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**Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology**  
Male', Republic of Maldives



## **Enhancing National Development through Environmentally Resilient Islands (ENDhERI)**

### **Small Grants for Laamu Atoll Islands**

#### **Request for Proposals**

### **1. Background**

The Government of the Republic of Maldives through the Ministry of Environment is implementing Enhancing National Development through Environmentally Resilient Islands (ENDhERI) project financed by Global Environment Facility (GEF) and assisted by United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) with the objective of enhancing reef protection, resilience and ecosystem recovery by reducing development impacts in a selected project site in the Maldives, enabled for replication nationally through public awareness and integrating the values of marine biodiversity and other natural capital.

This project aims to assist the government of the Maldives in its implementation of new environmental policies and transition towards national adoption of Green Growth atoll development that will sustain marine Natural Capital (NC) and strengthen the resilience and recovery of reef ecosystems. This will be informed by learning from atoll-wide integrated coastal zone management within a Managed Marine Area / Biosphere Reserve framework, and the application of innovative sustainability practices and standards in agriculture, fisheries, tourism and construction sector as the basis for transforming the human ecological footprint in Laamu Atoll, and taking this up to national level through sector transformation, and improved governance based on NC accounting. The intermediate objective of this transformation is to minimize pollutants from land and marine based activities into the adjacent marine environment, and reduce marine-based drivers of reef degradation including baitfish and reef fisheries. Overall, the project seeks to enhance reef ecosystem integrity and



resilience through sustainable management, reducing development impacts and integrating NC accounting into national planning.

## **2. Main Objective:**

The main objective is to provide a small grants scheme under ENDhERI project for supporting sustainable livelihoods that relates to better management of natural capital; as part of the transition towards national adoption of Green Growth atoll development that will sustain marine Natural Capital (NC) and strengthen the resilience and recovery of reef ecosystems. The project also intends to provide at risk women extra support in economical betterment through alternative livelihood options.

This initiative is open for the NGOs and Island Communities/or Women Groups from Haddhunmathi (Laamu Atoll) to support and implement the proposed projects by advocating the island communities and institutions.

## **3. Grant awarding**

After having reviewed the concept notes/application forms, an NGO/Island Community will be selected and the selected proponent will have to enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology (MECCT). These NGOs/Island Communities would be responsible in implementing the activities with the support of island councils, while MECCT will be providing required technical assistance and monitor the progress.

## **4. Focal Areas**

ENDhERI project aim to increase community engagement in conservation of natural resources and sustainable management of natural capital. Also, to increase awareness on preservation of natural assets and to establish a continuous information flow on the Local Protected Areas and key natural sites of the Atoll and sustainably manage these areas within the island communities and build awareness of the natural capital at Haddhunmathi.

Following are the key focal areas for small grants:

- 4.1 Support local-led activities in support of MMA and LMMA development supporting implementation of the Atoll and Island Development Plans and facilitating public-private partnerships to contribute towards site management.
- 4.2 Support citizen science projects in monitoring and reporting on biodiversity and environmental quality.
- 4.3 Support to women's groups to contribute towards sustainable diversified agriculture and phase out dependency on agrochemicals; including introducing alternative technologies in support of sustainable production practices, food processing, waste management and related activities.



- 4.4 Support cooperative/Association/NGO work to develop value chains from farming communities to markets and logistical networks for distribution through facilitating supplier-vendor discussion; including proactive support for women's groups.
- 4.5 Support demonstration of sustainable fishing practices; especially for grouper, demersal reef fish and tuna bait-fish; including support for women's engagement including fish processing and marketing.
- 4.6 Support student projects in Laamu Atoll that will research aspects of natural capital accounting and marine conservation and monitoring.

ENDhERI Small Grants will support small scale activities relating to the above key focal area on advocating the island communities. **Each island can apply to the selected focal area and amount (as per Annex A)**

## 5. Who can Apply?

Civil society organizations (CSOs) with priority for national and local non-governmental organizations (NGOs), community-based organizations (CBOs), youth and children organizations, schools and universities as well as significant importance would be given to the women's development committees (WDC).

## 6. How much?

Selected proposal will be awarded the stated amount in Annex A for each island for project implementation based on the project proposals.

## 7. Payment

Payment will be disbursed as per the below schedule and proposed timeline.

#	Deliverable	Payment
1	Submission of Inception Report describing the Stakeholder Consultation, detailed work plan and timeline.	25%
2	Completion of 25% of the project as per the proposed timeline	25%
3	Completion of 50% of the project as per the proposed timeline	25%
4	Completion of 75% of the project as per the proposed timeline	25%



## 8. Project Duration

Maximum duration for the activity is six (06) months from the date awarded. A project completion report should be submitted as per the format provided.

## 9. Submission (can submit via e-mail or hardcopy)

**The proposals shall be submitted along with the following mandatory documents. The proposals submitted without the mandatory documents will be disqualified and will not be considered for further evaluation.**

- Application Form
- Copy of Registration certificate or a document of verification (CSO/CBO/NGO/School/Institute/WDC or any other organization).
- Project endorsement letter from the Island Council.

