

## PROJECT SUMMARY

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

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