







## STRENGTHENING PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCE THROUGH INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE IN THE MALDIVES (SPRING)



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## LOCALLY LED ACTIONS TO MITIGATE AND PREPARE FOR DISASTERS

The Strengthening Preparedness and Resilience through Inclusive Community Governance (SPRING) program in the Maldives is a collaborative effort between the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), the Maldivian Red Crescent (MRC), the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA). Its primary objective is to enhance community preparedness and resilience by promoting inclusive community governance and engaging key stakeholders. The project focuses on locally-led actions to mitigate and prepare for disasters through capacity development, partnerships, awareness campaigns, and knowledge sharing. By strengthening the capacity of stakeholders such as MRC, local councils, and community-based organizations, SPRING aims to foster self-reliance at the community level. It also aligns with the decentralization policy of the Maldivian government and the strategic vision of the MRC to institutionalize inclusive community governance for greater resilience. The program duration is from September 2022 until March 2024.

#### **PROGRAM GOAL**

The overall program goal is the "increased resilience of all segments of communities in the Maldives to disasters."

#### PROGRAM APPROACH

The project aims to enhance the locally-led preparedness and mitigation actions through inclusive community governance and multi-stakeholder partnerships, supported by systematic capacity development, mobilization, awareness creation, implementation of priority interventions, and knowledge exchange.

# INTERVENTIONS TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TO DISASTERS IN THE MALDIVES

#### **Community Awareness and Mobilization**

- Undertaking community participatory hazard, vulnerability, and capacity assessments
- Development of community action plans

 Conducting of public awareness campaigns and drills

#### **Capacity Development**

- Review and adaptation of training curricula, manuals, and guidelines
- Training and refresher sessions on disaster preparedness
- for community members and volunteers
- Implementation of priority community interventions

## **Knowledge Management, Sharing & Dissemination**

- Facilitating regional knowledge exchange
- Knowledge product development and dissemination

### Promoting Private Sector Engagement in Disaster Risk Reduction

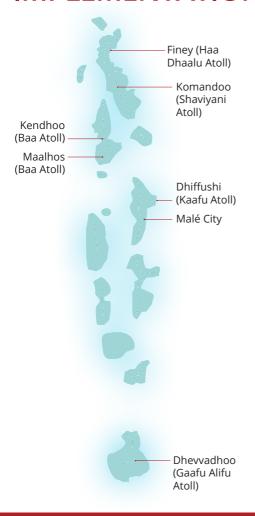
- Conducting of a landscape assessment of private sector engagement in disaster risk reduction in the Maldives
- Development of roadmap for private sector engagement in disaster risk reduction for the Maldives
- Support enterprises to formulate business continuity plans







## **IMPLEMENTATION LOCATIONS**



### INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY **GOVERNANCE**

Inclusive Community Governance refers to a situation where every member of the community, regardless of age, gender, race, religion, ability, location, and other factors, actively participates and contributes to the resilience of their communities. This involvement includes undertaking disaster preparedness and mitigation actions, as well as integrating disaster risk reduction into local community development initiatives. Inclusive Community Governance is based on the principles of decentralized development, where local agendas are followed and upheld to ensure the active engagement of all community members in building resilience.

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