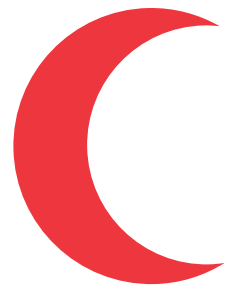




Annual Report 2018



Humanity
Impartiality
Neutrality
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Foreword by the President and the Secretary General



2018 was a year of many achievements, overcoming challenges, and reflections, as we move closer to becoming a decade old. Through its mandate to respond to emergencies and disasters, impartially and neutrally, MRC worked to provide humanitarian services to those affected, as an independent auxiliary organization, by supporting public authorities.

In addition to response work, we put efforts into strengthening preparedness capacities through various initiatives, both within MRC, and in the public domain, especially in schools across the country. Our staff and volunteers with the technical expertise provided support in the area of disaster management supported the work of other relevant partners who also work on issues around disaster risk management and reduction.

MRC's work in the area of social inclusion has strengthened over the years, and the organization has established itself as a key player in addressing the issues faced by migrants in the Maldives. Humanitarian service, unless it reaches

the most vulnerable, equitably, and in a non-discriminatory way, runs the risk of oversight. It transcends gender, race, age, ability, and status, and must be made accessible to everyone who is in need of it, regardless of their background. Numerous considerations and initiatives paved the way to better serve the needs of migrant communities and to create better participation. As such, basic health services and screenings were provided through the Diversity Fair, and information was disseminated during the rise in cases of dengue and influenza, in multiple languages, targeted at the most vulnerable. All of this was made possible with migrant volunteers who support the work.

Whether it is through becoming an educator by helping advocate and spreading relevant messages, translating information into various languages, or being part of the Migrant Advisory Committee, it ensured better participation, meaningful involvement, and guidance from those who truly understood the issues at hand, and helped in the outreach by tapping into networks that would have otherwise been unreachable. These efforts ensured that everyone, regardless of their status in society, regular or irregular, had access to basic health services and information, were equipped with knowledge on prevention and health promotion, and strengthened humanitarian services available to migrants.

As the co-chair of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies' Asia Pacific Migration Network, the MRC was part of discussions that explored regional issues around migration and displacement, peer to peer capacity development, and contributed to a growing body of knowledge for the benefit of migrants. As such, being at the momentous endorsement of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration (GCM), was an encouraging experience in what was a great global stride.

The organization has begun work to strengthen work in the areas of Protection, Gender, and Inclusion, and is taking steps to ensure that the relevant policies are being developed and minimum standards are committed to. From programming to emergency response, and in an organizational development

perspective, efforts into strengthening institutional capacities, and raising awareness among staff, members, and volunteers, are ongoing.

Additionally, with the passing of the Manila Declaration in the 10th Asia Pacific Regional Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the MRC will actively work towards achieving gender parity and enhancing better representation and participation in the leadership levels, especially in governance, across the organization.

The process for the new cycle of strategic planning commenced in mid-2018, lead by the Governing Board, facilitated by the management, supported by volunteers and members, formulated and drafted by a consultant, and advised by a Steering Committee, is a critical step into the future to consolidate MRC's mandate and identity. The Strategic Plan 2019-2030 will be adopted in the 10th General Assembly, in April 2019.

The Strategic Plan 2019-2030 centers its concept in island and national level resilience and will work on better integrating disaster management work, development work, and climate change, for a more cohesive role, especially in strengthening MRC's role in humanitarian work and disaster risk management.

Numerous consultations both internally and externally, gathering technical expertise, alignment to national policies and plans, along with broader global development agendas, internal reviews, drafts, and endorsements took place for the document to arrive where it is, and we are thankful to everyone who contributed their time and energy to the process.



“ Our work is made possible with the collaboration and support of many partners who work with us – to strengthen MRC's role, to ensure viability and sustainability, and to expand our work in more meaningful ways. ”

We express our heartfelt gratitude to the support the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and IFRC consistently provide the MRC, to arrive where we are.

Our appreciation is also extended to the Partner National Societies who work with us towards common goals. A special thank you to corporate partners such as Dhiraagu who have extended support and continue to do so, to help continue viable services. Thank you to Universal Foundation, for the assistance provided to sustainably run the much needed Patient Transport Service in Male' City, for the fourth year running. We are also grateful for the support of Maldives Pension Administration Office as we embark on a new partnership to promote and facilitate healthy ageing at the community level.

“ Most importantly, thank you to the volunteers and members who remain at the heart of everything we do – none of the work would impact people's lives the way it does now, without them.

We look forward to the many opportunities to serve humanity together! ”

Mission, Vision, and Primary Objective

Mission

To volunteer, participate, and partner in delivering humanitarian services to the most vulnerable.

Vision

To be a model National Society contributing to overcome humanitarian challenges.

Primary Objective

To prevent and alleviate suffering with complete impartiality, making no discrimination.

Who We Are

The Maldivian Red Crescent (MRC) is an independent, voluntary, humanitarian organization, established on the basis of the Maldivian Red Crescent Law [Law 7/2009]. Our primary objective is to provide humanitarian aid and to prevent and alleviate human suffering in close cooperation with government and local partners working towards the same goal.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) recognised MRC as a full-fledged member of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) on 9 November 2011. Subsequently, MRC became the 187th member of the IFRC on 23 November 2011.

Since its formation, MRC has been involved in an intensive development process of establishing systems and structures that will enable effective delivery of humanitarian services to those who need it most, across the entire nation.

Our main strategic areas are Disaster Management, Health and Wellbeing, Social Inclusion, and Youth Empowerment through volunteerism and inclusive programming.

To date we have established 10 Branches across the country and have successfully rolled out service delivery initiatives in these Branches. Our Branches are our direct links with the Maldivian community.



Highlights



2200+

Volunteers
in 2018



320+

Members
in 2018



14

Staff
in 2018

Disaster Management And Emergency Response

MRC's community based Emergency Response Team (ERT) trainings were carried out in 3 atolls, further strengthening the organisation's capacity to 549 members across the country. ERTs are volunteer based groups, equipped with the knowledge and skills to support a coordinated response effort.

A total of 9 emergencies and disasters were responded to by the Emergency Response Teams, across the country. The nature of the emergencies and disasters range from fires, floods, and civil unrest. One of the longest response efforts lasting almost two months was carried out for the State of Emergency in Maldives in early 2018.

A total of 3 School Emergency Operation Plan (SEOP) drills, with first aid awareness, were conducted for schools, educating students, teachers, and school staff on protocols to follow during emergencies.

Also targeted at schools, MRC supported 4 tsunami drills that were conducted in schools across the Maldives, with students and staff who learnt evacuation protocols. MRC facilitated first aid sessions and lead community mobilisation.

Health and Social Care

MRC responded to the rise in cases of influenza, Dengue, and Chikungunya by disseminating information to the public on prevention, recognising symptoms, and treating them. 9300 flyers of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) material, in multiple languages, were distributed, by 84 volunteers who worked in the response operation for two weeks.

"Celebrate Diversity", a fair targeted to bring together people from various cultures in Maldives, while creating a safe space with access to basic health services, reached 1500 migrants, with the collaboration of seven partner agencies.

An MoU was signed with the Maldives Pensions Administration Office (MPAO), to begin the inclusive, healthy ageing programme "Madhadhu", in Haa Dhaalu Kulhudhuffushi.

A total of 546 people were trained in first aid across the Maldives.



Resource Mobilisation

In 2018, MRC raised MVR 2,515,336 through initiatives such as the Commercial First Aid Programme, corporate partnerships, individual giving, sale of merchandise, in kind donations, and other income sources.

Strategic Planning

MRC began its strategic planning process for the upcoming years in July 2018. The process was initiated through the hiring of a local consultant who facilitated the process, internal and external consultations, and reviews. A Steering Committee was formed with members who provided close guidance and technical support through the process. Subsequent meetings were held for members, volunteers, and staff of the organisation, as well as other stakeholders that the MRC works with.

Disaster Management, Emergency Preparedness, and Response

MRC, as an auxiliary organisation, is mandated by law to respond to emergencies and disasters across the country, and to coordinate with relevant authorities prior to, during, and after incidents.

