



Maldives: Strengthening Gender Inclusive Initiatives Project

Project Name	Strengthening Gender Inclusive Initiatives Project										
Project Number	54373-001										
Country / Economy	Maldives										
Project Status	Active										
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant Technical Assistance										
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"><tr><td colspan="2">Grant 0867-MLD: Strengthening Gender Inclusive Initiatives Project</td></tr><tr><td>Asian Development Fund</td><td>US\$ 7.51 million</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">TA 10006-MLD: Capacity Building for the Strengthening Gender Inclusive Initiatives Project</td></tr><tr><td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td><td>US\$ 500,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Japan Special Fund</td><td>US\$ 2.00 million</td></tr></table>	Grant 0867-MLD: Strengthening Gender Inclusive Initiatives Project		Asian Development Fund	US\$ 7.51 million	TA 10006-MLD: Capacity Building for the Strengthening Gender Inclusive Initiatives Project		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 500,000.00	Japan Special Fund	US\$ 2.00 million
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Operational Priorities	OP1: Addressing remaining poverty and reducing inequalities OP2: Accelerating progress in gender equality OP3: Tackling climate change, building climate and disaster resilience, and enhancing environmental sustainability OP4: Making cities more livable OP6: Strengthening governance and institutional capacity										
Sector / Subsector	Water and other urban infrastructure and services / Other urban services										
Gender	Gender equity theme										
Description	The Strengthening Gender Inclusive Initiatives Project aims to increase access to sustainable gender-responsive social services in Maldives by (i) improving gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) statistics; (ii) integrating gender-responsive budgeting (GRB) into government systems; (iii) strengthening the capacity of the social service system for aged care, early childcare, and domestic violence and gender-based violence (DV/GBV) services; (iv) establishing partnerships to support DV/GBV prevention, access to DV/GBV services, and aged care; and (v) constructing three climate-resilient shelters for DV/GBV survivors in Addu, Hulhumale, and Raa-Ungoofaaruu. The project and attached TA will benefit women DV/GBV survivors and their dependent children and reduce the unpaid care burden on women caring for older family members and young children.										
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The project is aligned with Strategy 2030 of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), particularly operational priority 2 on accelerating progress of gender equality and operational priority 1 on reducing inequalities. It will support the first objective of ADB's country partnership strategy, 2020-2024 for Maldives on improving the quality and efficiency of public services by sharpening its approach to gender equality; and the crosscutting theme on gender. It supports the SDG 5 transformative gender agenda to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls, particularly SDGs 5.2, 5.4, and 5.5. The project will strengthen government institutional capacity to implement its GESI policy commitments to DV/GBV survivors and to increase women and girl's economic and social participation.										
Impact	Gender-based violence minimized and gender-related barriers preventing equal rights, participation, and benefits for women in social and economic spheres eliminated										
Project Outcome											
Description of Outcome	Increased access to sustainable gender-responsive social services										
Progress Toward Outcome											
Implementation Progress											
Description of Project Outputs	Solutions for improved availability and use of quality GESI statistics established GRB integrated into government planning and budgeting systems Capacity of the social service system strengthened for aged care, early childcare, and DV/GBV services Partnerships to support DV/GBV prevention, access to DV/GBV services and aged care established Climate-resilient shelters for DV/GBV survivors established										
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	Output 1: The selection for the recruitment of a consulting firm who will support MBS in delivering output 1 was advertised in Q4 2023, while the TOR for the FPA study was finalized and expected to be advertised within Q4 2023. Output 2: The international consultant who will support MOF in delivering output 2 is in the final stages of recruitment. Outputs 3-4: The recruitment of consulting firm who will support MGFSS in delivering outputs 3 and 4 concluded in Q4 2023 and the firm is onboard. Output 5: The civil works packages (3) will be restructured as the Addu package was advertised in Q3 2023, but no bids were received.										
Geographical Location	Male										
Safeguard Categories											
Environment	B										
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 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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Responsible ADB Officer	Morsheda, Elma
Responsible ADB Department	Sectors Group
Responsible ADB Division	Water and Urban Development Sector Office (SG-WUD)
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Finance (formerly Ministry of Finance and Treasury)

Timetable

Concept Clearance	14 Jan 2021
Fact Finding	29 Jun 2022 to 29 Jun 2022
MRM	10 Oct 2022
Approval	02 Dec 2022
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	24 Nov 2023

Grant 0867-MLD

Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
02 Dec 2022	21 Dec 2022	30 Jan 2023	31 Jul 2028	-	-

Financing Plan		Grant Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	8.44	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	7.51	16 Nov 2023	0.00	0.00	0%
Counterpart	0.93	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	16 Nov 2023	0.00	0.00	0%

TA 10006-MLD

Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
02 Dec 2022	21 Dec 2022	21 Dec 2022	31 Jan 2028	-	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
2,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500,000.00	16 Nov 2023	0.00

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