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CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

MALDIVES

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) works in partnership with the people of Maldives to increase prosperity, promote inclusive economic growth, and enhance the resilience of the country's resources to shocks and stresses using a variety of approaches, projects, and partners.

Through its Climate Change Adaptation activity, USAID will build the capacity of the private sector, civil society, and government to respond and adapt to climate change in ways that contribute to sustained, inclusive, market-based growth. It will help identify and scale up innovative solutions to climate-related challenges, strengthen governance to address climate-related risks, and improve access to high-quality information for decision-making to reduce vulnerability to climate change.

This project is one component of the partnership between the U.S. and Maldives to support self-reliance, strengthen stability, and promote economic growth. USAID's program in Maldives, totaling more than \$20 million since 2001, promotes a healthy, educated, and employed population.

Implementing Partner: Tetra Tech ARD; Total Estimated Cost: \$10.5 million; Performance Period: August 2021 – August 2026

OBJECTIVES

- Identify and scale up innovative solutions to climate-related risks through market-driven private sector and community engagement;
- Strengthen central and/or local governance to address climate-related risks; and

- Improve the quality of and access to information for decision-making to reduce vulnerability to climate change.

ACTIVITIES

- Conduct climate risk assessments of priority economic sectors and identify scenarios of climate change-induced tipping points that may require transformative adaptation actions.
- Engage the private sector, government, and other stakeholders to build resilience to the risks facing selected sectors and value chains. Support private sector capacity building and awareness-raising of climate risks, with a focus on the tourism industry.
- Identify and support early-stage entrepreneurs with promising adaptation technologies, products, and innovations relevant to priority economic sectors. Support implementation, financing, and partnerships to finance innovative solutions to address climate risks.
- Work closely with key island community stakeholders such as civil society leaders, community representatives, and women's development committees, to prioritize specific adaptation actions to address climate risks.

INTENDED RESULTS

- Improved capacity of private sector associations, local communities, and government to identify climate-related risks, devise solutions to adaptively manage these risks, strengthen partnerships, and access financing opportunities. Identified and addressed gaps in regulatory and policy frameworks for investments in climate change adaptation.
- Strengthened coordination between government and nongovernment agencies, the private sector, and research institutions in the collection, analysis, and sharing of climate change-related information.
- Improved availability and access to high-quality information that the private sector, government, NGOs, educational organizations, and communities need to make informed decisions to reduce vulnerability to climate change. Increased public awareness of climate change-related risks and adaptation opportunities.