



QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT
QUARTER 1 | YEAR 2025

A. BASIC INFORMATION

Project ID / Output ID	918373 / 00142132 / 00130474 / Click or tap here to enter text.	Reporting Date:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Full Title:	Project for Developing Sustainable Agricultural Economy (PDSAE)		
Start Date:	12 October 2021	Completion Date (and approved extension, if any):	11 October 2024 – NCE pending approval
Total Project Fund (and fund revisions, if any):	US\$2,619,708.54	Annual Project Fund: AWP Budget (Click or tap here to enter text.) ("and fund revisions, if an")	Click or tap here to enter text.
Implementing Partner:	UNDP Maldives		
Donor/s:	Government of Japan		
Responsible Parties:	Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Agriculture, AgroNational Corporation, Housing Development Corporation and Business Centre Corporation		
Project Description	The overall goal of the project is to build on the work of the SEEDS project and further strengthen local productivity of agricultural produce in the Maldives. By doing so, the project aims to enhance food security in the archipelagic nation, which has very limited arable land, and enable more entrepreneurs interested in the agricultural businesses to enter the sector and facilitate secondary and tertiary production of related commodities including foodstuff and textiles		
Target Group	Government Agencies, Local Government, Support to MSMEs in the atolls, young women and men, and persons with disabilities and the Public		

B. INDICATIVE/EMERGING RESULTS OF THE PROJECT and LESSONS LEARNED

B.1 CPD Outcome alignment	By 2026, youth, women, and others at risk of being left behind contribute to and benefit from inclusive, resilient, sustainable economic and human capital development, fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and decent work. UNDP OUTCOME 2 (UNSDCF OUTCOME 3): By 2026, national and subnational institutions and communities in Maldives, particularly at-risk populations, are better able to manage natural resources and achieve enhanced resilience to climate change and disaster impacts, natural and human-induced hazards, and environmental degradation, inclusively and in a sustainable manner
B.2 CPD Output indicator alignment <i>[Choose between 1-3 applicable indicators]</i>	Output 1.2. Innovative development solutions ensure inclusive and meaningful livelihoods, contributing to blue, green, and digital value chains for sustainable economic growth <i>Indicator 1.2.2: Number of new enterprises contributing to lucrative value chains in blue, green and digital economies. [SPIRRF 4.1.1]</i> <i>Baseline: 0</i> <i>Target: 2,000 (70% led by women, youth, recovering addicts, persons with disability</i> <i>Source: United Nations, MoT, AGRONat, polytechnic, MED and schools;</i> <i>Frequency: Midterm evaluation</i> Output 2.1. Enabling environment and multisector engagement for carbon footprint reduction in priority sectors <i>Indicator 2.1.1: Number of sectors integrating and implementing gender-sensitive sustainable practices, policies and strategies [SPIRRF 1.1.2]</i> <i>Baseline: 0</i> <i>Target: 7</i> <i>Source: MoECCT</i> <i>Frequency: Annually</i> <i>Indicator 2.1.2: Percentage of government sectors prioritized within nationally determined contributions for climate change adaptation and mitigation in planning, budgeting and financing mechanisms [SPIRRF 1.1.1]</i> <i>Baseline: 0%</i> <i>Target: 100%</i> <i>Source: MoECCT</i> <i>Frequency: Annually</i>
• <i>Provide quarterly updates (quantitative or qualitative) for each CPD output indicator selected (e.g. No. and name of LGUs for indicator 1.1.1).</i> • <i>Describe key CPD output level results that were achieved as planned. Explain why output-level results were not achieved as planned</i> • <i>Reflect on external factors that constrained performance</i>	

Following PDSAE Project Steering Committee (PSC) held on 08 August 2024, with the decision to request for a No-Cost Extension (NCE) UNDP Maldives has initiated the process with the Focal Point at the Embassy of Japan in the Maldives. The project initial end date is 11 Oct 2024 and the NCE was requested for additional 9 months (ending Sept 2025). A decision on the NCE is yet pending from the HQ in Tokyo, hence, no major project activities were able to be conducted in Q1-2025.
[1000 characters max. per CPD output]

B.3 SP Output Alignment	Select other applicable SP output indicators outside the CPD from the drop-down list. See [link] for full list of indicators. SPIRRF 4.1.1 Number of people directly benefitting from initiatives to protect nature and promote sustainable use of resources: Female, Male, Sex-disaggregated data unavailable SPIRRF 1.1.2: 1.1.2 Number of countries that have policy measures in place to enable the enhancement and/or implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement SPIRRF 1.1.2 Number of countries that have policy measures in place to enable the enhancement and/or implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement
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B.4 Project document outcome indicators

Document Outcome Indicator	Baseline		Project Target		Actual Progress in reporting period (numeric or narrative)	Comments/ Remarks
	Year	Quantity/ Points /Rating	Overall target for project period Click or tap here to enter text.	2025 target Click or tap here to enter text.		
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B.5 Project document output indicators

Output 1.1: Strengthen assistance to increase local farmer expertise in agriculture.

