Commence work on the MFF sustainability strategy*
- *PCM Workshop*
- *Award Small Grants*

5. Challenges and constraints in implementing MFF National Programme and actions taken to overcome them.

- *Significant amount of time had to be spent on preparing several versions of the budget for CSA extension purposes. The reports generated through UNDP systems were unreliable due to technical glitches and erroneous figures.*
- *Reconciling previously approved financial reports*
- *Considerable time was needed for LECReD Small Grants given the recent recruits who need to be trained on small grants procedures*

6. Financial reports – please submit the following:

- a. Statement of expenses for the reporting period against the budget (NCB and SGF budgets).
- b. A narrative on any significant departures from the budget vs expenditures; Any deviation greater than 10% requires explanation.
- c. Cash co-financing received (amount, duration, funder, how obtained).
- d. In-kind contributions to MFF during the reporting period.

Part 2. Grant Facilities

1. Small Grant Facility (SGF)

a. SGF Internal Agreement (IUCN)/Cost-Sharing Agreement (UNDP) Details

Project/Contract number	MFF Maldives
Contract duration	November 2014 – June 2016
Total contract amount	US \$ 341,276.00
Name of Organization	UNDP Maldives

b. Progress on Grant Implementation

i. SGF Selection Process. Nil

Progress with implementation.

There are two ongoing Small Grant Projects under MFF. Progress of individual grants are as follows

1. **RED Production:** Promoting locally effective solutions to waste management in G.Dh. Faresmaathoda and G.Dh. Vaadhoo in order to reduce environmental impacts”
 - All planned activities under the project at G. Dh. Faresmaathoda have been completed.
 - Waste management centre at G. Dh Faresmathoda up and running, exemplarily.
 - The final monitoring trip has been scheduled for July 2016.
 - Decision on Vaadhoo activities to be made based on the findings of the upcoming monitoring trip, scheduled for July 2016.
2. **Maldives Authentic Crafts Corporate Society (MACCs):** Strengthening market links for sustainable Hau cultivation and conservation of the marshland in G.Dh. Fiyori.
 - Limited progress since the last reporting period.
 - The training date was delayed due to the unavailability of community and local council members.
 - Grantee having difficulties in organising scoping for market links with private parties.
 - Talks on incorporating scoping mission into the upcoming monitoring trip.
 - Monitoring trip scheduled for July 2016.

ii. **Update per project.** Please supply a table for each on-going SGF project. Also update [Annex 1](#).

Title of SGF: Strengthening market links for sustainable Hau cultivation and conservation of the marshland in G.Dh. Fiyori.			
Grantee: Maldives Authentic Crafts Corporate Society			
Results Framework Output Objective Code	Baseline	Indicators as per SGF Log frame	Progress update (as per OVI and MOV in SGF log frame)
	<p>No previous basic business skills training has been conducted for the Fiyori community.</p> <p>Middlemen do not exist in reed business in the community yet.</p> <p>No previous study tour has been conducted in Fiyori community</p> <p>Middlemen using ferry system between two islands to transport reeds.</p> <p>Previous business contact with resorts not established.</p> <p>No previous advanced mat weaving training has been conducted in the island community.</p> <p>There is no previous documentation of weaving patterns</p>	<p>Number of trained reed farmers selling reed</p> <p>Number of trained community members acting as middlemen to supply reed to the mat weavers.</p> <p>Number of partnerships established between weavers and resorts</p> <p>Number of participants trained with advanced mat weaving skills</p> <p>Number of mat weaving patterns documented</p>	<p>The business training workshop for matt weavers has been delayed due to the unavailability of the local council, community and participants due to various reasons. Furthure delays were experienced due to the month of Ramadan, which fell during the June – July period.</p> <p>Market link scoping mission is scheduled with the upcoming monitoring trip to G. Dh. Fiyori. Grantee to try during this period to secure the links prior to the trip.</p> <p>Advanced matt weaving training for women conducted.</p> <p>Matt weaving patterns documentation has been outsourced.</p>

