

# National Practices and Strategies for Measuring and Monitoring Gender Concerns

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# Introduction

- 1200 Islands
- 200 Inhabited Island
- Population: 350,000
- Literacy Rate: 100percent
- GDP: USD 10,536 (2017)
- Religion: 100 percent Muslim
- Ethnicity: Maldivians originated from North Indians, Sri Lankans, Arabs & Africans





## Ministry

- Ministry of Gender and Family (MoGF) works for the protection and promotion of the rights of vulnerable groups in the Maldives.
- The Ministry's main responsibilities include:
  - Women's Rights & Empowerment, Gender Equality
  - Child Rights & Family Well-being
  - Elderly Rights & Well-being
  - Disability Rights and Well-being and Social Protection Services.

## Focus Areas

- The Ministry works to promote women's rights and improve the status and wellbeing of women in Maldives.
- The focus areas include:
  - Women's empowerment in social, economic & public life
  - Promote gender equality
  - Remove all forms of discrimination.

## Monitoring

- **The Council for Economic Empowerment of Women (CEEW):** was established in 2014 with the objective of providing advice and research, and monitoring the implementation of government policies relating to economic empowerment of women. The Council reports to the Minister of Gender and Family.
- **Committee to address complaints lodged under Sexual Harassment Act:** is established in accordance with Act No 2014/16 (Act on Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Abuse) to investigate and take necessary action regarding complaints submitted to the Ministry.

# Monitoring

- **Committee to addressing complaints lodged under Gender Equality Law:** is established in accordance with Act No 2016/18 (Gender Equality Law) to investigate and take necessary action to address complaints submitted to the Ministry.
- **Social Service Department (SSD):** Attending all cases reported to the Ministry, developing action plans for intervention and providing psycho-social support to the victims of violence, abuse and neglect.

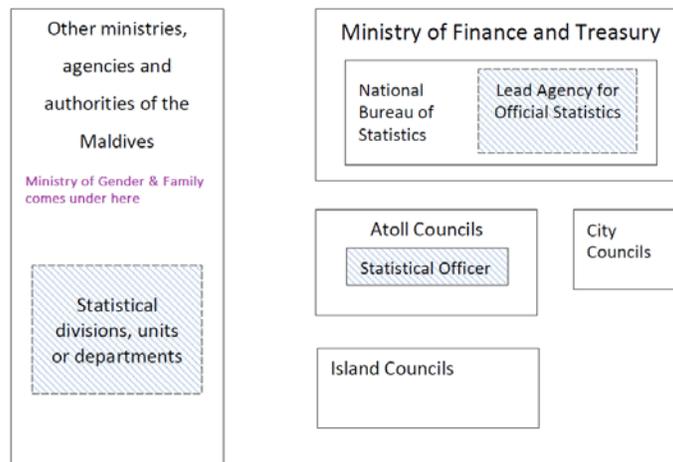
# National Statistical System of the Maldives

# Mechanism

- Official Statistics is currently governed under the Statistics Regulation of the Maldives (SRM).
- According to the SRM, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), within the Ministry of Finance and Treasury is the Lead Agency for Official Statistics.
- NBS being the lead agency is tasked with quality assurance and coordination among the agencies of the National Statistical System (NSS).

# Structure

## The National Statistical System of the Maldives



## National Bureau of Statistics

- Principal Data collecting and dissemination agency responsible for coordinating, monitoring and supervising the National Statistical System (NSS).
- Major statistical operations such as:
  - Population Census
  - Poverty monitoring
  - National Accounts Production
  - Approval of survey activities by other agencies
  - Setting national policies related to statistical activities
- Further list of tasks is specified in performing these activities which includes the need to address quality, promote standards, provide guidance to data producers/users, coordinate activities locally, act as a focal point locally and internationally and take responsibility for providing official statistics, as stipulated in the Statistics Regulation.

## National Statistical Coordinating Committee

- National Statistics Coordination Committee (NSCC), which was established in 2001.
- The NSCC comprises all entities within the NSS and is established as a forum for oversight and coordination of statistics production in the Maldives.
- Mandate:
  - Provide sectoral expert advice for GDP Production and other socioeconomic indicators.
  - Providing information and assisting in the compilation of indicators. And to get relevant sectoral advise to produce reliable statistics.
  - Work on making data reliable in-order to strengthen the national statistical system.
  - To get relevant sectoral feedback through technical discussions, for population and housing census and surveys.
  - Assist and participate in providing and publishing reliable and timely statistics to data users.

# Data Collection

## Data Gathering

- Ministry collects Gender Statistics mainly from two sources. They are:
  - ✓ **Primary Data** (Quantitative)
    - Reported Cases to the Ministry's Social Service Division
  - ✓ **Secondary Data** (Quantitative & Qualitative)
    - Data shared by National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)

# Primary Data

## ➤ Primary Data gives an overview about Gender based on:

- Physical Abuse
- Emotional or Verbal Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Rape
- Negligence
- Intimidation
- Withholding or damage to property
- Commercial Exploitation
- Controlling Behavior
- Economic and Financial Abuse

# Secondary Data

## ➤ Secondary Data gives an overview about Gender based on:

- Population Census
  - It contains information on the population by basic demographic characteristics, migration, education, employment, fertility.
  - It also presents the findings on the household and housing conditions.
- Household Income and Expenditure Survey
  - It contains information on the poverty and inequality, employment & labour force module, income levels and disparities, and consumption expenditure incurred by households.
- Economic Survey
  - It contains information on the performance of different industries and find out their contribution to Gross Domestic Product (GDP). It will also be used to obtain weights for the compilation of producer price index (PPI).

Thank You



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