

“Supporting Youth Initiatives in HA & HDH Atoll”

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AFTF PROGRAM 2009

SUPPORTING YOUTH INITIATIVES IN HA & HDH ATOLL

PROGRAM SUMMARY

In 2009 AFTF began a program of funding youth related projects in Haa Alif and Haa Dhaal Atoll. From June – December 2009, AFTF initially funded 71 projects in 30 islands. The amount of materials donated is valued at USD 166,548.89.

AFTF Program for 2009 was focused around increasing opportunities for social activities for youth in the islands. The theme Youth Opportunities was identified through a preliminary research conducted from November 2008 to February 2009 and through discussion with AFTF board members.

In 2009 we have maintained a broad program focus and allowed youth groups to interpret our focus on youth in terms of their specific needs. Based on the proposals received, AFTF funded projects for 2009 fall into four general areas; 1) Sports, 2) Multimedia, 3) Training and 4) Construction (Refer to table below).

Areas	Number of Proposals Received	Number of Projects Funded	Amount of Funding USD
Sports Equipment /Facilities /Competitions	42	29	55,282.71
Courses / Awareness Programs / Competitions	38	19	47,767.41
Multimedia and Technical Equipment	25	15	38,709.96
Construction (youth related infrastructure development)	19	8	28,519.01
Total Projects Funded	124	71	170,279.09

In order to implement this program AFTF team traveled to all the islands in Haa Dhaal and Haa Alif Atoll and held meetings with youth groups and communities. AFTF team explained the procedure for applying for funding through AFTF and the kinds of activities that AFTF will fund in 2009.

All the projects that were funded in 2009 were perceived, planned and implemented by community members in the respective islands. Instead of imposing a generic idea of youth development, communities were asked to decide what youth development was for them. Some communities gave importance to skills training, while others wanted to increase opportunities for sports and recreation. Although the projects

funded did not seem unique on its own, we found great diversity in the kinds of activities conducted by youth.

Those interested were asked to fill out a simple proposal form in Dhivehi summarizing the project activities, participants and perceived benefits. They were also required to provide a detailed budget listing items required and estimated costs.

The proposals were received within a set deadline and AFTF team assessed all the proposals based on how the project will impact youth in the community. AFTF team worked with the project leaders in the islands to ensure that items got delivered in a timely manner and that the project can be conducted as planned.

A contract was signed between AFTF and the project leaders prior to handing over material donations. This contract detailed the time period in which the project will be implemented and the conditions set by AFTF.

Once materials were handed over, AFTF team monitored the projects through telephone inquiries. A monitoring trip was conducted in October 2009, and then again in December 2009 where the AFTF team visited most of the ongoing projects.

OUTCOME

We found that working towards creating more opportunities for youth were an important priority in all communities. Although different communities gave importance to different aspects of youth social life (sports, skills training, infrastructure development etc), the need for projects focused around youth were expressed by all.

Out of the 32 islands in HA and HDH, 30 islands responded exceptionally well to our program. We did not get a response from 2 islands. We received 124 proposals from 30 islands in 2009. Some youth groups applied for multiple projects while others got together and applied for one major project as a community. Youth in the islands organized, participated in, and benefited from social activities in the island by utilizing AFTF funded resources. In the sections below we have identified the best practices and lessons learned from this program.

BEST PRACTICES and LESSONS LEARNED

Skepticism towards Development Initiatives

By working in the 30 islands of HA and HDH, we have learned a lot about community development in the Maldives and community perception to it. There was some skepticism towards our program when we first visited communities and held meetings. These skepticisms were based on their previous experiences with development aid agencies. In some meetings they discussed how they have attended many meeting like this with many NGOs where they promise to give donations but then fail to follow up on their promise. They felt that they should not expect much from our meeting. The issues they raised were (in most cases): a) they could not contact the people they met with (over the phone or in person) once they leave the island, b) they do not hear back from the organization for months after putting in a proposal and c) they do not deliver on their promise even after agreeing to provide funding. Based on these issues raised, we made

sure that a) AFTF staff was always accessible over the phone b) we responded to applications within two weeks and c) materials were delivered soon after projects were selected. We have not received any complaints from any participants due to any reasons mentioned above.

Deciding how to Develop Youth

We decided not to impose set projects or ideas on communities but rather to let communities decide what was important for youth development in their community. This approach was well received by youth. Most groups already had plans of how they want to improve opportunities available for youth. Some groups have already planned events for the year and were actively seeking funding. This also ensured that youth took ownership of their projects. In some cases the organizers had no previous experience in implementing projects but through our guidance they conducted it themselves and were very happy with their accomplishments. They are now more experienced in planning and implementing projects and events.

Proposal Format

The proposal form that we put together was in Dhivehi and it was very simple and straight forward. This ensured that even those groups who have no prior experience in proposal writing and planning can take part in the program. The form provided all the basic information we needed about the project. Clarifications and any issues were resolved over the phone.

Who could participate in Youth Projects

The AFTF program for 2009 was open for all belonging to communities in HA and HDH atolls. This means that proposals can be submitted by registered NGOs, unofficial youth groups, Island Committees, Island Office or any other group in the community. By making AFTF donations accessible to the whole community we ensured that groups that are not officially recognized (but active in the community) could also participate and that even those islands that did not have a registered NGO could benefit from the program. We found a great diversity in the ways different communities work on development projects. In some cases we found only a few young people getting together to plan and implement the project while in others multiple youth groups got together and got the support of the whole community to conduct their projects. In some communities it was the island office that took the leading role while in others it was the women's committee, a local NGO or an informal youth group.

Strategy for working in Small vs. Large Communities

Most of the island communities in Haa Alif and Haa Dhaal were very small (population size less than 1000). Many islands had less than 500 occupants and a few had less than 100 people. In such small communities we found that it was quite easy to meet with all interested members in one general meeting to give information and learn about youth needs. The island office and local NGOs provided a lot of assistance in organizing these meetings. We also found these islands quite receptive and keen on participating in the AFTF program. In bigger islands such as Kulhudhuffushi (pop approx. 8000), we found that it was harder to organize meetings with interested parties because the island office did not provide assistance in arranging meetings, locations/halls for meetings were not easily available and most NGOs were not in contact with each other. In bigger islands meetings had to be planned well ahead of time and most people could only attend at night time. Since it was difficult to arrange a location to hold meetings that were suitable for all groups, we usually met with NGOs separately at their offices. In a lot of cases we could not get hold of

groups and could not arrange meetings. We also felt that NGOs and youth groups in larger islands were less responsive to the program and very few groups applied for projects. Ihavandhoo (pop approx. 2500) was an exception to this. We met with NGOs in Ihavandhoo on school grounds on an evening and about 9 NGOs came to meet us. We received quite a lot of applications (19) from Ihavandhoo. Nevertheless, they too were less inclined to work together as a community in implementing projects.

Our experience shows that in bigger communities meetings need to be well planned and more formal whereas in smaller communities it was easier to reach people at any time during the day through less formal community meetings. NGOs in larger islands may be less interested in the AFTF program because these islands already had many varieties of activities available for youth and also since the funding that AFTF provided may not benefit a large percentage of the population. Or it may be that larger islands got more opportunities like the one AFTF was offering and needed the assistance less. In islands like Maavaidhoo and Faridhoo with a population of less than 100, it was the first time that an organization invited them to ask for funding. The AFTF donation given to these islands were the first of its kind and the whole community was involved in the project. So it was recognized by the whole community and appreciated a lot.

Infrastructure Development

Most of the small islands are in much need of infrastructure development. Islands like H.DH. Finey do not have any public or community owned buildings (Youth/Community Centre) to carry out social activities. So they are unable to conduct projects that require indoor facilities, such as trainings and indoor sports. Nevertheless AFTF budget in 2009 was not sufficient for funding big infrastructure development projects. Nevertheless, since many groups put forth proposals for this we have funded a few construction projects such as building sports hall or repairing old community buildings. But we have found that these projects are more difficult to manage because:

- 1) The construction work is carried out on a voluntary basis by the members of the NGO, hence it takes a lot of time to complete. Most (if not all) of the members of the NGO's are either employed full-time, or are self-employed, thereby majority of the construction work is carried out on weekends or holidays. This in itself can lead to a lot of delays, in addition to delays caused by bad weather.
- 2) Implementing a construction project often requires special permits from the government authorities and dealing with any private property within the parameters (such as trees), involves paying the owner to secure the land. The procedure and issues involved for getting such permissions may take some time and delay the project. Furthermore, if there are a lot of trees or other such assets on the land, the funds involved to secure the lands can become substantial, hence may delay the project if the youth group / NGO do not have sufficient funds.
- 3) Cost of construction materials change quite fast, making it difficult to budget for and also to make payments. Compared to other AFTF funded projects, we also found that funding construction projects required a lot more funding.

- 4) It is also quite difficult to transport large quantities of construction material. We have to coordinate with the shops (materials are usually stored in a nearby island and have to be brought to Male') and with the boats (the boats are usually anchored off shore and material can only be delivered during a short period when the boat comes to the harbor). Since AFTF does not have any storage space, we are unable to transport the material unless the store is able to deliver the material at a time that it can be put on the boat.
- 5) Implementing construction projects also means that AFTF usually have to bear the transport cost or 'Naalu' and this usually amounts to 7-10% of the material cost. In most cases this is unbudgeted (i.e. it is not included in the proposal); hence it is an added cost once it is incorporated into the total project cost. Ideally this would be absorbed by the Project Implementers (even if it is to a certain limit), which will ensure that in future AFTF would not have to absorb the full cost. But some NGOs/youth groups do not have the funds to bear this. The other option would be to budget this into the project which would make construction projects easier to cost, but not necessarily easier to manage.
- 6) In addition, it is quite hard to monitor construction projects since there are so many material (e.g. bags of cement) to account for and also since we would have to travel to the island to make sure the project is going as proposed but because of the delays in some of the construction projects we have to travel to these islands again to monitor them and some of the projects may not be completed by the end of the Program year.

Therefore, if we are to conduct a similar program in the future these issues should be taken into consideration before deciding on whether to fund such projects.

Technical Support and Guidance

Many groups requested assistance in helping them find trainers and teachers for various courses (Quran teacher, computer instructor, sewing teacher etc) and some groups expressed that they did not have the technical knowledge of writing proposals and getting funds through other organizations. In most cases, we have informed them that AFTF does not have the capacity to provide such support and guidance. We have assisted some NGOs on an ad hoc basis where we have linked the sewing teacher who conducted a successful course in Maavaidhoo with the organizers in Utheem or where we have forwarded emails 'calling for proposals' from various donors to NGOs in the islands who may be interested. In 2009 AFTF was functioning with just three staff members and we did not have the time nor experience to assist NGOs in this area. This is not necessarily an area that AFTF needs to focus on, but there are very few other organizations that provide this kind of support to local NGOs. There is one Male' based NGO (Raaje Foundation) who are specialized in the area of NGO capacity building. Although most NGOs we worked with have not heard of Raaje Foundation when we started working with them, Raaje Foundation has recently held trainings with some of these NGOs. Over time AFTF will be able to provide more technical support as we gain experience and develop a network of experts and trainers working in the field.

