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Meeting Minutes of National Coordinating Body

Date	29 August 2016, Monday
Time & Place	(Main Meeting Room, UNDP, Aage 5 th Floor, Malé)
Attendees (7 members)	Ibrahim Naeem, Moosa Zameer Hassan, Hussain Sinan, Ahmed Shifaz, Mizna Mohamed, Ahmed Shaig, Ahmed Jameel, Ali Rilwan, Abdullah Adam (MFF), Shaha Shakeeb (GEF SGP and MFF)
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1. Update on ongoing grants and debrief on MLE and PCM

- A brief presentation about the Monitoring Learning and Evaluation Trip to G. Dh. Faresmathoda, G. Dh. Vaadhoo and G. Dh. Fiyori, were given by Adam.
- **Red Production: G. Dh Faresmathoda:**
 - i. In Faresmathoda, the targets set by the project were met. The waste management centre was up and running, and the governance aspect of the project was implemented.
 - ii. Some of the issues noted were, there are still open burning trays used at the centre.
 - iii. The machines at the centre are not operations, since its too expensive to operate.
 - iv. Hence the NGO has suggested an alternate to operate the machineries.
- **Red Production: G. Dh Vaadhoo:**
 - i. Much has not been implemented in Vaadhoo.
 - ii. The component in Vaadhoo was to be undertaken with the island council.
 - iii. Training and awareness sessions on composting and waste segregation was done.
 - iv. Composting bed of the centre and minimal infrastructure was completed.
 - v. However due to political issues, the project site is on hold. The government has planned to build a waste management centre; hence the council is waiting for this centre to come in to place.
 - vi. Naeem mentioned that it is advisable for the council to wait for the government funding for this, reason being the government has also budgeted to purchase a pickup with the remaining funds after setting up the centre. He also mentioned that the soft components such as training and composting was done well, since he himself has travelled to Vaadhoo.
- **MACCS: G. Dh Fiyori:**
 - i. This was an up gradation of GEF SGP Grants. The MFF component mostly relates to establishment of market links and providing business training to the mat weavers.
 - ii. The grantee has conducted advance mat weaving training for 10 mat weavers. There are 2 people practicing, however 1 person is now migrating to Fuvahmulah.
 - iii. The pattern documents have already been shared with the publisher.
 - iv. As of now, the pending activities are establishment of market links and conducting the business training.
 - v. Reason why this has been delayed is, the council could not give time to the grantee.



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- vi. Moreover, the NGO also met with a nearby resort Outtrigger, Konnota, who were very interested to begin work with the NGO. They requested the NGO to share a catalogue of their products.
- vii. AJ highlighted the importance of signing a MoA between the NGO and Outtrigger. Zameer suggested to MFF to meet with the grantee, Ainthu to discuss further on this point.
- viii. The NCB discussed that the grantee could go ahead without the involvement of the council, and decided MACCS to go ahead and continue the work if the council is busy.
- ix. MACCS – up gradation of GEF grants. More to establish market links and business training in advance mat weaving 10 trainers done. 2 people practicing and 1 migrating to fuvahmulah. Patterns documents and already given to publisher to publish.
- x. Some of the issues with the project are, still there isn't much interest in Fiyori with regards to cultivation of reed or mat weaving.
- xi. Moreover, there are community complaints about the council's decision to dig the marshlands, which has lead to a free flow of salt water to these marshlands.

- **Project Cycle Management Workshop**

- i. The PCM was lead by Raquib, from MFF Secretariat.
- ii. The concepts and ideas received this time, were very weak.
- iii. Zameer also mentioned that the ideas were more or less the same, and lacked innovation and creativity, since he also attended the PCM. Moreover, the participation and contribution was very weak this time.
- iv. This time out of 7 concepts, only 2 proponents sent the full proposal. Many others have requested for a time extension. For this NC consulted with MFF Secretariat, who asked to obtain the NCB decision on this issue.
- v. It was discussed in length among the members and it was decided not to give an extension to the proponents who did not submit the full proposals.
- vi. Moreover, NCB decided to evaluate the 2 proposals and simultaneously do another call.
- vii. Zameer stressed the importance of doing an outreach programme to build capacity since the NGO's in this area is very weak. And NCB involvement in this as much as possible.

2. Decision on the changes requested by Red Production and MACCS on their work plans.

- MACCS
- Proposed to change the 3 visits, to allocate the funds to establish the market links with Outtrigger.
- NCB approved this amendment to the proposal.
- Red Production
- Proposed to allocate the remaining funds of the Vaadhoo component to purchase 3 phase cables for the machines at the Faresmathoda Waste Management Centre.
- This was approved by the NCB.

3. Discussion about the RC Meeting, to be held in Bangkok. Decide and finalize which NCB Member would participate in this meeting.

- Naeem and Rilwan to attend the meeting, from NCB.



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- Adam to join from MFF.

4. Replacement for Mizna Mohamed, since she is leaving MNU and Shumais.

- Shaig also informed his resignation from the NCB Board, since he is very busy with other commitments.
- Decided that Shaig will propose another person from CDE, when he hands in his final resignation.
- Discussed to see options if Mizu can remain a member of NCB, as a member of VESHI, NGO

5. Discussion about the submission of the concept (USD 5,000) requested by MFF Secretariat.

- Adam to work on a concept for special studies, in collaboration with NCB and share with NCB.
- Was discussed to prepare a concept for private sector first and then share with NCB.

6. Discussion of the LECReD Cycle 2, Timeline and Proposal Submission for Evaluation.

- Evaluations from NCB Members due on 31 August 2016.
- Till date, Naeem and AJ sent the evaluations.
- Mizu sent one evaluation.