

Funding Agencies

1. UNDP Maldives

UNDP has been a trusted development partner of the Maldives for more than 40 years, helping to achieve the eradication of poverty, reduction of inequalities and exclusion along with providing assistance in areas such democratic transition, environment protection, climate change mitigation and adaptation.

2. UNICEF Maldives

UNICEF's focus in the Maldives is on strengthening the national and local systems that effect children, working with governments, civil society organizations, and youth themselves to create impact. In addition, UNICEF amplifies children's voices by engaging in policy and advocacy work, ensuring children and adolescents are constantly at the forefront of conversation.

UNICEF has also responded to floods, storms and the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunamis, boosted knowledge and awareness through communications campaigns, and empowered young Maldivians through our volunteer program and other youth-focused initiatives. Strengthening systems and informing dialogue on topics that concern children, including health, nutrition, education, child protection, climate change, and social inclusion, among others is also an avenue of UNICEF's works.

3. USAID

The United States partners with Maldives to strengthen its ability to adapt to climate change, implement economic and democratic reforms, and build a robust civil society. USAID programs focus on strengthening democratic governance, advancing public financial management, and protecting Maldives' delicate marine ecosystem.

4. IRI Maldives

IRI supports the development of democratic governance in the Maldives. At the national level, IRI is implementing a rapid response program to provide immediate technical support to President Solih's executive team during its critical first year in office. The program seeks to improve executive branch engagement with civil society and includes anti-corruption training and capacity building in areas such as executive management and communications for senior staff in the President's Office. At the subnational level, IRI is supporting local officials from across the country through training and capacity building in best governance practices.

5. American Center

The American Center provides employment and leadership skills for youth, promote English language learning, and fosters goodwill and mutual understanding.

6. Transparency Maldives

Transparency Maldives is a non-partisan organization that promotes collaboration, awareness and other initiatives to improve governance and eliminate corruption from the daily lives of people.

Fighting corruption, increasing transparency and accountability, and improving governance are national issues that Transparency Maldives tries to address.

7. Green Climate Fund (GCF)

The Government of the Republic of Maldives has an agreement with the Green Climate Fund (GCF) granting the Fund privileges and immunities in line with those of other international organizations and those applied in the United Nations system.

GCF represents the largest international source of finance for climate change mitigation and adaptation projects and allows for a large degree of country ownership in identifying, proposing and implementing such projects.

8. BML (Aharenge Bank Community Fund)

“Aharenge Bank” Community Fund is an initiative of BML to empower individuals to contribute to their communities through sustainable projects. An initiative by Bank of Maldives (BML) to support 20 community-based projects in the thematic areas of education, environment, sports and community development. Winning projects to be granted MVR 50,000 each.

Open for individuals, local Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), women’s development groups, tech community movements and youth empowerment groups. Government and Business entities are not eligible.

9. Global Environment Facility (GEF)

The Small Grants Programme (SGP) is a corporate programme of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) since 1992. SGP grant making in over 125 countries promotes community-based innovation, capacity development, and empowerment through sustainable development projects of local civil society organizations with special consideration for indigenous peoples, women, and youth. SGP has supported over 20,000 community-based projects in biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation and adaptation, prevention of land degradation, protection of international waters, and reduction of the impact of chemicals, while generating sustainable livelihoods.

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) Small Grants Programme (SGP) in the Maldives was launched in 2010, and to date GEF SGP has funded 77 community based projects in 32 different islands across the Maldives. These projects target diverse objectives including;

- Conservation of endangered species such as marine turtles and sea birds, and restoration and protection of sensitive habitats such as mangroves, beaches and coral reefs.
- Establishment of proper waste management in an effort to prevent pollution and degradation of these sensitive habitats
- Switching from chemical intensive agriculture to organic and more sustainable methods
- Piloting of renewable energy options and,
- Promoting education, awareness raising and capacity building of civil society organizations and communities in the GEF focal areas.

The SGP supports small scale projects that conserve and restore the environment, while enhancing people's well-being and livelihoods, taking into consideration gender, vulnerability and equality concerns.

10. SME DEVELOPMENT FINANCE COOPERATION (SDFC)

SDFC was established as a specialized financial institution providing financial products and ancillary services to MSMEs and entrepreneurial start-ups with the primary purpose of easing access to finance for MSMEs.

SDFC encourages and supports local micro, small and medium sized enterprises and entrepreneurial start-ups to contribute to the local communities. For the inclusive economic growth for the well-being of the entire population priority is given to applications from women, youth and people with special needs to ensure that we create opportunities for all.

Their key focus is to develop loan products and enable growth of businesses in the following sectors;

- Tourism (Local Tourism)
- Agriculture
- Manufacturing
- Information and Communication Technology
- Fisheries