## 10. Submission Deadline

Applications and all documents must be received **no later than 1400hrs of 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022**. Applications can be submitted via email to [ENDhERI@environment.gov.mv](mailto:ENDhERI@environment.gov.mv) or can be submitted to ENDhERI Office at Haddhunmathi Atoll Council Office, in a sealed envelope labelled:

Small Grant for Laamu Atoll  
Enhancing National Development through Environmentally Resilient Islands (ENDhERI) project,  
Project Implementation Unit  
Haddhunmathi Atoll Council Secretariat  
L. Fonadhoo  
Republic of Maldives

## 11. Evaluation Criteria

- **The proposals that does not meet the allocated Focal Area will be disqualified and will not be considered for further evaluation.**

Selection of grantees will be as follows;



#	Evaluation Criteria	Poor 2 Points	Fair 4 Points	Satisfactory 6 Points	Good 8 Points	Excellent 10 Points
1	<b>Rationale of Proposal</b>	Need is not stated.	The stated need does not address the focal areas.	The stated need generally addresses the focal areas.	Addresses the need fairly and is consistent with the focal areas.	Addresses the need and is consistent with the specified focal areas.
2	<b>Major Objectives</b>	The objectives are unclear; no measurable outcomes are included.	The objectives are defined, but measurable outcomes are unclear.	The objectives are defined, but measurable outcomes are somewhat clear.	The objectives are defined and the outcomes are stated.	The objectives are defined and obtainable. The outcomes are stated and measurable.
3	<b>Plans for the Project</b>	The project's methods are not identified. No standards or measures are cited	The project's methods are identified. The standards and benchmarks are not clearly defined.	The project's methods are identified. The standards and benchmarks are defined fairly.	The project's methods are instructionally sound. The initiative standards and benchmarks are identified, but the project may not be doable.	The project's methods are instructionally sound. The standards and benchmarks are clearly identified and the project is doable.
4	<b>Benefit to community or the outcome of the project</b>	No stated impact or benefit is given.	There is little indication that the identified needs of the targeted group are addressed.	The impact on the identified needs of the targeted group indicated is fairly average.	Some positive impact on the identified needs of the targeted group is indicated.	A significant positive impact on the identified needs of the targeted group is certain.



5	<b>Timeline</b>	No timeline is included.	The timeline is unclear or is not realistic for the successful completion of the project	The timeline is fairly attainable.	The timeline is clear with realistic, attainable dates.	The timeline is clearly stated with realistic, attainable dates. All activities are linked to the time line and the overall outcome of the project.
6	<b>Sustainability</b>	No plans for sustainability of the project	Sustainability of the project is unclear or is not realistic	Sustainability of the project is defined fairly	The steps taken before, during and at the completion of project implementation to ensure the sustainability of the project is clear	The steps and guidelines taken before, during and at the completion of project implementation to ensure the sustainability of the project is clear with monitoring guidelines.
7	<b>Experience and Capacity</b>	No previous experience	Experience in implementing projects, but not in similar capacity	Experience in implementing a project in similar capacity	Experience in implementing 2-3 projects in similar capacity	Experience in implementing more than 3 projects in similar capacity
8	<b>Budget</b>	Project personnel and administrative cost should not exceed more than 10% of the project value  Cost for hardware/equipment should not exceeds more than 50% of the project value		<p><b>0 points:</b> No estimated budget given.</p> <p><b>5 points:</b> Budget is unclear or unrealistic for the proposed project.</p> <p><b>10 points:</b> Budget is clear and realistic. Does not exceed allocated percentage for administrative and equipment (only amount allocated from ENDhERI Small Grant).</p>		



			<b>20 points:</b> Budget is clear and realistic for the proposed project. Estimated amount matches the allocated budget. Does not exceed allocated percentage for administrative and equipment (with additional funds from co-financers).
9	<b>Women Management</b>	50% of the Project Implementation Unit consists of women  A 10 (ten) point extra marks shall be awarded to the above evaluation criteria.	

Score will be given out of a total 100 obtainable points and will be awarded to the top scoring proposal.

ENDhERI Small Grants Application form can be obtained from the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology website: [www.environment.gov.mv](http://www.environment.gov.mv)

For any further inquiries regarding the call for proposals, send email to the below email address.

