

# TASK FORCE ON NUTRITION

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### 1. Background and Mandate

The UN Task force on Nutrition has been created by the four UN agencies in the context of the UNDAF. The overall objective is to ensure and improve co-ordination of conceptualisation, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of nutrition related activities of all UN programmes in the new cycle of 2003-2007.

### 2. Membership and meetings

The United Nations System's Task Force on Nutrition has members from the four UN agencies represented in the country (UNFPA, UNICEF, UNDP and WHO).

Each of the four agencies designates one member and one alternate to participate in the Task force meetings, which will be held as often as required, but at least once per month. The minutes are prepared by one of the Task force members alternating between the agencies not chairing the Task force. The Task force is chaired by UNICEF. The chairperson will report to the Heads of Agencies during the Interagency Meetings on work progress, problems identified, solutions recommended and decision to be made.

### 3. Outcome/Output

For 2003 specific objectives to be tackled by the UNTFN include the following activities:

1. Support Government in the implementation of the new National Nutrition Plan of Action including the National Nutrition Campaign
2. Jointly advocate for legislation on the import and use of iodised salt
3. Jointly advocate for the finalisation and adoption of the Maldives' Code on the Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes
4. Facilitate/assist in the research of socio-cultural factors leading to malnutrition in the Maldives
5. Support initiatives to introduce and expand hand washing and hygiene practices
6. Increase support for food production activities such as the use of hydroponics through targeted projects of home and school gardening.