Practical budgeting Issues

In most of the proposals we received, the budget amount stated is usually just listing of items and costs that may not concur with market prices, as often times the money amount stated was an estimated amount. We found that the actual prices of materials differed and often times fluctuated over time (days/weeks). Instead of asking for an estimated budget we are now requesting a dated quotation

complete with stock item numbers. This ensures that the items are available for the duration that the quotation is valid and we know where to purchase the items from. This also ensures that the items we deliver are the exact items that were requested. The prices quoted will be compared with other suppliers to ensure that it is the best price available for the product. Since most NGOs/groups have members living in Male' this is proving to be the more effective method. Nevertheless this is not a requirement for participating in the program.

Monitoring

Monitoring of AFTF funded projects were done mainly through telephone. Telephone was found to be the most easiest and effective way to monitor on a day to day basis. All project organizers had access to a telephone and in this way projects could be updated frequently. Initially AFTF team had prepared a monitoring form where project implementers could fill the form and send it via fax at set intervals. This process would have been more time consuming and less efficient. Fax services are only available at island office, health centre and at the schools (government institutions). Because of the way the fax system worked in most islands AFTF team needed to communicate with project implementers via telephone before sending or receiving a fax. Since we were in contact with the implementers in the islands via telephone on a day to day basis, we found it easier to monitor by phone instead. Also, we found that by discussing over the phone we were able to get a better sense of how the project was going and to find practical solutions to any problems that they were facing.

Nevertheless, we also felt the need to observe the progress of projects in person. A monitoring trip took place in early October and then again in December where AFTF team travelled to islands with ongoing projects. This allowed AFTF team to physically witness the work being done and also talk with individuals participating in the projects. We were very satisfied with the progress of most of the projects and came to a better understanding of the practical issues that they were facing. However, as noted before most of the construction projects were delayed due to a multitude of reasons (not always within the control of the project implementers) hence completion of these projects are expected in the first quarter of 2010.

Program Cycle

Since we spent a considerable amount of time planning the program for 2009, and because of the heated Parliamentary elections early in the year, we did not start visiting islands to inform communities of our program until June 2009. But once started the program progressed quickly and we donated the first batch of items in mid-July. 86% of our program was completed by October 2009. Based on this experience we feel that it would be most productive to maintain short project cycles where the duration between receiving proposals and donations are short and projects can be started and completed in a timely manner.

Youth Focus and Other Areas to Consider

AFTF Program emphasis on Youth received a lot of support from communities. Most of the projects planned for the year by local NGOs were relevant to youth. At the same time, a lot of NGOs had other priorities that were not targeted at youth development. These included infrastructure development such as building a wall around the cemetery and projects targeted at younger children and old people. One area of concern for many local NGOs was pre-school development.

In most islands pre-schools are currently run by *Jamiyya's* (Community based NGOs). Many groups that we met in the islands expressed the need for funding pre-schools. Currently the government gives a basic amount enough to pay the salary of one teacher per pre-school and UNICEF has funded a project introducing play based learning in most islands that we visited. UNICEF, working with the Ministry of Education sent teams to these islands to set up play based learning and donated books, indoor and outdoor toys, and materials for the setting up of play areas where these toys can be utilized. Currently, most of the materials donated are worn out and there is need for more trained teachers to work at most pre-schools. These pre-schools charge students a small fee and the money is used to maintain the school. Nevertheless, this is not enough to maintain or improve the conditions of the schools. Recently there has been a lot of pressure on the government to bring pre-schools under public education but the Education Ministry has informed us that this will not happen in the near future although the government will continue to subsidize pre-school education.

We have visited some pre-schools that are being run in rented houses and in mosques with less than adequate material. NGOs seem to be working very hard to get land and funding to build proper pre-schools but these developments are going very slowly. Although there is some government involvement and responsibility involved, we feel that this is an area where AFTF donations can be put to good use in the future.

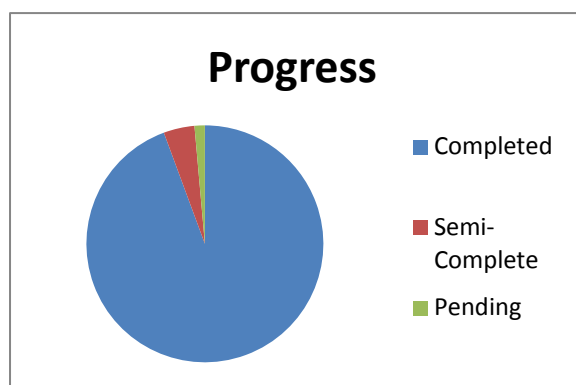
PROGRESS

We began distributing items in the beginning of July 2009 and up until the end of December 2009, 67 projects have been fully completed (95% of total projects).

3 projects (4% of total projects) were semi-complete by end of December 2009 for various reasons. For 2 of these projects, the course was ongoing hence the final payment was only made in January 2010. For the remaining project, the item (a grass cutter to cut the grass on the football and volley ball field in HDh Maavaidhoo) was procured from abroad hence the balance payment was made upon delivery in January 2010 as well.

No work has been done towards 1 projects (1% of total projects) up-to-date. This specific project (a lacquer works course) is planned with technical support from Government Ministries, and they have been unable to provide instructors on the planned date since all available instructors are stationed in other islands, hence the project is delayed. AFTF have informed the NGO that as they were unable to get instructors by December 2009, AFTF will pull-out of funding the project as otherwise the activity will only commence in 2010.

One Project had to be cancelled for the same reason as stated above, however the NGO requested that the funds available for that project be transferred to another ongoing project on the island, hence the total number of funded projects are 71 instead of the 72.



	MRF	USD	Percentage
Amount Approved	2,171,058.40	170,279.09	100%
Amount given to-date	2,123,498.40	166,548.89	98%
Amount Pending	47,560.00	3,730.20	2%

Of the approved project funding budget, 98% has been dispersed to-date.

OTHER ONGOING AFTF ACTIVITIES

UWC SCHOLARSHIP ACTIVITIES

AFTF was registered as an NGO in the 2000 and until 2009 the organization has mainly functioned as the national committee in charge of selecting Maldivian students to attend United World Colleges worldwide. Since 2001, 26 Maldivians have been selected through the national committee and 23 have graduated UWCs and are contributing to the Maldivian community in many different ways.

Since 2000 the UWC alumni in the Maldives has grown considerably. UWC graduates are active in assisting with selection work and other promotional activities at the national committee. UWC graduates were already doing the majority of the work required to select students and AFTF felt that the graduates should take full charge of the organizational and practical aspects of selection while AFTF remained as the main local funder for the national committee.

In August 2008 UWC Maldives was asked to register as an NGO and plans were made to separate selection activities and funding. Once registered, UWC Maldives will take charge of organizing and running selection in the Maldives. AFTF will continue to fund UWC Scholarships but the process will be more formalized where UWC Maldives apply for funding each year based on the offers received. In order to make this transformation it was decided that the national committee will take a break from selection for a year and focus on getting UWC Maldives selection activities more organized. By the beginning of 2009, no action has been taken towards this so AFTF has decided to take over all national committee activities for the time being. UWC graduates can participate in these activities on a voluntary basis, but all major decisions and responsibilities are now to be taken by AFTF.

UWC Global Meeting was held in Swaziland in February 2009. Theema represented the Maldivian National Committee at this three day meeting. Issues discussed include creating a UWC brand, funding issues faced by many UWCs and NCs and best practices for NCs.

UWC Maldives Activities

In July and August 2009 UWC graduates held a series of meetings to discuss and plan selection for 2010 and to bring changes to the current operations of UWC Maldives. Quite a few graduates participated in these meetings and contributed ideas on how to improve UWC Maldives functioning. Graduates split into three working groups: 1) Application Committee, 2) Publicity Committee and 3) Alumni Coordination Committee.

The **Application Committee** reviewed, edited and finalized the application form by mid-September. The Committee also reviewed the academic calendar for 2009-2010 and prepared a timeline for UWC activities and scholarship deadlines. The Application Committee will review applications and shortlist candidates for the selection camp. In addition, a Financial Aid form will be developed in consultation with Karin.

The Application Committee also proposed graduates **writing personalized letters** to UWC College Heads requesting scholarships for Maldivian students. Yasser prepared a generic letter that could be used as a starting point for these letters. Many graduates volunteered for this and as a result we received a lot more offers of scholarship than usual. In total 8 offers were made for 2010 intake. Out of this, 5 offers will be accepted by AFTF this year.

The **Publicity Committee** discussed about ways to go about promoting UWCs in the Maldives. Participating in youth TV programs and other media and visiting Island schools were discussed. No action has yet taken on this area. No initiative was taken to visit schools in Male' but Gaim Yoosuf took initiative to visit 7 schools in Raa Atoll from August 5th to 8th. The schools visited include; Hulhudhuffaaru School, An'golhitheem School, Rasgatheem School, Raa Atoll Education Center in Meedhoo, Maduhvaree School, Inguraidhoo School, and Maakurath School. He held meetings with grade 10 students and school Principals.

The **Alumni Coordination Committee** had decided upon on a number of different activities to coordinate alumni participation & connectedness.

- 1) Updating the Alumni Directory. Both Theema and Aaidha have been working on creating an Alumni Directory since 2006. More work has been put into it earlier in 2009. The updated version has been handed over to the Alumni Coordination Committee headed by Shauna to be maintained and updated every 6 months.
- 2) Graduate Profiles: A lot of our graduates are doing remarkable work. The ACC will like to acknowledge their work and create profiles on such graduates. This will be a great publicity tool. The idea is to put these graduate profiles up on the website.
- 3) Refer a Student: The ACC requests all members to encourage potential students to apply for the scholarship. Most of our members travel extensively within the Maldives, and whenever one sees a student with a lot of potential it will be good to tag the student and encourage him/her to apply for the scholarship.
- 4) Mentorship Program: Start up a buddy program. Graduates and current students will be paired up with new students. The ACC will specifically request certain members to be a mentor based on their availability.
- 5) Volunteer Opportunities: The ACC will be looking up & informing members of any way that they could contribute. Also the idea is to create a network among the members whereby there is communication between us on ways to contribute, any opportunities etc.

AFTF STAFF INVOLVEMENT IN UWC ACTIVITIES

Since August 2009 AFTF staff has been working on 2010 scholarship planning. All island schools that teach up to grade 10 (close to 250 schools) have been contacted via telephone and email addresses of school Principals were compiled. Once the application form was finalized, an application package that included the form, instructions and information for students, and an advertisement flyer were emailed to the schools. Schools were requested to post the information and advertisement in the school notice board

where both students and parents can get information. Some schools informed that in addition to the school notice board they will be posting the advertisements in different locations of the islands where people spend their spare time.

