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### ANNOUNCEMENT



### MANGROVES FOR THE FUTURE (MFF), Investing in Coastal Ecosystems

#### Invitations for Proposals under Small Grant Facility

The Mangroves for the future (MFF) Programme is a regional initiative that is being currently implemented in six countries (India, Indonesia, Maldives, Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Thailand) which are the worst affected by the Tsunami of 2004. The Programme has two objectives, a) to strengthen the environmental sustainability of coastal development, b) to promote the investment in coastal ecosystem management. It provides a collaborative platform among the many different agencies, sectors and countries who are addressing challenges to coastal ecosystem and livelihood issues.

The MFF Maldives National Coordinating Body (NCB), which provides overall guidance and technical oversight to MFF Maldives component, is chaired by the Ministry of Housing Transport and environment on behalf of Government of Maldives. MFF Maldives component is managed by UNDP, United Nation Development Programme. The Programme has launched a Small Grant Facility for financing sustainable local level initiatives in the coastal areas with main objective of financing small projects to support local community action for the restoration and management of coastal ecosystems and their use on sustainable basis.

Initially small grants will be made available for projects of maximum duration of 12 months.

The small Grant Facility will support small scale coastal restoration, disaster risk reduction and environment management efforts, initiatives to create public awareness on environment issues and build local capacity to implement sustainable development initiatives, action to address livelihoods, incomes and equality and gender concerns.

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Proposals can be submitted by National / local NGO's, CBO's, academic and scientific institutes, small scale businesses and enterprises.

More details on Small Grant facility together with guidelines for application could be obtained from the Ministry of Housing Transport and Environment, Male' Maldives. (3324861, [ilham.mohamed@mhte.gov.mv](mailto:ilham.mohamed@mhte.gov.mv))

Proposals should reach Ministry of Housing Transport and Environment (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Fen Building, Ameenee Magu) not later than 20th August 2009.

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