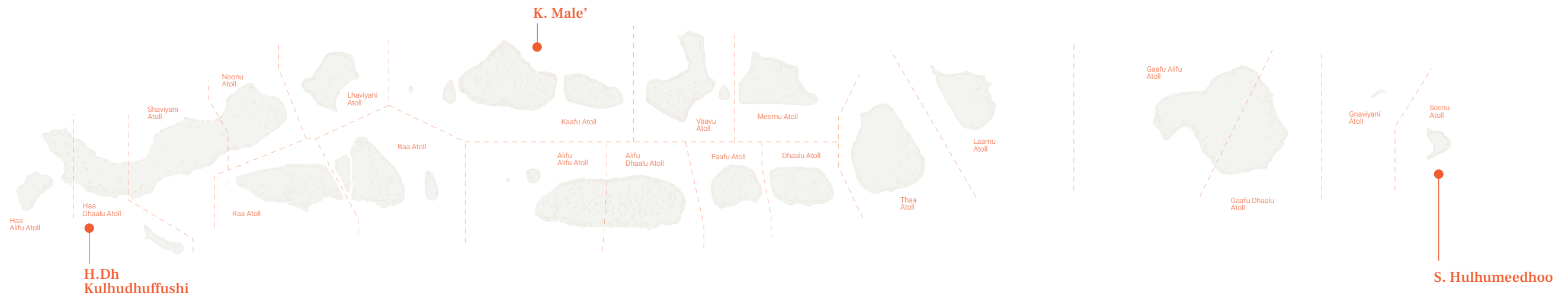
In 2018, the work was focused on better preparedness through SEOPs, tsunami drills, fire drills, and other full scale simulation exercises carried out with stakeholders, to better educate and equip participants with the knowledge and skills to act during disasters and emergencies, and to reduce damage and losses.

In other work done with stakeholders, MRC supported the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Induction Training facilitated by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in Laamu Maabaidhoo and Alifu Dhaalu Hangnaameedhoo. Staff of the Local Government Authority were trained on MRC's Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA) Guidelines and Toolkit, to share the information collection and analysis tool that is implemented at local levels, for local and national level planning.

MRC has been at the frontline of response since its inception, and as such, in 2018, the Emergency Response Teams were deployed to respond to a variety of emergencies and disasters, where volunteers provided first aid, Psycho-Social Support (PSS), supported in coordinating shelter for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), and supported coordinated efforts to distribute relief items.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE



February-March	Male'	Civil unrest. MRC provided first aid to affected civilians.	September	Male' – ThaiseyKoshi	Fire. MRC provided first aid and supported coordinating shelter for IDPs.
March	Male' – M.Sithaaraa	Fire. Reportedly in labour quarters. MRC provided first aid.	December	Male'	Flooding. MRC provided transportation to affected persons, set up PSS facilities, coordinated shelter for IDPs, and visited accommodations of migrant workers to see extent of damage and if any specific assistance was needed.
April	Male'	Suvaalu March protest. MRC was on standby to provide first aid.			Fire. Provided transportation to affected persons and first aid.
	Seenu Hulhumeedhoo – WAMCO	Fire. MRC was on standby for any necessary assistance.			
May	Male'	Flu response. MRC provided prevention and awareness messages to vulnerable populations.		Haa Dhaalu Kulhudhuffushi	Fire. MRC was assisted a rapid assessment.
	Male' – G.Abbaasaa	Fire. MRC provided PSS to Ms. Devika and coordinated relief items, and cash assistance.			

“MRC, as an auxiliary organization, is mandated by law to respond to disasters and emergencies. As a national society belonging to the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, MRC upholds the principles of humanity, impartiality, and neutrality, when delivering humanitarian services, and does so independently.”

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE
A TIMELINE OF OUR WORK**

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<p>Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Based Health and First Aid (CBHFA) was initiated <p>One of the first ever programmes started by the MRC</p> <p>Branch Establishment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of 4 Branches - Haa Dhaalu, Thaa, Seenu, and Kaafu. <p>Disaster Management Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MRC positioned in Strategic National Action Plan (SNAP) on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) 	<p>Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programmes on child protection and violence prevention <p>Branch Establishment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of 2 Branches - Noonu and Gnaviyani <p>Emergency Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First ever Emergency First Response Team (EFRT) trainings <p>Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBDRR was launched. Work done in Haa Hoarafushi, Gaafu Dhaalu Gahdhoo, Lhaviyani Hinnavaru, Kaafu Kaashidhoo, Seenu Feydhoo, and Alif Alif Thohdoo 	<p>Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dengue control work <p>Branch Establishment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of 4 Branches - Lhaviyani, Meemu, Gaafu Alif, and Gaafu Dhaalu <p>Emergency Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 48 EFRT <p>Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBDRR DRR and CCA Strategy was adopted 	<p>Emergency Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of MRC's Emergency Response Mechanism 64 EFRT Pilot Emergency Response Team (ERT) training First Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) training <p>Emergency Response Team (ERT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 33 (20 male, 30 female) <p>Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments Guideline and Toolkit 	<p>Emergency Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched MRC's Emergency Response Fund First international deployment as part of IFRC RDRT to Philippines <p>Emergency Response Team (ERT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 105 (65 male, 41 female) 	<p>Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First ever Psycho-Social Support (PSS) Training of Trainers (ToT) <p>Emergency Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 800 volunteers mobilised for Male' Water Crisis Patient Transport Services was launched Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) training - 3 women <p>Emergency Response Team (ERT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 84 (50 male, 34 female) <p>National Emergency Response Team (NERT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22 (17 male, 5 female) <p>Major Events & Incidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Male' Water Crisis 	<p>Branch Establishment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBDRR Project closure <p>Emergency Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raised MVR2.5 million for the Nepal Relief Fund 2 RDRT deployments to Nepal RDRT deployment to Malawi. First ever South Asian deployment outside region. <p>Emergency Response Team (ERT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 99 (57 male, 42 female) <p>Major Events & Incidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nepal earthquake 	<p>Emergency Response Team (ERT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 127 (62 male, 65 female) <p>National Emergency Response Team (NERT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 (14 male, 10 female) <p>Major Events & Incidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kafidhooge' Fire Provision of shelter to IDP Coastline Fire G.Dh. Thinadhoo power shortage. Provision of relief items. <p>Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psychological First Aid Training. 26 Participants 	<p>Emergency Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raised MVR7 million for refugees fleeing Rakhine State. <p>Emergency Response Team (ERT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23 (15 male, 8 female) <p>Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MRC led PSS ToT. 24 trainers. ECV trainings for 69 people 	<p>Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebrate Diversity Fair <p>The first fair organized with multiple stakeholders to increase access to basic health information and screening, targeted at migrant workers.</p> <p>Emergency Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted a total of 4 tsunami drills across the country, lead by the UNDP with other stakeholders. International deployment to Myanmar to assist with those affected by floods.

<p>549 Emergency Responders 312 males, 237 females</p>	<p>4814 People trained in First Aid</p>	<p>109 People trained in PFA and PSS</p>	<p>136 People trained in ECV</p>
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PFA: Psychological First Aid PSS: Psycho-Social Support ECV: Epidemic Control for Volunteers

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

School Emergency Operation Plans (SEOP)

SEOPs test the capacity of school staff and students during emergencies with drills that train participants in emergency evacuation, emergency basic life support, search and rescue, and firefighting. The SEOPs aim to strengthen the capacity of schools to respond to emergency situations in a coordinated manner, through better preparedness.

