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**LOW EMISSION CLIMATE RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT
MPTF OFFICE GENERIC ANNUAL PROGRAMME¹ NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT
REPORTING PERIOD: 1 NOVEMBER – 31 DECEMBER 2013**

<p align="center">Programme Title & Project Number</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Programme Title:</i> Low Emission climate Resilient Development • <i>Programme Number:</i> 00088009 • <i>MPTF Office Project Reference Number:</i>³ 00088009 	<p align="center">Country, Locality(s), Priority Area(s) / Strategic Results²</p> <p><i>Country/Region:</i> Maldives</p> <p><i>Priority area/ strategic results :</i> Economic Development & Environment</p>
<p align="center">Participating Organization(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN WOMEN, UNICEF , UNFPA, FAO, WHO, UNOPS, UNDP 	<p align="center">Implementing Partners</p> <p>National counterparts (government, private, NGOs & others) and other International Organizations</p>
<p align="center">Programme/Project Cost (US\$)</p> <p>Total approved budget as per project document: MPTF /JP Contribution⁴:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>FAO</i> 172,912 Agency Contribution • <i>by Agency (if applicable)</i> <p>Government Contribution <i>(if applicable)</i></p> <p>Other Contributions <i>(donors)</i> <i>(if applicable)</i></p> <p>TOTAL: 172,912</p>	<p align="center">Programme Duration</p> <p>Overall Duration: <i>(36 months)</i></p> <p>Start Date⁵ : <i>(8 Nov, 2013)</i></p> <p>Original End Date⁶ : <i>(1 Nov, 2016)</i></p> <p>Current End date⁷:</p>
<p>Programme Assessment/Review/Mid-Term Eval.</p>	<p align="center">Report Submitted By</p>

¹ The term “programme” is used for programmes, joint programmes and projects.

² Strategic Results, as formulated in the Strategic UN Planning Framework (e.g. UNDAF) or project document;

³ The MPTF Office Project Reference Number is the same number as the one on the Notification message. It is also referred to as “Project ID” on the project’s factsheet page the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

⁴ The MPTF or JP Contribution, refers to the amount transferred to the Participating UN Organizations, which is available on the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

⁵ The start date is the date of the first transfer of the funds from the MPTF Office as Administrative Agent. Transfer date is available on the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

⁶ As per approval of the original project document by the relevant decision-making body/Steering Committee.

⁷ If there has been an extension, then the revised, approved end date should be reflected here. If there has been no extension approved, then the current end date is the same as the original end date. The end date is the same as the operational closure date which is when all activities for which a Participating Organization is responsible under an approved MPTF / JP have been completed. As per the MOU, agencies are to notify the MPTF Office when a programme completes its operational activities.

Assessment/Review - if applicable *please attach*

Yes No Date: *dd.mm.yyyy*

Mid-Term Evaluation Report – *if applicable please attach*

Yes No Date: *dd.mm.yyyy*

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NARRATIVE REPORT FORMAT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Low Emission Climate Resilient Development (LECReD) project closely contributes to the FAO, Country Programme Framework (CPF) 2013-2017 for the Maldives. Specifically it contributes to Outcome 1: Improved policy and regulatory framework (policy, strategy, plans, interventions, laws, regulation, guidelines and procedures) to increase food production and processing as well as Outcome 3: Improved natural resource management.

FAO interventions fall under the following outputs of LECReD, which will assist the Laamu Atoll communities to strengthen their capacity to plan and implement agriculture related activities giving priority to safeguard the environment.

- Output 1: Partnership, coordination and participation platform for local LECReD planning and action is strengthened;
- Output 2: Data and knowledge systems established or identified to support evidence-based planning and policy development for LECReD at the local level;
- Output 4: Practical local experience in LECReDs interventions leads to learning and promotes replication

During the reporting period FAO worked closely with the Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture, Maldives to formulate the detail activities required strengthening climate smart agriculture in Laamu Atoll relevant under the programme outputs. These activities form the basis for preparation of the joint work plan.

