

TERMS OF REFERENCE Documenting best practices of UNFPA support in Maldives (MDV-ToR/2021/14 Dated: 14 April 2021)	
Hiring Office:	UNFPA Maldives Country Office
Purpose of consultancy:	<p>UNFPA is the UN leading agency for Reproductive Health and Rights, with its tagline being: “Ensuring rights and choices for all”. The goal of UNFPA’s Strategic Plan 2018-21 focus on three transformative results of the UNFPA Strategic direction to 2030:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ending unmet need for family planning; 2. Ending maternal death; and 3. Ending violence and harmful practices against women and girls. <p>UNFPA’s country programme in the Maldives (2016-2020 plus 1) is focused on young people and strives to achieve one specific output: “increased accountability and responsiveness of duty bearers in Maldives to young people’s rights to reproductive health information and services”.</p> <p>The consequences of COVID-19 pandemic have meant that a lot of the hard-fought advancements towards the transformative results are at risk of being reversed. Hence, a special focus will be made towards highlighting socio-economic as well as health impact of the pandemic in UNFPA’s programmatic work.</p> <p>UNFPA is therefore looking for a qualified communications specialist to document success stories to influence a general audience including policy makers while positioning UNFPA as the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency and how it relates to the Maldives and the work we do as a policy advocacy organization.</p>
Scope of work: (Description of services, activities, or outputs)	<p>Undertake interviews with a mix of policy makers, technical staff from the government and civil society as well as people at the community level and develop short stories and relevant photos in the form of good practices in the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthening capacity of health professionals in the areas of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) as essential services from 2016 and post Covid-19 2. Establishing reproductive health centres at Kulhudufushi and Hulhumale Hospitals 3. Strengthening population data including censuses 4. Engaging young people to advocate for matters relevant to youth groups. 5. Imparting comprehensive sexuality education through the school and out of school mechanisms 6. Strengthening support mechanisms for gender-based violence survivors <p>Deliverables 10 stories covering success stories over the years 2016 to 2021, identifying a way forward for the future in the respective areas of work and at least two to three relevant photos per story.</p>

Duration and working schedule	Approximately 4 weeks between May-July 2021
Place where the services are to be delivered:	The assignment will be undertaken homebased, and some travel will be required
Monitoring and progress control, including reporting requirements, periodicity, format and deadline:	Work will be monitored by UNFPA and monthly updates are required.
Supervisory arrangements:	The contract will be managed by UNFPA Country Office.
Expected travel:	Travel to one atoll (H.Dh tentative)
Required expertise, qualifications and competencies, including language requirements:	Primary expertise required: Communications, editing, graphics & layout design, photography. The Contractor must be reachable by UNFPA any time during working hours for the duration of the assignment.
Inputs / services to be provided by UNFPA or implementing partner (e.g support services, office space, equipment), if applicable:	UNFPA Maldives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monitor and facilitate the progress of the assignment; ● Review and provide comments to the deliverables in a timely manner; ● Facilitate contacts within UNFPA partners ● Provide timely feedback.
Other relevant information or special conditions, if any:	The other conditions that may apply in the undertaking of the assignment include: Basis of payment: Full payment based on acceptance of the deliverable. Format of outputs: Editable electronic form and high-resolution photos Language of reports/publications and other documentation and working language in country of assignment: English Ownership of output: UNFPA
Signature of Requesting Officer in Hiring Office: Ritsu Nacken, Country Director, UNFPA Maldives	
Date:	