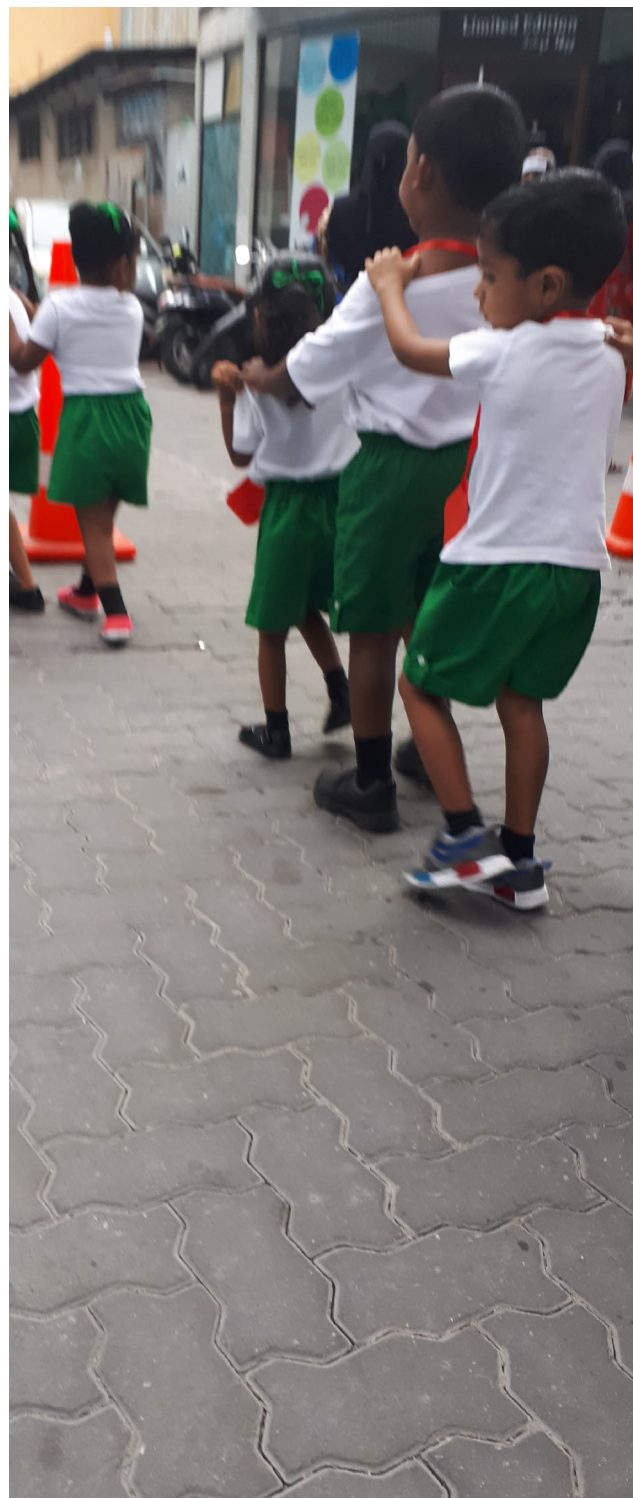
These drills are conducted in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) – Fire and Rescue Services (FRS).

In 2018, MRC conducted a total of 3 SEOP drills to Iskandhar School, Ameer Ahmed Preschool, and Dhondhooni Preschool.

Tsunami Drills

Following the tsunami drills in 2017, led by UNDP in Maldives, with the collaboration of Ministry of Education, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Maldives National Defence Force, and Maldives Police Service, MRC provided consultative technical support to execute and facilitate community engagement for 4 drills in 2018.

These drills are part of UNDP and Japan's regional project "Strengthening School Preparedness for Tsunamis in the Asia Pacific Region" in 18 countries, including Maldives. The project will contribute to the achievement of the Sendai Framework targets along with the UNDP's goal to help vulnerable regions adapt to climate change. These drills were carried out in Raa Atoll, Baa Atoll, Meemu Atoll, and Thaa Atoll.



Full Scale Airport Emergency Response Drill

A full scale airport emergency response drill, "Maakanaa", was conducted in June 2018 with the Maldives Airports Company Limited.

This drill prepares and tests the airport's Standard Operational Procedures (SOPs) in case of airport emergencies. MRC has been part of the emergency first aid team since 2011.

19 volunteers (10 male, 9 female) trained in emergency response participated in this drill. 2 staff of MRC participated as drill evaluators.



19 Volunteers

9 female | 10 male

Full Scale Emergency Response Drill

The "Jarraaf" drill, led by the MNDF, is a simulation exercise that is held city-wide, in Male' City, with multiple stakeholders attending to various scenarios.

In 2018, the incidents for response were an accident at sea, a sea vessel fire, an explosion in a road traffic, and rescue from a high-rise building.

MRC's role in the drill was to provide first aid in coordination with MNDF's medics, providing PSS, and supporting the coordination of shelter for IDPs with NDMA.

Fire Drills

Haa Dhaalu Branch, with the MNDF FRS, facilitated fire drills to the Haa Dhaalu Atoll School and Hanimaadhoo School. Fire drills are designed to equip participants with knowledge about what causes fires, how to mitigate it, and basic fire fighting skills. 4 volunteers (male), were part of this exercises that benefited over 600 people.

21 volunteers from Male' Branch participated in a fire awareness session run by the MNDF FRS in Villimale'.



Emergency Response Team (ERT) Trainings

Emergency Response Teams are trained to provide and carry out an efficient, effective, and smooth response and recovery operation in any emergency. During responses, the ERTs provide support ranging from providing first aid, facilitating PSS interventions, distributing relief aid, and providing support to IDPs who have lost homes and belongings.

In 2018, 77 volunteers (34 female/43 male) in 3 Branches, Haa Dhaalu, Male', and Seenu, were trained and inducted into the Emergency Response Teams across the country.

Participants from the Haa Dhaalu Branch also took part in a training to learn how to use flood equipment training, in conjunction with the ERT Training, in the islands of Kulhudhuffushi and Nolhivaram.



77 Volunteers

34 female | 43 male

Haa Dhaalu | Male' | Seenu

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Thaisey Koshi Fire

On September 15th 2018, an accommodation quarter for a group of migrant workers, caught on fire, leaving 55 men without shelter or most of their belongings.

MRC responded to the emergency by providing first aid and PSS to the affected, while supporting NDMA to coordinate shelter to the displaced people.

In addition to this, an appeal was sent out locally to collect goods that could be donated. With good public response, MRC was able to hand over clothes, linen, and toiletries to the men who were left with little when the fire broke out.

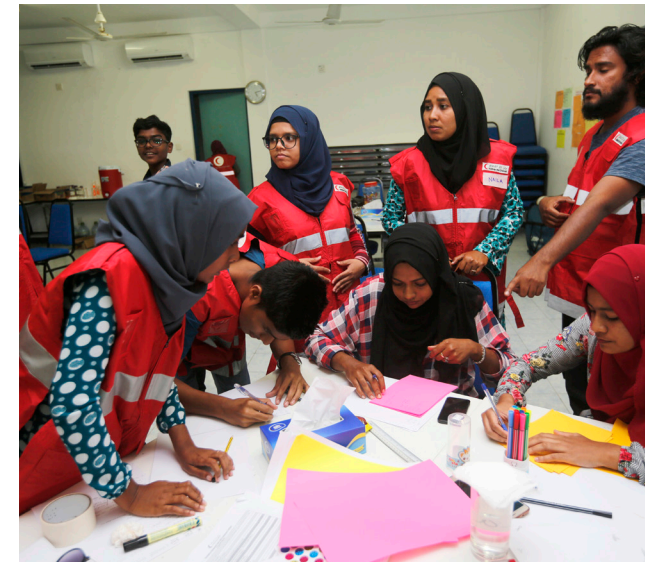
Groups such as the Rotary Club of Maldives and Arsenal Maldives donated to the appeal and support the response efforts.

State of Emergency Civil Unrest

In one of the longest emergency responses that MRC has attended to, ERTs were deployed to respond to the civil unrest in Male' City during the state of emergency, over the period of 1 February to 31 March 2018, for 21 days. 30 volunteers were mobilized to provide first aid to injured protestors on the streets.

Following this, MRC's civil response contingency plans were strengthened at an institutional level, laying out protocols for readiness and response. This was followed during the presidential elections of 2018 when Haa Dhaalu Branch, Seenu Branch, and Male' Branch were on standby for any unrest.

MRC's impartiality and neutrality when delivering humanitarian services are paramount to maintaining safe access into communities, and in reciprocation, be accessible to those who need help.



G. Abbaasaa Fire Ms. Devika



"I really felt like someone was there for me."

