

TASK FORCE ON DATA/ MDGS

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Background

The UNCT in Maldives last year decided that on priority UNDAF implementation areas, task force would be formed to coordinate UN activities and to implement joint activities. Because all agencies have activities in the area of data/statistics, this was chosen as the subject of one task force, the other ones being Nutrition, Adolescents and Operations.

National challenges in this area of data/MDGs could be summarized as follows: coordination of the national statistics system, definitions of (international) statistical indicators, human capacity particularly in the area of data analysis for policy formulation, MDGs.

2. Objective

The UNTF on Data/MDGs has been created to coordinate the diverse activities of the UN Agencies in Maldives in this field and to implement priority activities for which the Agencies share a mandate.

3. Membership and meetings

The UNTF on Data/MDGs is composed of designated participants from the four UN Agencies in Maldives (UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO, UNDP) and the RC unit. The UNTF on Data/MDGs is chaired by the UNDP.

Meetings will be held as and when required but at least once a month. Minutes of meetings will be prepared by one of the UNTF on Data/MDGs members alternating between the agencies not chairing the UNTF on Data/MDGs. The chair will report to the UNCT during Inter-Agency Meetings.

4. Priority Issues for 2003

For the year 2003, the UNTF on Data/MDGs plans to address the following priority issues:

- ♣ Coordinate the individual agency activities in the area of D&S, ensuring maximum synergy, minimal overlap and higher overall quality of work by commenting on each others concepts, reports etc.
- ♣ Coordinate the joint UNCT work on MDG's and MDG reporting.

5. Activities for 2003

- 5.1. Present and maintain all agency activities in the field of data/statistics in one picture/format (preferably on the intranet);
- 5.2. Ensure maximum synergy and minimum overlap of the individual agency activities in this field;
- 5.3. Comment and contribute to each others activities (TOR's, reports, proposals etc);

- 5.4. Conduct an MDG Advocacy Campaign in collaboration with the Government of Maldives ;
- 5.5. Study into the feasibility of MDG indicator reporting for the Maldives (relevance, availability, quality, international standards);
- 5.6. Assist Maldives in producing its first MDGR.

6. Time frame for activities as of 1 March 2003

- 6.1. Compile all info from UN Agencies on data/statistics: end of April 2003
- 6.2. MDG Advocacy campaign completed: end of August 2003
- 6.3. Study into NDG indicator reporting: end of July 2003
- 6.4. Start MDG reporting project: September 2003