

Maldives: Status of MDGs & Priorities for Post-2015 Development Agenda

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Status of MDGs

Maldives has achieved five out of the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) ahead of the 2015 deadline, making it South Asia's only "MDG+" country.

They are:

- MDG 1: Eradicating extreme poverty & hunger
- MDG 2: Universal access to primary education
- MDG 4: Reduce child mortality
- MDG 5: Improve maternal health
- MDG 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other infectious diseases

Progress slow

- MDG 3 : Promote gender equality & empower women
- MDG 7 : Ensuring environmental sustainability
- MDG 8 : Develop a global partnership for development

MDGs Progress in Maldives

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
●	\$1.25 per day poverty	●	●	●	●	▶	▶
▶	Country line poverty	▶	●	●	●	●	▶
▶	Underweight children	▶	●	●	●	●	▶
▶	Primary enrolment	▶	●	●	●	●	▶
●	Reaching last grade	●	●	●	●	●	▶
●	Primary completion	●	●	●	●	●	▶
●	Gender primary	●	●	●	●	●	▶
●	Gender secondary	●	●	●	●	●	▶
●	Gender tertiary	●	●	●	●	●	▶
●	Under-5 mortality	●	●	●	●	●	▶
●	Infant mortality	●	●	●	●	●	▶
●	Maternal mortality	●	●	●	●	●	▶
■	Skilled birth attendance	●	●	●	■	●	▶
●	Antenatal care (≥ 1 visit)	●	●	●	●	●	▶
▶	HIV prevalence	●	●	●	●	▶	▶
●	TB incidence	●	●	●	●	●	▶
●	TB prevalence	●	●	●	●	●	▶
▶	Forest cover	●	●	●	●	▶	▶
▶	Protected area	●	●	●	●	▶	▶
▶	CO ₂ emissions per GDP	●	●	●	●	▶	▶
●	Safe drinking water	●	●	●	●	●	▶
●	Basic sanitation	●	●	●	●	●	▶

● Early achiever

▶ On track

■ Slow

▶ Regressing/No progress

Challenges

- Inherent environmental and socio-economic vulnerabilities as a Small Island Developing State
- Geographic dispersal
- Lack of national capacity to manage for results and evidence based decision making
- Weak national data management systems, monitoring and reporting
- Nascent democracy

Priorities for Post-2015 Development Agenda

The UN sponsored global surveys 'my world' and 'the word we want' identified the following priorities for Maldives:

1. a good education,
2. better healthcare,
3. better job opportunities,
4. affordable and nutritious food,
5. gender equality,
6. access to clean water and sanitation,
7. an honest and responsive government,
8. protection against crime and violence,
9. support for people who can't work,
10. protecting forests, rivers and oceans.

Priorities Post-2015 development agenda

With focus on addressing *vulnerability*, *reducing inequality* and *building resilience*, priorities include:

- Poverty eradication, food security
- Gender equality and empowerment
- Sustainable water and sanitation
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Oceans, seas and marine resources
- Ecosystem and biodiversity
- Sustainable energy
- Peaceful and inclusive societies
- Means of implementation/global partnerships

Other relevant guidance and sustainable development frameworks

- Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of SIDS (BPoA, 1994)
- Mauritius Strategy for further Implementation of BPoA (MSI, 2005)
- SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (Samoa Pathway) to be adopted September 2014.

Thank you

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