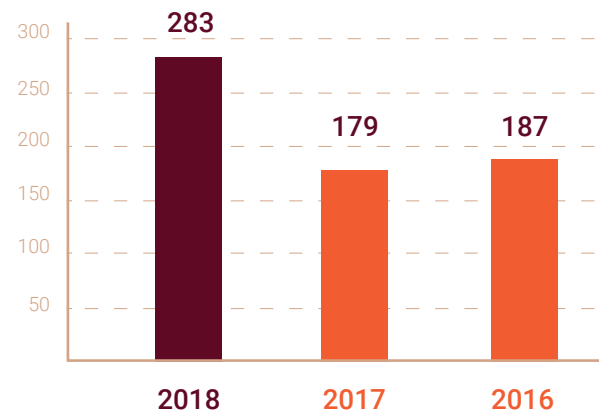
Ms. Devika has been a teacher in Aminiya School for over a decade. She is known and loved by many, and has called the Maldives home for these years.

On 20th May 2018, a fire broke out where she lived and took many of her possessions, and left her displaced. Following this, we worked to get Ms. Devika the help required to recover, from giving Psycho-Social Support, help in reapplying for important paperwork, to financial assistance through our Emergency Response Fund, and reaching out to corporate partners who generously donated goods to replace items that she had lost. MUNI Homecare had donated a mattress and bedding items.

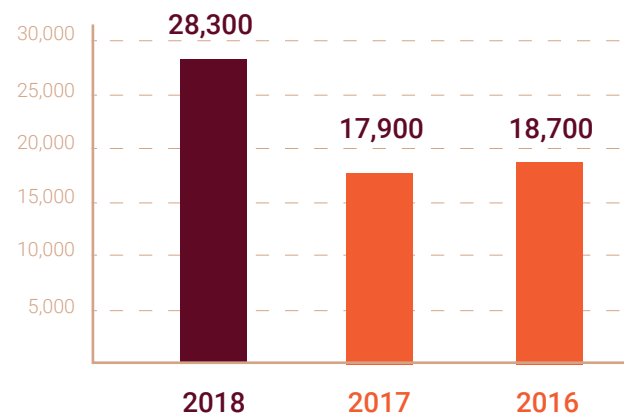
Ms. Devika noted the remarkable out-pour of concern and care that many Maldivians had shown her during the trying times and expressed her gratitude towards the acts of kindness. With family back home in India, she felt that even the smallest things, such as being there for her, a phone call for reassurance, or a kind word, had helped her to get through the days that ensued.

MRC's work to provide humanitarian services impartially and neutrally transcends nationalities, race, religion, creed, and class, as we strive to grant timely relief to those affected.

No. of Participants over 3 Years



Amount Raised over 3 Years



UNITY DAY RUN 2018

Haa Dhaalu Branch's annual Unity Day Run aims to raise awareness on disaster risk reduction, through an activity that also promotes healthier lifestyles. The Unity Day Run is held on 26th of December, a day that Maldives commemorates as National Unity Day, to reflect back on the spirit of humanity and compassion shown during the Indian Ocean tsunami of 2004.

The event had almost 200 participants in 2018, with 21 volunteers (11 male, 10 female) who were on standby to provide first aid service. The event also is a means of raising funds for the Haa Dhaalu Branch, through selling runners' bibs. The Branch raised MVR28,300 through the event.

200 participants



21 Volunteers

10 female | 11 male

MVR 28,300
raised at the event

International Day of Disaster Reduction 2018

Haa Dhaalu Branch had organised a children's evening where an event was created to allow the community to come and visit stalls and get useful information around better preparedness and readiness.

Gaafu Alifu Villingili Unit organized a cleaning event as an activity around disaster management to mark International Day for Disaster Reduction 2018.

Earth Hour Celebrations

Seenu Branch took part in the Earth Hour celebrations of 2018, under the nationwide event organised by Eco Care Maldives. On this day, awareness is raised on the topics of conserving energy, climate change, and good environmental practices towards sustainability.

Health and Social Care

MRC works in the areas of non-communicable diseases and communicable diseases prevention, epidemic preparedness, promoting healthy living, and support initiatives that ensure access to healthcare for vulnerable populations – persons with disabilities, migrants, and the elderly.

First aid has, since MRC's inception, been an essential service that the organization is recognized for. Communities are provided with first aid awareness sessions and training sessions to educate people on emergency basic life support. In addition to this, PSS has steadily grown to become another service that is identified with MRC, given MRC's increasingly important role in facilitating PSS interventions during emergency response, when required.

Work done in the area of health and social care require strategic partnerships and collaboration among stakeholders from public authorities and organisations that work towards similar goals. As such, the MRC was part of many initiatives throughout the country to promote healthier lifestyles, such as the "25 by 25" campaign by the Health Protection Agency, to raise awareness around NCDs. Male' Branch was part of an event by the NGO Iss Rahvehinge Jamiyyaa to promote healthier habits for the elderly. Haa Dhaalu Branch's Madhadhu Programme with the elderly will be supported by Maldives Pension Administration Office.

MRC's work to reach the most vulnerable has led to significant initiatives in this area, with a dedicated programme for the elderly, and activities that widen the access to migrants, regardless of their status, to health services and information.



Response to Increase in Influenza, Dengue, and Chikungunya

A response operation to the increase in cases of influenza, dengue, and chikungunya was conducted from 23 May to 3 June 2018.

The main activity was disseminating information to the public on prevention, recognising symptoms, and treating them. 9300 flyers of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) material, in multiple languages, were distributed, by 84 volunteers who worked in the response operation for two weeks.

Telecommunication company Ooredoo Maldives supported the operation by sending mass texts, in multiple languages, to specific demographics that would face language barriers, to ensure that even the most hard to reach has access to prevention messages.

Haa Dhaalu Branch worked on eliminating mosquito breeding sites, notably by putting fish into water bodies that become breeding grounds, and Meemu Kolhufushi Unit conducted cleaning activities within the island. Seenu Branch conducted information sessions to migrant workers on prevention of the viral and vector-borne diseases.



CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

“Celebrate Diversity”, a fair targeted to bring together people from various cultures in Maldives, while creating a safe space with access to basic health services, reached 1500 migrants, with the collaboration of seven partner agencies and six supporting entities.

Funded through the Empress Shoken Fund, this initiative kick started MRC’s migrant support programme focused on health.

Notably, this initiative saw the inclusion of local and migrant volunteers from the planning and implementation stage. 30 Bangladeshi migrant volunteers were involved in implementing the activity. Seven volunteers out of the 30 were Bangladeshi doctors that provided general consultations during the fair. Around 20 local volunteers participated in planning the fair and 50 volunteers participated during the day of the fair

Several key services were provided to the beneficiaries, through 15 stalls, including blood sugar and blood pressure testing, Body Mass Index screening, voluntary testing and counseling for HIV/AIDS, general doctor consultations, dental screening, eye screening, information and awareness on healthy lifestyle, communicable diseases, personal hygiene, smoking cessation, cancer screening, information on migrant rights, and entertainment in the form of cultural music and dance.

Psychological First Aid for School Counselors

The PSS Center of Male’ Branch trained 36 School counsellors for Psychological First Aid, a joint partnership with Cancer Society of Maldives and Ministry of Education.

First Aid

Last year, MRC conducted numerous community first aid trainings across the nation, resulting in over 546 individuals being trained in life saving first aid techniques.

First aid has been an area in which MRC’s expertise has steadily grown, through extensive outreach and regular quality assurance. Training sessions have thus far been facilitated in communities and for the private sector. The realisation of need for first aid trained community members has grown.

In addition to first aid training, awareness sessions on first aid are also provided upon request to various organisations and institutions. As such, Haa Dhaalu Branch conducted 2 awareness sessions for Haa Dhaalu Atoll Education Centre and Afeefuddin School. Male’ Branch conducted 2 awareness sessions for Dharumavantha School’s Cadet Camp and for the senior students of Rehendhi School.



Patient Transport Service



MVR 21,500

revenue in 2018

MVR 147,500

revenue to date

The Patient Transport Service, supported by the Universal Foundation, aims to provide a bed to bed service for patients who require transport for regular appointments at hospitals and clinics.

