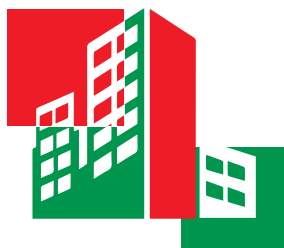


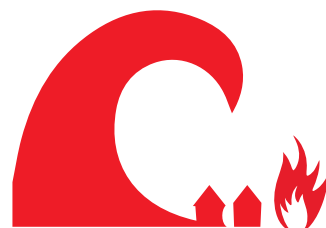
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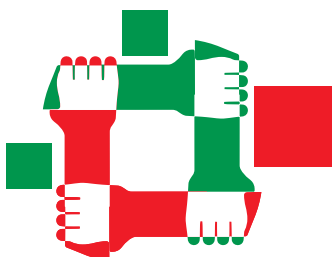
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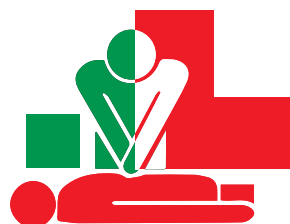
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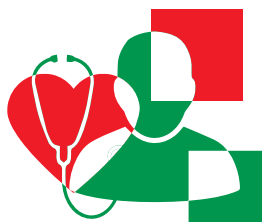
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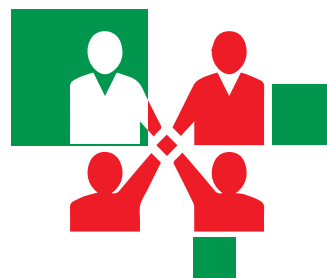
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# Message from President and Secretary General



The year 2016 has been a challenging and stimulating year for Maldivian Red Crescent, with sharp learning curves. It was also a year that we have been able to expand our reach to the most vulnerable people in our communities including the often forgotten group of foreign workers. Our strength in Disaster Management was further enhanced by now having volunteers trained in Emergency Response in 9 branches across Maldives. Furthermore, the role MRC plays in times of disasters and emergencies has been validated through a formal partnership with National Disaster Management Centre as the proactive humanitarian actor in providing emergency response to any disaster or emergency nation-wide.

In our short lifespan of 8 years as a National Society we have a strong relationship with the public authorities as its auxiliary, and last year opened up more opportunities to enrich this growing relationship. This coming year we hope that we will be able to do more of our work with the government and the local government.

It was also the year that we started construction of our anticipated new building of the National Headquarters in Hulhumale'. It is estimated to be completed and ready for use before the end of 2017, we hope that this would enable us with more capacity to continue our functions.

Our focus on reaching the most vulnerable was further broadened to include the foreign migrants in our communities who we aimed to reach with our programmes. The partnership with International Organization of Migration (IOM) was very welcome especially at a time that we were shifting to a stronger focus on ensuring no one is left behind in our programmes. We were also pleased to note that the partnership had supported us to diversify our volunteer base to better represent various nationalities that represent the residents of the Maldives.

We would like to highlight the growing interest of our branches and volunteers to develop and implement regular volunteer-led programmes that cater to the unique needs of their communities, contributing to more resilient societies. One such example is Villijoali by the Villimale Unit of Male' Branch which aims to contribute towards a more inclusive and resilient community through regular activities that focus on a variety of areas including public health awareness, youth development and supporting migrants including local and foreign to better integrate to the community.

We are grateful and appreciative to our movement partners, namely the International Federation of Red Cross, the International Committee of Red Cross and partner National Societies for the support and encouragement they give us during the challenging times and helps us to move forward and become a better National Society.

As we continue to be the most present, neutral, impartial, independent, united, volunteer driven humanitarian service provider, we celebrate the highs and take lessons from the lows. We will continue to strengthen our existing system to be better prepared to respond to emergencies. As we believe that this would enable us to be prompt and efficient in providing our services during times of need. We could not have come this far without the tireless efforts and dedication from our volunteers, members and staff. This coming year we aim to be able to broaden our horizons to reach the most vulnerable groups and we sincerely thank everyone who has supported our cause and continue to support us in a multitude of ways.

# Highlights of 2016

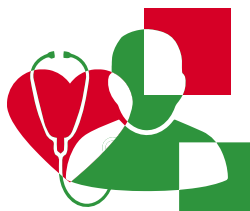


## Disaster Management

In 2016 a total of 127 volunteers were trained as Emergency Response Team (ERT) members across Meemu, Seenu, Gaafu Alifu and Kaafu atoll, adding up to 449 ERT members nationwide

The second National Emergency Response Team (NERT) training was held in 2016 training 24 volunteers adding up to 46 trained NERT members across Maldives.

World Disaster Report 2016 was launched in Maldives. The theme for 2016 was 'Resilience-saving lives today, investing for tomorrow' the messages at the event were built around this theme.



## Health

In 2016 the first Health Camp was held with the support of Universal Foundation. This health camp was held in M. Kolhufushi and Gn. Fuvahmulah where a total of 479 patients benefited through this.

World First Aid Day was marked with a variety of activities from different branches including a flash mob from Male' branch and awareness sessions from Haa Dhaal and Seenu Branch.

MRC as a member of National Dengue Task Force supported the national efforts to combat dengue, such as development and dissemination of awareness messages across 7 branches



## Social inclusion

In year 2016 Maldivian Red Crescent signed an MoU with International Organization of Migration (IOM) and conducted a short term project on creating public awareness on the rights of migrants and human trafficking as well as issues of public health and first aid. Over 1500 migrants were reached through this project.

To mark International Migrants Day, MRC Male' branch held an event 'Celebrate Diversity' in partnership with all relevant stakeholders to create a platform to raise awareness on different issues faced by migrants.

MRC Male' Branch, Villmale' Unit initiated a community engagement tool, by the name of Villijoali. This project is developed with the aim of building an inclusive, resilient and caring community.



## Commercial First Aid training

In 2016, a total of 465 people were trained over 200 hours of training through the Commercial First Aid Programme.



## Youth Development

In the year 2016, two volunteers from Male' branch and Seenu branch took part in the International Youth Exchange Programme organized by the Japanese Red Cross.

Seenu Branch held a youth camp targeting young people of age 16-19 with the aim of empowering young people and garner interest in volunteerism with the aid of different life skills programmes.

A humanitarian festival was held in the 2016 by Male' branch to bring all humanitarian actors active in Maldives to promote humanitarian work and engage with the public.



## Capacity building

The first Organizational Capacity Assessment Certification (OCAC) was held in 2016 in Male, Maldives with 14 participants from Maldivian Red Crescent Headquarters and branches.

6 volunteers from across the branches took part in Water Rescue Training organized by the Chinese Red Cross in 2016.

Maldivian Red Crescent with the technical support of International Committee of Red Cross conducted training on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and International Human Rights Law (IHRL) for officers of MNDF and Maldives Police Service.



## Stakeholder Participation and partnerships

MoU's were for future collaboration as partners with Island Aviation Services, National Disaster Management Centre and Universal Foundation.

