

PROJECT PROFILES

Housing, Transport, Youth & Decentralization

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Title: Development of 1300 housing units and related social infrastructure in Male' and Villingilli	
Executing Agency: Ministry of Housing, Transport and Environment	
Geographic Coverage: Male' and Villingilli	Start Date: 2009
Goal: Address the housing need in Male'.	
Objectives <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Facilitate better living conditions for households that are living in small land areas due to sub-division of small plots.2. Create a better living environment in Male' by developing these units using neighbourhood concept with major social infrastructure like mosques, parks and green areas, pre-schools etc. at walking distance.3. Create more open spaces in the congested Male'.	Activities <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Construction and delivery of 1300 housing units.2. Construction of related infrastructure such as primary schools, pre-schools, mosques, community centers, parks etc.
Estimated Costing: USD 65,000,000 (Excluding luxury villas)	

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Title: Development of seven thousand housing units and related social infrastructure in the seven provinces.	
Executing Agency: Ministry of Housing, Transport and Environment	
Geographic Coverage: Seven Provinces excluding Male', Villingilli and Hulhumale'	Start Date: 2009
Background: Over a third of the country's population resides in Male' making it one of the most overcrowded cities in the world. The provision of adequate and affordable housing across the country is a key pledge of the new administration. In this regard, the government is seeking private sector participation in building 10,000 new housing units across the Maldives. By the provision of 7000 housing units and related social infrastructure in the seven provinces, the Government aims to ease the congestion in Male'	
Objectives 1. Provide affordable housing in the seven provinces to cater for the housing need in seven provinces. 2. Develop housing units using neighbourhood concept with major social infrastructure like mosques, parks and green areas, pre-schools etc. at walking distance.	Activities: 1. Construction and delivery of 1000 housing units in each province. 2. Construction of related social infrastructure such as primary schools, pre-schools, mosques, community centers, parks etc. 3. Construction of 10 luxury villas for every 100 housing units to be sold in the local and/or international market on a leasehold basis up to 50 years.
Estimated Costing: USD 350,000,000 (Excluding luxury villas)	

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Title: Development of 1700 housing units and related social infrastructure in Hulhumale'	
Executing Agency: Ministry of Housing, Transport and Environment	
Geographic Coverage: Hulhumale'	Start Date: 2009
Goal: Address the housing need in Male' and reduce the congestion in Male'.	
Objectives 1. Provide affordable housing in Hulhumale' for residents of Male' who do not have their own housing	Activities 1. Construction and delivery of 1700 housing units. 2. Construction of related infrastructure such as primary schools, pre-schools, mosques, community centers, parks etc. 3. Construction of 10 luxury villas for every 100 housing units to be sold in the local and/or international market on a leasehold basis up to 50 years
Estimated Costing: USD 85,000,000 (Excluding luxury villas)	

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Title: Sustainable, integrated public transportation network for the Maldives	
Executing Agency: Ministry of Housing, Transport and Environment	
Implementing Agency: Province Offices at 7 provinces	
Geographic Coverage: National	Start Date: Immediate
Goal: Develop a maritime and land based public transportation network to increase accessibility and mobility of people and goods by incorporating existing private public transportation services into the network to ensure benefits of transportation are equally distributed with focus on lower income residents, while benefiting higher income residents and assisting economic regeneration aimed at increasing income and employment in the atolls.	
Objectives:	Activities:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Increase accessibility and mobility of people and goods within the country while improving efficiency of the current, expensive, ad-hoc, system by making traveling more scheduled.</i> 2. <i>Economic regeneration of the atoll and province with revitalization of urban setting and land-use while allowing equal distribution of wealth within the atoll or province also providing ways of traveling for lower income residents while enhancing level of higher income category residents; hence sustain economic growth.</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide atoll ferries in each atoll to connect all the islands within each atoll. 2. Provide Province ferries to connect provincial hubs between atolls of the Province. 3. Provide national ferries to connect 7 provinces of the Maldives. 4. Develop access jetties/harbours and terminal at each island <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage people to move from islands to islands by giving incentives to travel and explore islands within the atoll or within the province. 2. Provide business opportunities for people especially small and medium enterprises from one island to start business in other islands with higher scope of development.

