**Format for Mid the Term Evaluation of the Achievement of Sector Outcomes of the Strategic Action Plan (2009 – 2013) of the Government of Maldives**

**Religious extremism in the Maldives eliminated, focused on achieving Human Rights and Democracy Sector**

1. **Sector Overall Progress (500 words)**

***{A description of the extent to which the Sector Outcomes as specified in the policy goals were realized in the period under review}***

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| Religious extremism is a problem faced by every country. However facing the smallest problem to the biggest and solving, is the biggest challenge till to date to the ministry. We need a lot of support and courage from all the ministries and national offices. Such as Ministry of Health & Family, Human rights commission of Maldives and Ministry of Education. It’s really important collaborate all these ministries in same path to achieve the goal or objective of the matter. Ministry of Islamic Affairs is providing and taking necessary action regarding on this matter through Islamic behavior via Khuthuba, weekly news letter and other TV and Radio programs.  There are 6 relevant Religious issues to Figh Academy to promote moderate Islam in the current year. And this was discussed in 11 meetings.  10% of total atoll was so far covered through Educational and awareness programs promoted on moderate Islam conducted in Dhivehi language covering entire nation  Three Islamic lecturers are certified to promote moderate Islam in the current year 2011  MIA has donated books to 117 school libraries under the program of Donation of religious books to school libraries in regards to different aspects of moderate Islam in Nine subjected areas.  Under Donation of religious publications to prisons, program so far MIA donated 67 books.  Two programs were conducted by Recognized International scholars/Islamic institutions conducting religious programs, in Capital city of Maldives.  During the year up-to-date, MIA did not receive any overseas training opportunity in Islamic education for scholars abroad. |

* 1. **Progress on Key Sector Outcomes**

***{For each sector outcome briefly describe the achievement made and the extent to which implementation was carried out as envisaged by the Strategies / Intervention List of the SAP. If there were any deviations what were they and the causes}***

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| Outcome | | Progress | Issues |
| 1. | Religious extremism in the Maldives eliminated, focused on achieving Human Rights and Democracy | Overall progress has been made in key areas including the work of Fiqh academy which has to date resolved 6 issues that have come up. Awareness and religious programmes have expanded including debates of international scholars. | -addressing misconceptions of islam  -geographical outreach limited |
| 2. | Moderate Islam promoted for tolerance and respect for diversity and cultural differences | Progress has been made in conducting a baseline research on understanding the perspectives and values towards religion. Ministry has completed key publications translating ‘hadheeth’ and thafseer books. | * Record keeping of cases seeking counseling * Limited local researchers and writers on religious issues |
| 3. | Programmes pertaining to religious matters conducted | Efforts have been made to expand religious programmes in the media including extensive coverage in state media (MNBC and Raaje Radio) | High costs of airtime |
| 4. | Moderate Islamic teaching included in the mainstream of new national curriculum | Centre for Holy Quran has been very active in conducting training programmes including Diploma courses which began in 2010. Discussions are being conducted with the Education Ministry. | Limited qualified teachers |
| 5. | Social Justice strengthened through Islamic welfare system | Progress made in expanding zakat programme including coverage for critical medical assistance, establishing the zakat scholarship fund, and donations to poor and debtors. Limited progress in developing legislations. | Zakat, Waqf and Halaal certification law drafting pending |
| 6. | Private sector and Foreign investments increased in protection of Islamic faith | Progress has been made in constructing 21 out of 37 mosques. Ministry has also raised MRF 3 million for mosque fund through private donations | High Costs of construction /Community expectations on quality of mosques |

* 1. **Institutional Achievements in relation to the Sector Outcomes**

**{Briefly d*escribe the role of key institutions in relation to the key sector outcomes and their achievements*}**

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| Name of Institution(s) | | Major Responsibilities towards outcomes | Achievement |
| 1. | Ministry of Islamic Affairs | Policy and programmes | As a new ministry key functions and programmes implemented |
| 2. | Fiqh Academy | Resolving key religious issues at the high level | 6 issues resolved to date through consultations and research |
| 3. | Centre for Holy Quran | Training | Started diploma courses for scholars/Quran and Imam training with a total enrolment of 2000 people |
| 4. | Maldives Police Service | Support services in public awareness events /disposal of religious texts and holy books | Continued and regular support |
| 5. | Ministry of Education | Religious awareness programmes for schools | Many programmes conducted for schools |
| 6. | Ministry of Health and Family | Public awareness programmes | Many programmes conducted |
| 7. | Attorney General’s Office | Developing legislations including zakat waqf and halal certification law | To be developed |