In 2016 Dhiraagu became a corporate partner of Maldivian Red Crescent to support the work conducted by MRC.

Fundraising event was held at Taj Exotica and Spa resort to raise funds for MRC by auctioning paintings by local artists and also selling of MRC merchandise.



## Construction

Maldivian Red Crescent came into a contractual agreement with Inoca Private Limited after a successful bidding process to start the construction of National Headquarters building in Hulhumale



## Governance

Maldivian Red Crescent, Governing Board appointed a new secretary general a new Secretary General, Ms. Aishath Noora Mohamed following the resignation of our former Secretary General.

# Emergency Preparedness and Response



As one of the core areas of MRC as an organization, Maldivian Red Crescent is there to serve the public in times of disaster and emergencies. We are usually the first on site and will assist the most vulnerable through the process, during and after the crisis.

## MRC Male' Branch

Emergency Response to various fire accidents in Male' Region

### Fire at Sinamale' 2 ( 22nd March )

No. of ERT members deployed	9
No. of beneficiaries	43

### Fire at Ma. Kafidhoo ( 28th November )

No. of ERT members deployed	27
No. of beneficiaries	37

### Fire at G.Esbari ( 7th September )

No. of ERT members deployed	17
No. of beneficiaries	24

### Fire at Scoop restaurant ( 5th December )

No. of ERT members deployed	2
No. of beneficiaries	15

### Coastline Fire ( 18th April )

No. of ERT members deployed	34
No. of PSS members deployed	9
No. of beneficiaries	76
No. of households affected	33
No. of households in inhabitable condition	7



## Fire at Ma. Kafidhoo

A call alerted the Branch Coordinator of MRC Male' branch 28th November 2016, when the fire broke out at Ma.Kafidhoo godown and she immediately alerted the Emergency Response Team members who reported to the branch office 15 minutes from receiving the call. From then the first team of 5 ERT members and the Emergency Vehicle were sent to the scene. This group of ERT members was working on controlling the crowds to assist MNDF Fire and Rescue with the evacuation process as well as providing First Aid and Psychological First Aid to the victims of the fire. Meanwhile back in the branch office, more materials were being prepared to be sent to assist with the situation based on the need including masks and water with more ERT's while volunteers and staff monitored the situation. Once the fire was under control, ERT members assisted in providing psychosocial support to the victims seeking temporary shelter at National Disaster Management Centre who were later moved to Islamic Ministry. In the early hours of the night when people who resided in the neighborhood of where the incident took place were allowed to go back into their residences, the remaining ERT members along with the relevant committees were working hard on arrangements to set up a temporary shelter for 37 internally displaced people (IDP) who were also migrants. Members of the public, corporates and private companies supported MRC during this emergency by providing clothing, food, drink and other forms of donations.



ERT Member coordinating with MNDF at the scene of incident

## M. Kolhufushi

### Strengthening Community Resilience to Impacts of Climate Change

MRC Kolhufushi Unit from Meemu Branch responded to a flooding on the main roads by working with relevant stakeholders to flatten the roads and establish a water draining system in the two areas of the island where the in which the worst flooding occurs. Mobilizing the Emergency Response Team, with the support of island council, MNDF and Police based on the island 70 volunteers were able to respond to the flooding on the same day. MRC Kolhufushi volunteers along with the support of local NGO, Kolhufushi Zuvaanunge Jamiyya built a barrier to protect the island from tidal surges. Volunteers raised MVR 15,000 to build barrier made of sand-cement bags around the island through means of individual donations, door-to-door collections and in kind support from the island. A total of 125 volunteers assisted in the effort over the space of three days. The Kolhufushi Unit hopes that these efforts would suffice as a long-term coastal protection.



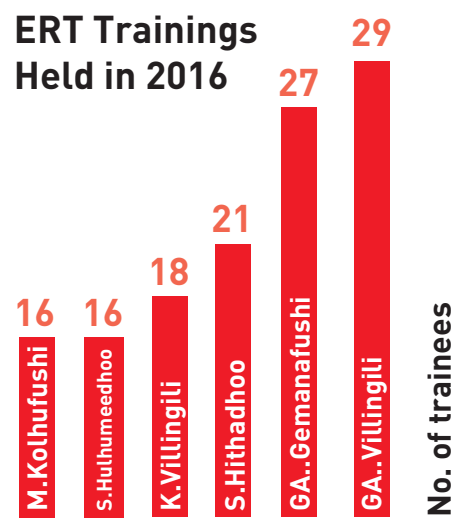
Kolhufushi volunteers active in building cement bag barrier around the island

Kolhufushi ERT members attending to flooding



## Emergency Response Trainings

The Strategic Plan 2011-2015 of MRC emphasizes strengthening the organization’s capacity to respond to man-made and natural emergencies efficiently, in this regard the MRC Governing Board approved the MRC Emergency Response Mechanisms in 2012. The Emergency Response Teams were formed through this mechanism with the aim to provide immediate response to emergencies affecting islands and atolls at branch and unit level. Since 2012 several trainings has been held to build capacity of volunteers to be part of Emergency Response Teams. In the year 2016 the number of Emergency Response Trainings has been a steady number of 6 as that of the previous year.



## National Emergency Response Team Training

Maldivian Red Crescent held its second National Emergency Response Training from 19-25 November 2016. This training is conducted to strengthen the organization’s capacity to be better-abled to respond to disasters and emergencies nationwide. 24 members were trained in this five day training held at K. Girifushi. In times of disaster and emergencies, these NERT members will be deployed to assist branch and unit level emergencies based on magnitude of the incident.



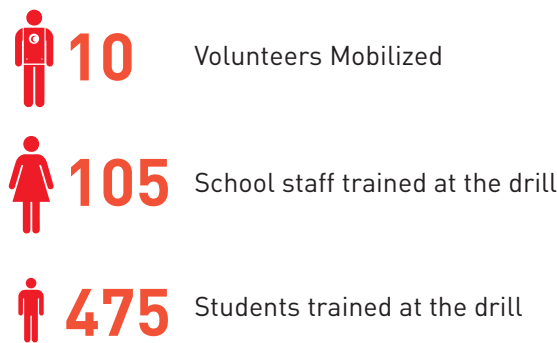
Trainees from NERT 2016

## Emergency Drills

In the month of August, in Maldivian Red Crescent as part of Hospital Emergency Response Plan (HERP) of Health Protection Agency supported a Hospital Emergency Drill conducted in Gn. Fuvahmulah. MRC played a vital role in the drill by providing 25 volunteers to be part of the drill to be casualties.

## Branch Level Drills

Amongst the many other drills conducted by MRC, Haa Dhaal branch in cooperation with Maldives National Defense Force (MNDF) conducted a School Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP) and also an Emergency Drill at Jalaaluddhin School. MRC supported in providing Emergency Life Support training to all the staff and members of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Students were actively involved in the drill to put to practice what was included in the training.

