

CONSULTATIONS PLAN

Maldives Clean Environment Project (MCEP)

Zone V and IV

1. Introduction

Through the donor assistance of World Bank, the Government of Maldives is currently at the initial phase of implementing the Maldives Clean Environment Project (MCEP). The project became effective on 18 September 2017. The primary objective of this project is to establish an integrated solid waste management system in Zone 4 & 5 comprising of 43 islands from Meemu, Faafu, Dhaalu, Thaa and Laamu Atolls.

This project will provide funding for the development of 43 Island Waste Management Centres (IWMCs) within this region. The project will also assist in gap filling in the MEMP Project area, the North Central Region (Zone II) on inhabited Islands the project has previously worked on in the Raa, Baa, Noonu and Lhaviyani Atolls. The primary purpose of these IWMCs are to collect and transport island waste to the IWMCs for further processing and treatment and for transfer to the Regional Waste Management Centre (RWMC). The IWMCs will include, collection and transportation equipment and vehicles, island organic waste treatment facilities, island in organic waste separation and bailing facilities.

Further to this, the project will finance the construction and installation of the RWMC as the final disposal technology. The RWMC is likely to include a harbor, an incineration plant, including all the necessary civil and electro-mechanical works, plants and equipment and waste transportation vessels.

2. Stakeholder Consultations

The project manager and the environmental and social safeguards officer (ESSO) has undertaken a number of consultations during project preparation. A summary of these consultations are provided in Annex-11 of the **Environmental and Social Assessment and Management Framework (ESAMF)**. Further consultations will be undertaken as part of the feasibility studies and assessments. In addition to this, the Project Management Unit (PMU) and the Island Councils are required to undertake continuous consultations with stakeholders and report on a regular basis.

The consultations plan detailed in section 3 provides details of the stakeholder consultations planned for the duration of the project. Location, date, targeted audience and responsible person for each activity is specified. However, the location and dates are indicative and may vary depending on the actual delivery of the project activities.

3. Consultations Plan

The consultations detailed in the table below are proposed to be undertaken under MCEP. The consultation process aims to provide opportunities for community involvement and education and ensures that the views of stakeholders are taken into account in the implementation of the project.

	Consultation Name	Project Activity	Location	Targeted Audience	Details	Tools	Responsible Person	Date	Status
1	Environmental and Social Assessment and Management Framework (ESAMF)								
1.1	ESAMF Consultation	ESAMF Consultation	M. Muli F. Nilandhoo Dh. Kudahuvadhoo Th. Veymandoo	Island Councillors Waste Management (WM) Focal Points Women Development Committee (WDC)	<p>These consultations were carried out sequentially in all four atolls in Zone 4 & 5. Laamu atoll was excluded due to time constraints and as the island level components of Laamu is funded through the LCRED project.</p> <p>Participants were given a detailed introduction about MCEP and planned activities under the project. The role of the island councils in the implementation of the project were specifically highlighted. This was followed by a presentation on the environmental and social impacts envisaged during implementation of the project activities. The criteria required to</p>	Project overview	Project Manager and ESS Specialist	November 2016	Completed

					<p>maintain while selecting a location for the construction of IWMCs were specifically highlighted and the studies (Feasibility, BPEO and ESIA) and criteria that will be used for selecting a location for the establishment of the RWMF was discussed. Each presentation was followed by a Q & A session.</p> <p>Working group sessions were also conducted to attain participants' feedback to the project and the ESAMF.</p>				
2	Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)								
2.1	Establishment of the GRM	Project Launch Workshop	M. Muli	Island Councillors WM Focal Points	The aim of this consultation session is to introduce the GRM and assist in the establishment of a workable mechanism in each island that falls in the project zone. This session is particularly targeted for the waste management focal points of the islands, as they will play a fundamental role in the implementation of the mechanism at tier 1.	Draft GRM	ESS Specialist	27 - 29 March 2018	Completed

					<p>The draft GRM will be circulated among the project islands prior to the session, to give sufficient time for the waste management focal points to review the document and undertake any island-level consultations with relevant stakeholders if required.</p> <p>A presentation on the draft GRM will be delivered at the session and feedback from participants on the GRM will be attained and considered prior to finalizing the document.</p>				
2.2	Island Level GRM Consultations	ESMP preparation stage	All islands in M, F, Dh and Th atolls	WM Focal Points, Island Councils, WDCs, Schools, Health Centres etc.	<p>The aim of these consultation sessions are to get an update on the progress achieved to date on the establishment of the GRM in specific islands.</p> <p>These consultations will be carried out as a part of the ESMP consultations with the respective Island Councils. The views of stakeholders including</p>	Final GRM Council Notice Board Posters Website Social Media	ESS Specialist and ESMP Consultants	2018 for islands requiring construction of new IWMCs 2019 for islands requiring upgrading of IWMCs	Completed for M. Mulah, Th. Kinbidhoo, Th. Omadhoo. Th. Thimarafushi, Th. Madifushi and Th. Buruni. GRM Mechanism and Complaint Forms made available from the council