A much needed service that caters to the accessibility challenges caused by patients who have limited mobility, met with inadequate space and facilities such as elevators in buildings, is provided by volunteers who are trained in first aid, and moving and lifting.



World Health Day

On World Health Day, Male' Branch was part of a family evening, to represent MRC in the NCD Alliance stall. Gatherings such as these bring opportunities to interact with the public and to disseminate information to a diverse audience, MRC also had a health pledge corner that allowed visitors to express health habits and goals to commit to.

World First Aid Day

On World First Aid Day, the volunteers of Haa Dhaalu Branch organised house visits, and went door to door disseminating information about basic first aid and things that can be done during life threatening emergencies, to raise awareness on the topic.

Clean Up Events

The MRC took part in various clean up events over the year.

Haa Dhaalu Branch initiated the cleaning up of Ameenee Magu in Kulhudhuffushi because of growing complaints in the island about how dusty the road was, and the efforts were appreciated by the community.

Male' Branch participated in a clean up event organised by the Ministry of Environment and Energy, for the areas of Male' and Villimale'.

Seenu Branch was part of clean up activities initiated by the Addu Nature Park and a programme called "Saafu Raajje, Aharenge ves Zimmaa".



World Mental Health Day

On World Mental Health Day, Haa Dhaalu Branch and Seenu Branch celebrated it by bringing together volunteers. In a safe space, the volunteers were given information on the different aspects of mental health, while socialising in a network of people that shared similar values.

World Cerebral Palsy Day

15 volunteers from the Seenu Branch were part of World Cerebral Palsy Day commemorations, where a family evening was organised for the community to come together and spend time together.

Hinmala Festival

The Hinmala Festival was organised by Addu Friends, to have an event where civil society actors and NGOs could come together and interact with the community. With over 700 visitors, the Hinmala Festival had various activities that gave visitors information on what the respective institutions did and what their areas of expertise were. 23 volunteers from Seenu Branch took part in this event.

Dhulhaheyo Hashiheyo Eid

The Dhulhaheyo Hashiheyo Eid, a sports festival, was held in November 2018. With multiple sports activities taking place city-wide, it had over 3000 participants. From running, swimming, surfing, football, to volleyball, the festival brought together people from communities to spend time together, and to promote healthier lifestyles.

The MRC participated in this event as part of the NCD Alliance, and had a stall set up to provide information on the services that MRC provides, and other activities for visitors.



Red Cross Red Crescent Day and Maldivian Red Crescent Day

The Red Cross Red Crescent Day is celebrated worldwide on 8 May, the birthday of the founder of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, Henry Dunant. It is a day that celebrates the spirit of humanity, volunteer work, and everything that the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement stands for.

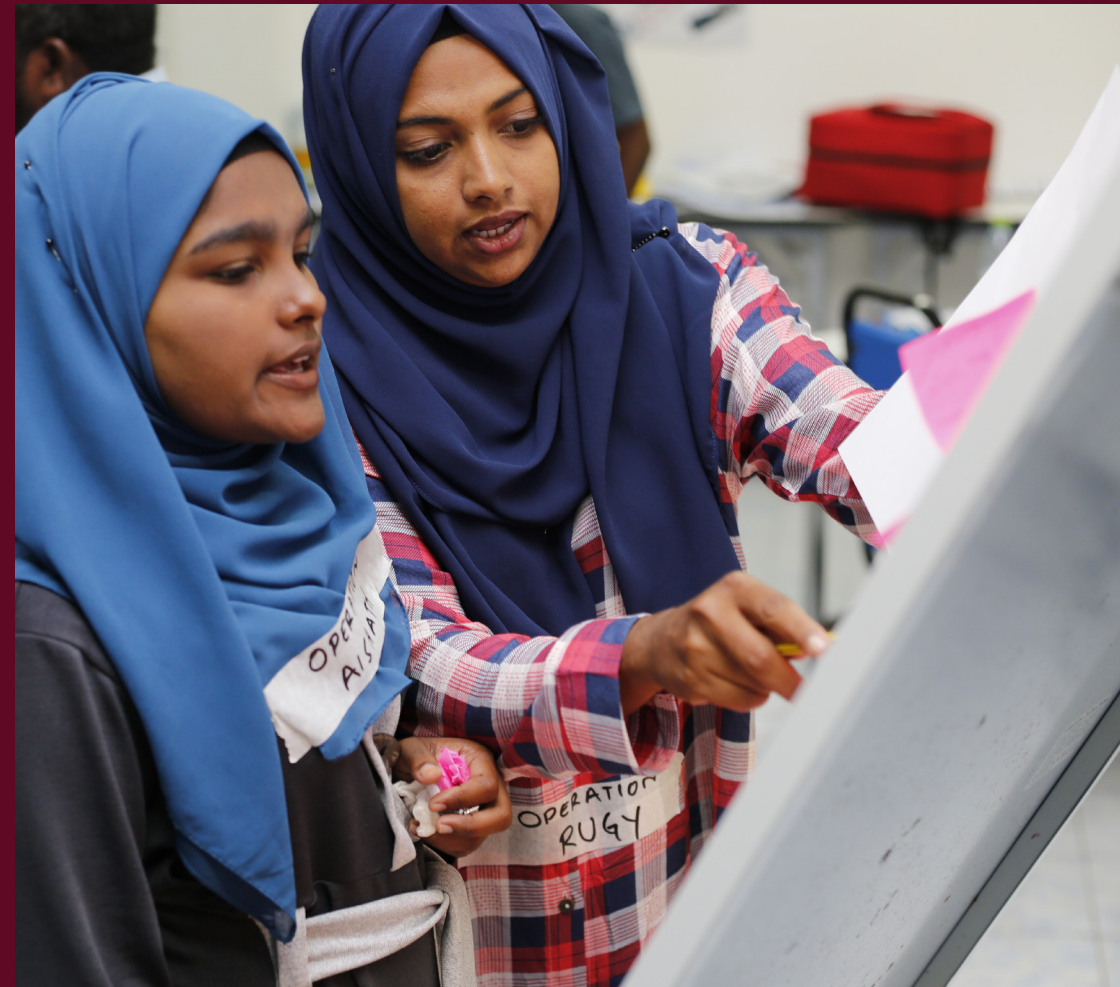
In Haa Dhaalu Branch, the volunteers spent the day with students from the special education needs class in a school in Kulhudhuffushi, visited patients in the Haa Dhaalu Atoll Regional Hospital, and visited the Family and Children Service Centre.

In Male' Branch, visits to hospitals and the Thalassaemia Centre were organised by volunteers to distribute fruits and a token gift to the patients. And induction session giving information about the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement was given to students of MAPS College upon request.

The Maldivian Red Crescent Day is celebrated on 16 August, to mark the day when MRC was formed.

Haa Dhaalu Branch and Male' Branch organised events where volunteers gathered to spend time together. In Seenu Branch, volunteers organised an event with migrant workers in the community to celebrate the day with them. 42 migrants joined in the session to get together over conversations to share experiences.





Humanitarianism and Volunteer Work

MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS



Milson, Seenu Branch

"I started volunteering at MRC in 2016, after my Standard First Aid training. During the SFA, I realized that this is where I belong. It was right after my SFA, I decided that is my time to give back to the community. I have undergone several trainings, including induction into the Emergency Response Team, National Emergency Response Team, Epidemic Control for Volunteers, Safer Access Framework, and the latest one was a first aid ToT.

I always had a special interest in disaster management as I have seen how people suffer during these situations. I have witnessed how many accidents affected the island, and I wanted to be a person who can make a difference.

I also have an interest in health and social care as I love to interact with the elderly, and children, and help them in their daily lives.

The reason why I am motivated to continue being a volunteer at MRC is the fact that I can see the change that comes to the community as a result of volunteerism. The joy and the happiness you feel inside after helping the vulnerable, is real happiness.

Each and every one of you can make a difference and the nation needs more people like that. Don't wait for tomorrow. It's today that you should start your work."



Sharaf, Male' Branch

"I have been volunteering with Maldivian Red Crescent since May 2018.

I have always wanted to serve to those who are in need. I saw how the volunteers of Maldivian Red Crescent aided those who were in desperate need of help in the Water Crisis on December 2014 in Male'. That's when I thought if I want to help others the best place to join is MRC.