Title of SGF: Promoting locally effective solutions to waste management in G.Dh. Faresmaathoda and G.Dh. Vaadhoo in order to reduce environmental impacts”			
Grantee: Red Production			
Results Framework Output Objective Code	Baseline	Indicators as per SGF Log frame	Progress update (as per OVI and MOV in SGF log frame)
	<p>In both islands the current practice is dumping waste to different areas of the island. Due to lack of awareness and facilities.</p> <p>In Faresmaathoda there is a waste management centre but the structure and awareness is lacking.</p> <p>In Vaadhoo there are no facilities and lack of awareness.</p>	<p>Amount of waste collected and the percentage of household participating</p> <p>Recycling of non-organic waste and production of fertilizers from organic waste</p> <p>Existing WMC renovated and functioning</p> <p>Best practices on waste management informed to the council and the community</p> <p>From the transformational change that these two communities of G.Dh. Faresmaathoda and G.Dh. Vaadhoo, undergo during the process, consultations, clean-up will be video documented to be shared with other communities to bring about the change, and also to document the change from what it was to what it could look like in the future.</p>	<p>All planned activities under the project at G. Dh. Faresmaathoda have been completed.</p> <p>Waste management centre at G. Dh Faresmathoda up and running, exemplarily.</p> <p>The activities at Vaadhoo to be based on the findings of the upcoming monitoring trip, scheduled for July 2016.</p>

2. Medium Grant Facility (MGF)

a. MGF Agreement Details

Project/Contract number	Development of hydroponics as an alternative source of income to the fisher families in Ukulhas
Contract duration	24 months
Total contract amount	USD 26,000.00

b. Progress on Grant Implementation

- i. **MGF Selection Process.** A short narrative on MGF project selection process during the reporting period (if none, state "N/A"). N/A
- ii. **Progress with implementation.** Referring to MFF Phase 3 Results Framework, please provide a summary of MGF Project(s) as to how as a group of projects or individually, they meet the indicators under each Output Objective.
- iii. **Update per project.** Please supply a table for each MGF project, or "N/A" if no project. Also update [Annex 1](#).

Title of MGF: Development of hydroponics as an alternative source of income to the fisher families in Ukulhas			
Grantee: AA. Ukulhas Women's development committee			
Results Framework Output Objective Code	Baseline	Indicators as per MGF Log frame	Progress update (as per OVI and MOV in MGF log frame)
	Baseline survey of fisher families who will be involved in hydroponics	An analysis of current employment activities and income level a	Surveys completed
	Technical capacity development and trainings	Participant knowledge on hydroponics farming	First workshop held on 19th April 2016. Awaiting supporting documents
	Establishment of Greenhouse and hydroponic system (with fertigation technology)	Greenhouse and hydroponic system with fertigation technology is functioning	Greenhouses established
	Obtain seedlings, establish nursery and planting	A Functioning nurseries with stock of seedlings and plants	Q4 Procurement of Nursery of equipment delayed due to payment delays

			<p>Q4 Delays with arrival of arrival of equipment</p> <p>Trainings on hydroponics and planting have been completed. The produce was sold to the local community.</p> <p>Data gathering of the project underway.</p>
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3. Regional Grant Facility (RGF)

- a. Progress on national component of RGF project implementation.** *Referring to MFF Phase 3 Results Framework, please provide a summary of RGF Project(s) as to how they meet the indicators under each Output Objective.*
- b. Project Update.** *Provide an update of RGF project implementation using the table below.*

Title of RGF:
Name of implementing organization:
Location of project site:
List of national agencies or partners involved:

Results Framework Output Objective Code	Baseline	Indicators as per RGF Log frame	Progress update (as per OVI and MOV in RGF log frame)

Part 3. Results towards Outcomes

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Outcomes, progress towards Outcomes, or Impacts), in terms of the MFF programme objectives:

- **In answering each section (a-c), focus on the IMPACTS of the activities both from grants (small, medium, large, regional) and NCB-led activities.**
 - **Please refer to the guide questions in [Annex 2](#) for ideas on the kinds of information each section is seeking.**
 - **Also describe how the four cross-cutting themes (climate change, gender equality, conflict sensitivity, property rights and resource tenure) and priority areas (private sector) were addressed.**
- a. **Outcome Objective 1: Knowledge generated, disseminated and applied for sustainable management of coastal ecosystems**
- The waste management project at G. Dh Faresmathoda is demonstrating several successful lessons for local communities who are tackling the huge impending issue of waste management. Additionally, the project is also demonstrating and documenting several gaps in the best strategies practiced for waste management.
 - The Hau cultivation project at G. Dh Fiyolari, is disseminating the knowledge on successful management and revival of wetlands in the island, by promoting a long lost form of livelihood activity.
- b. **Outcome Objective 2: Key stakeholders empowered to engage in decision-making in support of sustainable management of coastal ecosystems**
- The project in Faresmathoda has led to a revision of the nationally approved technical drawings of the waste management centres.
 - The small grant project implemented by Red Production has successfully engaged the local councils and communities in coming up with sustainable waste management practices
 - The Small grant project in G.Dh. Fiyori has successfully engaged local women to revive an otherwise neglected wetland ecosystem. Through the grant the ecosystem is being used to cultivate matt hedge used for weaving: a livelihood activity of local women. The livelihood activity is also leading to better appreciation of the natural environment by the local communities.
- c. **Outcome Objective 3: Coastal governance enhanced to promote integrated and inclusive management**
- The project in Faresmathoda has established a successful governance mechanism for waste management which has been well received by the local council of the island.
 - The project site has become a centre where other local councils are coming for learning and exposure visits.
 - The medium grant project in AA. Ukulhas has strengthened the relationship between the women's development committee and the local council of the island.