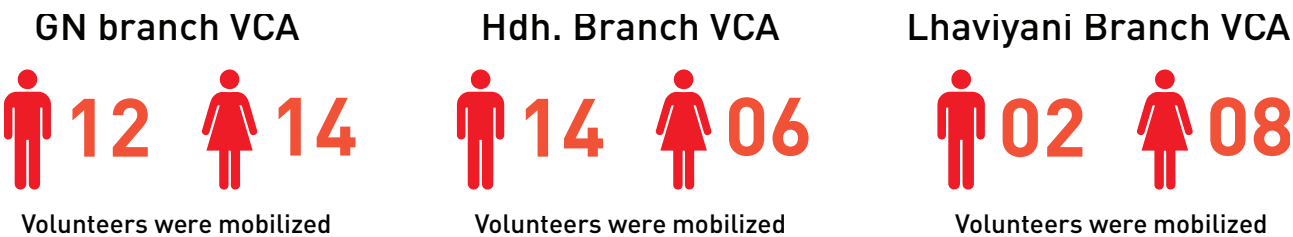


Male' Branch has also supported a number of School Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP) drills in 5 schools – namely Dharumavantha School, Kalaafaanu School, Rehendhi School, Thaajudheen School and Hiriya School where total of 6642 students were part of the drill. Staff and teachers of two schools were also given sessions on Emergency Basic Life Support.

## Vulnerability Capacity Assessment (VCA)

**The Vulnerability Capacity Assessment (VCA) is an inclusive assessment involving the community that is conducted to understand the needs of the community from all aspects.** This process is meant to empower the community to take action towards reducing its vulnerabilities, addressing its problems and increase resilience of the community.

In the year 2016, VCA trainings were held in Haa Dhaal, Gnaviyani and Lhaviyani brach with the cooperation from the different stakeholder organizations in the atoll as well as the volunteers of



## **World Meteorological Day**

MRC Male' branch took part in an activity led by Maldives Meteorological Service called 'Moo-sumee Haveeru' where volunteers conducted activities to sensitize public on disaster management and resilience.

## **International Day for Disaster Reduction**

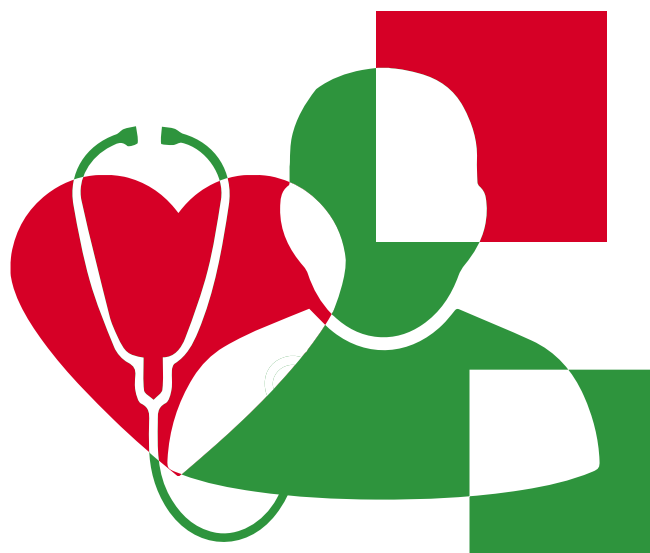
To celebrate International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR), the two units of Seenu Branch conducted an event with collaboration with Maldives Police Service. The police assisted in conducting an awareness session on road safety to the general public; in addition the volunteers of MRC Seenu Branch gave more information and tips of steps to take to reduce disasters and emergencies. They also disseminated the emergency numbers to members of the public. The event proved successful with a lot of members of the public giving positive words of appreciation on these informative sessions.

## **Launching of World Disaster's Report 2016 in Maldives**

Maldivian Red Crescent launched the World Disaster's Report 2016 in Maldives on 5th December 2016. At a special event held with the attendance of Head of Cluster Support Team for India, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Maldives of IFRC, Mr. Leon Prop, UN officials and other government partners. The 'World Disasters Report 2016' is a report that has been commissioned by International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) published annually since 1993 by highlighting the urgent issues faced by millions of people who are most vulnerable to disasters around the world and the importance of addressing these issues. The theme set for the year 2016 is Resilience- Saving lives today, investing for tomorrow, with the key message to invest in resilience to save lives and money. All speeches at this event resonated the importance of building a resilient community to reduce impact from disasters and investing more in resilience.

## **Unity Day 2016**

A community initiated run – 'Unity Run' was held by the Hdh. Branch in Hdh. Kulhudhufushi to mark Unity day on 26th December 2016. The purpose of this 1.7Km run to raise funds for the activities of Hdh. Branch, and was open to all members of the community where a total of 186 participants took part. The branch raised a total of MVR.18,600.00 by co sponsorship from Ooredoo and W nit and by selling tshirts. During the course of this event, branch also gained new volunteers to its growing volunteer base.



# Health

As one of the core strategic areas of Maldivian Red Crescent, focus on health programmes has been significantly more this year than the last year with a special focus on First Aid programmes.

## Standard First Aid Trainings

First Aid is one of the core components of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement; Maldivian Red Crescent has been one of the sole providers of First Aid trainings since its inception. By learning First Aid from MRC, communities benefit from the basic knowledge of learning how to save a life in case of an injury.

### Standard First Aid Training

Number of trainings

10

Haa dhaal branch  
Male' branch  
Gnaviyani branch

Number of volunteers trained

207

Seenu branch  
Meemu branch  
Gaafu Alif branch

### Basic First Aid Training

Number of trainings

7

Male' branch  
Gaafu Alif branch

Number of volunteers trained

127



### Standard First Aid Refresher

Number of trainings

2

Haa dhaal branch  
Gaafu Alif branch

Number of volunteers trained

20

### Emergency Basic Life Support

Number of trainings

2

Male' branch  
Gaafu Alif branch

Number of volunteers trained

76



Volunteers assisting at First Aid training

## Community First Aid Service

MRC has been providing First Aid service through its branches across Maldives. Our trained volunteers are deployed to sporting events, recreational events, community gatherings and during emergencies to recognize and respond to community based health and safety needs.