In addition, application packages were mailed to schools that did not have access to email and island schools are being contacted again over the phone to make sure they have made the information available to all grade 10 students. Emails were re-transmitted to school that did not receive the mails and was also forwarded to alternate addresses requested by them. All Island Offices and Education Units of Provincial Offices have also been informed about the scholarship.

Application forms have also been made available on UWC Maldives website (www.mv.uwc.org) and for collection at AFTF Office. In addition, the scholarship offer will be announced on newspapers, radio and TV starting in December. We also plan to post this information on e-media sources such as facebook and on online newspapers. We are also looking into giving information on talk shows of various TV channels including Youth TV.

HAA DHAALU PROJECT DETAILS

Location:	HDH Nellaidhoo
Project Title:	Lights for Football Field
Funding Amount	USD 8,526.35
Project Summary:	<p>We visited Nellaidhoo in June 2009. We found that the community has done a lot to develop their football field. They have traveled to nearby islands and collected grass and planted in the field and they have established a system for watering the field. They were very proud of the fact that Nellaidhoo was selected as one of the islands to host the regional football tournament. Nellaidhoo community has done a lot of work on their football field in the past like planting grass. The four active NGOs in the community got together to put in a proposal to set up 8 lights in the football field so that it can be used at night time. Since the cost of providing all 8 lights were quite high, we decided that AFTF can only provide 4 lights.</p>
Items Given:	4 lights (2000 v), iron pipes and cable
Project Status:	<p>We visited the island on Oct 12th and found that the community has worked really hard to complete the cable work for setting up the lights. It took two weeks to complete cabling and now the project cannot progress any further because they do not have enough cable to complete the project. The proposal submitted to AFTF only requested lights and iron pipes initially and we were not aware of the need for cable to complete the project. So this was not considered when we decided to fund this project. Later we agreed to supply part of the cable required with the expectation that more cable can be acquired through other means. But cable is very expensive and we doubt that they will be able to acquire funds elsewhere so we have decided to provide the rest of the cable required to set up the 4 lights that AFTF donated because otherwise the lights cannot be put to use. During AFTF's monitoring trip in December, we found that the cabling work has been totally completed. The four NGOs in the island have decided each to provide an iron post for the fixing of the lights. Currently they are doing some work in the island school for the opening of the school for a new academic year. Work will commence soon after the opening of the school for 2010.</p>



Location:	HDH Nellaidhoo
Project Title:	Building Volley Court
Funding Amount:	USD `676.86
Project Summary:	The island currently does not have any facility for sports other than the football ground, youth have been using the adjacent open space to play all types of other sports. As the majority of youth on the island (male and female) have a passion for Volleyball, they had submitted a proposal to build a volley court on the empty space adjacent to the stadium.
Items Given:	Steel Pipes for Volley posts, Volley Balls, Antenna's and Nets.
Project Status:	Construction of the Volley Court started as soon as the materials were received. Youth now use the Volley Court daily; however the court is still not complete as there still exists an issue with regards for reimbursements for coconut trees which have to be removed from the court.

Location:	HDH Naivaadhoo
Project Title:	Repair Youth Centre
Funding Amount:	USD 5,785.67
Project Summary:	<p>We visited Naivaadhoo in June 2009. There were 4 competing Community Based Organizations (CBOs) active in the island. They did not seem to get along. We felt that unlike infrastructure and facilities belonging to specific CBOs the Youth Centre (a very old multi-purpose hall that belongs to the Island Office) would be accessible to all CBOs and to everyone in the community. The proposal to renovate the building was put forth by the island Councilor (Island Office). We also received a proposal from an NGO to build an indoor sports hall next to their office. We decided to provide funding for repairing the old Youth Centre instead of building a sports hall for one NGO that might not benefit the whole community.</p>
Items Given:	4 Doors, 32 Windows, Material for ceiling and 12 Fans
Project Status:	<p>We visited the island on Oct 12 and found that although we have started sending material on August 2, no amount of work has been conducted. There are many reasons why this is the case. Firstly, there are ongoing pre-school and Quran classes taking place inside the building so work can only be done at night time or on the weekends. No alternative class room space is available at the moment. Secondly, the three carpenters belonging to the community are all away at the moment doing work on another island. Thirdly, many youth from the community are unhappy with the island Councillor because he applied to AFTF to repair this building instead of asking for equipment to develop their football field (levelling the field and to build the surrounding walls). We pointed out that anyone could have taken the initiative to put in a proposal for that and that it was not the responsibility of the island office to develop proposals. AFTF decision to fund this proposal was based on an evaluation of the proposals that were received within the set deadline. The Councillor is hopeful and confident that the project will be completed by the set deadline.</p> <p>We were informed on Nov 25th that they have begun work on the centre and have already put in 11 windows. They hope to complete the renovation by the beginning of January although work will go slowly since the community is already building a pre-school on volunteer labour and needs to be finished in time for the school year. During AFTF's monitoring visit in December, we observed that only the windows have been put in place and no further work has been carried out due to some political issues on the island.</p>



Location:	HDH Naivaadhoo
Project Title:	Gym Equipment
Funding Amount:	USD 4,784.31
Project Summary:	<p>A proposal was submitted by the youth of Naivaadhoo in August requesting AFTF to provide Gym Equipment, and due to the proposal being submitted late, the project was put on the pending list. The project was re-evaluated after our Monitoring Trip in October during which some concerns of youth were brought to our attention (by the Councilor) with regards to a proposal that was 'intended to be submitted' to upgrade the football stadium. Taking into account the friction between the different NGOs on the island, and lack of youth facilities on the island, AFTF decided to provide the Gym Equipment to the island.</p>
Items Given:	1 Home Gym, 1 Treadmill, 1 Bench, 2 Dumbbell & 1 set of Barbells, 1 Cross Trainer, & 1 Ab-King Pro
Project Status:	<p>We have been informed by the Island Councillor that the Gym will also be set up in the Youth Centre, and hence the youth who were disillusioned (refer to previous proposal) are also very actively involved with the repair and refurbishment of the Youth Centre thereby expediting the process. AFTF also feel that housing the gym in the Youth Centre is be the best way forward given the island context, and would serve to unify the different groups of youth as this is the one place that every uses/visits. The Councillor is hopeful and confident that the project will be completed by the set deadline.</p> <p>When contacted on November 25th we were informed that the gym location has been changed to another public building (an old storage place). Youth are renovating this space and the gym will be set up in three weeks time. The decision was made because the Youth Centre renovation is going very slowly and also since the centre is used for public meetings. Gym would take too much space at the Centre. During our visit in December we have been informed that the youth have been allocated additional space for the gym set-up, and they are working towards construction of a shelter so that the people can start using the equipment. When contacted on 6th January, we were informed that they are having difficulty in getting volunteer support for the completion of work, due to political reasons. The flooring has been completed, but they plan to do double flooring because the initial one is not done to a good standard. They have also started fixing the doors, but this task is also incomplete. They feel that if they get the full support from the volunteers, they could finish these tasks within a week's time. But could not give estimate duration of the completion of the renovations. The gym equipment will be placed once the renovation is fully completed.</p>

Location:	HDH Kumundhoo
Project Title:	Multimedia Projector for social activities
Funding Amount:	USD 1,176.47
Project Summary:	Kumundhoo Revival Association (CBO) has a big hall that they use for social activities. They wanted to use the space for showing movies, football games and for various awareness workshops. The projector can be used for such multiple purposes. The CBO already had set up a big canvas screen and chairs in the hall when we visited them to deliver the projector in July 2009.
Items Given:	1 NEC NP100 Multimedia Projector
Project Status:	KRA have been using the projector to watch football regularly and are planning an awareness programs in time for school holidays. We visited the island on October 12 and found that the football games are projected on the outside wall of their building so that everyone can watch. They are planning to provide information about the 62 courses available at the Maldives College of Higher Education starting in January.



Location:	HDH Kumundhoo
Project Title:	Sound Equipment for a Dance Group
Funding Amount:	USD 1,843.14
Project Summary:	Kumundhoo Club Sama (CBO) has an active Dance Group that performs locally and gives shows in nearby islands. They do traditional and popular dances. The sound equipment they had was old and inadequate for shows. They had been renting equipment for performances which was costly and came with the risk of having to compensate for damage to rented equipment. Through AFTF donation, Club Sama is able to practice every night, perform at more events and also teach dancing to the community.
Items Given:	2 Speakers, 1 Powered Mixer with Amplifier, 2 speaker cables and 1 mike
Project Status:	Club Sama has been using the equipment daily in practice, performance and for dance lessons. Club members are very satisfied with the new equipment. They no longer have to rent equipment and are able to use it for practices every night. The dance group now includes 6 men and 3 women and they do both traditional and modern dancing. They performed in nearby islands during the Fithr and Alha Eid celebrations.



Location:	HDH Kumundhoo
Project Title:	Youth Cup Football Tournament 2009
Funding Amount:	USD 709.80
Project Summary:	Kumundhoo Youth Cup Football Tournament is a popular event that is held every year. Kumundhoo Youth Sports (CBO) organizes this event each year and they have raised Rf 10,000 as prize money for the winning team. They requested AFTF to provide the footballs, trophies and the medals for the tournament.
Items Given:	10 Footballs, 15 Gold Medals, 15 Silver Medals, 4 Referees Kit and 8 Trophies
Project Status:	The tournament was held from 14-22 December. A total of 7 teams and 105 players participated in this tournament, and all the participants were exclusively from the island which is an indication of the togetherness of the community and a clear reflection that sport indeed brings people together. Furthermore, due to the success of this tournament, another tournament aimed at Children between 9-13 years old was held from 25-28 December. This tournament was called 'Junior Soccer Cup'.



Location:	HDH Kumundhoo
Project Title:	Build Kumundhoo Youth Sports Office
Funding Amount:	USD 813.80
Project Summary:	Kumundhoo Youth Sports is an active NGO that is running a pre-school on the island. They have an existing building where the pre-school is functioning. They had started building an attached office space next to the pre-school but were unable to complete the building due to lack of funds. Their proposal requested material to complete this building.
Items Given:	Cement and roofing material
Project Status:	During AFTF's monitoring visit in December we enquired about the status, and we found that the building was still not finished due to lack of volunteers and bad weather. When contacted on 6 th January, they informed that work is now in progress for the preparation of roofing. They estimate to finish roofing work by 10 th January and start work on plastering.



