

Local Development Planning in Laamu Atoll (Maldives): Low Emission and Climate Resilient Development (LECReD)

Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (US\$)	Proportion carried out by candidate (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
Sustainable Seas Ltd	Maldives	77,750	100%	1	UNDP Maldives	GEF	October 2015-October 2016	N/A

Detailed description of project	Type of services provided
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The Republic of Maldives is highly vulnerable to climate change due to its low-lying geography that makes it susceptible to flooding and inundation, and its dependence on economic activities that are sensitive to climate change, such as fishing and tourism. It is also highly dependent on imported fossil fuels for its energy supply and this represents a major source of greenhouse gas emissions for the country. Consequently, the Maldives has made significant commitments to the pursuit of a low emission climate resilient development agenda. However, ongoing decentralization reforms, fiscal crisis and low capacity at the sub-national level, mean that local planning is not reflective of national level commitments.

The three year, US\$9.2 million UN Joint Programme, "LECReD", responds to the United Nations Development Assistance Framework Outcome 9: "Enhanced capacities at national and local levels to support low carbon life-styles, climate change adaptation, and disaster risk reduction" and builds on the comparative strengths of United Nations Organizations including UNDP, UNICEF, UNOPS, UNFPA, UN WOMEN, WHO and FAO. The programme is innovative and represents a pioneering initiative of bringing together the wealth of diverse development-oriented expertise from these United Nations Organizations with equally diverse national and local partners to address this multi-faceted development challenge.

The programme is assisting the Laamu Atoll and its islands to realize Low Emission and Climate Resilient Development (LECReD). The programme seeks to mainstream LECReD issues into local level development planning and service delivery for greater community-level ownership and sustainability of programme benefits.

1. Development of guidelines, tools, methodologies, and systems for local LECReD planning and management.
2. Strengthen the capacity for integrated local development planning and management for LECReD.
3. Support LGA and local councils in the preparation of Local Development Plans. Facilitate capacity self-assessment and prepare a Capacity Development Action Plan (CDAP).
4. Support councils in preparing Policy and Investment Plans, identifying and preparation of back-able project ideas to foster LECReD.
5. Develop an options and recommendations paper on institutional development pathways to support continuation and up-scaling of the LECReDs decentralized approach in Maldives, based on the institutional, capacity and financial barriers encountered in the process of implementing Tasks 1-4.
6. Provide strategic guidance and support to the Local Planning Officers and the participatory planning processes. At the following island clusters:
 - Cluster 1: Isdhoo, Kalaidhoo, Dhanbidhoo and Maabaidhoo
 - Cluster 2: Mundoo and Gan
 - Cluster 3: Fonadhoo, Gadhoo and Maamendhoo
 - Cluster 4: Kunahandhoo, Hithadhoo and Maavah