Country and intercountry programmes and projects

COUNTRY PROGRAMME OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MALDIVES

Note by the Administrator

Programme period
1982-1986

Illustrative IPP for 1982-1986
$7 million

I. Nature of the programming exercise

1. The formulation of the third country programme (1982-1986) was undertaken by the Ministry of External Affairs in close collaboration with UNDP field office in Malé, in conjunction with the preparation of the first national five-year plan. UNDP has been supporting the National Planning Agency through the provision of an economic adviser, whose services have been extended through March 1981 specifically to assist in preparing the national plan.

2. In August 1980 UNDP invited the specialized agencies to participate in the country programming exercise. Sectoral assessments were received from the International Labour Organisation (ILO), Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO), International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the

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B. Resources taken into account for programming

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<th>Resources available:</th>
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<td>(a) Third cycle IPF resources</td>
<td>4,850,000(^1)</td>
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<td>(b) All other resources managed by UNDP</td>
<td>Nil</td>
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<td>(c) Provision for adequate programming</td>
<td>727,500</td>
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<td>Total resources taken into account for</td>
<td>5,577,500</td>
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7. Inevitably, a part of the present country programme is committed to activities started in the second programming cycle. Thus, the Government wishes UNDP to continue to assist in several important fields, including agriculture, fisheries, education, health, communications and development planning. The continuation of assistance in these fields may be seen as a logical extension or consolidation of progress already made. In other cases it may be viewed as a second stage in the development of a particular activity or as diversification into a related field. However, the Government has decided that the third country programme should also be oriented towards several new priority areas including transport, human settlements and tourism.

8. While the country programme is primarily directed towards national goals, certain of these coincide with the global priorities of the United Nations, and are highlighted in the country programme as follows:

(a) Basic needs programme: (i) rural development; (ii) urban poverty; (iii) primary health care, water supply and sanitation; and (iv) literacy and comprehensive education; and

(b) Development themes: (i) environment; (ii) women in development; (iii) New International Economic Order; and (iv) Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC).

IV. Recommendation of the Administrator

9. In light of the views expressed above, the Administrator recommends that the Governing Council:

a) Approve the proposed UNDP country programme for the Maldives for the duration of its programme period within the limits of its Indicative Planning Figure for 1982-1986, taking into account the balance of over-expenditure or under-expenditure of its 1977-1981 Indicative Planning Figure;

b) Authorize the Administrator to proceed with appraisal and approval action on requests for assistance falling within the outlines of the country programme.

\(^1\) This figure represents the 80 per cent of the illustrative IPF for 1982-1986 ($7.0 million) after adjustment for borrowing from the third cycle IPF ($750,000).
while ensuring, in accordance with the decision of the Governing Council at its eighteenth session (E/5543/Rev.1, paragraph 31), that expenditures are kept in reasonable conformity with the relevant Indicative Planning Figures and are contained within the financial resources available at any given time.