<p>3. <i>Make more sustainable by addressing the future needs and incorporating renewable energy concepts and state-of-the art technologies.</i></p> <p>4. <i>Make more cost effective by allowing service providers to build operate profitable businesses at transportation nodes.</i></p>	<p>3. Already established businesses or services in one island will be extended to nearby islands giving opportunities for more jobs and for specialization.</p> <p>1. As far as possible state of the art technologies will be used in the development of ferries and terminals.</p> <p>2. In selecting the type of energy to be used in the ferries incentives will be given for service providers who use renewable energy in the ferries and terminals.</p> <p>1. Fare of ferries will be kept at a level reachable by lower income residents.</p> <p>2. Combined real estate within each Province with number of terminals with opportunities to develop, businesses such as shops, guest house, motel, storage have been estimated to generate sufficient income to cross subsidize low fare.</p>
<p>Financial Resource:</p> <p>1. Total estimated cost of about US\$350 million (with approximately US\$50 million for each of the 7 provinces when all the phase of the project gets completed)</p> <p>2. Estimated cost of phase-I is about US\$25 million for each of 7 provinces for the development of ferries and basic access system required to start the project.</p>	

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Title: Youth Centre Development	
Implementing Agency: Ministry of Human Resources, Youth and Sports	
Geographic Coverage: Atolls	Target Groups: Youth
<p>Description:</p> <p>Under the Youth Development Activities establishment of youth centres in the atolls is one of the main mechanisms that cater for the youth. The Youth Centre provides various programmes such as awareness, skill training and recreational and entertainment, fitness activities and special events on specific occasions for the youth of the island community. Hence, provision of youth facilities and services to such a geographically disperse community is a great challenge in terms of all means of resources. Provision of facilities to youth is a need for all islands though where a youth centre is not established. These facilities are provided through youth NGO's. As such the following centres in the atolls are already constructed and to be equipped:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. B. Eydhafushi 2. F. Nilandhoo 3. Th. Thimarafushi 4. S. Hithadhoo 5. R. Ungoofaaru 6. Aa. Rasdhoo 7. L. Fonadhoo 	
<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enhance the youth development programmes and activities of the island community. • To create a healthy lifestyle among youth. • To provide a quality and productive leisure time for youth. 	
Estimated Cost:	
Component Details	Cost (US\$)
Equipment for B. Eydhafushi	35,000.00
Equipment for F. Nilandhoo	35,000.00
Equipment for Th. Thimarafushi	35,000.00
Equipment for S. Hithadhoo	35,000.00
Equipment and renovation of R. Ungoofaaru	22,607.00
Equipment for Aa. Rasdhoo	35,000.00
Equipment for L. Fonadhoo	35,000.00
TOTAL	232,607.00

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Title: Strengthening Local Governance in Maldives	
Executing Agency: Ministry of Home Affairs and 7 province offices	
Geographic Coverage: National	Start Date: 2009
Goal: To facilitate people oriented development by empowering citizens and promoting democratization at local levels.	
Objectives <i>1. Establish elected councils at island and atoll/ province levels by mid-2009 and smooth functioning as representative local institutions.</i> <i>2. Develop the capacity of key actors to perform their roles and functions in the context of regionalization and decentralization and administration reform.</i> <i>3. Strengthen civil society engagement in decentralization reform to achieve good governance outcomes by supporting local governance civil society networks working in critical areas such as coastal zone management and climate change adaptation</i>	Activities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish Province Offices in the seven provinces. 2. Provide financial assistance to establish local councils. 3. Provide technical assistance on development planning, but also on other aspects that affect governance such as transparency and public accountability for smooth functioning of Island Councils and Atoll/Province Councils. 4. Conduct short-term training on identified key areas for training staff at island and atoll/ province levels. 5. Provide long-term training to key actors at local level. 6. Conduct nation-wide awareness programmes and advocacy campaigns on regionalization and decentralization. 7. Establish and operate a training institute in one of the regions to conduct trainings on project proposal formulation, financial management, leadership etc. 8. Increase knowledge of local governance and civil society networks on coastal zone processes and added impacts of climate change on coastal areas.

4. *Formulate provincial development plan for seven regions with a particular focus on environmental sustainability.*

9. Provide funding to NGOs to implement costal zone management projects to empower community participation in community development projects.
10. Develop a holistic sustainable development plan for each province through inclusive consultations.

Financial Resources: US\$ 6,128,000