



## Maldives: Postsecondary Education Development

Project Name	Postsecondary Education Development		
Project Number	28161-013		
Borrower/Company			
Country	Maldives		
Location	Nationwide		
Approval Number	1637		
Type or Modality of Assistance	1637	ADF	US\$ 6.30 million Approved
Strategic Agendas			
Drivers of Change			
Sector / Subsector	<b>Education - Tertiary</b>		
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming			
Responsible ADB Department	South Asia Department		
Responsible ADB Division	Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, SARD		
Responsible ADB Officer	ADB Disclosure		
Project Sponsor(s)			
Description	<p>The overall goal of the Project is to reduce the supply-demand gap for educated labor in key economic sectors. In the short term, the Project aims to improve the quality of, and upgrade access to, postsecondary education. The number of applicants is increasing as a result of World Bank and other donor assistance to secondary education. The first objective of the Project will be to strengthen the institutional quality and capacity of the seven existing postsecondary education institutions by expanding in-country curricula choices and raising the level of courses leading to internationally recognized advanced diplomas. Quality will be improved through course and staff development, and facilities and equipment upgrading. In turn, improved quality resulting from a greater selection of advanced curriculum offerings taught by better trained teachers, especially through refresher courses for the Maldives College of Higher Education (MCHE) applicants, mobile training in branch centers, and open university distance education, will lead to a greater number of places for secondary school entrants. The second objective will be to establish MCHE to consolidate and coordinate postsecondary administration and academic programs for these institutions including admissions, accreditation, budgeting, planning, monitoring, student affairs, foundation and atoll extension, and external linkages to out-of-country universities with the view to meet international accreditation standards. The Project will have two parts.</p> <p>Part A will focus on upgrading the quality of seven existing postsecondary institutions. Quality upgrading will include the provision of (i) local and overseas fellowships; (ii) civil works, furniture, equipment, and learning materials for the Institute of Hotel and Catering Services (IHCS), Maldives Institute of Technical Education (MITE), and Maritime Training Center (MTC); (iii) consulting services; and (iv) fellowships and consulting services for the Institute of Health Sciences (IHS), and assistance for distance learning education.</p> <p>Part B will focus on capacity building of MCHE through the provision of (i) civil works, facilities, furniture, and equipment for the MCHE building with the administration offices, a student study center, a multimedia center, and a student dormitory; (ii) consulting services for MCHE; (iii) overseas study visits for MCHE staff; (iv) local fellowships for postsecondary education staff; (v) incremental recurrent costs for MCHE; and (vi) establishment of the Project implementation unit (PIU) and provision of Project management, including incremental recurrent costs for PIU.</p>		
Objectives and Scope			
Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	This Project supports Maldives' development strategy and is included in ADB's Country Strategy and Program.		

## Safeguard Categories

Environment	C
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	

## Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects
Involuntary Resettlement
Indigenous Peoples
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

## Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	The Project will require a total of 56 person-months of international consultants and 6 person-months of domestic consultants, which is the minimum required for successful Project implementation. All consultants will be recruited according to Bank's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants and other arrangements satisfactory to the Bank on the engagement of domestic consultants. The Project will also include consultants financed by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) who will be engaged in accordance with AusAID guidelines.
Procurement	Civil works contracts costing more than \$1 million will be awarded on the basis of international competitive bidding (ICB). Civil works contracts costing \$1 million or less will be by local competitive bidding procedures acceptable to the Bank. Each contract for the supply of equipment costing \$500,000 or less will be procured through international shopping procedures, while contracts costing more than \$500,000 will be awarded on the basis of ICB. Items costing less than \$50,000 equivalent will be procured under direct purchase procedures. AusAID-financed procurement will be in accordance with the applicable guidelines of AusAID.

## Timetable for assistance design, processing and implementation

Concept Clearance	-
Due Diligence	
Credit Committee Meeting	08 Jun 1998
Approval	30 Sep 1998
PDS Creation Date	02 Feb 2007
Last PDS Update	30 Apr 2009

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