**Enhancing National Development through Environmentally Resilient Islands (ENDhERI) project,**

**Department Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology**

**Malé, Maldives**

**Email: [endheri@environment.gov.mv](mailto:endheri@environment.gov.mv)**



## **Annex A**

ENDhERI Small Grants will support small scale activities relating to the key focal areas on advocating the island communities. **Each island can apply to the selected focal area and amount as per below table.**

#	Focal Area	Island	Total per Island
4.1	Support local-led activities in support of MMA and LMMA development supporting implementation of the Atoll and Island Development Plans and facilitating public-private partnerships to contribute towards site management	Maabaidhoo	181,117.40
4.1		Maavah	212,584.87
4.2	Support citizen science projects in monitoring and reporting on biodiversity and environmental quality.	Kalaidhoo	177,811.17
4.3	Support to women's groups to contribute towards sustainable diversified agriculture and phase out dependency on agrochemicals; including introducing alternative technologies in support of sustainable production practices, food processing, waste management and related activities <b>(Only Women leading group can apply to this area)</b>	Hithadhoo	191,969.59
4.3		Fonadhoo	260,272.28
4.3		Kunahandhoo	181,817.54
4.3		Gan	280,926.45
4.3		Mundoo	156,651.34
4.4	Support cooperative/Association/NGO work to develop value chains from farming communities to markets and logistical networks for distribution through facilitating supplier-vendor discussion; including proactive support for women's groups	Isdhoo	201,615.98
4.5	Support demonstration of sustainable fishing practices; especially for grouper, demersal reef fish and tuna bait-fish; including support for women's engagement including fish processing and marketing.	Dhanbidhoo	171,587.69
4.6	Support student projects in Laamu Atoll that will research aspects of natural capital accounting and marine conservation and monitoring.	Maamendhoo	183,645.69



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## ENDhERI Small Grants Application Form

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### A. Project Description

1. Project Focal Area:

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2. Project Title:

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3. Project Location:

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4. Rationale of proposal:

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5. Objectives of proposed project:

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6. Brief background: What is the issue or problem that your activity will address? Why is it critical to address this issue?

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7. Project description (Describe in detail the activities that would be conducted under the project)

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8. What are the likely outcomes of the project? (measurable changes to livelihoods, location, ecosystems, community and other important considerations)

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9. Describe your method for selecting participants and beneficiaries

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10. Community Participation and Engagement (Indicate how the community groups/stakeholders in affected community will be practically involved with the project)

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11. Risks Associated with the project (describe the potential barriers to implementation of the project and ways to resolve them)

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## B. Organization Profile

1. Name of the organization:

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2. Year Established:

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3. Organization Detail:

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Atoll:	.....	Mobile:	.....
Island:	.....	Email:	.....
Office Address:	.....	Website:	.....
Office Phone:	.....		

4. Key contact person/s and title

Name:	.....	Name:	.....
Title:	.....	Title:	.....
Mobile:	.....	Mobile:	.....
Email:	.....	Email:	.....

5. Describe your organization and its purpose:

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## C. Implementation Plan

1. Anticipated duration of your activity (Detailed timeline is required)  
Overall length (total number of months):

Start Date: ...../...../.....

End Date: ...../...../.....

2. Main tasks, with estimated start and end dates for each task. Please include all events, trainings, publications, etc. Brief Description of Main Tasks

Tasks	Description	Start Date	End Date
Task 1			
Task 2			
Task 3			
Task 4			
Task 5			
Task 6			

3. List personnel who will be involved in implementing this project

Name	Title	Contact Number

*\*Please attached detailed workplan for the proposed project.*

## D. Experience and Capacity

1. Experience Implementing Similar activities:

Activity Title	Year	Outcome

2. List three independent relevant professional references for the organization

Referee	Email	Contact Number

## E. Budget

Estimated Project cost (in MVR):

1. Amount requested from ENDHERI Small Grant: .....
2. In-kind or other contribution: .....
3. Total Estimated Cost: .....

*\* A detailed budget format will be included with this form.*

## F. Sustainability

The steps to be taken before, during and at the completion of project implementation to ensure the sustainability of the project

1. ....  
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2. ....  
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(continue to add more if required, for each area)

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I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application is accurate and correct:

Name: .....

Title: .....

Signature: .....

Stamp: 

Date: .....



## Budget Template for the ENDhERI Small Grant Proposals

Expense Categories	Narrative Requirements
<b>I. Project Management</b> Staff costs Other	Estimated cost for staff based on percent time on project ( should not exceed more the 10% of project value For project management purposes only.
<b>II. Direct Expenses</b> Planning, environmental and other regulatory approvals costs Travel Printing/publications Communication Monitoring, evaluation and reporting Equipment, Material and Gear Other	Estimated cost for permits/designing/ regulatory approvals (if required)  Estimated cost for trips, based on number of trips and cost per trip. Estimated cost for printing and document publication (if required) Estimated cost for any communication and communication material such as video documentry (if required) Estimated cost for Monitoring, evaluation and reporting Estimated cost for Equipment, Material and Gear (if required for the project) Provide short description of item. Include separate line for each different item.
<b>Direct Expenses Subtotal</b>	
<b>III. Capacity Development</b> Capacity development trainings, workshops	Estimated cost for capacity development needs under the project Estimated cost per meeting/event/workshop ( if required for the project)
<b>IV. Partner Expenses</b> Consultants  <div style="text-align: right;">             Consultant #1              Consultant #2  <b>Consultants Subtotal</b> </div>	Identify each consultant, what they will be doing, and estimated cost.
<b>Partner Expenses Subtotal</b>	
<b>V. Other project relevant expenses</b>	List here other expenses/activities that are relevant for the success of the project, but that are not eligible as costs under ENDhERI small grants.