

**Low Emission Carbon Resilient Development (LECReD)
MPTF OFFICE GENERIC ANNUAL PROGRAMME¹ NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT
REPORTING PERIOD: 1 JANUARY – 31 DECEMBER 2013**

<p align="center">Programme Title & Project Number</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme Title: Maldives One UN Fund – Economic Development & Environment: MV102-LECReD Programme Number (if applicable) MPTF Office Project Reference Number:³ 00088009 	<p align="center">Country, Locality(s), Priority Area(s) / Strategic Results²</p> <p><i>Laamu Atoll, Maldives</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>Priority area/ strategic results</i></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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National counterparts (government, private, NGOs & others) and other International Organizations
<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"> UNFPA: USD 300,000 <p>Agency Contribution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil <p>Government Contribution</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Other Contributions (donors)</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>TOTAL:</p>	<p align="center">Programme Duration</p> <p>Overall Duration (months) 3 years</p> <p>Start Date⁵ (dd.mm.yyyy)¹² <i>November 2013</i></p> <p>Original End Date⁶ (dd.mm.yyyy)¹¹ <i>November 2016</i></p> <p>Current End date⁷(dd.mm.yyyy)¹¹ <i>November 2016</i></p>
<p>Programme Assessment/Review/Mid-Term Eval.</p> <p>Assessment/Review - if applicable <i>please attach</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date: dd.mm.yyyy</p> <p>Mid-Term Evaluation Report – if applicable <i>please attach</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date: dd.mm.yyyy</p>	<p align="center">Report Submitted By</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name: Rune Dige Brandrup Title: International Programme Coordinator Participating Organization (Lead): UNFPA Email address: brandrup@unfpa.org

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.

NARRATIVE REPORT FORMAT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The current reporting period for this project is from 12 November – 31 December 2013. During this period UNFPA worked on detailing out the UNFPA component- fine tuning the project approach, getting project stakeholders onboard and drafting Terms of References for specific activities.

I. Purpose

This 3 year, US\$9 million UN Joint Programme responds to the United Nations Development Assistance Framework Outcome 9: “Enhanced capacities at national and local levels to support low carbon life-styles, climate change adaptation, and disaster risk reduction” and builds on the comparative strengths of United Nations Organizations including UNDP, UNICEF, UNOPS, UNFPA, UN WOMEN, WHO and FAO.

The programme will assist the Laamu Atoll and its islands to realize low emission and climate resilient development (LECRd). The programme seeks to mainstream LECRd issues into local level development planning and service delivery for greater community-level ownership and sustainability of programme benefits. Towards this objective, the programme will support local councils, civil society, private sector and other local stakeholders to establish platforms for stronger partnerships, improved coordination, and enhanced participation in local planning for LECRd; it will strengthen data and knowledge systems for LECRd; improve local level LECRd development planning and management of service delivery; and through a learning-by-doing approach establish early lessons and build demand for LECRd planning and management for replication and scaling-up.

UNFPA is the lead agency in Output 2 of this programme- Data and knowledge systems established or identified to support evidence-based planning and policy development for LECRd at the local level. Activities under this output will support local councils and service providers to identify data and data management needs to support LECRd planning and management. Whilst ownership of some data and systems may reside in the various sectors and institutions, a data management plan will make this data visible and an asset for planning. Capacity development needs will also be identified and the appropriate management and coordination structures will be identified and strengthened. Rather than duplicate national level systems, capacity will be strengthened to ensure local planners can better utilize national system. Participating United Nations Agencies (PUNOs) will support their designate partners and sectors in this data integration in order to support preparation of Climate Profiles for the Atoll and its islands.

II. Results

i) Narrative reporting on results:

During the one of half months of this reporting period (12 November – 31 December 2013) the following results were achieved:

- Project approach was fine-tuned and stakeholders were approached. As the UNFPA component involves working closely with the national planning agency- Department of National Planning- Statistical Division, and the Local Government Authority it was necessary to ensure their continuous commitment to the project. Bilateral consultations were held and the project approach was discussed and agreed upon, based on the current situation.
- Draft Terms of References for the first activities were discussed and sent for feedback from relevant stakeholders, ensuring the participating of all involved partners in the planning process.

Challenges and lessons learned

As this is an area which is very specialized and relatively new for the organization, identifying and scoping technical assistance proved to be a challenge. The Country Office will work with the focal points in the Regional Office and Head Quarters to identify technical expertise, as well as try to build partnerships with specialized agencies in this area like UNESCAP. UNFPA Country Office staff also will also be oriented on the overall programme and the UNFPA component, to ensure continuity during absence of programme focal points.

The coordination between agencies on joint work planning was more difficult than previously envisaged as this is the first joint project of this scale in the Country by UN Agencies. A UN Technical Working Group was formed which provided a platform for joint work planning and to come to a common understandings on implementation issues. It is expected that the coordination issues will be easier once the Project Coordination Unit (PCU) which is responsible to lead the coordination and management of the joint work plan and budgets is recruited and oriented.

The programme commencement coincided with a transition period within the Atoll and Local Councils (local Council elections were planned to be held in February 2014), delaying the community focused planning sessions. Once the new councils are in place orientation sessions will be held to ensure the continuity of council commitment to this programme.

Changes

There were no programmatic revisions undertaken and no changes to foreseen risks during this reporting period.

ii) Indicator Based Performance Assessment:

	<u>Achieved</u> Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification
Outcome 2 Indicator: <i>Percentage of atolls and island councils in Laamu undertaking low emission climate resilient development planning</i> Baseline: 0 Planned Target: tbd	No	Nil	
Output Indicator 2.1 <i>Proportion of LECReD data identified in DMP that is available to planners and stakeholders</i> Baseline: tbd Planned Target: 80% by end 2014; 100% by end 2015.	No	Nil	
Output Indicator 2.2 <i>Proportion of stakeholders identified in DMTP trained in utilization of climate data</i> Baseline: 0% Planned Target: tbd %	No	Nil	

iii) A Specific Story (Optional)

Nil

III. Other Assessments or Evaluations (if applicable)

Nil

IV. Programmatic Revisions (if applicable)

Nil

V. Resources (Optional)

Nil