Location:	HDH Kumundhoo
Project Title:	Preparation for 2010 Inter-Atoll Football Tournament- Club Revival
Funding Amount:	USD 1,635.69
Project Summary:	Club Revival is planning to take part in the 2010 Inter-atoll football tournament and all youth of the island are welcome to participate in the team. They are planning to start practices in December 2009, and had requested for football equipment in their proposal to AFTF.
Items Given:	22 Footballs, 50 Field Markers (Cones), 24 Numbered Jerseys, Shorts and socks.
Project Status:	20 Nov: All items have been handed over and practices are scheduled to start from the 1 st of December and will continue into 2010. 27 Dec: Have not started the practices. They have not received the confirmation of the commencement date of the tournament. Planning to start the practices once they get the dates of the tournament.

Location:	HDH Kulhudhuffushi
Project Title:	Computer Course
Funding Amount:	USD 3,532.55
Project Summary:	A proposal requesting computers to start a computer class in Kulhudhuffushi was put forth by one of the well established NGOs in the island. They wanted to start a class in Kulhudhuffushi so that students from the island and nearby islands no longer have to go all the way to Male' to become computer literate. They plan to conduct this class on a regular and permanent basis and provide courses that are currently only available in Male'.
Items Given:	6 Computer Systems
Project Status:	The course was planned to start before November 1 st but on our last visit on October 12 we were informed that they were having trouble securing a teacher to run the course and that a teacher was only available during the school holidays (starting mid-November). They are hoping to begin teaching by mid-November. They informed us that they are already in the process of getting tables and chairs for the classroom. During AFTF visit in December we observed that course has not been conducted yet. The NGO was planning to finish the work of the NGO Office and multi-purpose room that is under construction now and conduct the course in the multi-purpose room. They have been facing funding problems in completion of the construction work of the NGO office and if they are to conduct the course in a hired place they will have to spend Rf 4000/- to hire a room. The NGO felt that spending money to hire a room will cause funding constraints in the completion of the construction work. Even with these constraints, the NGO still decided to conduct the course starting from 27 th December. They plan to get instructor from the school is available now as it's the school holidays. The course will be conducted free. They decided to give priority to applicants who do not have access to computers at home. The course will be run for two sessions of two hours. When contacted on 6 th January they informed that they have still not conducted the course. They do not want to spend on hiring a place to conduct the course, instead wait till the NGO Office is completed. They estimate completion by February and to conduct the course around 25 th of February.



Location:	HDH Kulhudhuffushi
Project Title:	Personal Development Workshop
Funding Amount:	USD 1,176.47
Project Summary:	The proposal requested funding to hire a lecturer to conduct a two day workshop to prepare grade 12 students for the exams. The workshop aimed to provide students with personal development tools to tackle revising and writing exams – such as time management and stress management.
Items Given:	Lecturer's fee
Project Status:	The workshop took place from 14-15 July and was very well received by the students. An online newspaper from Kulhudhuffushi island (www.kulhudhuffushi.com) published an article on the event. The comments from readers were mostly congratulatory.



Location:	HDH Kulhudhuffushi
Project Title:	Reproductive Health and Family Planning Course
Funding Amount:	USD 313.73
Project Summary:	A one day seminar would be held for newlyweds and those planning to get married. Information about reproductive health and family planning will be given by experts from the Regional Hospital at Kulhudhuffushi. Participants will be allowed to ask questions and clarify any concerns that they have.
Items Given:	Funds to cover costs for providing refreshments and preparing handouts
Project Status:	<p>A session on 'Awareness on Reproductive Health and Family Planning' was conducted on 19th December. This session was conducted in collaboration with Kulhudhufushi regional hospital, public health unit. 20 participants between the ages of 18 - 27, who are married or planning to get married took part in the session. In the sessions participants were given information on family planning, contraceptive methods and education on reproductive health</p> <p>The main objective of conducting such a session is to raise awareness among the community on family health issues and minimize the risks associated with lack of knowledge on family planning, contraceptive methods and reproductive health. Culturally, most people feel asking and talking about family planning and methods is something that is embarrassing. In the session participants were given information that it is nothing to be ashamed of asking and knowing about planning their family. The NGO advised the participants to share and spread information, lessons and knowledge gained from the session with as many people in the community as possible. The NGO felt that such 'behavior change communication' initiatives are needed to empower and educate youth on the island, and they plan to carry out such workshops in the future.</p>



Location:	HDH Finey
Project Title:	Jerseys to participate in football and volley tournaments
Funding Amount:	USD 1,034.12
Project Summary:	Finey Ekatha Jamiyya, an active NGO participates in Volley and Football tournaments within the community and at nearby islands. The proposal requested funding to get jersey sets tailored to represent their teams.
Items Given:	1 Football Jersey set and 2 Volleyball Jersey sets (1 for men and 1 for women)
Project Status:	The football jerseys will be used in the Dhidhoo Youth Cup taking place during the upcoming holidays. Volleyball jerseys will also be used during the various tournaments that will take place during Eid holidays.

Location:	HDH Finey
Project Title:	Indoor Sports Equipment
Funding Amount:	USD 2,823.14
Project Summary:	Finey is a very small community of about 500 members. They face a serious lack of infrastructure development. But since AFTF cannot fund large construction projects Finey community decided to establish an indoor sports hall through our donation of sports equipment. Prior to this, there were no facilities for indoor sports on the island.
Items Given:	Soccer Board, Table Tennis Table, Football equipment, Volleyball equipment and Badminton equipment
Project Status:	The old health post has been converted into a sports hall and it is open to everyone, and the equipment has been placed here for general use by the community

Location:	HDH Finey
Project Title:	Sound Equipment for social activities
Funding Amount:	USD 1,411.76
Project Summary:	Initially the Finey community put forth a proposal for starting a music band. The cost of equipment for a complete music band was found to be very high. We decided (through discussion with the applicants) not to fund the music band and instead provided a small sound system that can be used for music events and also for other purposes such as meetings.
Items Given:	Sound system (2 speakers, 1 mixer) and a wireless mike
Project Status:	The sound equipment is being used for meetings and for events on special occasions.

Location:	HDH Maavaidhoo
Project Title:	Sewing Course
Funding Amount:	USD 3,159.29
Project Summary:	The government has been making plans to relocate the community living in Maavaidhoo to a nearby island under the population consolidation plan. Talks of this move have been ongoing for many years, but now it looks like the community will move to H.Dh.Nolhivaramfaru sometime next year. Maavaidhoo women want to learn a skill that they can take with them wherever they may move. They might be able to make a living from sewing clothes if they live in a bigger community. Currently not many people own sewing machines in Maavaidhoo and most people get their clothes made from Kulhudhuffushi. This is more costly and they hope to be able to make their own clothes after completing a one month basic sewing course.
Items Given:	6 sewing machines, cloth and sewing material and one month teacher's salary
Project Status:	The course was completed as planned on November 2 nd . 21 participants completed the course. We visited the island on October 12 th and had the opportunity to talk with the teacher and participants and take a look at the work in progress. Both the teacher and participants were very happy with how the course was progressing. We saw that the clothes produced were of good quality. The participants have borrowed 6 more sewing machines in addition to the sewing machines donated and were practicing sewing beyond class hours. Most participants and their families will be wearing the clothes that they make.



Location:	HDH Maavaidhoo
Project Title:	Netball Court and Items
Funding Amount:	USD 492.39
Project Summary:	Maavaidhoo is a very small island community with very few options for sports activities. The women were really keen on playing netball and to participate in netball tournaments with nearby islands.
Items Given:	Netballs, Netball Post and cement
Project Status:	The island office has not yet allocated land to make the netball court so the materials have not been utilized. They are confident that the land will be allocated soon but the land would have to be cleared of trees etc and levelled before the court is made. Since most of the women are currently quite busy participating in the sewing course which will end on November 2 nd , they will build the netball court once the course is complete. The land has been cleared of trees. However, due to bad weather the planned laying of the concrete base for the netball posts have been delayed. Work will commence as soon as the weather improves, and it is estimated that work will be completed by end of January 2010.

Location:	HDH Maavaidhoo
Project Title:	Volley Equipment
Funding Amount:	USD 928.31
Project Summary:	Volleyball is a popular sport in the Maldives amongst both men and women. With better volleyball equipment Maavaidhoo community hopes to get more people involved, participate in tournaments and produce good players.
Items Given:	Volleyballs and nets, plastic chairs and iron bars to make benches and a cooler
Project Status:	We visited Maavaidhoo on October 12 th and found that the equipment is being used by the community regularly. The bench has not been constructed yet because they need to drill some holes in the iron bars and they need to take it to Kulhudhuffushi Island to do that. This process has been delayed purposely by the members of the community as they do not currently have any place to store the benches. The community decided that they will take the iron bars for drilling and make the benches once they get a store for the benches.



Location:	HDH Maavaidhoo
Project Title:	Football Equipment
Funding Amount:	USD 532.55
Project Summary:	Football is a very popular sport in the Maldives. There are many regional football tournaments that take place each year. The proposal requested football equipment to practice with and compete in tournaments.
Items Given:	Footballs, goal nets and a first aid box (to be used for multiple sports)
Project Status:	Football equipment is being used regularly.

Location:	HDH Maavaidhoo
Project Title:	Grass Cutter to Maintain Sports Grounds
Funding Amount:	USD 1,527.61
Project Summary:	The area where the football and volley grounds are located near the farming area which is beside the bush/jungle. During our AFTF visit in June we observed that a lot of weeds have grown making the ground very difficult to play in. In October, during the Monitoring trip an enquiry and subsequent proposal was sent requesting for a grass cutting machine to maintain the sports fields.
Items Given:	1 Grass Cutting Machine
Project Status:	The Hardware shops in Male' only stock very basic manual grass cutters which are high in maintenance, and there were no adequate grass cutters available at the time. Thereby, AFTF is importing one from Sri Lanka and it will arrive during the 1 st week of January 2010. There was a delay in procurement as AFTF was informed that the selected item was out of stock after order was confirmed by AFTF.