Annex 1 – Project Catalogue

List of SGF, MGF and RGF Projects (include in the list as soon as project is contracted). The icon below is an embedded Excel Sheet. Please update the tab for your country and also for MGF and RGF if relevant.



Catalogue of MFF
Grant Facility Projects

Annex 2 – Guide Questions

Outcome Objective 1

Guide question:

What were the major accomplishments contributing to generating knowledge for coastal management, and to raising awareness on sustainable coastal management?

- Please describe activities that created new information (e.g. studies conducted, coastal habitats restored; technology for ecosystem management, sustainable livelihood activity, climate change adaptation and/or mitigation initiative, links made with technical experts or institutions); developed information products (e.g. publications; video); and built capacity (e.g. organizational/individual capacity development initiatives conducted; cross-country learning visits, knowledge-sharing events).
- Please describe the outcome of communication activities that led to an increased awareness on sustainable coastal management. Please provide a “before and after” account (what was the level before, and what was the change in awareness?)

Guide question:

What were the major accomplishments contributing to disseminating knowledge for coastal management?

- What activities and information products were used for advocacy and policy influence on sustainable coastal management?
- How was knowledge disseminated? E.g. what forms of media were used?
- Were there any learning events held to share and exchange knowledge to stakeholders, such as in community meetings, workshops, academic courses? What were the impacts?

Guide question:

What were the main accomplishments contributing to applying knowledge for coastal management?

- What best practice was applied or created for coastal management? E.g. new way of rehabilitating ecosystems; new technology for livelihood activity.
- What quantitative changes were seen in using best practices, e.g. progress/increase from baselines, amount of new areas restored and remaining in good health, number of people trained, etc.)
- What behaviours or mindsets were changed as a result of new knowledge from projects?
- Include any concrete stories of how the learning that came out of a project influenced other communities or other sectors – government, private sector, etc.... and/or was replicated elsewhere.

Outcome Objective 2

Guide question:

What were the main accomplishments to include different stakeholders in decision making?

- *Please provide examples where both state and non-state actors, including private sector, contributed to decision-making, and where men and women had equal access and opportunity to participate in decision-making processes.*

Guide question:

What were the main accomplishments contributing to an improvement in livelihoods and social economic status?

- *Please give quantitative accounts (e.g., % increase in livelihood income among targeted coastal resource dependent households, which benefit both men and women, particularly female-headed households)*
- *What activities demonstrated the strengthening of social and environmental capacity leading to more resilient systems?*

Guide question:

What were the main accomplishments contributing to gender equality?

- *How have MFF projects balanced men and women's access to resources, services, funds, and benefits, as well as opportunities for decision making? Please provide some examples from projects.*
- *Which projects or activities demonstrated leadership by women (as project development or implementing leaders)? Please specify the projects, and identify the roles of women.*

Outcome Objective 3

Guide question:

Provide examples that allowed state and non-state actors equal access and opportunity to participate in decision-making processes.

- *What results are being used to influence local or national policy for coastal management? Describe programme/project interventions that work towards influencing local or national policy or regulations for improved management of coastal resources.*
- *How were any cross-cutting themes addressed by improved governance arrangements?*

Guide question:

Describe any best-practices adopted or created, leading to improved and more inclusive governance.

Guide question:

What were the main accomplishments contributing to private sector engagement?

- *How many members (or what percentage) of the NCB represent private sector interests? Do any of these members represent a broader private sector constituency than their own companies?*
- *How was the private sector engaged in coastal resource management at the local or national level?*
- *What were the results and impacts that have emerged from private sector engagements?*

Guide question:

How did MFF contribute to relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Ramsar Convention, UNFCCC, the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and the World Heritage Convention (WHC)? Also list any contribution to attaining Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and MFF activities implemented in proximity to a Ramsar site and contribution to its wise use.