I. Purpose

Provide the main objectives and expected outcomes of the programme in relation to the appropriate Strategic UN Planning Framework (e.g. UNDAF) and project document (if applicable) or Annual Work Plan (AWP).

The programme is formulated specifically to deliver the UNDAF Outcome 9: “Enhanced capacities at national and local levels to support low carbon life-styles, climate change adaptation, and disaster risk reduction”. The programme seeks to mainstream LECReD issues into local level development planning and service delivery for greater community-level ownership and sustainability of programme benefits.

II. Results

*This section is the **most important in the Report** and particular attention should be given to reporting on **results / and changes** that have taken place rather than on activities. It has three parts to help capture this information in different ways (i. Narrative section; ii. Indicator based performance assessment; and iii. A specific story).*

During the reporting period, the detail activities for FAO interventions were finalized with close collaboration with Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture. A series of technical and policy level meetings were held to develop the activities under the government agriculture development agenda.

Apart from the above preparatory activity, to follow FAO project operational clearance formalities for project implementation and fund accreditation, the following documents was prepared and approved.

- Project Concept Note
- Result based budget (Synchronized with Logical Framework Matrix)
- UN Joint FAO component description
- Project opening forms
- Fast track checklist
- Project review sheet

Further, FAO Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative nominated Mr. Yuji Niino, Land Management Officer and Mr. Simon Funge-Smith, Senior Fishery Officer to share the Lead Technical Officers (LTO) functions and Lead Technical Unit (LTU) is Mr Stephan Baas from the Climate, Energy and Tenure Division (NRC) to supervise the project.

In addition to coordinate the project at a national level, Terms of Reference (ToR) for a National Programme Coordinator was developed and forwarded for approval.

i) Narrative reporting on results:

*From January to December 2013, respond to the guiding questions indicated below to provide a narrative summary of the results achieved. The aim here is to tell the **story of change** that your Programme has achieved in 2013. Make reference to the implementation mechanism utilized and key partnerships.*

- **Outcomes:** *Outcomes are the strategic, higher level of change that your Programme is aiming to contribute towards. Provide a summary of progress made by the Programme in relation to **planned outcomes from the Project Document / AWP**, with reference to the relevant indicator(s) in these documents. Describe if any targets were achieved, or explain any variance in achieved versus planned results during the reporting period. Explain who the main beneficiaries were.*

Outcome 1: UNDAF 9 - Enhanced capacities at national and local levels to support low carbon lifestyles, climate change adaptation, and disaster risk reduction

The programme was in its initial stages of implementation and no targets were achieved during the reporting period.

- **Outputs:** *Outputs are the more immediate results that your Programme is responsible for achieving. Report on the key outputs achieved in the reporting period, in relation to **planned outputs from the Project Document**, with reference to the relevant indicator(s) in these documents. Describe if any targets were achieved, or explain any variance in achieved versus planned results during the reporting period. If possible, include the percentage of completion of the outputs and the type and number of beneficiaries.*

FAO detail activities fall under the following outputs of the programme.

Output 1: Partnership, coordination and participation platform for local LECReD planning and action is strengthened;

- The detail activities for the FAO interventions which contribute to output were developed in collaboration with the focal government institution; Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture.

Output 2: Data and knowledge systems established or identified to support evidence-based planning and policy development for LECReD at the local level;

- The detail activities for the FAO interventions which contribute to output 3 were developed in collaboration with the focal government institution; Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture

Output 4: Practical local experience in LECReDs interventions leads to learning and promotes replication

- The detail activities for the FAO interventions which contribute to output 4 were developed in collaboration with the focal government institution Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture.

* Note: FAO's has no agency level participation under output 3 of the project document.

- ***Describe any delays in implementation, challenges, lessons learned & best practices:*** *If there were delays, explain the nature of the constraints and challenges, actions taken to mitigate future delays and lessons learned in the process. Provide an updated risk analysis (have any of the risks identified during the project design materialized or changed? Are there any new risks?). Were there any programmatic revisions undertaken during the reporting period? Please also include experiences of failure, which often are the richest source of lessons learned.*

No major delays have been encountered after the project approval in November 2013.

