

## Annex 2 – Template for CREWS Action Final Report

<b>1. Action Title</b>	Strengthening Climate and Risk Data Ecosystem in the Maldives for Early Warning	<b>2. Action Reference</b>	CREWS/ASW/07/Maldives
<b>3. Implementing Partner</b>	UNDRR	<b>4. Other Partners (i.e., Sub-contracted)</b>	N/A
<b>5. SC Approved Action Duration / End Date</b>	12 months, 16 December 2024	<b>6. Actual Action Duration / End Date</b>	12 months, 21 December 2024
<b>7. SC Approved Action Budget (in USD; incl. IP fees)</b>	242,950	<b>8. Actual Action Expenditure (in USD; incl. IP fees)</b>	242,950
<b>9. Reporting Focal</b>	Harold Rice, Assoc Programme Officer, UNDRR ROAP		
<b>10. Action Type</b>	Analyses and Assessments; Advisory Services		
<b>11. Early Warning System Element(s) Supported</b>	Disaster risk knowledge based on the systematic collection of data and disaster risk assessment		
<b>12. SC Approved Action</b>	Analyses and Assessments; Advisory Services		

<b>13. Summary of Actual Action</b>	<p>Through the support provided by this CREWS ASW, Maldives was able to achieve the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Draft Report on Enhancing Tracking of Hazardous Event and Disaster Losses and Damages in Maldives. This report was informed by consultations across 15 different organizations and ministries in the country, a data analysis of existing data systems and reports, and collation of regional and global examples of strengthening data governance. In addition to the report, direct capacity building was provided to NDMA staff on reporting loss and damage and Sendai Framework target data in national and global systems. All of this sets the foundation to launch the new Disaster Tracking System launched by UNDRR, WMO, and UNDP. (Awaiting Gov. approval on report)</li> <li>2. Drafting of the Male Island Disaster Management Plan. As is required for all islands in Maldives, an island disaster management plan had not been created for the capital islands (Male, Hulhumale, and Vilimale), and through an MCR2030 workshop and stakeholder consultations with 30+ entities, one was drafted underlining the risks to the region, strategies for risk reduction, and actions to be taken moving forward. (Report awaiting government approval)</li> <li>3. Finalization and publishing of National DRR Strategy 2024-2030. Through consultations and widespread inputs across government, civil society, and international organizations, the National DRR strategy was finalized and published at the 20<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the Indian Ocean Tsunami. The document provides direction for the country to move forward in reducing disaster risk through 2030 and aligns with national development plans.</li> <li>4. Developed list of actions for strengthening the inclusion of the EWS in Maldives. An Inclusive EW-EA checklist workshop was delivered which brought together national government official, local officials from the capital region, and representatives from organizations representing persons with disabilities, women, children and youth, and migrants. The actions set the foundation for government to strengthen the EWS and built support for development of the risk communications developed and discussed below.</li> </ol>
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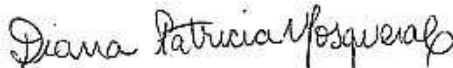
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Disaster Management Committee strengthened for more complete government engagement on DRR. As a way to build capacity of the cabinet and senior government officials, technical support was provided to the country's Disaster Management Committee, which then led to the joint creation of the 20<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Indian Ocean Tsunami and the official endorsements of key government documents on DRR and EWS, namely the Maldives National EW4All Roadmap in January 2024 and the National DRR Strategy in December 2024. This also provided greater engagement and engagement with countries in the region at the APMCDRR 2024 in Manila, Philippines.</li> <li>6. Risk Communications Campaign built between NDMA and Maldivian Red Crescent. A nationwide survey on risk understanding and access was conducted, which received input from all atolls in the country, and findings were used to determine the format, channel, and hazards for risk communications to be developed from. Videos, information sheets, and social media posts were created in coordination between NDMA and the Maldivian Red Crescent under the Hushiyaaru Campaign, which is a national campaign to increase risk understanding across Maldives. These resources will be launched at a sub-national workshop in the first half of 2025. Plans are there to continue adding further partners and ministries to this campaign as time moves forward.</li> <li>7. In coordination with the Risk Communications Campaign, an event to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Indian Ocean Tsunami and illustrated the country's progress in DRR and future ahead.</li> </ol>
<b>14. Contributions to CREWS Programming Principles and Results Framework</b>	<p>The collective efforts of this support are largely aligned to the CREWS Programming Principles on People-centered, gender-responsive, and Promoting coherence. The actions defined to strengthen the inclusiveness of the EWS for women, children, persons with disabilities, and migrants among others, puts people at the center of the value chain and ensures it is gender responsive. Moreover, the workshop was one of the first opportunities some entity representatives had ever grappled with these issues. In addition, the work on risk communications were created directly from engagement with communities and persons from at-risk groups to ensure they were inclusive and accessible for all people. This effort also promotes coherence between the largest response organizations in the country, namely NDMA, MRC, and the Maldives National Defence Force. This will continue as further partner agencies are added to bolster the campaign.</p> <p>The results also contribute to framework outputs on risk information to guide EWS with the efforts on loss and damage, Sendai Framework reporting, and the inputs to the National DRR Strategy and Male IDMP. On knowledge products and awareness, the risk communications campaign and 20<sup>th</sup> commemoration event directly build awareness on risks and EWS.</p>

