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## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	MALDIVES COVID-19 HEALTH FACILITY
Project Number:	20210721
Country:	Maldives
Project Description:	An investment loan covering the development of the National Health Laboratory system in the Maldives as well as health facilities in outer island locations.
EIA required:	to be determined
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	no

(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

The project consists of financing the construction of a new biomedical laboratory building in Malé and the extension of several existing healthcare centres in the outer islands.

The construction of laboratories and health care facilities are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU amended by Directive 2014/52/EU. However, the project might be covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development. Since the project is located outside the EU, the promoter has committed to perform an environmental screening in respect to the laboratory. This study will include the requirement to undertake a full EIA if required by the national legislation.

As for the other components, considering the nature of investments (extension of existing buildings with space for 6 to 8 inpatient beds), it is not expected that the project will have a significant negative impact on the environment.

The project has been assessed in respect to Paris alignment and the necessary measures will be defined in the feasibility study to ensure the project's low carbon and resilience goals.

#### Social Assessment

By financing the shortages in health financing and provision of healthcare services during and after the pandemic, the project ensures the medical treatment of the affected population while reducing the negative impacts on society.

### Conclusions and Recommendations

The main scope of the investment is the construction of the "National Health Laboratory" in Malé. As part of the project's feasibility study, the promoter has committed to perform an environmental assessment study. Therefore, the promoter will inform the Bank about any significant environmental issue and EIA requirements related to the project as from the national

<sup>1</sup> Only projects that meet the scope of the Carbon Footprint Exercise, as defined in the EIB Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: 20,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.



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legislation. If the feasibility study concludes that the project requires a full EIA, the promoter will perform a full EIA, in accordance with the national requirements and in line with the EU EIA process requirements.

With the undertakings and conditions proposed, the project is considered to be acceptable for the Bank's financing from an environmental and social point of view.