

Appeal 2008-2009



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Maldives

Appeal No: MAAMV001

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This appeal seeks CHF 3,725,814 (USD 3.33 million or EUR 2.26 million) to fund the planned programmes to be implemented in 2008-2009. [Click here for budget summary.](#) This amount will be supplemented by CHF 1,037,370 from the tsunami recovery programme to give an overall budget of CHF 4,763,184 (USD 4.26 million or EUR 2.89 million).

This appeal document sets out briefly the main outcomes the programmes seek to achieve over the next two years. More detailed information is provided in the [2008-2009 Plan and Summary Matrix.](#)

In a world of global challenges, continued poverty, inequity, and increasing vulnerability to disasters and disease, the International Federation with its global network, works to accomplish its Global Agenda, partnering with local community and civil society to prevent and alleviate human suffering from disasters, diseases and public health emergencies.



A first aid demonstration on World Red Cross Red Crescent Day in Male', Maldives.
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Current context

The Maldives has a population of 300,000 people widely and unevenly distributed over 199 islands. Sea swells that cause severe flooding, on account of the low lying nature of the islands, pose the main disaster risk for the country. The main health threats are dengue fever and chikangunya. Given the relatively high vulnerability of the small and isolated communities, the need for community - based disaster management and health approaches is vital.

The Maldives currently does not have a Red Cross or Red Crescent society, and had limited Red Cross Red Crescent (RCRC) Movement contacts before the tsunami hit the island in December 2004. Since then, the country has become one of the major beneficiaries of the tsunami relief and recovery programmes of the International Federation and a number of partner national societies.

From 2008, the current ongoing tsunami recovery operation will shift its primary focus to reconstruction of housing and community infrastructure, as well as the reestablishment of livelihoods. The significant longer term tsunami programmes on disaster management, health and humanitarian values will become the focus of this 2008-09 appeal. These programmes are outlined in the Maldives support plan for 2008-2009 which focuses on providing support for the formation of a Maldives national society. They are expected to become national society core programming. In the absence of a national society (NS) so far, the knowledge about the RCRC Movement, the Fundamental Principles and humanitarian values has been very limited in the country.

The programmes aim to assist approximately 50,000 people in Maldives. Part of the funds for these programmes in 2008 are available through the tsunami recovery appeal. The remainder will form the basis of this 2008-09 appeal.

Programme summary

The 2008-2009 plan covers four programme areas, each with a purpose aligned with the four goals of the International Federation's Global Agenda.

Global Agenda Goals 1 and 2: Integrated Disaster Management and Health and Care

The overall purpose of the integrated disaster management (DM) and health and care programme is to mobilise communities using a combined community based disaster management (CBDM) and community based first aid (CBFA) approach to enhance the capacities and skills, community ownership and resilience in reducing vulnerabilities and risks. The programme aims to achieve this through the following four components:

| Programme component | Outcomes |
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| 1. Community Based Disaster Management | Risk and vulnerability to the effects of disasters are reduced, through a community based approach focused on developing DM and first aid skills and capacities of community members |
| 2. Infectious diseases prevention and control | Increased awareness, preparedness and involvement of community in health risk reduction. |
| 3. First Aid | A first aid programme for community and commercial scope is developed to increase first aid knowledge and skills. |
| 4. NS and community capacity building | The capacity of the future Maldives national society is developed in community disaster preparedness and post-disaster response through an integrated approach for the formation and building the national society capacities at the branch level. |

This integrated, volunteer-based, community development programme focuses on DM including early warning systems, reducing the impact of public health emergencies, first aid, and creating awareness of Red Cross and Red Crescent Principles. It contributes holistically to reducing present and future risks and vulnerabilities. The programme design is based on vulnerability and capacity assessments (VCA) undertaken in the communities and therefore builds on the identified risks and community capacities. The beneficiaries targeted for the two years are approximately 30,000, including community members, island disaster management committees, school teachers and students, health facilities and staff, and the (future) Maldivian Red Crescent.

