



Today, on 24 August 2015, the Government of Maldives and the United Nations System signed the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2016-2020. The UNDAF is the strategic framework document for partnership between Maldives and the UN, including the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

Q&A

Q: What is the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF)?

The UNDAF enables a holistic UN approach to country challenges. Moving beyond the traditional donor-recipient relationship, the UN Country Team in Maldives is engaged in a two-way exchange of knowledge and expertise.



Q: Which priority areas of support by UN are identified as the most pressing for Maldives?

The UNDAF outlines four priority areas for UN partnership: 1) Governance, 2) Gender, 3) Youth and Children 4) Environment and Climate Change.

Q: How does UNDAF relate to the Country Programme between UNFPA and the Government of Maldives?

The UNDAF provides the framework for UNFPA's Country Programme Document (2016-2020), which articulates UNFPA's contribution to the development assistance of Maldives.

Q: What UNDAF outcomes does UNFPA contribute to?

UNDAF outcome 1: By 2020, children and youth access and use equitable, inclusive and quality social services and have increased opportunities for skills development.

UNDAF outcome 2: By 2020, gender equality is advanced and women are empowered to enjoy equal rights and opportunities in access to social, economic and political arenas.



Q: What is the focus of UNFPA's sixth Country Programme (2016-2020)?

UNFPA's Country Programme (2016-2020), to be approved in September, is formulated around just one output on adolescents and young people. Under the Tag Line **#WithYouth**, UNFPA will focus on the 28% of the population that is young.

Under government leadership, UNFPA will:

- Collaborate on data and analysis on excluded populations
- Enable young people to contribute to youth centric policy frameworks
- Convene youth platforms to voice youth rights
- Provide technical assistance for youth friendly health services
- Advance the integration of comprehensive reproductive health education into the national curriculum



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