					WDC, school and health centre will be attained as much as possible and depending on availability. Any difficulties faced to implement the GRM will be discussed with the WM focal point and amicable solutions will be proposed to resolve such issues.				offices and published in project websites and social media platforms. GRM posters and mechanism displayed in council notice boards.
2.3	Follow up on GRM Implementation	Spillage Assessment and EMP Monitoring	All islands in M, F, Dh and Th atolls	WM Focal Points	Update on the progress of GRM, cases received and how they were resolved will be discussed with the WM focal points during Spillage Assessments and ESMP monitoring.	Cases	ESS Specialist	2019 for islands requiring new IWMCs 2020 for island requiring upgrading of IWMCs	Planned
3	Island Waste Management Plan (IWMP)								
3.1	Introduction to IWMP and plan preparation workshop	Project Launch Workshop	M. Muli	Island Councillors WM Focal Points	The aim of this session is to assist councils in the preparation of island waste management plans according to the waste management planning guideline. An introduction to the waste management planning guideline will be given, followed by working group sessions.	Waste Management Planning Guideline, IWMP.	Deputy Minister	27 - 29 March 2018	Completed

					<p>The introductory session will highlight the important factors to consider and stakeholders to consult when creating an IWMP. Participants will then be assigned into groups respective of their islands and assigned to design a waste management plan for the island. A participant from each group will present the plan devised by group at the end of the session.</p>				
3.2	Island level IWMP consultations		All islands in M, F, Dh and Th Atolls	WDC, Health Centre, School, Restaurants, Guesthouse owners etc.	<p>Individual consultations will be held in each of the project island by the island council, where the draft plan prepared during the introduction to IWMP session (detailed in 3.1) will be discussed with relevant stakeholders from the island community.</p> <p>These consultations will assist the council to confirm waste collection times and collection fees for households, business and government offices. The plan will also include</p>	IWMPs	Island Councils	2018 / 2019	Planned

					<p>details of awareness raising programmes and community clean-up programmes planned for the duration of the plan (5 years).</p> <p>These consultations will assist councils to finalize or review the IWMPs (in islands where the plan had already been approved by EPA) and submit to EPA for approval.</p>				
4	Laws and Regulations related to Waste Management								
4.1	National Policy for Waste Management	Project Launch Workshop	M. Muli	Island Councillors WM Focal Points	The aim of this session is to discuss the core-principles of waste management and the strategies and actions under the National Waste Management Policy. A Q&A session will be held at the end of the presentation.	core-principles of waste management and the strategies National Waste Management Policy	Deputy Minister	27 - 29 March 2018	Completed
4.2	Waste Management Act	Project Launch Workshop	M. Muli	Island Councillors WM Focal Points	Details regarding the newly formulated National Waste Management Act will be given during this session, with a particular emphasis on the roles of island councils in implementing the Act. A Q&A session will be held at	National Waste Management Act	WMPCD	27 - 29 March 2018	Completed

					the end of the presentation.				
4.3	Waste Management Regulation	Project Launch Workshop	M. Muli	Island Councillors WM Focal Points	The important components of Waste Management Regulation that came into effect in the year of 2013 will be discussed at this session. Some of the common difficulties the island councils face to implement the regulation and the action that can be taken to resolve such issues will be highlighted. A Q&A session will be held at the end of the presentation.	Waste Management Regulation	EPA	27 - 29 March 2018	Completed
4.4	Review of the National Solid Waste Policy 2015		Male'	Stakeholders (Ministry of Finance and Treasury, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure, LGA)	National Solid Waste Policy of 2015 will be reviewed and discussed with the stakeholders.	National Solid Waste Policy 2015	Consultant WMPCD	2018 / 2019	Planned
4.5	Preparation of National Solid Waste		Male'	Stakeholders (Ministry of Finance and Treasury,	A National Solid Waste Management Strategy will be developed under the National Solid Waste	National Solid Waste Policy	Consultant WMPCD	2018 / 2019	Planned