I have completed Standard First Aid (twenty-one hours) training conducted by Maldivian Red Crescent on 23 to 25 April 2018. I have interest in first aid, ERT, and PSS services that are given as humanitarian services.

What motivates me the most is the support that I get from the Male' Branch.

It is one of the best things to do, doing something for others without expecting anything in return. Volunteering reduces stress, decreases loneliness, takes the focus off your problems, provides you with a new perspective. So after doing a volunteer work and when you have that warm feeling when things go well, savor it and consider it a gift to yourself.



Aishath, Haa Dhaalu Branch.

I started volunteering for MRC in 2018. It was through an ERT Training which was held in Kulhudhuffushi.

So far, I have attended and completed ERT Training and Basic First Aid along with it.

I have my interests for all of the work that MRC does. Starting from community first aid services to other community based work that is done for people.

My fellow volunteers who make time for voluntary work, how they organise and manage themselves, are reasons that motivate me to go forward. None of our ideas being left behind is another factor that motivates me. Additionally, how much love we get from people, particularly from senior citizens is also another reason.

There are so many thoughts and feelings regarding the volunteer work. One thing is the love we get from people who appreciate the care we offer, in return for our time.

For anyone who wants to take up volunteer work in communities, I hope someone gets inspired by witnessing the adoration I receive for taking care of people, and how I can make use of the skills and knowledge that is given to us in the many trainings.

MEET OUR INTERNS

Anha Haisham



"Since I was very young I always had an interest for humanitarian work as I believe it has a ripple effect that impacts the lives of many families and vulnerable populations. Hence, I wanted to utilize my interests and skills i have garnered over the years by assisting in the volunteer community. As I've grown older, it became evident that I wanted to continue my further studies and pursue a career in this field.

I have volunteered and interned for a variety of different organizations and carried out a variety of different roles. My past work experiences have given me chance to network with others and possibly vet out a new career avenue. However, interning at Maldivian Red Crescent has given me an opportunity to develop new skills as well as a chance to build on existing experiences and knowledge.

Interning at MRC felt like getting together with family members that happens to have your same vision and purpose. The humanitarian heart of the team members is marked inside the office building as well as out in the field.

Being part of this team has provided me with a wealth of knowledge I will always treasure. My very short time working here has been a fantastic learning experience and I will truly miss it. I take with me fond memories, valuable skills, and I hope to one day leave an impression on others similar to the one you have left on me."

Izman Suhail



"Between June and July of 2018, I was fortunate enough to receive the opportunity to work at the Maldivian Red Crescent as an intern for the Department of Programmes and Services. I was tasked with assisting the department manager, with tasks related to volunteer management. This involved acting as a liaison between the department manager and MRC volunteers so as to ensure that volunteer programs were running smoothly. Some of the work that I was doing involved normal intern tasks that I already had experience in, such as, arranging and attending meetings, providing reports for surveys, and maintaining contact with volunteers. However, there was one additional project that Umar asked me to focus on that really showed me the innovative work that MRC is willing to do to make humanitarian service more accessible to everyone.

MRC has been trying to introduce an innovative way to attract more volunteers to work with them on a more consistent basis. In order to do this, MRC has been trying to create a gamified mobile application with the intention of improving communication between volunteers and MRC staff. The mobile application is "gamified" in the sense that users are rewarded for consistent reporting of volunteer activity, in the form of stickers that can be shared on social media, and so on. As someone who sometimes finds it hard to keep track of upcoming events and finished activities, the application sounded especially appealing because it would serve as a platform that would provide all the necessary information about events organized by MRC.

Volunteers could sign up for future events, log hours for events they had already completed, and view all of the training programs that they had completed and that they could apply for. But before MRC could assign the project over to software developers, they wanted to create a framework for the application so that the software developers knew exactly what the organization was looking for. My main task was to create the wire frames for the prototype volunteer management application.

Over the course of the two months, under the guidance of Umar and with advice from some of the longest serving MRC volunteers to date, the wire frames for the prototype volunteer application were finally developed. Although my internship was incredibly short, it was an unbelievably informative experience and I was able to learn more about the kinds of out-of-the-box solutions that non-governmental actors can take to address difficult problems. As a student of political science and someone who is very interested in learning more about development and the role of non-governmental actors in addressing societal problems, I am extremely grateful for the opportunity I received from MRC – to learn more about humanitarian service and to meet some members of the wonderful MRC family –and I hope to be able to work for the organization again."

INTERNATIONAL DEPLOYMENT MOOSA SHIFAZ



2012

**Regional Disaster
Response Team training**
Bangladesh

**Emergency Response
Unit training**
France

2013

Typhoon Haiyan
Phillipines

2015

Flood Relief
Malawi

Earthquake Relief
Nepal

2018

Flood Relief
Myanmar

Well into his fourth international deployment, MRC's volunteer Moosa Shifaz has been volunteering since he was a young teenager. Following the Emergency Response Team training in Maldives, he then went onto complete his Regional Disaster Response Team training in Bangladesh in 2012, and then an Emergency Response Unit training in France. With specialisations in building shelter and WASH, his first ever response operation was in 2013, when Typhoon Haiyan had hit the Phillipines. Following this, he has been deployed to Malawi after the country experienced flooding, and then to Nepal, when the devastating earthquake hit, both in 2015, to build shelters for the affected.

From October to December 2018, Moosa's volunteer work took him to Myanmar. From Bago to Mon, and Kayin to Yangon, he worked on providing cash based interventions, with the IFRC, to some 2600 households that were affected by floods.

Cash based interventions in humanitarian action has been gaining pace and has been transforming the way that aid is being given. Through direct cash, vouchers, or transfers, it is believed to be a far more efficient, timely, and dignified way to support communities through their complex relief and recovery needs. Communities feel more empowered as they take this response into their own hands and can be crucial to livelihoods that allow people to return back to their lives as best they can.

Humanitarian work, especially response and relief work is something that he has taken to well. He envisions years of experience hopefully giving him more opportunities to serve humanity, and to gain more knowledge and skills about managing operations.

“ The best part is being able to give back. ”

He explained that getting to see communities thrive and come out of disasters is far more rewarding than any personal developments that come with volunteer work.



Resource Mobilisation

COMMERCIAL FIRST AID PROGRAMME

The Commercial First Aid Programme, which aims to increase the sustainability of the national society through strengthening its internal resource generation capacities, earned an income of MVR 527, 071.

A total of 546 participants were trained in first aid.

INTRODUCING MERCHANDISE

MRC introduced a line of merchandise in efforts to raise funds. The products include reusable water bottles, tote bags, notebooks, and USB cards. The artwork was designed by a local artist, and the merchandise was sold during events and was made available for sale at the Branches too.



FIRST AID SERVICE TO ADDU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

As part of a new initiative to raise funds for Seenu Branch, trained volunteers were stationed at the airport on standby, to cater to any first aid needs that may have arisen.

Volunteers spent 984 hours from Feb 15th 2018 to 31st Dec 2018.

MVR 105,000 was raised as revenue.



Partnerships

RCRC Movement Partners

Key programmes were carried out with the support and partnerships within the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement. This includes the Partnership Agreement with the ICRC towards organizational sustainability and ICRC related programmatic support, partnership with IFRC on programmatic areas such as Health and Disaster Risk Reduction.

Partnership with UN Agencies

With UNDP, MRC was involved as a technical consulting partner in the process of conducting Tsunami Drills and selected communities across Maldives

A Communication for Development (C4D) training was facilitated in partnership with the UNICEF. C4D encourages sharing ideas and knowledge using a range of communications tools to empower communities to take actions to improve their lives.

MRC's Seenu Branch also initiated a programme around non-formal education for the children of Seenu Hithadhoo, in partnership with UNICEF.

Partnership with Universal Foundation

The partnership with Universal Foundation extended into 2018 to support MRC's Patient Transport Service by Male' Branch, where patients are given a bed to bed service, more regularly for scheduled hospital visits, and when available, for emergencies. This crucial support helps MRC sustain an initiative that is being strengthened for resource mobilization.