1. **Overall Assessment of Sector Performance related to key aspects**

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| Operational Progress (300 words)  **{*Explain the Extent to which implementation was carried out as envisaged by the Strategies / Intervention List of the SAP. If there were any deviations why was this and what where they.*}** |
| Overall implementation has been satisfactory in terms of carrying out programmes and activities to achieve the strategies and interventions. |
| Financial Performance (200 words)  **{*To what extent was the budget allocation utilized and if budgetary shortfalls were encountered what were the likely causes what impact did it have in regard to pursuing the Strategies / Intervention List of the SAP*}** |
| Budget allocations have covered major programmes and budgets gaps have been covered through zakat fund and private donation for the mosque fund. Further more ministry has been able to mobilise donor resources mainly through WAMY World Association of Muslim Youth, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia bilaterally. |
| Institutional Linkages (100 words)  **{If *any institutional linkages were expected to be developed during the implementation, to what extent were they achieved. If not what were the main causes and what was the affect on the implementation.*}** |
| Strong collaboration has been established with Ministry of Education (to implement programmes targeting schools), CCHDC of Ministry of Health and Family to implement public awareness programmes. Strong partnerships have been built with media and NGOs. Efforts will have to be made to strengthen linkages with local councils in the near future. |
| Sustainability (100 words)  **{*To what degree could the operational aspects; including institutional linkages if any can be carried forward and describe any essential criteria required to facilitate this*}** |
| Most programmes are conducted on a regular and institutionalized basis. To ensure continuity priority is given to build capacity of scholars and religious experts as well as increase research and debate on religious issues. |

**3.0 Key Issues encountered**

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| *Institutional (200 words)*  ***{Discuss the Strategic position of the Lead Agency and how it affected the Implementation of Strategies/ Operational Performance}****:* |
| Ministry has established a lead role to work with key ministries and partners on religious issues. |
| *Implementation (200 words)*  **{*Matters relating to implementation finances, human resources, monitoring and oversight*}** |
| * Geographical outreach limited in terms of training scholars and conducting awareness programmes * High costs of construction of mosque infrastructure. |
| *Environmental : (100 words)*  **{*Environmental 9including Operational aspects) aspects which were encountered and need to be addressed*}** |
| Ministry ensures that mosques are build according to land use plans |
| *Political (100 words)*  **{*Political considerations encountered and to be addressed*}** |
| Political priorities for religious issues is significant. |
| *Socio/ Cultural (100 words)*  **{*Socio Cultural considerations encountered in respect of operation and implementation*}** |
| Maldives has maintained religious unity for a long time. Due to exposure of scholars to different schools of thought have implications for cultural and social harmony in the country. |
| *Gender (100 words)*  **{*Gender related issues encountered during operation and implementation*}** |
| Challenges to choices for work, education and other opportunities for women due to misconceptions about religion |
| Statistical and Data Collection (100 words)  **{*All the data sources used. Other factors which surfaced in the operation and implementation*}** |
| Baseline survey on values and perceptions completed. Need to improve record keeping of cases of religious counseling and zakat collection and distribution. |

1. **Lessons Learnt (300 words)**

**{Discuss the Lessons Learnt in the process of carrying out interventions relevant to realization of the Sector Outcomes as specified in the SAP. Focus on the involved agencies and other stakeholders (including beneficiaries) and their willingness and capability to continue the interventions. If not what additional measures would need to be taken to strengthen them}**

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| Need to improve awareness and advocacy on religious issues and correct misconceptions based on incidents that have taken place. |

1. **Partnerships (200 words)**

**{*Describe any partnerships established with a donor, private sector of civil society organization to achieve an outcome(s)*}**

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| Successul partnerships established with WAMY, Asia Foundation, local NGOs, media including MNBC and Raaje Radio. Collaboration has also been strengthened with line ministries including Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and Family |

1. **Follow-up Actions & Recommendations (400 words)**

**{Recommendations for strengthening, reorienting and/or revising the implementation mechanisms and strengthening the key agencies and other stakeholders for achieving Sector Outcomes in future periods}**

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| -Records for cases seeking religious counseling  - Increase awareness programmes and advocacy  -Develop key legislations |

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