### Male' Branch

Community First aid services	70
Volunteers mobilized	73
Beneficiaries	5200

### Haa Dhaal Branch

Community First aid services	23
Volunteers mobilized	285
Beneficiaries	23

### Gnaviyani Branch

Community First aid services	8
Volunteers mobilized	64
Beneficiaries	13

### Lhaviyani Branch

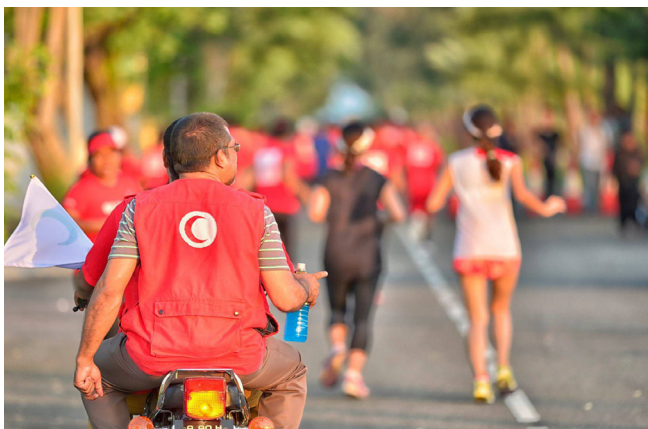
Community First aid services	1
Volunteers mobilized	4
Beneficiaries	4

### Seenu Branch

Community First aid services	2
Volunteers mobilized	10
Beneficiaries	30

### Seenu Branch

Community First aid services	2
Volunteers mobilized	10
Beneficiaries	30



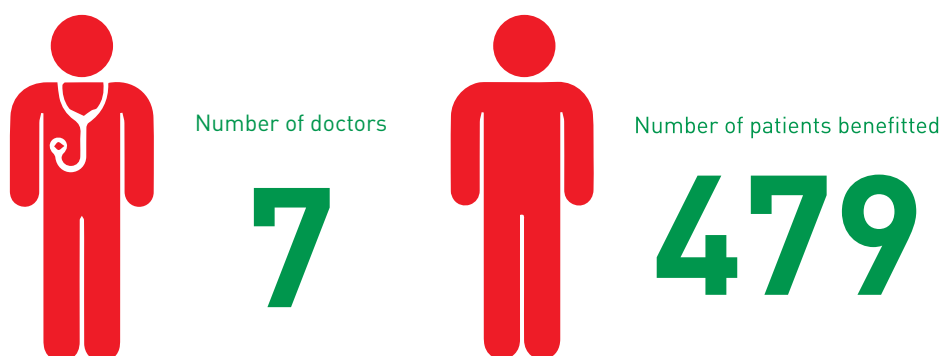
First Aid volunteers at a sports event



First Aid volunteers attending to casuaty at a sports event

## Health Camp

The Health Camp held in past year is one the biggest health programmes held by MRC with the generous support of Universal Foundation. With the objective of providing opportunities to consult specialist doctors from their own islands, this programme was held at two islands where two of MRC's branches are also situated at – Gn. Fuvahmulah and M.Kolhufushi. The consultation areas covered a wide span of specialists from dermatology, cardiology, urology, paediatrics, mental health, ophthalmology and internal medicine where the doctors were available for consultation for a period of two days. Besides doctor consultations, health information was provided to patients, including that from a guest speaker from Cancer Society of Maldives gave an informative presentation to parents of GN Atoll School. Health Screening services to check vitals were also available. Volunteers took part in assisting the smooth operations of this two day health camp in both islands and 241 patients benefitted from Gn. Fuvahmulah and 238 patients benefitted from M.Kolhufushi. These health camps received a lot of support from the respective health centers and hospitals in each island that it was conducted in. The second health camp was based upon the lessons learnt from the first health camp.



M.Kolhufushi volunteers assisting with the health camp



Volunteers from GN branch preparing IEC materials for health camp



## Training in Moving and Lifting

A one day training in 'Moving and Lifting' as an add on component of First Aid training was conducted by GN Branch. This training aimed to build capacities of volunteers who are trained in First Aid and would aid the processes of the GN Atoll Hospital that the branch supports.

## Home Visits

MRC GN branch conducted an activity in partnership with Gn Atoll Hospital to visit people who are unable to leave their bed for medical reasons to check their vitals and offer them company for a few hours. Joined with a doctor, a nurse and a health worker 5 volunteers from the branch conducted these visits. Additionally they spent time with the caretakers of the patients addressing their concerns and teaching them better care practices to the patients. Local shop offered their donations of fruit packs which were also distributed to these households. The main objective of this activity was to identify and work towards creating better solutions for patients who cannot leave their bed.

## World First Aid Day

World First Aid day is celebrated every year on the second Saturday of September. In the year 2016 different branches of MRC held activities across the country on this occasion. Male' branch organized a flash mob to be held at one of the prominent areas of Male' – Rasfannu beach where volunteers demonstrated use of CPR on dummies in efforts to build awareness on importance of First Aid. This event received a positive response from the members of the public. A family evening was also held in collaboration with Local Government Authority where information on first aid activities was given to visiting families and children at the event.

MRC's branch in the North of Maldives – Hdh. Atoll conducted awareness sessions on importance of first aid for World First Aid day including a first aid training to students from schools of Kulhudhufushi and Nolhivaram, where 275 students were trained in Basic First Aid.

Likewise, MRC Seenu Branch also held awareness sessions for students where more than 140 students participated to get to know more about importance of First Aid.



Events from World First Aid day



## Violence Prevention Training – Male’ Branch

A training on violence prevention was conducted by Male’ Branch in the month of January. This training was conducted for teachers of Villa International High school with the aim of creating awareness within the teachers to understand the different forms of violence and to aid them to identify victims of violence and the right actions to follow through. Total of 35 teachers were trained in this training by Violence Prevention Master Trainer, Ms. Shifaath Razzaq.

## Dengue Awareness

As a steady health partner of Health Protection Agency and part of the dengue task force, several branches of MRC took part in the nationwide dengue awareness campaign. Volunteers from the different branches went from door-to-door to provide information on dengue and eliminate breeding sites found in the households. Additionally, volunteers were also active in cleaning public areas to prevent increase of dengue fever in the islands and provide information to the public through awareness sessions. Dengue as a health problem that is faced in Maldives every year and MRC plays a vital role in trying to curb the numbers infected by the disease.

### Branches that were involved

- Thaa Branch
- Meemu Branch
- Seenu Branch
- Gaafu Alif Branch
- Male’ branch
- Gnaviyani Branch
- Haa Dhaal Branch

## World Health Day

To celebrate World Health Day, MRC Seenu Branch held an event for senior citizens of S. Hulhumedhoo, in collaboration with S. Hulhumedhoo Health Centre. This event was held at Hulhumedhoo Health Centre where services were offered to do a general health checkup of senior citizen including checking the blood pressure level and BMI.

## World Mental Health Day

On World Mental Health Day 2016, the Psychosocial Support Centre along with Male’ branch and relevant stakeholders started a social media campaign ‘Aslukihineh?’. This campaign was initiated in efforts to promote positive talk about mental health and to promote talking about our own feelings as a necessary step towards better mental health and end mental health stigma

## Psycho-Social Support (PSS) Centre – Male’ Branch

A Psychosocial Support Centre was established by the Male’ branch with the aim to acquire knowledge, build capacity and develop resources to provide sustainable psychosocial support to the greater Male’ region. This centre functions by establishing standards and guidelines to provide psychosocial support, design and deliver programmes following these guidelines established and develop relevant partnerships with stakeholders to be better able to deliver psychosocial support services to a wider group of people with the support of PSS facilitators, counsellors and health professionals as well as volunteers who have been trained in psychosocial first aid. They have been actively involved in providing PSS support to emergencies in the Male’ region including at the coastline fire and the fire at Ma. Kafidhoo.

