

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Code:		Project Title: Strengthen agricultural production and increase food security	
Executing Agency: Ministry of Fisheries, Agriculture and Marine Resources		Implementing Agency:	
Geographic Coverage: National	Start Date: Immediate	Target Groups:	
Goal: Improve local food production for food security			
Objectives		Activities	
<p><i>1: Assess community knowledge and practices on local plant species used for food production.</i></p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a framework of analysis to assess different types and scales of local food production and gather data about different species cultivated in different scales. 2. Identification of traditional food varieties and their management. 3. Assess how the predicted climate change hazards will impact the local plant species used for food production. 4. Examine how food crops are conserved traditionally and identify current farming practices applicable to adaptation. 	
<p><i>2: Identification and testing of appropriate technologies and good practices to increase adaptive capacity of local plants.</i></p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop mechanisms to manage local plants genetic diversity. 2. Establish a seed and planting materials network to support informal exchange of seedlings and rootstocks. 3. Demonstrate appropriate irrigation technologies suitable for different local crop species. 4. Explore technologies applicable to agriculture in small tropical islands. 5. Communications and capacity-building to disseminate and integrate proven methodologies into relevant farming communities. 	
<p><i>3: Develop the policy, institutional and regulatory framework to ensure food security</i></p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide technical assistance for the formulation of National Food Security Strategy that includes review of existing mandates, designating a national focal agency, defining roles and responsibilities and, strengthening food storage and distribution. 2. Review the existing laws on land, uninhabited islands and land use planning and recommend improved land allocation measures for food production. 3. Secure preferential trade agreements with major bilateral, regional and international trade partners to ensure food security for essential food items. 	
<p><i>4: Strengthen the links between farmers and markets to ensure sustainable local food production.</i></p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide technical assistance for the formulation of National Food Security Strategy that includes review of existing mandates, designating a national focal agency, defining roles and responsibilities and, strengthening food storage and distribution. 2. Review the existing laws on land, uninhabited islands and land use planning and recommend improved land allocation measures for food production. 3. Secure preferential trade agreements with major bilateral, regional and international trade partners to ensure food security for essential food items. 	
<p><i>5: Enhance agricultural production through enabling integrated pest control and better quarantine of imports.</i></p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop guidebooks and manuals on pest and disease identification for farmers 2. Demonstrate appropriate integrated pest and disease control measures in agricultural service centres 3. Undertake technical studies for development of a pest and disease laboratory at Male' International Airport. 4. Draft regulations to protect the farmers, natural resource base, and biological diversity from pesticide imports and use. 5. Develop the policies, regulatory framework and plans necessary to establish plant and animal quarantine system. 	

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