Activity Results	Indicator	Baseline	Overall target for project period	2025 Target	Actual Progress in reporting period (numeric) or (narrative)	Comments/ Remarks
1.1 No. of trained auditors for farm inspection Enter activities under each output here	1.1 no. of trained auditors for farm inspection		250 auditors			Completed in 2024
1.2 No. of lab facilities established	1.2 no. of lab facilities established		1 lab			Bids received exceed the allocated budget. NCE request included a

						reprogramme of activity budget.
1.3 No. of trainings/trainees trained on agricultural techniques			3 trainings 15 participants			Completed in 2024
1.4 Establishment and operation a training facility in Laamu Atoll	1.4 Establishment and		1 facility			Bids received exceed the allocated budget. NCE request included a reprogramme of activity budget.
1.5 No. of systems installed, and no. of individuals trained	1.5 No. of systems installed, and no. of individuals trained		30 farming systems (10 drip irrigation systems, 5 organic farming setups and 15 trained individuals)	30 farming systems (10 drip irrigation systems, 5 organic farming setups and 15 trained individuals)		3 islands for irrigation confirmed and all the equipment have already been procured. Decision of the government to dissolve the operation of the SOE (RP - AgroNat) resulted in halt of all the activities under the RP. A decision of the way forward was confirmed by the Government in late March 2025. Final decisions to resume project activities are currently on-going.
Output 2.1: Enhance agricultural capacities and opportunities to ensure food security.						
Activity Results	Indicator	Baseline	Overall target for project period	2025 Target	Actual Progress in reporting period (numeric) or (narrative)	Comments/ Remarks
2.1 No. of young/new generation of agro entrepreneurs incubated	2.1 No. of young/new generation of agro entrepreneurs incubated		12 farming lots and 36 new farmers	12 farming lots and 36 new farmers		Urban Farm ready to be launched in Q2 – 2025.

Output 3.1: Enhance support industries and value-added services to augment agro-businesses.

Activity Results	Indicator	Baseline	Overall target for project period	2025 Target	Actual Progress in reporting period (numeric) or (narrative)	Comments/ Remarks
3.1: No. of pop-up stalls fabricated/Number of agro entrepreneurs enabled to sell produce within the market	3.1: No. of pop-up stalls fabricated/Number of agro entrepreneurs enabled to sell produce within the market		28 popup stalls and 2 interactive digital screens	28 popup stalls and 2 interactive digital screens		Ready to be launched in Q2 – 2025.
3.2: Number of enrolments in the incubation programme	3.2: Number of enrolments in the incubation programme		3 “Authentic Maldives” food stalls, 50 producers engaged through food courts			Completed in 2024
3.3: Successful development of the required CMS system base and industry specific modules/ Publication of SME handbook and displayed in the appropriate avenues/ No. of new advertisements/assets/posts/ templates developed	3.3: Successful development of the required CMS system base and industry specific modules/ Publication of SME handbook and displayed in the appropriate avenues/ No. of new advertisements/assets/posts/ templates developed		1 CMS/ 200 subscriber clients engaged through CMS/ 1 SME handbook/ 20 promotional/marketing material			Completed in 2024
3.4 Establish an effective, reliable and timely transportation mechanism for agriculture produce from farmers to markets, clients and customers	3.4 Establish an effective, reliable and timely transportation mechanism for agriculture produce from farmers to markets, clients and customers		1 boat providing logistical support for N,R,B,Lh,F,Dh,Th, L atoll farmers			Launched in 2024

B.6 Lessons learned and ways forward

***Guidance:** Mention the key lessons learned from project implementation, and how these lessons will guide us in the future. Please mention any “best” practices which UNDP should be aware of. Please be specific. [2,000 characters max.]*

Delays in completing key activities—especially due to delayed no-cost extension (NCE) approvals—have highlighted the need for greater flexibility, not just in planning but also in implementation stages. These setbacks affected procurement, disrupted timelines, and slowed overall progress of the project. For UNDP to stay responsive, we need room to adjust workplans, reprogram budgets, and make operational decisions more efficiently when facing unforeseen challenges especially with the government changes and priorities. Moving forward, it's crucial to streamline project implementation and procurement with clear guidelines, training, and pre-approved vendor lists, while ensuring regular reviews, updated risk plans, and tailored capacity-building efforts to keep implementation agile and on track.

C. TECHNICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- *Evidence-based reporting – include relevant reports/publications and/or photo-documentation (description, date, location) as an annex.*
- *Quarterly financial performance is reported in the FACE Form. Please ensure consistency of technical accomplishments with the submitted Quarter FACE form and the AWP.*
- *Interim annual financial performance data is reported in the APR.*

D. PARTNERSHIPS

Name of Partner	Type	Description of partnership and how it has contributed to project results or sustainability
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

E. INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION, AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

IEC/Knowledge Product Produced	Type	Date Published/Produced	Target audience	Link (if available)
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

Was the project cited/quoted/featured in media reports/articles? <i>If yes, please provide link to article/video.</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.
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F. ACTIONS TAKEN REGARDING AUDIT AND/OR SPOT CHECK FINDINGS

Describe actions taken to address the findings from the audit/spot check as applicable.

Audit/Spot Check Recommendation/s	Action Taken	Responsible Person	Implementation Date
Click or tap here to enter text.	Internal Audit controls were conducted Q1 2025	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

G. RISK LOG UPDATE

- Assess identified risks and record new risks that may affect project implementation.
- Include risks identified in the Project’s Social and Environmental Screening, if any.
- Is there an update to any risks in this quarter?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Cause	Event	Impact	Date Identified	Type	Status	Countermeasures/Management Response <i>(What actions have been taken/will be taken to counter this risk)</i>
Political instability, Project prioritization	Delayed Procurement and implementation of project activities	Delayed implementation	10/12/2021	3.Operational 3.8 Capacities of the partners	On-going	Keep track of procurement and progress. Foresee any risk, and prepare actions, discussions. Any challenge or delay in implementation need to be discussed and informed to senior management.

Climate change and environmental degradation	Unpredictability and climactic variability leading to environmental degradation(e.g., saltwater intrusion, prolonged drought) may adversely affect planned timelines for activities such as those related to agriculture.	Implementation delays due to mitigation measures.	10/12/2021	1.Social and Environmental 1.5. Climate change and disaster risks	On-going	Keep up to date, follow news and any impact. Always discuss with stakeholders, people and engage in the community to understand challenges.
Cooperation modalities or management coordination issues.	Delayed implementation, cooperation modalities or management/coordination issues.	Delayed Implementation	10/12/2021	3.Operational 3.5 Partners Engagement	On-going	Follow up on project activities. Keep up to date on any challenge / delays. Discuss issues in prior and keep a good and efficient communication with partners.
2023 Election - Enactment of new policies/regulations.	New policies/regulations placed that could have an impact on programme implementation and activities.	Programme implementation delays and challenges.	04/01/2023	7.Strategic 7.6 Change/turnover in government	On-going	Understand and access the impact of how it may affect the programme. Keeping everyone informed, communicate with stakeholders and plan for unexpected issues.
Political instability, Project prioritization	Delayed Procurement and implementation of project activities	Delayed implementation	10/12/2021	3.Operational 3.8 Capacities of the partners	On-going	Keep track of procurement and progress. Foresee any risk, and prepare actions, discussions. Any challenge or delay in implementation need to be discussed and informed to senior management.