In this regard, the PSS center conducted a Psychological First Aid (PFA) training to develop the pool of PFA volunteers who can engage at times of crisis and to support Male’ branch in providing these services.

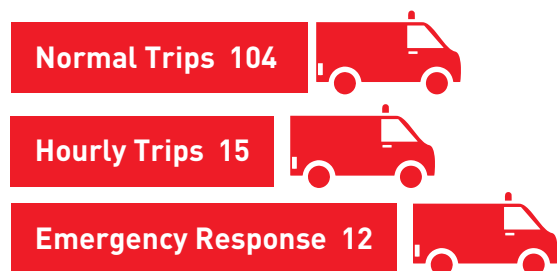
# Patient Transport Service



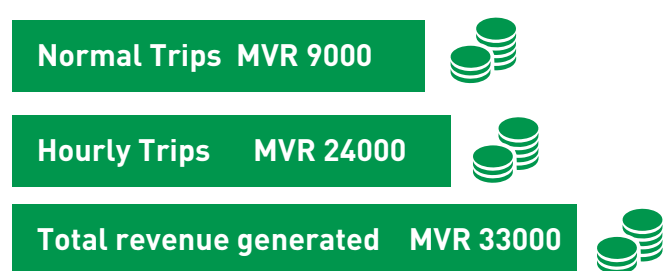
In 2014, Maldivian Red Crescent expanded its existing services to the public by providing patient transport service for residents of Male' City. The main objective of this programme is to provide an effective ambulance service for the densely populated Male' City. This project was implemented with the assistance from Singapore Red Cross with the donation of two ambulances. To effectively provide this service, MRC has trained volunteers on First Aid and moving and lifting patients. This service provides access for transporting patients that seek regular health care services such as elderly patients requiring regular health care services and transferring patients at times of emergencies. Unlike other ambulance services in Maldives which provides a door to door service, the service provided by Maldivian Red Crescent ensures that patients assisted are transferred from bed-to-bed. MRC initially began the service as an 8 hour service, but had since then expanded the service to a 24 hour service. The service is provided in Male', operated with the use of a toll free number (1425) for service orders.

MRC faces challenges in providing effective service to the public, one being the challenge in acquiring volunteers, running an effective service with one staff conducting its operations and needing more resources to improve its services. Given the demand for the service efforts, were taken to broaden partnerships with public and private sector to provide the services effectively.

## Types of Services provided



## Revenue generated



# Social Inclusion



## Increasing Awareness of Migrant Rights and Human Trafficking

In efforts to work towards increasing awareness on human trafficking and migrant rights through public awareness campaigns, an MoU was signed in agreement between International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Maldivian Red Crescent to conduct a short term project. This project was conducted with the aim of working through volunteers of Male' branch to create public awareness on the rights of Migrants and Human Trafficking issues as well as disseminating information on Public Health and First Aid by mobilizing outreach workers. Outreach work was conducted by trained foreign and local volunteers to create public awareness on issues of Human Trafficking and the Hotline numbers to report cases. Health and Hygiene information were also disseminated especially about infectious diseases like Tuberculosis, Dengue Fever and HIV AIDS, including information about the places they can be tested for free. A total of 12 public awareness campaigns were held in areas covering Male', Hulhumale', Villingili and Thilafushi from which 1580 migrant workers and 160 locals were reached. MRC had the technical support and otherwise from institutions whose work directly covered the issues at hand in the development of dissemination materials, all of the materials were translated into languages that majority of migrants communicated with.



volunteers disseminating information to migrant workers



## International Migrants Day

As part of the project with International Organization for Migration (IOM) an event by the name 'Celebrate Diversity' was held in December to mark International Migrant's Day. This event was aimed to promote acceptance and create a better understanding of mixed cultures that work and live together in Maldives and also as a platform to create awareness on the numerous issues that are faced by migrants and assist vulnerable groups to provide information and refer them to the appropriate channels. Relevant stakeholders such as Maldives Police Service (MPS), Maldives Immigration, Health Protection Agency (HPA), Society for Health Education (SHE), Labour Relations Authority, Human Rights Commission of Maldives (HRCM), Transparency Maldives, Ministry of Economic Development had stalls to disseminate information at the event, including a stall to test HIV for free. High Commissions of India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh supported in making the event more colorful.

## Villijoali

Villijoali is volunteer led community engagement tool implemented by the Villimale' Unit of Male' Branch. This is a pilot project developed with the aim of building an inclusive, resilient and caring community in the island of Villingili where the Villimale' unit is located. The activities which started out as conversation with the elderly, socially and physically challenged youth have now branched into several segments including villijoali haalukihneyi which is the PSS support component, villijoali career support, villijoali kulhimaja – entertainment component, villijoali mageyveshi – environment and climate change awareness building component partnering with local NGO Save the Beach Maldives and villijoali furathama ehee – first aid component.



Villimale' unit volunteers interacting with the community as part of villijoali





# Youth Development

Majority of the volunteers of Maldivian Red Crescent are youth; therefore MRC prioritizes on catering to the needs of youth development in the society. Likewise, we encourage a participatory approach when developing programmes that would build capacity of young people in our society.

## 5th Model IFRC General Assembly (MIGA)

MRC administrative staff Ms. Aishath Nasra and Male' Branch volunteer Ms. Aminath Hanan Bagir took part in the 5th Model IFRC General Assembly (MIGA) organized by Korea Red Cross in Seoul, Korea from 9-15th August 2016. This year's theme was 'Building safer, healthier and resilient communities in line with the One Billion Coalition of the RCRC Movement' with the objective of cultivating leadership skills in young people.

## International Youth Exchange Programme

Maldivian Red Crescent had two volunteers represent us at the International Youth Exchange Programmed organized by the Japanese Red Cross. A volunteer from Male' branch and Seenu branch was selected for this programme through series of preliminary interviewing process. The two young volunteers had an exciting learning experience getting to know about the junior Red Cross initiative by the Japanese Red Cross as well learning more about the Japanese Culture through the visits to different cities from this 18 day programme.

## Youth Development in branches

### Youth Camp – Seenu Branch

Seenu branch organized a youth camp for young people of ages 16-19 years with the aim of promoting the values of the greater Red Cross and Red Crescent movement as well as empower young people. This four day intensive camp was packed with life skills building activities that kept 34 young people inspired and excited. Since this camp required a nominal fee from each participant, all the proceeds were to be utilized for further develop Seenu Branch and its activities. The logistics of the event was further supported by Villa College – Hithadhoo Campus and Equator Village which proved to be very helpful in the success of the camp.

### Youth Forum – Male’ Branch

Led by Henveiru Unit of Male’ branch, the first youth forum was held in September 2016. The theme for this annually planned forum was ‘Pro Social Behavior’ as many of the challenges that are faced in the communities can be addressed through promoting individual social responsibility. The purpose was to strengthen youth participation and engagement in MRC and the community by providing opportunities for youth to participate in meaningful discussions and exchanges. This enabled the many young volunteers that are part of MRC to be able to gain a platform to express their views on matters that interest them.