	Management Strategy			Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure, LGA)	Policy. This Strategy will forecast programmes and actions for a specific duration and identify agencies responsible for the implementation of these programmes and actions. Discussions will be held with all relevant stakeholders and their views and recommendations will be taken into account when developing the strategy.				
5	Zone 4 & 5 Regional Waste Management System								
5.1	Overview of MCEP	Project Launch Workshop	M. Muli	Island Councillors WM Focal Points	This session will introduce MCEP and provides details related to the activities planned under the project. The detailed work plan will be shared, highlighting major activities planned for each year of the project. The role of island councils in the implementation of the project will be particularly highlighted, including the preparation of the IWMP and the operation of the IWMC.	MCEP , IWMC	Project Manager	27 - 29 March 2018	Completed
5.2	MCEP Procurement	Project Launch Workshop	M. Muli	Island Councillors WM Focal Points	A short presentation on the procurement arrangements of MCEP will	World bank procurement guidelines	Project Manager	27 - 29 March 2018	Completed

					be delivered. This presentation will cover the world bank procurement guidelines and goods to be purchased under MCEP.				
5.3	MCEP Financial Aspects	Project Launch Workshop	M. Muli	Island Councillors WM Focal Points	A short presentation on the financial management of MCEP will be delivered.	Financial management	Project Manager	27 - 29 March 2018	Completed
5.4	Feasibility Study Workshop 1	Feasibility Study	Selected island from Zone 4&5	Stakeholders (Ministry of Finance and Treasury, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure, LGA) Participants from the 5 atolls and resorts within region	The Consultant shall host a workshop in a selected island of the project area for the purposes of presenting the outcomes from Tasks 2 (Scoping of Islands) and 3 (develop decision criteria and scoring methodology) of the Feasibility Study. Scoping activity at task two will categorise the 43 islands present in the region into 3 categories or models by considering factors such as waste generation & quantity, population distribution and activities on island, as well as propose two to three strategically located islands or sites for the development of the RWMF. The IWM system at the Islands level and the RSWM facility and technology will be	Decision criteria and scoring methodology, Project outcomes	Feasibility Study Consultant	2018 / 2019	Planned (included in RFP)

					<p>assessed against the decision criteria and scoring methodology developed under task three.</p> <p>In addition, presenting the Consultant's scoring of the performance of the options against criteria, and evaluating the options against those criteria that embraces the stakeholders' perceptions of what each criterion represents so that their relative importance is quantified.</p> <p>In addition to participants from the principal stakeholder Ministries based in Male', representatives from each of the 5 atolls and resorts within the region shall be invited and encouraged to participate in the workshop.</p>				
5.5	Feasibility Study Workshop 2	Feasibility Study	Male'	Stakeholders (Ministry of Finance and Treasury, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry	This stage in the process will provide information on how waste management system options perform and is designed to provide	Information on how waste management system, Decision Criteria.	Feasibility Study Consultant	2018 / 2019	Planned (included in RFP)

			<p>of Fisheries and Agriculture, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure, LGA)</p> <p>Participants from the 5 atolls and resorts within region</p>	<p>information on the financial, environmental, social, socio economic and practical implications of each option to the stakeholders. The stakeholders will then appraise the options against the Decision Criteria. These will represent all the different factors which need to be taken into account in finding the most appropriate and integrated SWM system for the Region. This stakeholder consultation is crucial to the process to ensure that wide spectrum of views are canvassed during the process of developing the Regional Waste Management System.</p> <p>In addition to participants from the principal stakeholder Ministries based in Male', representatives from each of the 5 atolls and resorts within the region shall be invited and encouraged to participate in the workshop.</p>				
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5.6	Feasibility Study Workshop 3	Feasibility Study	Selected island from Zone 4&5	<p>Stakeholders (Ministry of Finance and Treasury, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure, LGA)</p> <p>Participants from the 5 atolls and resorts within region</p>	<p>A final workshop shall be held with a large range of stakeholders, to discuss: a) the final 3 models of the integrated Islands waste management system (from collection to pre-transfer to the RSWMF); and b) the final RSWF location technology to be adopted. The Consultant shall report the entire process to the stakeholders, in particular making transparent the assumptions and value judgments that are inherent in evaluations.</p> <p>In addition to participants from the principal stakeholder Ministries based in Male', representatives from each of the 5 atolls and resorts within the region shall be invited and encouraged to participate in the workshop.</p>	3 models of the integrated Islands waste management system	Feasibility Study Consultant	2018 / 2019	Planned (included in RFP)
5.7	ESIA Public Consultation	ESIA of RWMF	TBC	<p>Stakeholders from the region</p> <p>General public (especially people</p>	The aim of this consultation is to provide opportunities for community involvement and education. It will		ESIA Consultant	2019	Planned (included in the TOR of ESIA)

				<p>that are likely to be affected by the project)</p>	<p>include interviews with individuals, public communication activities, interest group meetings, production of regular summary information and updates (i.e. newsletters), and other consultation mechanisms to encourage and facilitate active public consultation. Public consultation processes (community engagement) for all parts of the ESIA will be integrated. Sufficient information about the development and the consultation process will be provided to the community at an early stage and in accessible and culturally appropriate ways. Information about the development will inform the community about the benefits, disadvantages, trade-offs, potential issues and implications as required, enabling them to formulate their views.</p>				
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