Location:	HDH Faridhoo
Project Title:	Sports and Music Equipment for Eid Celebrations
Funding Amount:	USD 4,889.41
Project Summary:	Faridhoo is a small island community. Less than 60 people live in Faridhoo for most part of the year. This is because most of the young people live and work in resorts near Male' and since there is no school in Faridhoo most families live in Kulhudhuffushi during the school year. Since youth of this community get together only a few times a year during school and Eid holidays, sports competitions and music festivals during this period was very important for them to come together as a community. Soon after our visit in June a proposal was put in by youth in the Faridhoo asking for sports and sound equipment. We traveled back to Faridhoo on July 14, 2009 to deliver the requested equipment. Faridhoo youth hope to compete in the next Zone Football Tournament and have a colorful Eid celebration this year.
Items Given:	Equipment for playing football, volley ball and bashi and sound equipment (speakers, amplifier, mixer and mikes).
Project Status:	Football and Volley tournaments, music shows and various activities planned for the holiday (December). No activities have taken place yet because all youth are working in resorts outside the island



Location:	HDH Kumburudhoo
Project Title:	Sports Items and TV Service for Youth
Funding Amount:	USD 3,296.08
Project Summary:	<p>We visited Kumburudhoo in June and found the island to be a small island community, with less than 100 people living on the island for most part of the year. The island does not have a proper jetty and is virtually inaccessible during rough weather. As the school on the island is closed, most of the families have moved to other islands to educate their children and most young people live and work in resorts near Male'. As most of the people belonging to the island get together a few times a year during school and Eid holidays, sports competition serve as an important social gathering for them. Currently there existed very few options for sports, and as there was no cable TV service on the island, the community itself had invested in purchasing the Antenna's and requested AFTF for cables and steel pipes to complete the set-up.</p>
Items Given:	Indoor and outdoor sports equipment (Carom, Chess, Badminton, Volley, Futsal and Football), Tables and chairs, and steel pipes(for goal and volley posts) and cable for TV service
Project Status:	<p>Items were handed over on 07 October. As there is no facility to carry out welding works on the island, the goal and volley posts had to be welded in Kulhudhufushi and will be back on the island by end November. All other sports equipment is being utilized.</p> <p>The cables have been connected to the Antenna and TV service has started, though currently they can only get 1 channel. They are working to slightly modify the antenna moderator so as to provide the island with 2 local channels. They have got expertise from Kulhudhufushi to do the checking on the antenna. This person is currently working in the island and hopes to finish the work by the end of the year. On completion of the work they will provide DhiTv and VTV in addition to TVM.</p>

Location:	HDH Vaikaradhoo
Project Title:	Football Tournament
Funding Amount:	USD 1,395.29
Project Summary:	<p>"Jaadi" Football tournament is a yearly event organized by ILHAR NGO of Vaikaradhoo. The Tournament is held every Alha Eid holidays, and all youth from the island participate in this tournament. We visited Vaikaradhoo and observed the island community to be a very religious community. However, this tournament is one event where all youth on the island actively involve themselves and many teams participate in the tournament.</p>
Items Given:	10 Footballs, 14 Trophies, 2 Goal Nets, Cost of 3 Referees
Project Status:	<p>The Tournament went on from 26-30 and the Final match was played on 30th November. Tournament was grouped into two age groups. Under 18 and Over 18. 6 teams took part in the under 18 age group and 4 teams took part in the over 18 age group.</p>

Location:	HDH Vaikaradhoo
Project Title:	Liyala (Lacquer Works) Course
Funding Amount:	USD 3,730.20
Project Summary:	This project was an idea that was originally floated by the Island Councilor during AFTF visit in June. Subsequently, a proposal was put forward by ILHAR NGO requesting AFTF to support a Lacquer works course for youth of the island. As resorts are opening in the Atoll/Region the NGO felt that this will provide youth a good opportunity for skills development and potential employment. Apparently an estimated 30 youths have applied for this course, however this project still has not taken off the ground due to the fact that there are very few instructors who know and teach traditional Maldivian lacquer, and all of them are occupied elsewhere.
Items Given:	Costs of food and accommodation, and Instructor Fees for a 1 month course.
Project Status:	As of 6 th January, they informed that they have identified another instructor in addition to the instructor that they have been trying to get dates for the course. This person is quite busy and he is also finding it difficult to give dates as well. AFTF has informed them that we will no longer be able to meet the costs for this course as the course could not be started in 2009.

Location:	HDH Makunudhoo
Project Title:	Screen Printing Course
Funding Amount:	USD 5,180.20
Project Summary:	Makunudhoo is an island of around 1,000 inhabitants and located by itself to the west of H DH Atoll. Though the island is one of the most isolated islands in the Maldives in terms of geography they are very industrious and most of the people are involved directly or indirectly in the fishing industry. AFTF visited Makunudhoo in June and met with the different NGO's on the island and observed the work that they have carried out. "Umeedh Club" is one of the more active Club/NGO's on the island and they expressed the need for youth skills development in light of the new opportunities that are being created with the introduction of tourism in the Atoll. To this end, though it was submitted late, a proposal for a Screen Printing Course was submitted in September.
Items Given:	Chemicals, and other materials needed to carry out a Screen Printing Course.
Project Status:	The Screen Printing Course started with 45 participants in October and will go on for 45 days ending on 30 November. AFTF receive continuous positive feedback from the Course Instructor and officials of Umeedh Club. AFTF has also received samples prepared by participants of the course, and the quality seems to be quite good.

Location:	HDH Nolvivaram
Project Title:	Agricultural Course
Funding Amount:	-
Project Summary:	H Dh Nolvivaram has a population of approximately of 1,000 people and there are 3 NGO's on the island with a lot of friction between them. AFTF only received 3 proposals from the island and all 3 came from "Club Huvaas". The island is a big island with a lot of agricultural land, hence the request was for a course on agriculture.
Items Given:	Instructor Fee, and Raw materials for the course
Project Status:	The course is yet to start as of 24 November. Club Huvaas has requested the Ministry of Fisheries & Agriculture to conduct the course, however due to non availability of trainers the course has been delayed substantially. Club Huvaas has been informed that if the course does not start by 30 November, AFTF cannot fund this course. Club Huvaas has informed AFTF that they have not been able to get trainers to conduct this course, and requested to use the funding available to this course as additional funding for the football tournament to meet the costs of the referees. AFTF has agreed to this and the total amount was allocated to the football tournament.

Location:	HDH Nolvivaram
Project Title:	Football Tournament
Funding Amount:	USD 2,361.18
Project Summary:	Club Huvaas was planning to organize a football tournament for youth of the island scheduled to start in December after Eid Holidays. The proposal was for football equipment to organize and conduct the tournament. AFTF decided to donate the needed equipment as this tournament will serve to bring youth from the island together.
Items Given:	Referees Kit, Steel Pipes for Goal Posts, Trophies and other related equipment
Project Status:	The tournament was held from 08-17 December, with a total of 6 teams participating. It was a 9-side tournament and it was very well supported by the youth of the island. When AFTF visited in December, the participants of the tournament expressed their gratefulness for the generous donation of AFTF which made this tournament possible.



Location:	HDH Nolvivaram
Project Title:	Football Coaching Camp
Funding Amount:	USD 1,373.73
Project Summary:	The coaching camp is to increase the skills of youth on the island in order for them to participate in the 2010 Atoll Tournament.
Items Given:	Footballs, Training Bibs, Field Markers and Trainer Kit
Project Status:	The camp will start from the 3 rd week of December and will go on for a period of one month.

Location:	HDH Nolvivaramfaru
Project Title:	Roofing of Association Office Building
Funding Amount:	USD 7,175.30
Project Summary:	Nolvivaramfaru Youth Development is the only NGO in the island and they work with the community on various island development fronts including youth issues. The island has around 500 inhabitants and currently the NGO does not have any official office space and they are renting space. Land has been allocated to the NGO and they were planning to build their office so that they can provide better service to youth and the community in general. When AFTF visited in June, digging had begun on the area in preparation for construction. The Youth Development NGO sent a proposal requesting to provide roofing materials so that the building can be complete.
Items Given:	Roofing Materials
Project Status:	Materials were provided in August and as the building was not yet complete the roofing could only begin mid September. During AFTF's monitoring trip in October we observed the building structure had almost been finished and the roof structure was started. There have been delays due to bad weather and to due to the fact that work is only on weekends as most members are full-time employees somewhere else. Beams have been laid in preparation for roofing. When contacted on 6 th January, they informed that not much work have been done due to bad weather. During last two days, they have marked with ropes, the height of the wall to be constructed on the cement beam. After construction of this wall then the wooden beams will laid on this wall. They estimate to finish this work by 11 th January and complete roofing by 18 th January. They work every night for a short time and work fully on Saturdays.



Location:	HDH Hanimaadhoo
Project Title:	Football Skills Improvement Program
Funding Amount:	USD 1,612.94
Project Summary:	Hanimaadhoo is one of the largest islands in H DH and has a population in excess of 1,500. There are 2 NGO's working on the island, though only Hanimaadhoo Zuvaanunge Jamiyya met with AFTF. Compared to other islands, the facilities in Hanimaadhoo are more developed, and youth on the island has better access to services. A proposal for a football skills improvement program targeted towards youth was submitted in August, and though it was submitted late and as it is the only proposal from Hanimaadhoo, AFTF is supporting this proposal targeted towards youth.
Items Given:	Footballs & Jerseys
Project Status:	The skills improvement course started on 15 th November and went on for 20 days. A total number of 60 participants took part in the program within the age groups of 10 – 19 years. Trainings went on everyday from 4 – 6 pm. The NGO brought a team from Ha. Dhidhoo and played a practice. Only 30 participants completed the course. The NGO feels that the number declined because they had the course for 20 days instead of a week as planned earlier.



Location:	HDH Kurimbee
Project Title:	Projector, Sound Equipment and Chairs for social events
Funding Amount:	USD 5,335.69
Project Summary:	Kurimbee Kurimagu Jamiyaa is the only NGO working on the island. The island itself has a population of approximately 500 people and does not have a jetty or harbor, hence getting on and off is quite challenging. AFTF visited in June and met with NGO representatives and a number of youth from the island. The NGO run awareness (educational and religious) and entertainment programs (weekly film viewing shows during Eid, etc). Currently, the NGO has to borrow all equipment from the school (projectors, chairs, sound) and this is not feasible in the long run, as if anything is damaged the NGO has to take responsibility for it. To this end, a proposal was tabled for a projector, sound equipment and chairs for meeting, and AFTF donated these items.
Items Given:	1 Projector & screen, Sound Equipment and 150 chairs.
Project Status:	The items and the equipment are being used for special occasions and for normal use as well. During Fithr Eid Celebrations, the sound equipment was used for a music show and a debate competition amongst youth. This was very well received and many youth actively participated in this competition.

Location:	HDH Neykurendhoo
Project Title:	Sound Equipment for social events
Funding Amount:	USD 3,352.16
Project Summary:	There are 2 NGO's on the island and both are working for issues related to youth, sports and island development initiatives. The Association for Neykurendhoo Development has constructed their office through material assistance by the Government, and during AFTF's visit in June a request was put forward for a construction of an indoor sports hall. However, as AFTF was funding the construction of a similar structure for the other NGO, the request was changed to Sound Equipment which was something that AFTF found the NGO did not have. These are needed for the many social events that are organized and run by the NGO, and they have to keep borrowing from the school or island office.
Items Given:	Speakers, Mixer, Mics and Mic Cables.
Project Status:	The equipment has been used for many events, especially music shows and other events carried out during Eid. Apparently, one of the speakers was damaged during a show in October and the NGO is working with the supplier to fix it.