<b>15. Contributions to Partner Country Plans and Commitments</b>	<p>This effort was the impetus for the fast-tracking of the GCF TRACT Proposal supported by UNEP, and efforts on risk communications, DRR Strategy development, and loss and damage reporting all built and strengthened existing foundations for the GCF proposal. Moreover, these actions directly correlate to actions requested in the Maldives National EW4All Roadmap.</p> <p>In line with country plans, the CREWS ASW support to the DRR Strategy publication led to increased focus on DRR for the 5 and 20 year national development plans that are under development now. Additionally, the DRR Strategy had an annex on how this can better integrate with the on-going NAP formulation, and NDMA has played a crucial role in being a part of that process as it moves forward.</p>
<b>16. Lessons Learned</b>	<p>Due to a newly established administration in government at the outset of the project, there was a delay in being able to take actions on the support. However, once priorities were clearly established, the support enabled us to strengthen the EWS and DRR landscape in Maldives in a large arena. There were at times challenges with limited capacity in NDMA, but this increased over the course of 2024, which also made matters easier. One challenge was the delay in the launch of the Disaster Tracking System, as it was initially slated to be used in this proposal; however, the funds were able to contribute to building a foundation for disaster data governance that will pay dividends in establishing the since launched database.</p>




<b>17. Visibility Products and Supporting Documents</b>	<p><b>Risk Communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tsunami video: <a href="#">Videos - Google Drive</a></li> <li>- Media Coverage of 20<sup>th</sup> Commemoration: <a href="https://english.sun.mv/94121">https://english.sun.mv/94121</a></li> <li>- 20<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Photos: <a href="#">Viluntheri 20 NDMA by Equinox Media</a></li> <li>- Preparedness Videos: <a href="#">Video - Google Drive</a> (Please note, not yet released by government so only for awareness)</li> <li>- Early Warning and Risk Communications in the Maldives Report: <a href="https://ndma.gov.mv/en/publications/early-warning-and-risk-communication-in-maldives-report">https://ndma.gov.mv/en/publications/early-warning-and-risk-communication-in-maldives-report</a></li> </ul> <p><b>National Level Documents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National DRR Strategy: <a href="https://ndma.gov.mv/en/publications/disaster-risk-reduction-strategy-maldives-2024-2030-1">https://ndma.gov.mv/en/publications/disaster-risk-reduction-strategy-maldives-2024-2030-1</a></li> <li>- EW4All Roadmap: <a href="https://www.environment.gov.mv/v2/en/news/25268">https://www.environment.gov.mv/v2/en/news/25268</a></li> </ul> <p>Further documents attached.</p>
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<b>Date and Signature:</b>	24 April 2025 

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