



Maldives: Strengthening Gender Inclusive Initiatives

Project Name	Strengthening Gender Inclusive Initiatives	
Project Number	54373-001	
Country	Maldives	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant	
Source of Funding / Amount	Grant: Strengthening Gender Inclusive Initiatives Project concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund	US\$ 6.75 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions	
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management - Social protection initiatives Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Other urban services	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Gender equity	
Description	The project will support the Government of Maldives to strengthen gender-responsive processes, practices, and services (particularly for children, elderly, and victims-survivors of GBV) at central and decentralized levels. It is aligned with the following impact: gender-based violence minimized and gender barriers preventing equal rights, participation, and benefits for women in social and economic spheres eliminated. The outcome of the project is improved quality support services for women and vulnerable groups, particularly abused women, children, and the elderly.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The project will strengthen the Government of Maldives' capacity to pursue evidence-based gender equality policies and programs and support vulnerable women in collaboration with civil society organizations. It will heighten the impact of gender-responsive processes, practices, and service provisions at central and decentralized levels. The project supports the government Sustainable Development Goal 5 transformative agenda as laid out in the National Gender Equality Act of 2016 and its Strategic Action Plan 2019 -2023.	
Impact	Gender-based violence minimized and gender-related barriers preventing equal rights, participation, and benefits for women in social and economic spheres eliminated.	
Outcome	Increased access to sustainable support services for elderly, children and survivors of GBV.	
Outputs	Systematic collection, management and reporting of data disaggregated by sex, age, and disability developed. GRB framework integrated into government planning and budgeting processes developed. Capacity of public social sector to deliver and maintain services for elderly, children and GBV survivors strengthened. A network of service providers for survivors of GBV in Mal and three outer atolls established. Climate-resilient shelters for child- and elderly care and GBV survivors established in project areas.	
Geographical Location	Male	
Safeguard Categories		
Environment		B
Involuntary Resettlement		B
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	Procurement of civil works and goods will be undertaken in conformity with the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and the Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time).	
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Timetable	
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Fact Finding	22 Mar 2021 to 31 Mar 2021
MRM	14 May 2021
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
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