Global Agenda Goal 3: Capacity and Organisational Development

The overall purpose of the organisational development (OD) programme is to increase the local community, civil society and Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability in the Maldives. It aims to do this through two components:

| Programme component | Outcomes |
|--|--|
| 1. National society development | A Maldives national society is formed, recognized and functioning |
| 2. National society and community capacity building | Capacity of the NS is developed in community disaster preparedness and post-disaster response, through an integrated approach for the formation and building the Maldivian Red Crescent capacities at the branch level |

The programme will seek to assist the national society in formation to attain the 10 conditions of recognition and to achieve both recognition by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and admission to the International Federation by end of 2009. It will also support the national society in formation to strengthen its disaster preparedness and disaster response capacities, especially at the community level, and its capacity to reduce the numbers of deaths and illnesses related to public health emergencies. This will involve building sustainability of the national society through the development of a strong leadership, along with staff, members and volunteers; drafting a strategic plan and a fundraising plan; and supporting communication and dissemination activities.

Global Agenda Goal 4: Humanitarian values

The overall purpose of the humanitarian values (HV) programme is to create an environment where the humanitarian values and mission of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is understood. It aims to do this through the following component:

| Programme component | Outcomes |
|--|---|
| 1. Promotion of Principles and Values | Awareness of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and the Fundamental Principles is increased. |

The programme aims not only to create awareness, but also to clarify misconceptions regarding Red Cross and Red Crescent principles, values and mandate in the country, through providing dissemination materials and joint messages by Movement partners. In order to achieve wide reach, the programme will integrate information on the Movement and its principles into tsunami recovery programming. It will do this through organising awareness sessions in the communities where tsunami recovery programmes are taking place and including general information about the Movement into training materials. More specific dissemination campaigns are planned in support of the national society formation process. The programme targets approximately 50,000 beneficiaries in Malé and the islands.

Needs

A budget summary for each global agenda goal is given below:

| Programmes | 2008 budget in CHF | 2009 budget in CHF | Total budget in CHF | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | | | Total | Required |
| Integrated DM and Health and Care | 1,149,000 | 1,046,679 | 2,195,679 | 1,759,679 |
| Organizational Development | 1,329,000 | 886,477 | 2,215,477 | 1,810,477 |
| Humanitarian Values | 243,000 | 109,028 | 352,028 | 155,028 |
| Total | 2,271,000 | 2,042,184 | 4,763,184 | 3,725,184 |

For the next two years, it is expected that funds stated as “required” above will be available from those raised for the tsunami recovery and rehabilitation worldwide. The amount already available will come from those tsunami funds already allocated to the Maldives.

Working in partnership

Movement cooperation

There has been positive coordination and collaboration between the International Federation and the six national societies (American, British, Canadian, French, Australian and German Red Cross) that were operational in the Maldives, both on the tsunami recovery as well as core programme activities. In June 2006, all these partners agreed on a common “Maldives Red Cross and Red Crescent Tsunami Operation In-Country Strategy: 2006 – 2008”, which included long term goals such as the formation of a national society and the need to build better prepared and more resilient communities in the future. Most of the partner national societies present in the Maldives plan to leave as their recovery programmes are completed (the Australian and German Red Cross Societies have already completed their programmes and closed their offices in the country).

External collaboration

The International Federation with its member societies have carried out their tsunami recovery work in close partnership with the Maldivian government and the affected communities. The government also has representatives appointed to the Interim Planning Group, the body responsible for leading the formation of the Maldivian national society. A close relationship has been maintained with UN agencies but, as there are virtually no other international agencies in the Maldives and civil society’s capacity is limited, partnerships have been limited.

