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## PRESS STATEMENT

### **Closure of relief fund opened by Maldivian Red Crescent to support response and recovery efforts of the deadly earthquake in Türkiye and Syria**

The Türkiye and Syria Relief Fund was opened by Maldivian Red Crescent on 07<sup>th</sup> February 2023, in response to Emergency Appeal by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) to respond to the deadly earthquake in Türkiye and Syria and support the relief efforts. **The relief fund was opened from 07<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023, and has raised a total of MVR 2,990,618.91 in 07 days.**

Donations collected through the Türkiye and Syria Relief will support the CHF 200 million international appeal released by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) to provide humanitarian assistance to those affected by the Türkiye and Syria earthquakes.

Fundraising activities for the Türkiye and Syria Relief was carried out across the country and funds were collected through direct bank transfer and by placing fund boxes in Kulhudhuffushi City by MRC Kulhudhuffushi City Office on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (between 1600hrs – 1800hrs) and in Greater Male' Area by MRC Male' City Office on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (between 1000hrs – 1500hrs) which raised 22,219.56 MVR.

The Maldivian Red Crescent have initiated the process to fulfill the necessary requirements to transfer the raised funds to the IFRC. The Maldivian Red Crescent is committed to ensuring complete transparency and accountability for all the donations we receive and will share timely updates with the public on the transfer and utilization of the funds to help those in need in Türkiye and Syria.

15<sup>th</sup> February 2023



