For a small country like Maldives, data collection is time-consuming and costly. By the time the data is ready to use, the momentum is lost. We need to look beyond our conventional data collecting means and explore new avenues for data collection: big data, crowd sourcing, satellite imagery, etc.

We also need to strengthen our administrative data and have internet them connected not only to provide efficient public services but also to address the issues we face in highly climatic sensitive in a timely manner.

The WHO needs to play a more proactive role in this.
Planning process. They cannot be comfortable in the back bench offering for the 'demand' only. They need to find emerging trends and influence policy making to make informed decisions to address the trends and emerging issues.

Further more, we need to make data more available, accessible, and comprehensible to the ordinary people. We need to make it clear: it is a language that is understandable by the general public.

Data is the key to make the biggest data base how we can measure progress and identify what needs to be addressed.

We need to increase the accountability of the NGOs and the commitment from the leadership to drive this.

Thank you.