### Lead volunteers training – Male’ Branch

Male’ Branch conducted three day volunteer leadership training in August 2016. This training was conducted with the aim of building leadership capacity of volunteers to be enable them to develop a mechanism to effectively reach out to the most vulnerable in times of need. A total of 22 participants took part in this training where areas such as team management, project management and conflict resolution were covered in this workshop.

### Humanitarian Festival – Male’ Branch

Male’ branch organized a Humanitarian Festival with the objective of bringing all humanitarian actors working Maldives to the same platform and promote the work they do for the communities in Maldives. It is also to enable members of the public to appreciate and engage with the work done by these organizations. This event which took place in the month of September and had tents set up as stalls to conduct sessions on climate change, youth as agents of behavioral change – youth activity run by MRC and Emergency Life Support in addition to the tents set up by other partnering actors in the field. In parallel to this, a jumble sale was being conducted as a means of fundraising to provide more financial assistance to MRC Male’ Branch to conduct further activities. A total of MVR 5521.25 was raised from this jumble sale. This event was supported by 50 enthusiastic volunteers who also welcomed several more as new volunteers of MRC.



Humanitarian festival - Photo credits to Yaamin Mohamed



# Commercial First Aid

Maldivian Red Crescent is one of the prominent First Aid trainers in Maldives, and the Commercial First Aid Programme is also means to increase the sustainability of National Society by the strengthening its resource mobilization capacities. With a total of 56 clients to date 2016 brought us 15 new clients and 465 participants were trained in First Aid in a span of 200 hours of training. The Commercial First Aid programme also raised a total of MVR. 385, 950.00 from trainings.

Basic First Aid Training	18
Practical First Aid Training	1
Practical First Aid Training with AED	3
EBLS	3
CPR and AED	1

Total revenue generated  
**MVR. 385,950.0** 

Total number of trainees	465
Total number of trainings	34
Total number of hours	200



# Governance

## Governing Board Meetings

The Governing Board held 7 meetings and 2 extraordinary meetings during the year. During the year 2016 the Governing Board recruited a new Secretary General Ms Aishath Noora Mohamed.

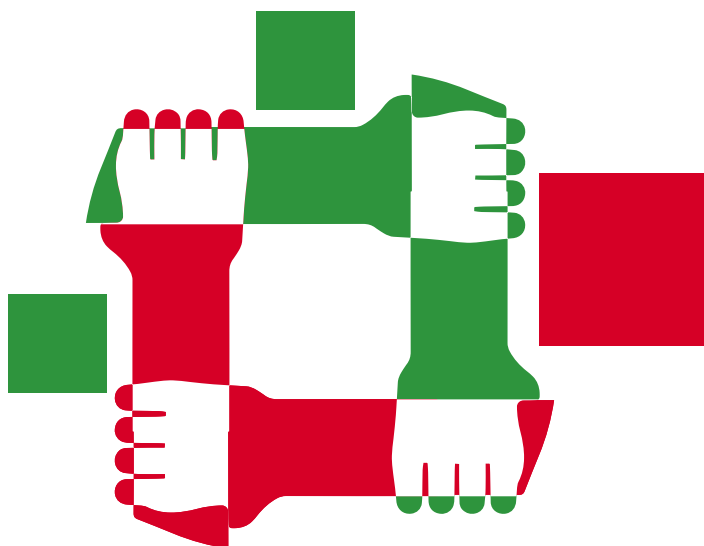
## 8th General Assembly

The 8th General Assembly was held on 23 and 24 of April 2016. A total of 76 members from 9 branches of MRC namely Haa Dhaal Branch, Noonu Branch, Meemu Branch, Thaa Branch, Lhaviyani Branch, Male' Branch, Gaafu Alif Branch, Seenu Branch and Gnaviyani Branch attended the meeting.

## The Organizational Capacity Assessment Certification (OCAC)

The Organizational Capacity Assessment Certification (OCAC) was held on 15-17 November, 2016 in Male, Maldives with 14 participants – 8 female and 6 male. These participants comprised of governance, management staff, volunteers and members at the national and branch level. The Organizational Capacity Assessment acts as a self-evaluation tool of the whole organization which provides guidance in direction in becoming a strong, sustainable national society.





# Volunteer Engagement

Volunteers are the backbone of Maldivian Red Crescent, without which the National Society cannot function. Over the period of 2016, volunteers contributed countless hours of service to carry out the work of MRC to reach the most vulnerable at their times of need as well as to build a resilient and sustainable society.

In the year 2016 a total of **2086** volunteers were registered and insured through International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent.

## Aslam Abdulla

Haa Dhaal branch



Aslam has been a volunteer at MRC since 2015, with a keen interest in first aid. He completed the First Aid trainings provided by the branch, which has led him to be able to save the life of his uncle. Aslam deeply appreciates getting the opportunity to be part of MRC and look forward to see a day where there is at least one trained first aider for 10 people in his island, which he believes would increase the chances of saving people's lives.

# Muees Moosa

## MRC Seenu Branch



Since 2016, Muees has been a young volunteer of Seenu Branch. During this short period of time he has been trained in First Aid and is part of the National Emergency Response Team. As an enthusiastic volunteer he has been contributing most of his free time his experience and knowledge to the different activities conducted by MRC Seenu Branch. Muees hopes that through volunteering at MRC, he would be able to contribute to engaging more young people to be active members of the society to bring more positive attention to vulnerable groups in the society.

# Aminath Hanan Bagir

## MRC Male' Branch



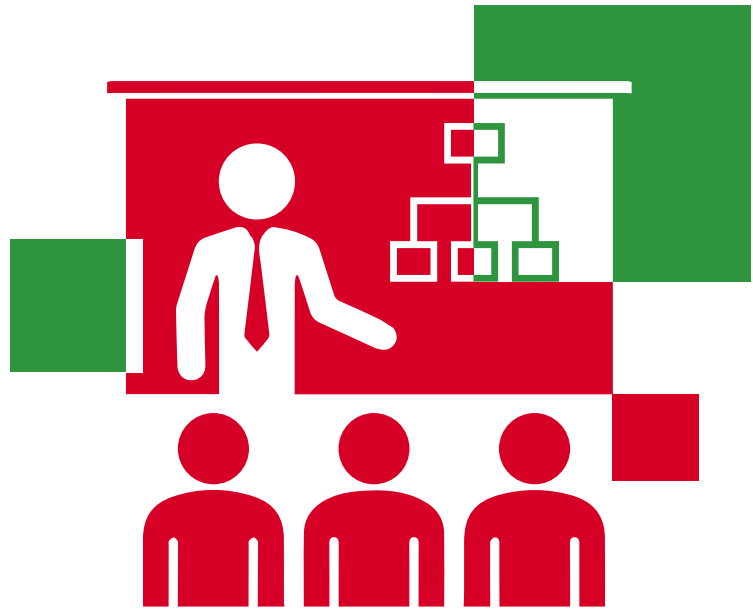
Hana first joined MRC as a volunteer during the water crisis in 2014. During these three years she has been an active volunteer of Male' Branch. In the past year Hanan represented MRC in the 5th Model IFRC General Assembly where she won the Group Fraternity Award at the assembly. One of her most treasured memories as a volunteer was when she was part of the Fiyavathi Programme held for children who were under the state's care. She believes in helping people and now holds a position on the branch board of Male' Branch.