Location:	HDH Neykurendhoo
Project Title:	Build Sports Hall
Funding Amount:	USD 1,936.16
Project Summary:	During AFTF's visit in June, we were requested to provide material to construct an indoor sports hall where youth can mingle and play indoor sports (carrrom, dart, card and board games). This request was put forward by "Dekagan Sports Club" who is actively involved with sports activities for youth.
Items Given:	Roofing Material, Steel Pipes, and related construction material.
Project Status:	During AFTF's visit on 12 October, we observed that the foundation of the building was finished. It was initially planned that the Sports Hall would be attached to a building; hence the structure would be lightweight. However, as the NGO received some additional material donation from a businessman of the island they are now able to construct a permanent office and sports hall structure, and the building will be complete by mid-December. Due to rain and bad weather construction work is delayed. Cement blocks, sand and other construction materials are in place. They will commence work as soon as the weather improves, and it is estimate that it will take a week for construction, another week for the roofing and 2 months for the finishing work. They expect to complete the hall fully by the end of February 2010.



HAA ALIFU PROJECT DETAILS

Location:	HA Baarah
Project Title:	Sound and Projector for Religious Meetings
Funding Amount:	USD 1,794.90
Project Summary:	The project requested sound equipment and a projector for providing more information about Islam provide a space for youth to ask questions and get answers on religious issues and increase religious education in the community. Through their activities they hope to promote religious harmony through education.
Items Given:	Multimedia Projector, Home Theatre System and a CD Player
Project Status:	<p>Religious awareness activities were conducted during Ramazan. Their activities were slowed down due to bad weather. So far they have been presenting religious videos distributed by SALAF (a religious NGO in the Maldives) to the community. Currently they are trying to get a preacher from SALAF to come and present a lecture for the community. [I found an example of such a lecture at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dbuii43y_Bo.</p> <p>Such religious activities have become very common in Male' now and many communities have identified religious awareness as an important aspect of development for them. Since we have received a significant amount of requests for such activities in proposals and also during discussions with youth in the islands we have provided material support for this.</p>

Location:	HA Baarah
Project Title:	Sports Tournament (Football, Volley and Bashi)
Funding Amount:	USD 1,264.71
Project Summary:	The proposal was put forth by an NGO called Rehendi Movement who were organizing sports tournaments in the community. They planned to involve teams that already existed in the community and have local competitions.
Items Given:	Jersey Sets, footballs, volleyballs, Bashiballs, Volley and Bashi nets and Bashi rackets.
Project Status:	<p>Members of Rehendi Movement participated in a Volley Tournament organized by another group during Ramadan. The volley jersey set was used as the team jersey. Bashi equipment was being used by a local Bashi team for practice but due to a quarrel between team members they have ceased to borrow equipment from Rehendi Movement. Nevertheless the equipment will be utilized at the tournament. Currently Renhendi Movement is planning a Futsal tournament and Bashi tournament (initially planned for Alhaa Eid holidays at the end of November). But now they are consulting with members on the best days to hold these events because Eid holiday is already quite packed with celebrations. The group will decide when to hold the sports tournaments at their next general meeting.</p>

Location:	HA Baarah
Project Title:	Electric Cable for lighting Agricultural Plots
Funding Amount:	USD 933.33
Project Summary:	Baarashu Zuvaanunge Dhirun (NGO) has been conducting an agricultural project of growing Autopot Gold Melons which is a community livelihood project funded by the Ministry of Fisheries Agriculture and Marine Resources and UNDP. When we visited Baarah we had the opportunity to visit the agricultural site. The farmers were facing difficulties of safeguarding the melons from theft and their current supply of electricity was unreliable. The NGO requested electric cable that would secure the supply of electricity and enable farmers to work at night and also to keep watch over the melons.
Items Given:	P.V.C Insulated Copper Cable
Project Status:	The cabling work has been completed in October and currently farmers are working from 8 am until midnight. The NGO has posted a watchman to oversee the plot from midnight until morning. In addition to provide lighting, the electricity is used for various agricultural activities in addition to the melon project. A steady supply of electricity makes watering the surrounding farm plots easy as well.

Location:	HA Baarah
Project Title:	Volleyball and Football Equipment
Funding Amount:	USD 1,974.90
Project Summary:	Baarashu Zuvaanunge Dhirun (NGO) organizes two sports tournaments each year. The volley tournament is held during Ramadan and the Football tournament is held during Alhaa Eid (called Alhaa Cup). These tournaments are open to local teams and also teams from nearby resorts and islands.
Items Given:	Football and Volley equipment, jerseys and trophies
Project Status:	Volley tournament took place during Ramadan. Only 4 teams participated in the tournament. The NGO informed that the reason for lack of participation was due to lack of funding available for teams and also they did not get any teams participating from resorts this year. Nevertheless the tournament was well received by the local community and the teams that participated had good players. The football tournament took place during the school holidays in November. 7 teams participated in the tournament.

Location:	HA Filladhoo
Project Title:	Computer Class
Funding Amount:	USD 7,884.31
Project Summary:	Go Up Sports runs tuition classes for grade school children in Filladhoo. Their community activities mainly focus around education and were interested to start a computer class in Filladhoo. Once they set up the class, courses for all ages and of varying qualifications will be provided. They hope to hold certified courses from established centers in Male'.
Items Given:	10 Computer Systems, computer chairs and tables
Project Status:	<p>Go Up Sports are conducting basic computer classes beginning in November using local expertise. More than 30 youth are currently taking classes. They have converted a 16x16 ft room belonging to the president of the NGO into a computer lab. An advanced certified computer course will begin after November 10th. This course will be run by Focus Computers and will run full-time for one and half month. More than 50 students have already applied for this advanced course.</p> <p>With AFTF donations, Go Up Sports is able to organize such a certified course that will otherwise only be available in Male' and would cost over RF 3,000 and take 3 months to complete. Go Up Sports is offering this course for only Rf 500 to locals. 28 participants completed the course, including some members of the NGO. The 3 months advance course was condensed to 16 days, thus having 3 sessions of 4 hours daily. Course timings are from 0900-1300 hrs, 1400-1800hrs and 1900-2300hrs. The NGO informed that they had difficulty in getting participants for the course because they had difficulty in changing the thinking of people who thought that it is better to do a course in Male'.</p> <p>The NGO plan to keep this project on-going but they have some problem with space for conducting courses. The NGO had applied for a plot to construct a room to conduct such classes 3 months ago in September, however they are still they are awaiting a reply from the concerned authorities. The access to the computers is open for those who wish to practice and the NGO is thinking of making the systems available to trusted members who can use it for community work.</p>



Location:	HA Filladhoo
Project Title:	Sewing Course
Funding Amount:	USD 2,917.65
Project Summary:	The purpose of this project is to increase income earning options for individuals in the community.
Items Given:	8 Sewing machines and teachers fee
Project Status:	Course will start on December 1 and will go on till 31 December. All items have been handed over, and contract has also been signed and advance payment has been made to the Instructor. The NGO advertised the course in the island. The 16 participants who are doing the course are selected as first come first basis. Most are students. As this course is been conducted during the school holidays the demand for the course was very high. Some people requested to join the course with their own machines, but the NGO did not have enough room to accommodate more participants. They are using the living room of member's house. The instructor informed that the participants are really talented and there are 4 participants in the basic course who are talented enough to be in the advance course. Each participant holds a file with course learning and we had the opportunity see the files and see the training program in progress. They plan to exhibit the course works after the completion of the course.



Location:	HA Dhidhoo
Project Title:	Furniture for Computer/Quran Class
Funding Amount:	USD 2,700.00
Project Summary:	Dhidhoo's Cheynu Jamiyya had already received 14 computer systems as a donation from another organization but did not have the funds to get tables and chairs to set up the class. The computer class will be conducted throughout the year and is targeted for students and youth wanting to learn basic computer skills. In addition Cheynu Jammiyya has been conducting a Quran class for over two years and was hoping to bring in an additional teacher for the month of Ramadan. They had already found a teacher that was willing to come to Dhidhoo.
Items Given:	Computer tables, chairs and Quran teacher's fee.
Project Status:	The computer course started on 1 November. They had opened the class for ages between 16 and 35 and have already received 89 applications, out of which 35 have been selected, and the class is being conducted in 2 sessions. Cheynu Jamiyya offered the class free of charge for the first month. The Quran class is held for students from grades 1 through 12 and will continue throughout the year.

Location:	HA Hoarafushi
Project Title:	Quran Competition
Funding Amount:	USD 2,161.57
Project Summary:	Hoarafushi Advancement Society has been organizing an annual Quran Competition for the last 6 years. The competition is open to students of all ages and also to youth and adults. 130 students and 24 youth/adults are planned to participate in this year's event.
Items Given:	Prizes for 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd place – Rice Cooker Containers, Lion Star Containers and Plastic Containers
Project Status:	The competition was held over a weekend in the 3 rd week of Ramadan. 104 individuals participated in this competition. Participants were grouped into age groups below 6 years, 8 year, 10 years, 12 years, 14 years, 16 years and above 17 years. The competition was split into two sections; reciting by heart and reciting from the text. The prize giving ceremony was held on October 2 nd .



Location:	HA Hoarafushi
Project Title:	Course for youth with special needs
Funding Amount:	USD 2,989.33
Project Summary:	Association for the Development and Solidarity of Hoarafushi (ADSH) and Hoarafushi Advancement Society (HAS) are working together to start a class for youth who did not get a chance at formal education for various reasons (such as a physical or mental disability or through parental neglect). The project will be run by an individual who has 17 years of experience as a teacher, supervisor and asst. headmaster. The class will be open to individuals between the ages 18 and 40. The purpose of this class is to teach students a skill that can help them gain employment and make money. In addition through this project they hope to reduce crime and violence in the community and also promote equality and equal opportunity.
Items Given:	Tables, Plastic Chairs, White Board, and A4 sized paper.
Project Status:	The Course started on 15 November and approximately 25 participants are taking part. The Course is very well received in the community, given its unique nature. Due to a personal emergency faced by the instructor the course was stopped in October. There is a high demand to the course and the course conductor is planning to run the class for two sessions when the classes resume. The classes will commence on 10 th January, same day when the academic new year starts.



Location:	HA Hoarafushi
Project Title:	Re-roofing of Indoor Sports Hall
Funding Amount:	USD 2,224.31
Project Summary:	The Indoor Sports Hall is used for various activities such as Table Tennis, Chess, Carom and Darts. The roof of the hall is worn out and in disrepair. The hall is currently used by youth of both sexes, by NGO members and by the school for various purposes. <i>Isdharivarunge Jamiyya</i> (an NGO consisting of Hoarafushi school alumni) will be in charge of this project and once completed the hall will be open to the public at set times during the day.
Items Given:	Roofing material
Project Status:	The roofing work is carried out by individuals in the contracting profession on volunteer basis. The roofing work was completed on 27 th December 2009.