H. MONITORING & EVALUATION

Is the project's M&E Plan being adequately implemented? Are progress data against indicators in the project's RRF being reported regularly using credible data sources and collected according to the frequency stated in the M&E Plan?	Project progress is discussed regularly at working group level with all partners, and regular checks where needed. In the meetings key challenges and bottlenecks are discussed and solutions are formulated and implemented. Additionally, depending on the needs of the of the partners, the activities are discussed
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	within the working group and changes or course corrections are made to project activities. Visits to the review progress of project activities are done for Q&A purposes and validate the activities progress.
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I. MAINSTREAMING GENDER EQUALITY

Incorporation of gender perspectives in various outputs and activities by giving emphasis on gender-sensitive concerns especially in leadership roles, decision-making processes, capacity-building and protection of women, including the children and elderly

UNDP Gender Marker [link]	Gen2
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J. Qualitative description

Output level results reporting 1) Output 1.1 Click or tap here to enter text. 2) Output 2.1 Click or tap here to enter text. 3) Click or tap here to enter text.
In Governance Mechanisms <i>Guidance: participation in project board, including representation of PCW, TWGs, experts’ group and other governance mechanisms set up by the project, e.g. national multi-sectoral committees)</i> Click or tap here to enter text.
In Capacity Building and Policy, Planning and Programming Click or tap here to enter text.
Women’s Empowerment Key Results

Guidance: Describe results achieved by the project in promoting gender equality and women’s empowerment. Please highlight gender results achieved which have brought about changes in men’s and women’s lives, gender relations, gender roles and division of labour, status of inequality and exclusion of specific groups, etc.. Please provide quantitative data wherever possible. Include qualitative case studies and success stories to illustrate the most significant changes brought about by your project’s contributions.

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K. Leaving No One Behind (LNOB) and Inclusivity

How the project results complement UNDP LNOB and inclusivity agenda?

L. Disaggregation of data of Beneficiaries/Participants of Activities conducted under the Project

Project Activities (E.g. Activity 1.1 xxxx)	Number of beneficiaries/participants	Gender disaggregation	Remarks (if any)
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M. Budget and Expenditure

1. Output wise Budget and Expenditure (in Reporting Period) in USD

Output	Annual Budget	Total Expenditure	Budget Utilization%
Output 1...	\$444,798.20		
Output 2...	\$88,245.83		
Output 3...	\$134,400.38		
Project Management	\$26,094.89		
GMS	\$55,483.14		
Total	\$749,022.44		

2. Donor wise Budget and Expenditure (in Reporting Period)

Source of Fund	Funding period (Start – End Date)	Total Project Budget	Expenditure up to quarter	Total Budget utilization %	Budget Balance
UNDP					
Donor 1 ...					
Donor 2					
Total					

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ANNEX

N. Financial report

O. SAMPLE RISK LOG UPDATE

#	Issue Log	Risk Category	Likelihood	Impact	Proposed Mitigation Measure	Proposed Risk Response
1.	(list/cluster)	(choose from list)	(1-5)	(1-5, comment)	(list)	(terminate, transfer, mitigate, tolerate)
2.						

P. Reference: Types of Risks¹

Environmental	Financial	Organizational	Political	Operational	Regulatory	Strategic	Other
Natural Disasters: storms, flooding, earthquakes	EXTERNAL economic factors: interest rates, exchange rate fluctuation, inflation	Institutional Arrangements	Corruption	Complex Design (size: larger/multi-country project; technical complexity; innovativeness, multiple funding sources)	New unexpected regulations, policies	Partnerships failing to deliver	Other risks that do not fit in any of the other categories
Pollution incidents	INTERNAL:	Institutional/ Execution Capacity	Government Commitment	Project Management	Critical policies or legislation fails to pass or progress in the legislative process	Strategic Vision, Planning and Communication	Might refer to socioeconomic factors such as: population pressures; encroachment – illegal invasions; poaching/illegal hunting or fishing

¹ UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures (POPP)

Social and Cultural	Co-financing difficulties	Implementation arrangements	Political Will	Human Error/Incompetence		Leadership and Management	
Security/Safety	Use of financing mechanisms	Country Office Capacity (specific elements limiting CO capacity)	Political Instability	Infrastructure Failure		Programme Alignment	
Economic	Funding (Financial Resources)	Governance	Change in Government	Safety being compromised		Competition	
	Reserve Adequacy	Culture, Code of Conduct and Ethics	Armed Conflict and Instability	Poor monitoring and evaluation		Stakeholder Relations	
	Currency	Accountability and Compensation	Adverse Public opinion/media intervention	Delivery		Reputation	
	Receivables	Succession Planning and Talent Management		Programme Management		UN Coordination	
	Accounting/Financial Reporting	Human resources Processes and Procedures		Process Efficiency		UN Reform	
	Budget Allocation and Management			Internal Controls			
	Cash Management/Reconciliation			Internal and External Fraud			
	Pricing/Cost Recovery			Compliance and Legal			
				Procurement			
				Technology			
				Physical Assets			