Maldives
Tsunami Disaster
and Beyond
Extensive Devastation

Homes left uninhabitable

Islands were inundated
Entire country was inundated

- Damage in nearly all inhabited islands affected (190) and all 87 resorts
- Everyone affected. Psychosocial trauma; sense of insecurity
- Deaths: 108 (3 per 10,000)
- One third of population (100,000) severely affected suffering
  - Destruction or major damage to dwellings;
  - Serious disruption to water and food supply
**TSUNAMI IMPACT**
Physical Damage and Displacement

- **Flooding with moderate damage**: 60%
  - Number of islands = 121
- **No flooding**: 5%
  - Number of islands = 9
- **High impact with major physical damage**: 28%
  - Number of islands = 55
- **Very high impact with total destruction**: 7%
  - Number of islands = 14

- **About 30,000 people (more than 10% population) displaced on day of Tsunami**
- **10% of the housing stock destroyed**
- **Current displaced population about 13,000**
Economic crisis

- Hardest hit sectors are the most important: tourism and fisheries = half of GDP
- More than 20% of 87 tourist resorts severely damaged
- Hundreds of fishing boats damaged/destroyed
- Asian Development Bank: Economies of Sri Lanka and Maldives are most affected

"Everything including a pin must be brought in from outside" - an island resident.
Challenges

- Population dispersed over 199 islands (averaging 16 hectares in size & 90% of which with less than 500 inhabitants)
- Some islands inaccessible by boats because of damaged jetties and harbours
- Everything has to be imported
- Formidable health and environmental risks - widespread deposition of debris (waste, including asbestos, oils and clinical waste)
Hope amidst a crisis

Relief

- Maldivians responded immediately to the disaster
- Government requested support from the international community
- Government Crisis Task Force
- By day four, Government ascertained preliminary damage for all of the islands
- UN has been working closely with Government and has direct access to decision makers
- Government providing cash grants to 63,000 affected individuals (over 20% of population)
- Rehabilitation of infrastructure, housing and social services started (Schools starting today)
Socio-economic trends and Government support of Tsunami relief efforts promise effective utilisation of aid.

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Hope amidst devastation
Recovery +

- Recovery for the better:
  - island (urban) planning;
  - better and more resilient shelter;
  - social service delivery more attuned to geographic conditions;
  - economic diversification;
  - safe islands

- Synergy between recovery and reforms

- Partnerships for the better
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UN Flash Appeal

- UN launched Flash Appeal for Maldives approximately for a total of US$ 65 million.

- To date, only about US$ 25 million pledged by donors in response.

- Priority needs for which funding is unmet:
  1. Shelter
  2. Restoration of livelihoods
  3. Health (other than UNICEF)
  4. Water and Sanitation
  5. Coordination and Support services
  6. Vulnerability and Risk Reduction
## UN Flash Appeal
### Unmet Funding

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