

TASK FORCE ON ADOLESCENTS/YOUTH

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Mandate

The UN Task Force on Adolescents/Youth will coordinate the production of the National Human Development Report on Adolescents and Young People. The activities planned by the Task Force will be implemented jointly by the different agencies under the guidance of the UN Resident Coordinator and in partnership with Government agencies and NGOs. The Chairperson will report on the work of the Task Force to the agency heads at the interagency meetings.

2. Membership and meetings

The membership of the UN Task Force on Adolescents/Youth will comprise of one professional officer representing each agency working in the Maldives (at present these include UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO. Since UNFPA has been designated as the lead agency for the Task Force on adolescents/youth the UNFPA representative will act as the Chairperson of the Task Force meetings.

The UN Task Force on Adolescents/Youth will meet at least twice a month (and more frequently when required) to discuss issues relating to the work of the Task Force. The quorum for the Task Force meetings will be the representation of at least 3 agencies.

Relevant government agencies/NGOs will be invited to join the Task Force meetings as and when required. The Task Force will also seek the assistance of other UN staff as well as staff involved in UN funded projects in relation to the work of the Task Force as and when required.

3. Outcome/Output

The UN Task Force on Adolescents/Youth will formulate a joint proposal for the production of the National Human Development Report on Adolescents and Young People in consultation with agency heads and the UN Resident Coordinator. The task force will coordinate, facilitate and guide the implementation of the proposal to produce the report. The output will be the National Human Development Report on youth/adolescents in the year 2003. The task force will give high priority to HIV/AIDS, gender equality and women's empowerment issues in undertaking its work.

4. Contribution of Funds

Agencies will contribute funds for the production of the National Human Development Report on Adolescents and Young people and these will be held in the RC Funds.