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WORKSHOP ON THE NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SENDAI FRAMEWORK; DEVELOPMENT OF RISK REDUCTION STRATEGIES AND PLANS IN THE MALDIVIES

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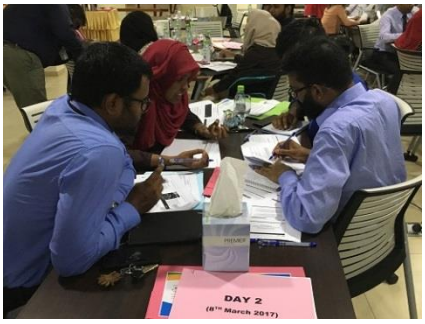
SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES

The workshop on the national implementation of the Sendai Framework: development of risk reduction strategies and plans in the Maldives represented a milestone as the first multi-sectoral workshop on understanding the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in coherence with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Climate Agreement.

This workshop aimed at supporting better understanding of concepts and global trends in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation; the Sendai Framework and overall requirements for implementation at national and local level in coherence with the SDGs and the Paris Agreement; how to develop a draft national DRR action plan towards the alignment of current plans against the Sendai Framework – in particular towards the achievement of target (e) by 2020; how to plan the way forward: scaling up capacity development on Sendai Framework implementation and aligning plans and strategies with the Sendai Framework.

The workshop was co-organized by the UNISDR Global Education and Training Institute (GETI) with the National Disaster Management Center (NDMC) of the Maldives, with participants representing Ministries of Environment and Energy, Fisheries and Agriculture, Health, Housing and Infrastructure, Gender and Family, Meteorology, Tourism, Youth and Sports, Water and Waste Departments, and the National Statistics Bureau, among others, as well as stakeholders from local government, the Maldivian Red Crescent Society, civil society and private sector.

The first day of the workshop introduced the innovations of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction including, in particular, its global 'target (e)' on the development of national strategies by 2020 as an indicator common to SDGs 1, 13 and 11. Participants were introduced to the Maldives disaster risk profile and the current plan and process for implementing the SDGs in the Maldives, particularly in areas related to disaster risk reduction in 10 of 17 SDGs. Participants were introduced to the draft Sendai Framework Monitor Phase 1 indicators and together they reflected on the existing plans and strategies in the Maldives and identified gaps and opportunities to 'risk-inform' their plans.



During the second day, the Sendai Framework priorities for action were presented via case studies to inspire potential solutions and options for implementation. Then, the participants were introduced to the action planning tools and used the outcomes of day one to identify objectives and actions that could be taken to address gaps and challenges in the existing plans and strategies in the Maldives.

During the final day, participants were introduced to good practice in the development of 'SMART' indicators for monitoring and evaluation. They selected some of their objectives identified during the second day to develop indicators, with timeframes and responsibility, for implementation. The draft action plans will serve as inputs to the development a detailed NDMC action plan towards risk-informed planning across sectors in the Maldives. In addition, participants identified the Sendai Framework principles of shared responsibility and all-of-society engagement with coordination mechanisms across sectors as key to enabling their risk-informed sustainable development plans.

Overall, participants' improved their knowledge of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction innovations, including the shift from disaster management to disaster risk management, the role of States, the activities required at national and local level and corresponding Sendai Monitor Phase 1 indicators for its implementation, in particular in coherence with SDG and climate change plans.

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