



Maldives: South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation National Single Window Project

Project Name	South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation National Single Window Project												
Project Number	51330-001												
Country	Maldives												
Project Status	Proposed												
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant Loan Technical Assistance												
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration												
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Partnerships Private sector development												
Sector / Subsector	Industry and trade - Trade and services												
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements												
Description	The proposed project will establish a National Single Window (NSW) in Maldives. The NSW will provide an efficient environment for streamlined international trade procedures between private sector stakeholders and border control agencies. The NSW will leverage information and communication technology to provide online access to carry out border control procedures. This will enable traders and other service providers to exchange electronic forms and documents, thereby eliminating the need for physical displacement. In addition, automated processing across stakeholder systems will be enabled by the exchange of harmonized data. The NSW environment will thus provide for a much more efficient set of standardized and transparent international trade procedures, enhanced border control, and more readily available data on trade flows.												
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The proposed NSW system is designed to interface with existing stakeholder systems and will address the key bottlenecks to international trade procedures at both the Male seaport and airport. It will support coordinated border management as the NSW system integrates the control requirements of government agencies from the initial application for permits through the processes of coordinated inspection and integrated release. The implementation will be phased to align with the changes in procedures and systems from the border control agencies. These will result in the reduction in time and cost of international trade. The reduction in time and cost to import will allow the public to avail cheaper food, fuel, and capital goods through the reduction of transaction cost maximum by 25%. This will result in reduced living costs for households. Enterprises will benefit from lower input and transaction costs for exports, which will enhance the competitiveness of their products.												
Impact	(i) Top 40 ranking on the World Bank Ease of Doing Business Index achieved by 2025 (Maldives Economic Diversification Strategy) (ii) Faster, cheaper and more predictable cross-border trade in the SASEC subregion achieved (SASEC Operational Plan 2016-2025)												
Outcome	Efficiency in cargo clearance improved.												
Outputs	1) National Single Window system for international trade and reengineered trade processes established. 2) Capacity to operate, utilize, maintain and enhance the NSW developed.												
Geographical Location	Nation-wide												

Safeguard Categories	
Environment	C
Involuntary Resettlement	C
Indigenous Peoples	C

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects
Involuntary Resettlement
Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design
During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	No consulting services required for this project.
Procurement	Procurement arrangement and project management will be closely monitored and supported by the relevant departments and resident missions of ADB in neighboring countries. Procurement will follow ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time).

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	19 Dec 2017
Fact Finding	12 Aug 2018 to 16 Aug 2018
MRM	11 Dec 2018
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	27 Sep 2018

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