SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY TOOLS FOR STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INDEPENDENT MONITORING OF CLIMATE FINANCE IN THE MALDIVES

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Being one of the most climate vulnerable countries, Maldives receives climate finance in the form of grants, loans, and technical assistance.

Maldives ranked 112 out of 180 countries on the CPI index – drop in 17 positions in the CPI rankings and as well 3 points in score from 2016 CPI.

High level of cynicism (Democracy Survey 2015)

Parliament, Judiciary, and political parties perceived as the most corruption institutions (GCB 2013) – major trust deficit between public institutions and citizens.

Broader legal framework and political system has serious shortcomings/weaknesses and there is no political will to effectively address abuse of power or misuse of public funds.

Fighting corruption is seen as the job of the Anticorruption Commission only.
SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS IN THE MALDIVES

- Does the Maldives have an enabling environment for social accountability?
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CIVIC FORUMS/PUBLIC FORUMS
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ALAC mobile legal camps

6 RTI applications were submitted after the public forum held in Nolhivaranfaru.
RTI AS A SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY TOOL

- RTI law was passed in 2014 and an Information Commissioner’s Office was established in 2015.

- Lack of awareness and capacity on both the supply side and demand side of information.

- Lack of proactive disclosure.

- There is no political will to enforce this law.
PROMOTING RIGHT TO INFORMATION

- Training of public information officers
- Training young people on RTI - RTI drive on International Anticorruption Day 2017
- Train NGOs and institutions on RTI
  - After 2 years of lobbying – the Information Commissioner’s office
  - Test the RTI landscape – over 60 RTIs in 2017 and numerous follow ups at committee stages and with the ICOM
CHALLENGES

- Closing space for civil society
- Threats against HRDs and Climate Activists
- Government’s response – no engagement