- ***Qualitative assessment:*** *Provide a qualitative assessment of the level of overall achievement of the Programme. Highlight key partnerships and explain how such relationships impacted on the achievement of results. Explain cross-cutting issues pertinent to the results being reported on. For Joint Programmes, highlight how UN coordination has been affected in support of achievement of results.*

During the current reporting period, the programme activities were based on preparatory inputs to strengthen the collaboration and inter-agency coordination. Efforts are being made by the Coordinating Agency UNDP to bring on board the government agencies to further strengthen the coordination mechanism.

ii) Indicator Based Performance Assessment:

Using the **Programme Results Framework from the Project Document / AWP** - provide an update on the achievement of indicators at both the output and outcome level in the table below. Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, clear explanation should be given explaining why, as well as plans on how and when this data will be collected.

	<u>Achieved</u> Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification
<p>Outcome 1⁸ : Enhanced capacities at national and local levels to support low carbon life-styles, climate change adaptation, and disaster risk reduction</p> <p>Outcome Indicator 1.1 : Percentage reduction in Carbon emission in atolls and islands in Laamu Atoll</p> <p>Baseline: 0%</p> <p>Planned Target: tbd%</p>	<i>Not applicable to the current period of reporting</i>		
<p>Outcome Indicator 1.2 : Percentage of atoll and island councils Laamu undertaking low emission climate resilient development planning</p> <p>Baseline: 0%</p> <p>Planned Target: tbd%</p>	<i>Not applicable to the current period of reporting</i>		
<p>Output 1: Partnership, coordination and participation platform for local LECReD planning and action is established</p>			
<p>Indicator 1.2: Proportion of women and youth and female- headed households in targeted islands receiving training and support on reducing carbon emissions and building resilience to climate change</p> <p>Baseline: tbd</p> <p>Planned Target: tbd</p>			

⁸ Note: Outcomes, outputs, indicators and targets should be **as outlined in the Project Document** so that you report on your **actual achievements against planned targets**. Add rows as required for Outcome 2, 3 etc.

<p>Output 2: Data and knowledge systems established or identified to support evidence-based planning and policy development for LECReD at the local level</p>			
<p>Indicator 2.1: Proportion of LECReD data identified in DMP that is available to planners and stakeholders</p> <p>Baseline: tbd Planned Target: 80% by end 2014, 100% by 2015</p>			
<p>Output 4: Practical local experience in LECReDs interventions leads to learning and promotes replication</p>			
<p>Indicator 4.1: Proportion of Small Grant and no-regret projects replicated in local plans</p> <p>Baseline: None Planned Target: tbd</p>			

Note: FAO has no agency level participation under Output 3.

iii) A Specific Story (Optional)

Problem / Challenge faced: Describe the specific problem or challenge faced by the subject of your story (this could be a problem experienced by an individual, community or government).

The programme is the first experience in the Maldives which involved direct implementation with multi agency coordination. The programme needs to set up many processes and procedures for smooth functioning of the project coordination and implementation to have a clear understanding of each agency contribution.

Programme Interventions: How was the problem or challenged addressed through the Programme interventions?

The programme lead agency; UNDP has started making achievements in smoothening the processes.

Result (if applicable): Describe the observable **change** that occurred so far as a result of the Programme interventions. For example, how did community lives change or how was the government better able to deal with the initial problem?

Agencies meet and discuss issues on a formal platform on a weekly basis.

Lessons Learned: What did you (and/or other partners) learn from this situation that has helped inform and/or improve Programme (or other) interventions?

All agencies have a clearer outlook for the programme implementation and also it has strengthened the collaboration between agencies.

III. Other Assessments or Evaluations (if applicable)

- Report on any assessments, evaluations or studies undertaken.
None

IV. Programmatic Revisions (if applicable)

- Indicate any major adjustments in strategies, targets or key outcomes and outputs that took place.
None

V. Resources (Optional)

- Provide any information on financial management, procurement and human resources.
- Indicate if the Programme mobilized any additional resources or interventions from other partners.
None