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering quality and accountable assistance to the most vulnerable. For support to or for further information concerning Federation programmes or operations in this or other countries, or for a full description of the national society profile, please access the Federation's website at <http://www.ifrc.org>

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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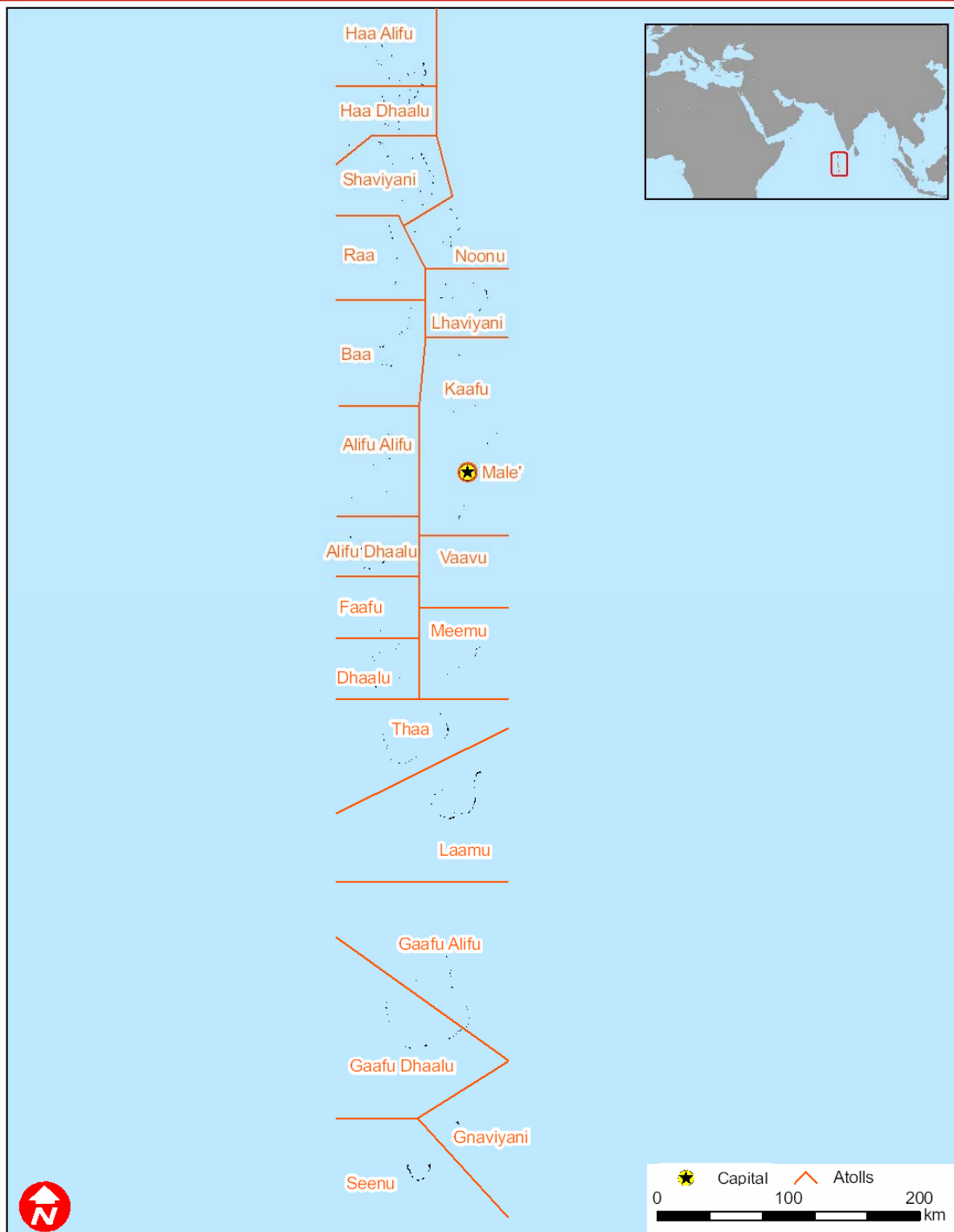
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