Location:	HA Hoarafushi
Project Title:	Sound for New Mosque
Funding Amount:	USD 2,344.31
Project Summary:	The request for sound equipment for the new Mosque was put forward by youth of the island. The Mosque has been under construction since 2005 utilizing materials donated by the community and well wishers. It is situated near the harbor hence making it easy to use for travelers, fisherman and guests.
Items Given:	Speakers and other Sound Equipment.
Project Status:	Completion work of the mosque is in progress. Out of the items requested from AFTF, some mikes and cables were out of stock. The supplier informed AFTF and the NGO that once the items arrived, that they will inform both parties. AFTF has been informed by the supplier that the NGO has been requested to collect the remaining items from Male'. As AFTF could not provide the full-sound set-up required for the mosque, the NGO is working to identify ways to obtain funding for installation of the full sound system. It is estimated that the mosque will be complete by March 2010.



Location:	HA Thakandhoo
Project Title:	Music Equipment
Funding Amount:	USD 4,941.18
Project Summary:	The proposal was put forth by four individuals who wanted to start a music band in the community. The purpose was to entertain the community and to promote togetherness and community spirit in the island. The group also hoped to get more youth interested in music and also provide something for youth to do on their free time.
Items Given:	Speakers, Amplifier, Cordless Mikes, Electric Guitar, and drum set.
Project Status:	Have been practicing for Eid. Most players work in resorts so cannot practice regularly. Younger school aged children have been learning how to play.

Location:	HA Thakandhoo
Project Title:	Volley and Football Equipment
Funding Amount:	USD 733.33
Project Summary:	The request for volleyball and football equipment was put forth with the aim of increasing extracurricular opportunities for youth and also to develop good players from the community.
Items Given:	Volleyball and Football Equipment
Project Status:	Items are being used regularly by youth.

Location:	Thakandhoo
Project Title:	Music Equipment
Funding Amount:	USD 4,941.18
Project Summary:	The proposal was put forth by four individuals who wanted to start a music band in the community. The purpose was to entertain the community and to promote togetherness and community spirit in the island. The group also hoped to get more youth interested in music and also provide something for youth to do on their free time.
Items Given:	Speakers, Amplifier, Cordless Mikes, Electric Guitar, and drum set.
Project Status:	Have been practicing for Eid. Most players work in resorts so cannot practice regularly. Younger school aged children have been learning how to play.

Location:	HA Kelaa
Project Title:	Quran Competition
Funding Amount:	USD 1,082.75
Project Summary:	This will be the 3 rd Quran Competition organized by Kelaa Youth Forum (NGO). The competition is open to all students studying Quran in the community. The purpose is to promote proper techniques of reciting and to produce students who excel in Quran recitation.
Items Given:	Quran texts, Quran audio CDs, and trophies.
Project Status:	The competition was held from 4-5 September and the award giving ceremony was held on 19 th September.

Location:	HA Kela
Project Title:	Cooking Course
Funding Amount:	USD 1,139.61
Project Summary:	The aim of the cooking course is to teach participants of the course on how to utilise local ingredients more creatively to make better dishes. The interest in this course was expressed by Kela Youth Forum during AFTF's monitoring trip in October.
Items Given:	Cost of Instructors, Food & Accommodation, Instructor Fee, & transport cost.
Project Status:	The cooking course was conducted was by one of the most famous Chef's in Maldives from 4-10 December with total of 50 participants, out of which 49 completed the course. Upon the completion of the course certificates were awarded to the participants, and a food fair was held to show off the food that was prepared by the participants.

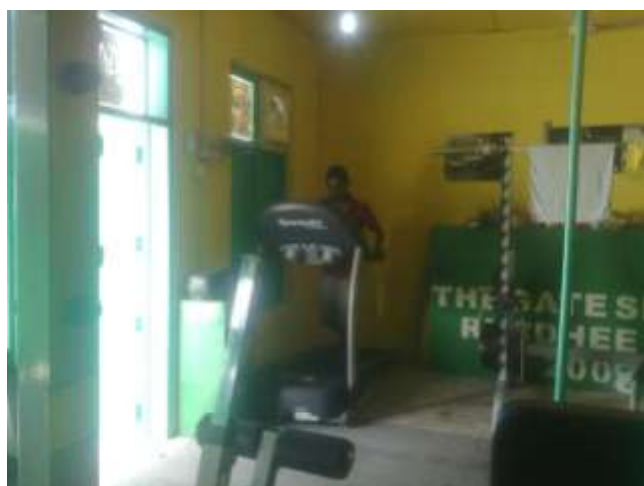


Location:	HA Kela
Project Title:	Chairs for Meetings
Funding Amount:	USD 1,260.39
Project Summary:	During AFTF monitoring trip in October, "Kela Youth Forum" requested AFTF to provide them chairs for them to use during meetings and shows. This NGO currently has to borrow or rent these from the school.
Items Given:	100 Chairs.
Project Status:	Due to unavailability of transport, these items will be sent during the second week of December as per the request from the NGO.

Location:	HA Kelaa
Project Title:	Roofing of IDEAS (NGO) Office
Funding Amount:	USD 4,771.97
Project Summary:	IDEAS stand for Island Development and Environment Awareness Society. The NGO had recently received land from the island office to build an NGO office and they had already started work on building. They were working on volunteer labour and material assistance. When we first visited them in July they had already completed most of brick laying work and were seeking material assistance to complete the roof. They already had enough material to complete all the walls of the building.
Items Given:	Roofing material
Project Status:	The building was almost ready for roofing when we visited Kelaa on October 11 th . They had already laid the timber in preparation for roofing (picture on the right) and hoped to complete it within three weeks. When contacted on Nov 1 st we were informed that the roofing has been completed and they are now putting the finishing touches on the building. Subsequently, during our monitoring visit in December we have observed that the roofing has been completed, and IDEAS NGO is working to put the finishing touches to complete the building. IDEAS have stated that without AFTF's contribution, they would have been unable to complete their building, and have expressed their gratefulness and that of the youth of the island numerous times.



Location:	HA Kela
Project Title:	Running Machine for Gym
Funding Amount:	USD 1,796.08
Project Summary:	This proposal was submitted by "IDEAS" NGO in June. This was not considered at the first instance, however after our monitoring trip in October AFTF were informed that as they already had a fully functioning gym, a running machine will complete the set-up.
Items Given:	1 Running Machine.
Project Status:	The running machine was handed over in early November, and it is proposed that IDEAS will be moving the Gym to the new building as there is more space and more people will have access to the facilities. However, as a temporary measure they have set-up a gym in a room rented by IDEAS and the youth of the island are using it.



Location:	HA Maarandhoo
Project Title:	Futsal Tournament
Funding Amount:	USD 549.02
Project Summary:	Since 2005, Maarandhoo Youth Society (NGO) has been organizing a Futsal tournament during Alhaa Eid holidays. This year Eid falls towards the end of November. The tournament is organized into under 16 yrs age group and over 16 yrs age group and is open to the whole community.
Items Given:	Futsal balls, Footballs and Corner Flags
Project Status:	The tournament started on 27 th November. 9 teams took part in the tournament. Two matches were at the same time in mini fields. Normally they hold tournament for age group under 16 and over 16. But this time they held for over 16 only. Final match was played on 2 nd December.



Location:	HA Maarandhoo
Project Title:	Indoor Sports Equipment
Funding Amount:	USD 1,193.33
Project Summary:	Maarandhoo Youth Society is an NGO that focuses on sports and extracurricular activities for youth. They noticed that youth already stay up very late and spend time outside the house riding bikes and hanging out on the street. They wanted to set up indoor sports activities so that youth will have a place to hang out and something to get involved in, instead of being bored or turning into crime or drugs.
Items Given:	Table Tennis, Darts and Carom Equipment
Project Status:	The indoor sports have become very popular and items are being used every single night. During Ramadan youth were occupied playing until about 2am. Anyone is welcome to use the facility and keys can be obtained on request. They have not received any complaints from the youth or about the youth using this place yet.



Location:	HA Maarandhoo
Project Title:	Sound System
Funding Amount:	USD 3,582.04
Project Summary:	The sound system can be used for community meetings, during sports tournaments and for music shows. Sound systems are expensive and quite hard to rent from another island. So having a system in the community will benefit the community in so many ways.
Items Given:	Speakers, Mixer, Amplifier, Microphone cable, Male and Female connectors.
Project Status:	The equipment was lent to island office for using in the Quran tournament during Ramadan. The NGO is having discussions with the health post to conduct an awareness program on health issues to students of grade 8-10 and the general public. They have not yet decided on the dates and whether they will have programs separately with students and general public or to combine both sessions. The Doctor working at the health post will give formation and education on this awareness program. They also plan to hold awareness on religious issues as well.

Location:	HA Maarandhoo
Project Title:	Equipment for Volleyball and Netball Tournament
Funding Amount:	USD 448.63
Project Summary:	Volleyball tournament has been taking place each year since 2006 and is open to both men and women. Netball tournament is targeted at women. The aim of this project is to develop the skills necessary for participating in regional tournaments.
Items Given:	Volleyball and Netball equipment
Project Status:	<p>Volley tournament for women started on 26th December and will go on till 1st January 2010. Netball practices will start after the volley tournament. They also plan to start a netball coaching camp for school students before end of January 2010. Trained members will be instructing the coaching camp.</p> <p>Volley tournament for men was held during Eid holidays and some players in the national team were hired to play in the tournament. 4 teams participated in the tournament.</p>



Location:	HA Maarandhoo
Project Title:	Equipment for Play Station(PS) Tournament
Funding Amount:	USD 2,819.61
Project Summary:	A PS tournament has been organized by the NGO during Ramadan and there was a lot of interest generated from it. The tournament was played in an open public area projected onto a wall. However, the equipment that was used was owned by individuals hence organizing it this way is not feasible every year. The NGO submitted a proposal for equipment to conduct a tournament as such after discussions with AFTF during the monitoring trip.
Items Given:	PS Console, Joysticks, Games, Projector and Screen
Project Status:	Play Station (PS) Tournament was originally planned to be held during eid holidays in late November. However, the PS tournament was not held as planned. It was decided that the PS consoles would be provided to youth of the island at least twice a week, whenever they don't hold any health awareness or religious programs. They plan to hold the said tournament during next Ramazan. They feel that they will have more participants if they hold the tournament during Ramazan.

Location:	HA Thuraakunu
Project Title:	Football Tournament
Funding Amount:	USD 1,733.96
Project Summary:	This tournament is organized by Eight Degrees Sports Club and 7 teams will get the opportunity to participate. Both local teams and teams from nearby islands are expected to participate. The tournament will take place from Dec 1-15, 2009.
Items Given:	Football equipment and trophies
Project Status:	The tournament was held from 1 st December and the final match was played on 10 th December. Matches were played in 2 groups and 4 teams took part in the tournament.