## National Award of Recognition

MRC's First Aid and Logistics Coordinator Mr. Mohamed Adeel received the National Award of Recognition in the area of Social Services (humanitarian service) presented by the President of Maldives, His Excellency Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom. This award was presented on the occasion of Republic Day 2016. Adeel has been part of Maldivian Red Crescent since its inception providing uninterrupted and dedicated service to humanity.



Mohamed Adeel receiving National award of recognition from His Excellency Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom.



# Capacity Building

## Water Rescue Training

Volunteers from four branches participated in a Water Rescue Training facilitated by Chinese Red Cross Society. Six representatives from branches across Maldives participated in this training alongside representatives from Sri Lanka Red Cross Society and Pakistan Red Cross Society amongst other participating national societies. This training proved to be incredibly successful with all participants coming back with much experience and knowledge about fundamentals of water rescue. Some of the participants who returned from the training conducted swimming lessons for children.



Water Rescue Training 2016

## First Aid Training of trainers

A First Aid Training of Trainers was held in the month of October in efforts to increase the number of First Aid trainers to be able to train a large number of people in skills to save a life. 12 participants took part and became certified First Aid Trainers after five days of intense training.

## Programme Priority Setting Workshop

In the month of August, a “Programme Priority Setting Workshop” was held to facilitate identifying focus areas of MRC for the upcoming years. Members from MRC leadership, including governing board members, key staff from the national headquarters and key technical volunteers took part in this engaging workshop. Plans were set in place on best ways how MRC can strengthen its existing work as well as broaden horizons to reach as many people as possible through humanitarian work.

## Communication in RCRC Movement

A training was held by MRC with the technical support from International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) on Communicating in the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. This training was held in the month of September where staff from national headquarters, staff and volunteers from Male’ Branch took part in this four day training. This enabled the participants to fully understand the concept of communication in the movement and how to best portray the national society and the work they do to the public.



Participants and trainers of communicating in the RCRC Movement training



## Health Emergencies in Large population workshop

Mariyam Ifshan, Health Officer – Programmes represented MRC at the Health Emergencies in large population workshop organized by IFRC, Indian Red Cross and Public Health Foundation of India. This 11 day workshop was held in New Delhi, India focused on exploring the key elements in the principles and practice of humanitarian assistance in emergencies and major crisis. This training is conducted to train professionals in the principles and practices of Humanitarian action in response to disaster with focus on needs, public health care response ethics and public health laws as well as to contribute to academic training, research and development in humanitarian action during health crises.

## Community Based Health and First Aid Training on Vector and Mosquito Control

Six participants from various branches of MRC as well as the national headquarters participated in the Community Based Health and First Aid (CBHFA) Training on Vector and Mosquito control by IFRC held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. This training was organized by IFRC with the support of Sri Lankan Red Cross with participants from 22 other national societies. With the objective of becoming familiar with IFRC, CBHFA Zika, Dengue and Chikungunya Prevention Community module, having updated information on health and nutrition the training focused on mosquito borne diseases, vector control and Emergency Health and Nutrition.

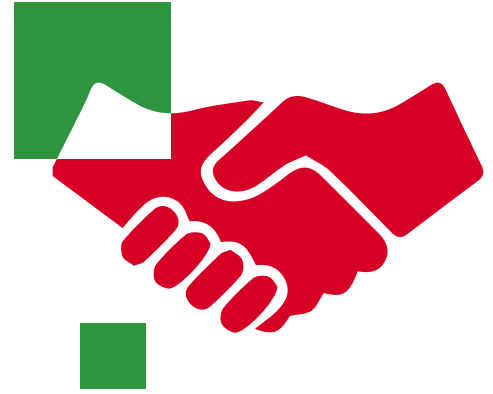
## Workshop on International Humanitarian Law

MRC conducted a three-day training programme on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and International Human Rights Law (IHRL) with the technical support of The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Selected officers of the Maldives National Defense Forces (MNDF), Maldives Police Services (MPS) and the Maldivian Red Crescent participated in this workshop. The objective of the training was to support existing training programmes of MNDF and MPS on IHL and IHRL, to introduce participants to contemporary issues in the law of armed conflict and human rights law, and to sensitize the importance of IHL. This was following a successive workshop on International Humanitarian Law conducted in the year 2015 which was well received by all participants.



Participants of IHL training workshop

# Stakeholder Participation and Partnerships



## **Ammado donation portal launched**

Ammado donation portal was launched in April 2016, in efforts to promote individual giving in the society. Maldivian Red Crescent, receives generous financial support from members of the community in times of disasters and emergencies, however as a progressing national society moving towards a self-sustainable model we would like to support individual giving as means of contributing to serve the most vulnerable in the society in times of crisis and otherwise.

## **Signing of MoU between Universal Foundation and Maldivian Red Crescent**

In March 2016 Maldivian Red Crescent signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Universal Foundation. After continuous dialogue, it was come to an understanding that Universal Foundation will support MRC to conduct health related activities including one of the biggest health activities of the year – the Health Camp.

## **Signing of MoU between Island Aviation Services and Maldivian Red Crescent**

Maldivian Red Crescent signed a MoU with Island Aviation Services in the month of April. This MoU agrees for Island Aviation Services to support MRC by providing concessional rates on the Maldivian Airline for all travel that would be required to carry out the activities of Maldivian Red Crescent.

## **Signing of MoU between National Disaster Management Centre and Maldivian Red Crescent**

Maldivian Red Crescent and National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) signed a MoU in December 2016. This MoU agrees to coordinate efforts to strengthen communities to become more resilient to emergencies and disasters. In the past the two organizations has had a close relationship however, it is hopeful that this MoU will assist in creating a more conducive environment to strengthen communities in times of disasters and emergencies.

## **Fundraising Activity held at Taj Exotica Resort**

A fund raising activity was held at Taj Exotica Resort in June 2016. During this event, paintings that were donated by two individuals were auctioned. Additionally waterproof wristbands in different colors with the seven fundamental principles embossed on them were sold during this event for guests in the resort. MRC received a positive response from the guests as well as the management of the resort. Plans to work with Taj Exotica Resort were discussed following this successful fundraiser.

