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Maldives



Country Information

Region: South Asia

Population: Approximately 436,000

Capital: Malé

GDP (US\$): \$4.597 billion

Geography: Maldives is an archipelago of 1,190 coral islands, grouped into 26 atolls in the Indian Ocean. It's a low-lying island nation with its highest point only two meters above sea level.

General climate: Maldives has a warm and humid tropical climate, with two monsoon seasons: the southwest monsoon (wet period from May-November) and the northeast monsoon (dry period from January to March).

INFORM Risk Rating: 2.4

Risk Summary

- The remoteness and inaccessibility of the islands presents a challenge in delivery of basic services and high diseconomies of scale. High dependence on imports even of essential items compounds the country's vulnerability.
- The economy's reliance on tourism and fisheries increases the Maldives' social and economic vulnerability to sea-related hazards and climate change.

- Maldives is regularly exposed to multiple hazards such as floods, storms, heavy rains and high waves caused by cyclones in the South Indian Ocean. It is also susceptible to oil spills and aviation related hazards.

Disaster Management System

National Level

National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC): The mission of the NDMC is to take proactive and timely measures to prevent or reduce the impact of disasters through its efficient staff and collaborative efforts with national, regional and international agencies. It is mandated to raise awareness on disasters among the government and the population; coordinate with relevant government authorities on disaster management and DRR; conduct research on disasters and establish action plans; ensure the integration of DRR into development plans and school curricula; facilitate training for government officials of relevant sectors in DRR; and establish a public disaster information database.

Helpful Links and Sources

Maldives country profile:

<https://data.worldbank.org/country/maldives>

INFORM country risk profile:

<http://www.inform-index.org/countries/country-profiles>

Disaster Risk Profile for Maldives (2006):

http://www.mv.undp.org/content/maldives/en/home/library/environment_energy/Report.html

NDMC website:

<http://ndmc.gov.mv>

Disaster risk management systems in South Asia:

<https://www.omicsonline.org/open-access/disaster-risk-management-systems-in-south-asia-natural-hazardsvulnerability-disaster-risk-and-legislative-and-institutional-frame-2167-0587-1000207.pdf>