Partnership with Maldives Pension Administration Office

MRC's Haa Dhaalu Branch implements the "Madhadhu" programme, funded for by MPAO, which aims to promote senior citizens' involvement in community and encourage them to live an active and independent life.

Partnership with Dhiraagu

Dhiraagu became a platinum corporate member of the MRC on May 8 2018, in celebration of the World Red Cross Red Crescent Day. Corporate members support the organization financially to run sustainable humanitarian programmes across communities.



Partnership with Ali Fulhu Thutthu Foundation

Through the generous support of the foundation, the MRC initiated work to begin the creation of a volunteer app, that would allow better management of data around volunteering such as logging time, having volunteering opportunities made more visible and easily accessible, creating social profiles, and gamification.



Governance and Special Events

Governing Board Meetings

In 2018, MRC Governing Board held 7 meetings.

A subcommittee consisting of 6 members was formed to coordinate the 10th General Assembly which was confirmed to be held on 27th April 2019. A total of 02 meetings were held.

As adopted in the 9th General Assembly minutes of all the Governing Board meetings have been shared with all branches.

Bali Process Government And Civil Society Roundtable, Thailand

From 14-15 May 2018, the Bali Process Working Group on Trafficking in Persons held a Bali Process Government and Civil Society Roundtable in Bangkok, Thailand. The Roundtable focused on government and civil society organisations working together to address human trafficking and serious forms of labour exploitation and was delivered in collaboration with the Australian Red Cross and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. The Roundtable comprised a series of plenary and break-out sessions on the overarching theme 'how can government and civil society work better together to protect vulnerable migrants, including victims of human trafficking and extreme forms of labour exploitation?'

The Secretary General, Ms. Aishath Noora Mohamed, and the Programmes and Services Manager, Mr. Umar Fikry attended the event. Ms. Noora presented MRC's experiences in working with vulnerable migrants.

Key Highlights

It was decided to change the name of Seenu Branch to Addu Branch and to set this as a precedence for naming all Branches that are or may become cities, including Fuvahmulah Branch.

Gender equality was discussed extensively and steps have been taken to promote women's participation in the Governance of Maldivian Red Crescent. Moreover, discussions were held to encourage women's participation in leadership roles.

During this period, Mr. Ali Faris Mohamed was appointed to the Finance Commission of the Maldivian Red Crescent.

Additionally, the Governing Board approved a board resolution to seek internet banking services for MRC bank accounts. Furthermore, during the 59th Governing Board Meeting, the fees for Individual and subscribing membership along with a corporate screening guideline and a corporate membership criterion was finalized.

Red Cross Red Crescent Conference on Labour Migration, Thailand

The Secretary General, Ms. Aishath Noora Mohamed, and the Programmes and Services Manager, Mr. Umar Fikry attended the event.

The Conference provided a platform to exchange views, knowledge, and experience under the theme of humanitarian assistance, protection and advocacy for those affected by labour migration, particularly those most at risk, including women and children.

Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular, Migration, Morocco

The Global Compact for Migration, adopted in an Intergovernmental Conference in 2018, in Morocco, is the first-ever UN global agreement on a common approach to international migration in all its dimensions. It emphasises on the importance of a cooperative approach and grounds its inherent values in non-discrimination, human rights, and responsibility-sharing.

It covers a broad spectrum of issues ranging from mitigating risks and vulnerabilities migrants face at various stages of migration by protecting and fulfilling their human rights, and providing them with care and assistance, and creating space to enable migrants to enrich societies they migrate to, through economic and social capacities.

The Secretary General, Ms. Aishath Noora Mohamed, was part of the IFRC delegation that visited the event.

10th Asia Pacific Regional Conference, Philippines

The 10th Asia Pacific Regional Conference took place in Manila from 11 – 14 November 2018. The conference saw a gathering of leaders, spokespersons and representatives from Asia Pacific and MENA National Societies, as well as observing National Societies as a platform to discuss strategic issues, common concerns and learn from each other's diverse contexts. The Manila Declaration, an outcome document of this conference has many commitments and calls to action for the representing National Societies of the region to work towards, including better gender balance in leadership positions, ensuring diversity in youth and governance, and working towards better sustainability.

The theme of the conference brought together key three priorities on which commitments in the Asia Pacific are based at country, regional and global level – the theme was “engaging local humanitarian action in a fast changing world”.

The Secretary General, Ms. Aishath Noora Mohamed, and the Communications, Resource Mobilisation, and Partnerships Manager, Ms. Yasmin Rasheed participated in the event.

“ It was extremely enlightening and encouraging to have been able to participate in numerous dialogues addressing sustainability, relevance and identity; climate, disaster migration and displacement; trust in institutions at risk; and connectivity transforming our actions – among others.

The sessions were long and intense, but also inspiring, covering the major humanitarian challenges of our time.

The Manila Declaration reflects this, with ambitious and quantifiable commitments on women's leadership, more National Societies joining 1BC, enhancing the diverse representation of volunteers, boosting income

generation, rolling out the minimum standards on protection, gender and inclusion, introducing forecast-based financing, engaging with the Safer Schools Alliance, adopting policies on fraud and corruption, integrity, and code of conduct - to name a few.

As the IFRC Secretary General Elhadj As Sy reminded us, “It's not tomorrow that we shape the world of tomorrow. The question is: What will we do today to shape the world of tomorrow? ”

Yasmin Rasheed, Manager – Communications, Resource Mobilisation, and Partnerships



“ The Asia Pacific Youth Conference was a huge platform and I was lucky to get to be a part of it, as a youth delegate from the Maldives. There were so many volunteers from different Asia Pacific countries, sharing their experiences, and it was a good link to make our networks better.

The conference had different sessions to identify common humanitarian concerns and issues. Every session was led by experts and were discussed among the interested delegates. The sessions were open for all volunteers to join and to contribute towards getting the best outcomes. From four workshops and being part of nine working groups, it was a platform to learn and share out experiences.

The best part of the conference is that the Manila Declaration has given women and youth a huge importance, to empower them towards positions of leadership. It was an empowering conference.

This event proved that despite the barriers we can work through it, through commitment. ”

A Youth Forum took place on the first day of the 10th Asia Pacific Regional Conference where youth from the region came together to connect with peers, discuss challenges, and to work on strengthening youth networks.

Haa Dhaalu Branch's volunteer Ms. Rifdha Mohamed participated in this event.

IFRC Strategy 2030 South Asia Consultation Workshop, Bangladesh

The workshop built off the trends and analyses done thus far to develop the IFRC's Strategy 2030. It was a gathering of representatives from South Asian National Societies to contribute to the document, and to take up the discussions around implications of a changing and emerging complex future for the RCRC Movement, and ways to look to the future and to adapt accordingly.

Communications and Resource Mobilisation Officer, Ms. Mizy Musthafa, attended the event.



MRC Leadership Meeting, Maldives

The Leadership Meeting held in August 2018 brought together Branch and Unit leaders from across the country to discuss issues around governance, to get updated on work done, and to discuss challenges and solutions.

During this meeting, the new strategic planning process was also discussed where participants contributed their ideas and suggestions to the document, which was then later considered in the planning process.

Strategic Planning Events

Numerous events were held to take the strategic planning process forward. As such, together with the MRC Leadership Meeting in August 2018, a Strategic Planning Workshop was held to introduce the participants to the process, and to explore ideas of interest.

Following this, a Sectoral Experts Meeting was held in October 2018 to bring together technical experts from various fields to support the strategic planning process by suggesting and contributing ideas, sharing experiences, and giving advice on ways forward.

The Annual Planning Workshop was held in December 2018 to plan for upcoming year. All the activities were streamlined to the Strategic Plan that was being developed.



Capacity Building

1. Asia Pacific Migration Network (APMN) – Peer to Peer Learning Opportunity – Australia.

Manager – Programmes and Services, Umar Fikry joined the Peer to Peer Learning Opportunity from the Asia Pacific Migration Network, held in Australia. The Asia Pacific Migration Network is a regional network with 17 Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies, with the Australian Red Cross and the Maldivian Red Crescent as co-chairs. The Asia Pacific Migration Network aims to provide a platform to discuss issues, challenges, and ways forward in addressing the humanitarian needs, especially in the context of migration.