## **Dhiraagu partnered with Maldivian Red Crescent as a Corporate Member**

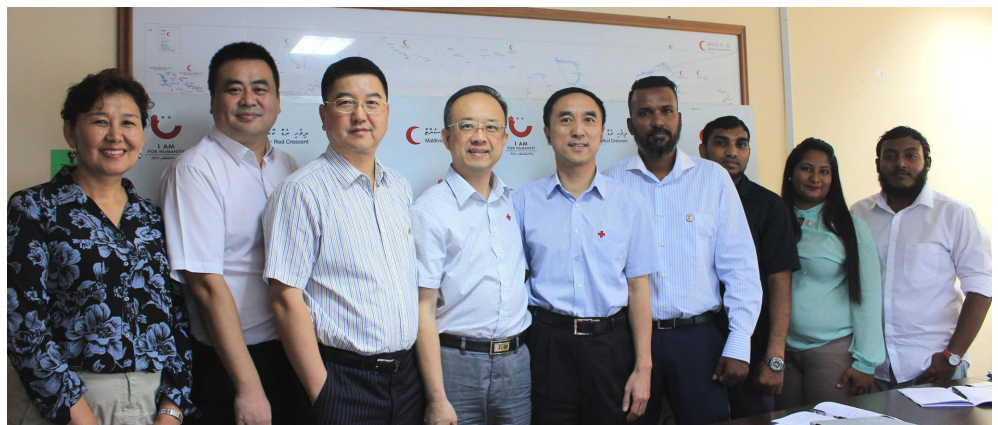
Dhiraagu partnered with Maldivian Red Crescent as a Corporate Member in August 2016. They pledged to provide MRC with an annual financial donation of MVR 50,000.00 to support the work of MRC across its 9 branches.



# Collaborating with Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Partners

## Delegation from Red Cross Society of People's Republic of China visits MRC

In the month of October, a delegation from the People's Republic of China made an official visit to MRC headed by Vice President Mr. Wang Haijing. The purpose of this visit was to foster and strengthen the relationship between the two national societies, by understanding the needs and challenges to promote effective collaborations in the future. During this visit, the delegation visited Seenu Branch where they met members of the branch board as well as main stakeholders that the branch engages with. The emissaries were able to witness an Emergency Drill held by the branch volunteers as well. They also paid a courtesy visit to the Minister of Health where discussions were held on possible future collaborations. This event was very well received by the delegation as they left with a better comprehension of Maldivian Red Crescent as a National Society.



Members of governing board with visiting delegation from Chinese Red Cross



## Construction of the Red Crescent Building

The design work of Maldivian Red Crescent National Headquarters Building was carried out in the year 2015 following the finalization of floor plans by the Steering Committee in October 2015. MRC started the process of hiring a contractor for the construction of the building. In September 2016 MRC came to a contractual agreement with Inoca Private Limited following a successful bidding process. The funding of the Maldivian Red Crescent National Headquarters is fully supported by International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC).



## Financial Summary 2016

MRC's Activities were mainly funded through International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) and International Committee of Red Cross appeal 2014 -2016 and other partner national societies such as Canadian Red Cross and Australian Red Cross. During the year Universal Foundation supported MRC's Patient transport service and International Organization for Migration (IOM) supported the Increasing Awareness of Migrant Rights and Human Trafficking project. Total income for the year 2016 is MVR 13,182,891 and expenses are at MVR 12,849,673 resulting in an income over expenditure amounting to MVR 333,218 for the year end. MRC holds total assets worth of MVR 11,981,137 of which MVR 6,474,127 is Non – Current Assets. Current Assets stands at MVR 5,507,010 of which 54.39% are unexpended advances received from donors. Thus as a result of these unexpended funds MRC's current liabilities stand at MVR 3,670,071. The reserves of Maldivian Red Crescent stand at MVR 8,311,066 at the end of the year 2016.



# Partners

ADK Hospital	Maldives Meteorological Services
Atoll/Island Councils	Maldives National Defence Force
Atoll/Island Schools	Maldives Police Service
Australian Red Cross	Ministry of Education
Avas	Ministry of Gender and Family
Bank of Maldives	Ministry of Health
Canadian Red Cross	Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure
Channel 13	Minivan News
Channel One	National Disaster Management Centre
CNM online	National Drug Agency
Dhiraagu	Ooredoo
Dhivehi Raajjeyge Adu	Public Service Media
Equator Village	Raajje TV
Family Protection Authority	Radio Atoll
Health Protection Agency	Red Cross Society of People's Republic of China
Indhira Gandhi Memorial Hospital	Sangu TV
International Committee of Red Cross	Save the Beach Maldives
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies	Society for Health Education
International Organization for Migration	Sri Lankan Red Cross
Island Aviation	Sun Media
Japanese Red Cross	Taj Exotica Resort
Journey	United Nations Childrens Fund
Korean Red Cross	United Nations Development Programme
Local Government Authority	United Nations Population Fund
Maldives Broadcasting Commission	Universal Foundation
Maldives Islamic Bank	Velaana International Airport
	Villa College (Hithadhoo Campus)
	Voyages Maldives
	VTV
	World Health Organization (WHO)

# Acronyms

APFN - Asia Pacific Fundraisers' Network	VCA - Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment
DM - Disaster Management	WHO - World Health Organization
DRM - Disaster risk management	HR - Human Resource
DRR - Disaster Risk Reduction	ICRC - International Committee of the Red Cross
ECV - Epidemic Control for Volunteers	IDDR - International Day for Disaster Reduction
EPR - Emergency Preparedness and Response	IDP - Internally Displaced Persons
ERT - Emergency Response Teams	IFRC - International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
FA - First Aid	IGMH - Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital
FPA - Family Protection Authority	IHL - International Humanitarian Law
GA - General Assembly	IHR - International Health Regulation
HERP - Hospital Emergency Response Plan	IHRL - International Human Rights Law
HPA - Health Protection Agency	MIGA - Model IFRC General Assembly
HR - Human Resource	MNDF - Maldives National Defence Force
ICRC - International Committee of the Red Cross	MRC - Maldivian Red Crescent
IDDR - International Day for Disaster Reduction	MVR - Maldivian Rufiyaa
IDP - Internally Displaced Persons	NDMC - National Disaster Management Centre
IFRC - International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies	NERT - National Emergency Response Teams
IGMH - Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital	OCAC - Organizational Capacity Assessment Criteria
IHL - International Humanitarian Law	PMER - Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting
DRM - Disaster risk management	PSS - Psycho Social Support
DRR - Disaster Risk Reduction	RCRC - Red Cross and Red Crescent
ECV - Epidemic Control for Volunteers	RDRT - Regional Disaster Response Team
EPR - Emergency Preparedness and Response	RM - Resource Mobilization
ERT - Emergency Response Teams	SEOP - School Emergency Operations Plan
FA - First Aid	UN - United Nations
FPA - Family Protection Authority	UNDP - United Nations Development Programme
GA - General Assembly	UNFPA - United Nations Population Fund
HERP - Hospital Emergency Response Plan	UNICEF - United Nations Children's Emergency Fund
HPA - Health Protection Agency	

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