



Madhadhuveni 4.0

Youth Climate Innovation Challenge 2026

Innovating Youth Solutions for Urban Climate Resilience

MRC's Partners for Humanity



Supported under Youth-Led
Urban Resilience and Climate
Action Project



Introduction

Madhadhuveni is the flagship volunteer engagement initiative of MRC's Kulhudhuffushi City Unit, welcoming and developing young volunteers since 2023.

This year, MRC brings **Madhadhuveni** together with its **Youth-Led Urban Resilience and Climate Action project**, delivered in partnership with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Italian Red Cross. Together, they become "**Madhadhuveni 4.0 – Youth Climate Innovation Challenge**".

It challenges young people to turn their ideas into community-focused climate solutions for their own islands. Along the way, they meet peers from neighbouring islands, learn from mentors and experts, and leave with new skills, new friendships, and the confidence to lead change at home.



22nd-25th July 2026



Kulhudhuffushi City



Youth aged 16–25
from Haa Alif, Haa Dhaalu &
Shaviyani Atoll



Madhadhuveni 4.0 is an initiative of MRC's Youth Network - led by the youth of MRC Kulhudhuffushi City Unit, supported by the National Youth Council. Organized by youth, for youth, to foster leadership, participation, and locally driven climate solutions

About the Challenge

What is Madhadhuveni 4.0 – Youth Climate Innovation Challenge?

Madhadhuveni 4.0 – Youth Climate Innovation Challenge is a four-day residential youth camp where teams learn about climate and urban resilience, work alongside mentors and experts, and design practical solutions for their own islands.

Build the Skills to Lead

Across the camp, participants develop:

- Climate and urban resilience understanding
- Innovation and problem-solving
- Project design and pitching
- Leadership and teamwork

Who Can Take Part

- Youth aged 16–25 from Haa Alif, Haa Dhaalu and Shaviyani*
- 20 places in total — 10 for Kulhudhuffushi City, 10 for other islands
- Apply as an individual - teams are formed at the camp
- Travel, accommodation and meals provided

*Participants under the age of 18 will require parental consent

Why Apply

- **No experience needed** - bring your ideas, we'll help you shape them.
- **Connect** with young people and peers from across the region
- **Learn** from mentors, experts and partners working in climate action
- Sessions run by **MRC's trained youth facilitators**, using proven Red Cross Red Crescent tools
- **Expert-led learning** sessions with partner organisations
- **One-on-one mentorship** from external mentors and technical experts
- **Watch your idea grow** from a first sketch to a real pitch

How it works

Madhadhuveni 4.0 is built as an immersive residential camp — four days of learning, building and growing together. It's hands-on and peer-led, where young people learn by doing, guided by mentors and grounded in proven Red Cross Red Crescent movement approaches.

Connect

The camp opens with the Madhadhuveni welcome. Games, team-building and the first friendships. Peer-led from the start, it's where participants connect with young people from across the region, settle in, and form the bonds that carry a team through the days ahead.

Learn

Participants build their understanding of climate and urban resilience through Red Cross Red Crescent youth programmes — alongside sessions led by experts and partner organisations.

Build

Teams turn their ideas into workable projects, defining the problem, designing a solution, and planning how to deliver it

Pitch

Each team presents its project concept to a panel, turning four days of learning and design into one confident pitch.

Launch

Winning teams move into an implementation period with continued mentorship, turning a pitched idea into a project running in their community.

What you could build

Some of the best climate ideas start small and local. These are real projects MRC youth have led and the kinds of ideas you could shape into your own.



Malafehi Nursery

A community nursery growing native species for urban greening and flood resilience, run by MRC Kulhudhuffushi City Unit in partnership with City Council, led by volunteers. Proof that a simple idea, done well, takes root.



If it's a problem you see every day, it's a project waiting to happen.

From planning a community clean ups initiative, awareness toolkit, tree planting, school climate workshops and more..



Beat the Heat

Youth tackled rising heat with awareness drives targeted for young people. Your team, could team could take it further.

How to Apply

Applications open 20th June 2026.

If you're 16–25 and live in Haa Alif, Haa Dhaalu or Shaviyani. **How you can apply:**

- Scan the QR code to open the application form.

How we choose

A panel from MRC's National Youth Network & MRC Staff reads and watches every application.

We're not looking for experience, we're looking for young people with ideas, energy and a real wish to make a difference.

There are 20 placements.

- 10 for Kulhudhuffushi City
- 10 for other islands.

For queries

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or drop us a message on our socials.

Why you?

We want to hear what inspires you. Pick whichever way feels most like you:

- Write it — a short piece, around 500 words
- Record it — a 60–90 second video

Good to know

- Travel, accommodation and meals are arranged for participants.
- Working or studying? If you're selected, we can send a leave request to your employer or school on your behalf.



Scan to apply by
5th July 2026!

About Maldivian Red Crescent

The Maldivian Red Crescent is the nation's leading humanitarian organization, with our Units across the Maldives. We are an independent, voluntary, humanitarian organization, established under the Maldivian Red Crescent Law [Law 7/2009]. Our primary objective is to provide humanitarian aid, prevent and alleviate human suffering. MRC is the 187th member of the world's largest humanitarian movement – the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

About Youth-Led Urban Resilience and Climate Action Project

Maldivian Red Crescent with support from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and the Italian Red Cross, aims to implement the Youth-Led Urban Resilience and Climate Action (YURC) Project to strengthen youth awareness and climate action in the Maldives. The project promotes a youth-centered, community-driven approach to building climate resilience, focusing on strengthening young people's understanding of climate change, disaster risk reduction, and resilience through creative, practical, and participatory learning approaches.



Learn More

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