2. Turkish Red Crescent International Youth Camp – Turkey.

The Turkish Red Crescent has been hosting their international youth camps for decades now. It is an exciting opportunity for youth across the world to come together to be part of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, with activities ranging from learning more about disaster management to sports, to spend time with likeminded peers. Misbah Moosa from the Haa Dhaalu Branch and Ashfa Hamdi from the Male' Branch attended the camp in Heybeliada, Turkey.

3. Regional Training Workshop on Making Cities and Local Government More Resilient to Climate and Disaster – United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) and Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) – Bangkok.

Ahmed Humaid, Male' Branch attended this training by UNISDR and AIT, Thailand. The workshop highlighted on the issues and challenges around resilience, climate change, and disasters, in the contexts of planning and development, especially for cities and local governments

4. Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) Generalist Training – Sri Lanka.

Afaa Mohamed from Male' Branch attended the Regional Disaster Response Team Generalist Training in Sri Lanka. The training is aimed at increasing regional level capacities to respond to disasters, with cross sectoral expertise.

5. Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) Training of Trainers – Society for Health Education (SHE) – Maldives.

The Minimum Initial Service Package Training of Trainers was attended by Aishath Azma Mohamed and Rihsan Latheef of Male' Branch. The training is aimed at building capacities on how to respond to reproductive health needs during humanitarian work, and learning the concrete actions that can be implemented.

6. Women's Leadership in Tsunami Based Disaster Risk Reduction Training Programme – United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR - Japan).

The Women's Leadership in Tsunami Based Disaster Risk Reduction Training was attended by Seenu Branch's Executive, Shafna Ahmed. This training focuses on Goal 5 and Goal 11 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The training was helpful to understand the impact of devastating disasters through visiting the affected areas and witnessing the aftermath, and change of behavior that took place with regards to planning, practice, and engagement between government and community groups. The 10-day programme is designed with study visits and training in Sendai, Kobe, Wakayama, and Tokyo. The study visits in Wakayama on World Tsunami Awareness Day showed an example of disaster risk reduction best practices developed through Japan's long history of exposure to various disasters and how such a historical background and best practice have enhanced community resilience and preparedness. The training also helped in strengthening knowledge on eco-system based disaster risk reduction, key elements of multi-stakeholder coalition development, best practice communication skills with regards to disaster risk reduction, and the importance of gender inclusive leadership.

7. Japanese Red Cross International Youth Exchange Programme - Japan.

Abdulla Alyan and Mohamed Yamaan Nafeez of Male' Branch attended this programme aimed at welcoming young people into Japan to explore Japanese culture and life.

8. South Asia Gender and Diversity Network Meeting and Training on Protection, Gender, and Inclusion (PGI) - Sri Lanka.

The South Asia Gender and Diversity Network Meeting is an annual meeting of the members of this Network to discuss work done every year, to share experiences, and learn peer to peer. The training of Protection, Gender, and Inclusion aims to build capacities regionally on addressing all the needs around PGI through the lenses of dignity, access, participation, and safety. This training was attended by the MRC's Communications and Resource Mobilisation Officer, Mizy Musthafa.

9. Regional Training of Trainers of Climate Resilience – IFRC Asia Pacific Regional Office (APRO) and IFRC Climate Change Center - Malaysia.

Manager – Programmes and Services Umar Fikry attended this training on building capacities to address the challenges around climate resilience.



Financial Summary

ANNUAL AUDIT 2018

The accounts for the year 2018 were audited by Ernst & Young Global Limited. The financial statements of MRC for the period ending 31 December 2018 were prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard.

MRC's activities were mainly funded through both local and international donors. Other donors such as International Committee of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and partner NS's also supported towards the overall organizational capacity building and strengthening of governance support.

SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

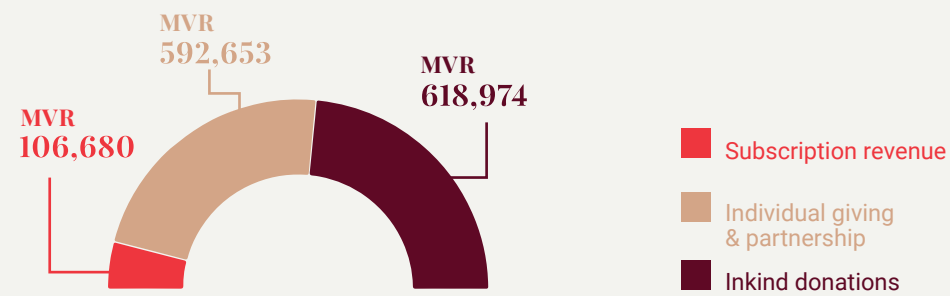
Maldivian Red Crescent operating funds comes from three main funding sources; membership fees, revenue from products and services and other sources. Total MRC operating revenues for fiscal year 2018 were MVR 2,515,336. Total operating expenses were MVR 2,218,614.00.

Net assets were MVR17,058,567.

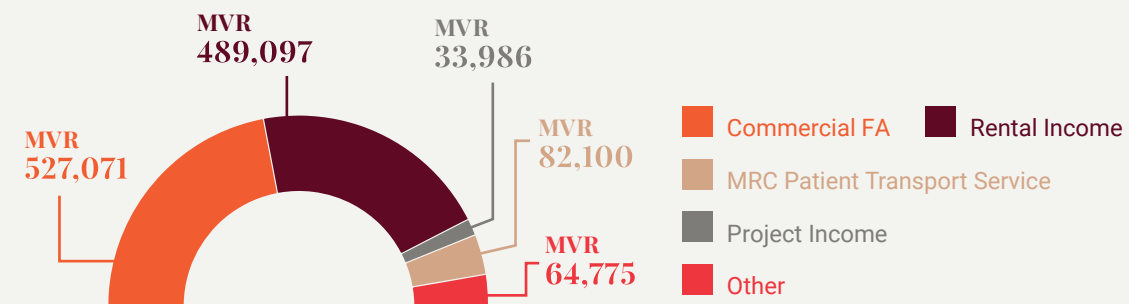
Total income for the year 2018 is MVR 13,028,143 and expenses are at MVR 11,076,285 resulting in an income over expenditure amounting to MVR 1,951,858 for the year-end. MRC holds total assets worth of MVR17,058,567 of which MVR 13,416,711 is Non – Current Assets. Current Assets stands at MVR 3,641,856 of which 15.25% are unexpended advances received from donors. Thus, because of these unexpended funds MRC's current liabilities stand at MVR 1,294,644. The reserves of Maldivian Red Crescent stand at MVR 15,763,923 at the end of the year 2018.

Operating Revenues & Gains

Contributions



Products & Services



Operating Expenses

2,218,614.00

Management & General Admin	1,824,807.00
Organisational development	296,113.00
Travel expenses	22,261.00
Prog,workshop and trainings	67,870.00
Comms, & RM	7,563.00

Emergency Response Fund

MVR 41,563

in contribution for ERF

MVR 142,774

ER fund reserve
is at 2018 year end

MVR 71,132.76

disbursed funds
for relief operations

Finance Commission

- i) Finance Commission comprises of five to seven independent non – executive members including the Treasurer of Maldivian Red Crescent. The mandate of Finance Commission is to advise on all financial matters concerning the Maldivian Red Crescent and assist the Governing Board in applying and implementing the decisions on the financial management of the Maldivian Red Crescent. Finance Commission members are appointed by the Governing Board, taking into consideration the members of Finance Commission should have sound knowledge of accounting and financial management. Annually, the Finance Commission provides advise during the preparation of the annual plan and budget, and the presentation of the financial reports of MRC. The Finance Commission also reviews the Budget and Plan and provides their recommendations
- ii) To the Management and the Governing Board before it is finalized by the Governing Board. The Finance Commission also reviews audit reports, and provides their feedback to Management and the Governing Board on areas to improve in strengthening financial accountability. In 2018 the Finance Commission met four times.

- 1) Abdul Haleem Abdul Latheef
(Treasurer and Chair)
- 2) Ahmed Aslam
- 3) Ilyas Haneef
- 4) Ali Faris Moahamed



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