**Achievements from Nov 2008-Feb 2012**

**Evaluation framework (EF) for Strategic Action Plan (SAP) 2009 – 2013**

**Youth Department 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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| There are five policies under youth development program.  **1.Support programs for prevention and after care of substance abuse among adolescent youth :**  *There are 3 Activities; 1. Intervention programs to prevent substance abuse among youth, increased*  *2. Opportunities for marginalized youth to reintegrate into society, increased*  *3. Counseling and mentoring services for youth, increased*  To some extent these services are being provided .However the target audience is not reached due to limitations in Human resource and budget.  **2.Promote healthy lifestyle among youth:**  *There are 3 Activities; 1.* *Physical and mental well-being among youth promoted*  *2. Engaging youth through sports in addressing delinquency, increased*  *3. Establish a youth health advisory body*  For physical and mental well-being of youth services like yoga, aerobics, gym, billiard etc are provided in central level. At atoll level recreational facilities are provided through Youth Centers but it needs to be upgraded  **3.Promote employment and entrepreneurship among youth:**  *There are 3 Activities; 1.* *Diversify youth centres functions focusing on career guidance*  *2. Support skills development programs for youth*  *3. Youth Challenge (further education and career guidance fair)*  These activities were conducted each year centrally however the targeted youths were not reached since there are limitations. At atoll level there are no technical expertises, and these resources can not be provided by the Ministry due to lack of resources.  **4.Support programs to empower youth to be responsible, active citizens contributing to the national development:**  *There are 10 Activities; 1. Develop youth centres in all regions of the country*  *2. Promote volunteerism and social responsibility among youth*  *3. Establish Youth Councils (board) at national, provincial and island level*  *4. Conduct studies to review current youth programmes and activities*  *5. Re-establish Youth Parliament*  *6. Youth NGOs empowered and encouraged to participate in nation building*  *7. Recognize youth who make significant contributions to development*  *8. Public awareness on youth issues and needs promoted*  *9. Legislative framework for youth development, established*  *10. Create platforms for youth development and avenues for exposure (international and national) Create platforms for youth development and avenues for exposure (National and International Platforms*  In 2012 an advisory board (Youth Council) is established.  13 youth centers are functioning under privatization.  Maldives volunteer corps was established in 2009 but is not functioning currently due to political reasons. However a number of volunteers are registered and active at the youth health café’ and have been playing a major role in campaigns, activities conducted under the ministry.  Financial support has been provided to several NGO’s in the last three years.  Media programs were conducted to increase awareness on youth issues.  **5.Promote culture and creativity among youth:**  *There is 1 Activity; 1. Promote cultural activities among youth*  *Planned to conduct programs in 2012* |

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

***{For each sectoroutcome 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. | Behavior change and awareness raised on youth issues through intervention programs | 1,864 youths were reached on this areas | Difficulty retaining life skill facilitators |
| 2. | Counseling services | 5,111.00 youths were reached within the past three years | Lack of human resource |
| 3. | Tournaments has been conducted | Provided recreational facilities for youths | Lack of human resource  Financial difficulties |
| 4. | Youth challenge in every year | Exposure on career opportunities were provided |  |
| 5. | Fitness fair | A fair was held with the help of sponsorship |  |
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* 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 |
|  | Maafannu Youth centre- male  Muni ufaa youthcentre  Galolhu activity centre  Villi male youth centre  Hulhumale mini youth centre  Huraa camp | * Enhance skills needed to meet life’s challenges. * Reduce crime and maladaptive behaviour amongst the young group. * Increase leadership and productivity of youth. | Has played a major role to make the youth participate in responsible activities of the community |
|  | Atoll Youth Centers (14) | * Enhance skills needed to meet life’s challenges. * Reduce crime and maladaptive behaviour amongst the young group. * Increase leadership and productivity of youth. | Plays a major role in engaging youths in recreational activities and creating awareness |
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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.*}** |
| Implementation was not successful to the expected level due to the following reasons:  Lack of Human resources  Lack of facilities  Absence of technical expertise and trained staffs to conduct activities and coordinate programs |
| 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*}** |
| There are budget constraints to run the planned programs. Simultaneously number of staffs has left the job under the redundancy package.  In the year 2011 enough budgets was allocated but due to the above mentioned reasons the budget was not used to the maximum. As a result there was a huge reduction in the year 2012’s budget. |
| 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.*}** |
| There are 14 Youth Centers already established.  For the past three years there has been no work done for opening Youth centers. This is also due to budget constraints. |
| 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*}** |
| Build a better relationship with stakeholders so that activities can be carried out continuously. |

**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}****:* |
| Though the leading agency has the full authority to run the programs, in terms of implementation the programs were not carried out because of lack of trained staffs. As a result there is no monitoring mechanism in place. And with these budget constraints is there. |
| *Implementation (200 words)*  **{*Matters relating to implementation finances, human resources, monitoringand oversight*}** |
| Lack of human resource. Fewer budget for maintenance of infrastructure. |
| *Environmental :(100 words)*  **{*Environmental 9including Operational aspects) aspects which were encountered and need to be addressed*}** |
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| *Political(100 words)*  **{*Political considerations encountered and to be addressed*}** |
| Due to political changes the policies and programs has to be changed. |
| *Socio/ Cultural(100 words)*  **{*Socio Cultural considerations encountered in respect of operation and implementation*}** |
| Difficult to engage the youths because of their life style, belief, misconceptions and political agendas. |
| *Gender (100 words)*  **{*Gender related issues encountered during operation and implementation*}** |
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| Statistical and Data Collection (100 words)  **{*All the data sources used. Other factors which surfaced in the operation and implementation*}** |
| There is no data collection process which has been practiced. |

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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| Donor agencies are reluctant to fund for programs due to the performance shown .Sustainable results oriented programs need to be implemented to gain trust of donors. This is also due to lack of technical staffs to conduct these programs.  Less participation from other stake holders. |

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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| UNFPA: Provide financial support to run the programs  STO: Provide financial support for conducting fairs and other programs run by youth Center.  With these two agencies there are other organizations providing sponsors for workshops, programs etc. |

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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| * Stakeholder meetings to be held regularly * Reviewing the youth policy * Programs needs to be evaluated and framed to reach the goals * Budget constraints to be discussed and dealt with * Evaluation process to be held quarterly * Capacity building of staffs * Enough human resources |

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