Location:	HA Vashafaru
Project Title:	Dustbins
Funding Amount:	USD 627.45
Project Summary:	Vashafaru Thimaaveshi Jammiyya (TJ) is an NGO focusing on Environmental Awareness. They propose to set up dustbins in special areas around the island where people frequent and garbage such as cans and glass and PAT bottles are thrown. The NGO will look after the bins and dispose of the garbage once a week. Through this project the island can be kept cleaner. In addition this project gives a strong message against throwing garbage on the street and in the sea and encourages people to form the habit of keeping their environment clean.
Items Given:	10 dustbins
Project Status:	They have got permission from the island office to put dustbins in 6 areas and the NGO members are trying to get permission for additional areas. They also want to discuss with some big shops about putting dustbins near their shop. They got the permission from the island office on 21 st December. The dustbins have been placed in different areas of the island on 24 th December. The NGO held a small ceremony to start the placing of the dustbins. After placing the dustbins, the NGO have plans to empty the dustbins to waste disposal area once a week. From the disposal area they plan to collect the debris in bags in transport the debris to Thilafushi island on boats. They will have to spend Rf20/- for each bag as the transportation charge. They have planned to dispose of the garbage in this fashion so as to sustain and manage the waste disposal initiative of the NGO.



Location:	HA Vashafaru
Project Title:	Environmental Awareness Program
Funding Amount:	USD 1,363.14
Project Summary:	Vashafaru Thimaaveshi Jamiyya (TJ) is an NGO working on environmental awareness. This project proposes to increase environmental awareness through public meetings and workshops where experts will give presentations and participants will receive information leaflets. AFTF contribution will enable TJ to conduct awareness projects on a more sustainable and continuous basis.
Items Given:	Loudspeakers, amplifier, mikes, and print cartridges.
Project Status:	They have already talked with Police who have agreed to give a presentation on environmental awareness but they cannot get a public hall for the presentation because they are all being utilized for the O'level exams. Hence, the program was postponed to December after Alha Eid Holidays. The Public hall will also be available then. The awareness raising program was scheduled to be held on 24 th December. The island office arranged community work the same day. Hence the program has been postponed to January 19 th . The Police will be giving information in this awareness program. The NGO has requested the island office for plot to construct hall that could be used for future programs. On construction of such a hall the NGO will continue to provide awareness programs.

Location:	HA Vashafaru
Project Title:	Construction of VAUDH (NGO) Office
Funding Amount:	USD 4,878.47
Project Summary:	Vashafaru Association for Unity, Development and Harmony (VAUD) is an active NGO in the community. They have already completed a considerable portion of their NGO office and requested for material assistance to complete the building (see picture). The construction is done by NGO members on volunteer basis.
Items Given:	Construction material
Project Status:	Most of the material has been sent in end October and mid November. The construction has started and it is estimated that the building will be complete in January 2010. The cement flooring of the NGO is completed. Plastering of the walls will commence on 25 th December. The NGO expects the building will be fully complete by March or April next year.



Location:	HA Utheemu
Project Title:	T-Shirt Printing, Screen Printing and Fabric painting Course
Funding Amount:	USD 3,140.94
Project Summary:	Utheemu does not have any active NGOs, but we met with young men and women of Utheemu in July and their main priority was skills development. 5 proposals for various skills development courses were developed by the youth and this course was the first that AFTF approved and funded. 30 youth from the community signed up to participate in this course.
Items Given:	Teacher's fee, transport, accommodation and course material.
Project Status:	AFTF made a contract with a teacher in Male' and the course was conducted in Utheemu from 23 September to 10 October. From the 30 participants, 29 completed the full hours of the course and they all now have enough training to do the work on their own. Many students have already purchased the material required to do screen printing. We had the opportunity to visit and view their art show in Utheemu on October 11 th . This course was received very positively by everyone we met in Utheemu and the teacher was also very happy with the course.



Location:	HA Utheemu
Project Title:	Sewing Course
Funding Amount:	USD 1,965.88
Project Summary:	This course is organized to teach young women how to sew using a sewing machine. Many households in Utheemu own sewing machines but not many young people know how to sew their own clothes. So the proposal was put forth by youth to bring a sewing teacher to hold a one month course on basic sewing course where participants can learn how to sew the clothes commonly worn in the community.
Items Given:	Teacher's one month fee
Project Status:	The course will be held from mid-December for one month. The sewing teacher that conducted the AFTF funded course in H.Dh. Maavaidhoo will be teaching this course as well. The sewing course started on 15 th December and will go on till 14 th January 2010. They plan to exhibit the items made by the participants on 15 th December. 25 participants are taking part using the machines donated by AFTF and 4 participants are doing the course using their own machines. The course was held for three sessions; 0900-1130hrs (10 participants), 1330-1600hrs (10 participants) and 2000-2200hrs (9 participants).



Location:	HA Molhadhoo
Project Title:	Vindhu Association December Cup 2009 (Football and Volley Tournament)
Funding Amount:	USD 1,637.25
Project Summary:	Vindhu Association (NGO) has organized a Volley tournament and a Football tournament to take place during the December school holidays. The tournaments are open to both men and women and teams from nearby islands and resorts are expected to participate.
Items Given:	Volley Equipment, Football Equipment, Computer System and Printer
Project Status:	The computer system is in use at the Vindhu Association Office. 3 teams took part in the Volley tournament and 3 teams took part in the football tournament. Final match of the Volley tournament was played on 10 th December 2009. Final match and closing ceremony of football match was held on 20 th December 2009.

Location:	HA Molhadhoo
Project Title:	Netball Introduction
Funding Amount:	USD 511.76
Project Summary:	This project is organized by AMYD (NGO) with the aim of increasing sports options for youth. The netball court will be set up in collaboration with the island school. Both school students and youth will have the opportunity to learn how to play netball and to use the court for recreation.
Items Given:	Equipment for setting up a netball court, balls and a desktop scoreboard.
Project Status:	School has not decided where to set up the netball court but AMYD is ready to set up and start netball anytime. They are hopeful that the school will allocate a spot in the next few weeks and that the netball court will be ready in time for the Alhaa Eid. During AFTF's monitoring trip in December, it was learnt that the court has not yet been set up. The school is undergoing a classroom extension project. As it is planned to set up the court in school grounds they will only know the area which the school is providing only when the classroom extension project is complete.

Location:	HA Molhadhoo
Project Title:	Sound for Carnival
Funding Amount:	USD 1,414.90
Project Summary:	Each year, the Association for Molhadhoo Youth Development Association (AMYD) organizes a very colorful the Alhaa Eid for the community. The biggest obstacle they face is the lack of a good quality sound system in the island. They have to resort to renting from another island with the risk of damage.
Items Given:	Sound system (speakers and powered mixer) and Mike
Project Status:	Although the proposal requested a sound system for stage shows for an outdoor carnival, the quotation that was sent along with the proposal was for a smaller system that can only be used in small school halls for meetings and such. Based on the proposal, AFTF team budgeted according to the quotation given. This issue was only brought up after we have already set the budget and donated the item. Currently the system donated is being used frequently for meetings and small events. The sound system was used for a football and bashi tournament during Fitr Eid. Meanwhile AMYD is borrowed and used a sound system from a nearby resort for the outdoor events during the eid carnival. The carnival was very well received by the island community and visitors to the island during Alha-eid.

Location:	HA Ihavandhoo
Project Title:	Volley Tournament
Funding Amount:	USD 2,020.35
Project Summary:	This is an annual Volley Tournament organized by IDS and Dhunthari NGO's. The tournament is held between different Government Institutions with the provision that majority of the participants of the team should be youth from the island. This tournament is organized in a grand scale and many people from nearby islands visit to observe this.
Items Given:	Volley Equipment and Material to construct stand for presentation ceremony.
Project Status:	The Tournament was held from 10-20 December. Final match and closing ceremony held on 20 th December. 6 teams participated in the tournament. Both the NGO's and some members of the community thanked AFTF for the donations, and mentioned that it will help them in organizing and conducting such tournaments in the future.



Location:	HA Ihavandhoo
Project Title:	Computer Courses – Basic and Intermediate
Funding Amount:	USD 1,917.65
Project Summary:	Ihavandhoo Youth Association for Recreation and Urbanization (IYARU) proposes to conduct basic and intermediate computer course for youth between the ages of 18 and 35. The purpose is to prepare youth for the job market. Most people work in resorts and having computer literacy will equip them for better positions at resorts.
Items Given:	3 computer systems
Project Status:	The computer course will began on 21 November and will go on till 21 December. Interested individuals were asked to apply for the course by November 10 th and the NGO received 40 applications. Out of these, 27 applicants were selected from whom 6 are school leavers (16years and above), and the rest are school children from Grade 6 and above (12 years). The course will last for 1 month with 1.5 hrs of class per day. 27 participants took part in the course. This course was open for students of grade 5 and above. The classes ran for 4 sessions of 1 ½ - 2 hours. Demand came after the deadline but the NGO did not have systems and enough space to cater for this demand. Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to use Microsoft Office applications. The NGO plans to run classes for the general community and also classes for civil servants. The NGO plans to air-condition and tile the classroom enabling them to maintain the systems, however at present the NGO have funding constraints delaying the completion of these tasks.



Location:	HA Ihavandhoo
Project Title:	TV for Finiashi
Funding Amount:	USD 674.12
Project Summary:	This project proposes to set up a television in the <i>Finiashi</i> (shown in picture below) which is situated in the harbor of Ihavandhoo. A lot of youth and fishermen hang out in this location and it is a bit far from the houses etc. The TV will allow fishermen and other community members to catch up news and events while they rest. The individuals that put forth this proposal take the responsibility for setting the TV and servicing it regularly and dealing with any issues related to it.
Items Given:	LCD Television.
Project Status:	There has been a delay in setting up the TV because the island office has yet to provide electricity to the Finiashi. They set up the TV during Ramadan for about one week using electricity from a nearby house, but cannot provide continuous service this way. The NGO managed to set the electric boards and finalize all setting by the fisherman's day which is 10 th December. The fisherman's day celebrations were held at national level in Ihavandhoo. The community can now view 17 channels and have access to the TV 24 hours.



Location:	HA Ihavandhoo
Project Title:	Music Equipment for Eid Stage Show
Funding Amount:	USD 1,536.86
Project Summary:	Ihavandhoo Masveringe Gulhun (IMAGU) is a established NGO in the community. They are organizing a stage show for Alhaa Eid (end of November). They requested some music equipment to improve the quality of their stage shows.
Items Given:	Music Equipment
Project Status:	The music show was held during Eid Holidays.

Location:	HA Ihavandhoo
Project Title:	Computer and Lazer Printer for Office
Funding Amount:	USD 705.88
Project Summary:	Club Polstar is an established NGO in Ihavandhoo. They conduct various youth related activities such as skills development courses (sewing, painting), sports and conduct a Quran class. A computer and printer will help the NGO improve their administrative work and make their projects more efficient and effective.
Items Given:	Computer system and laser printer
Project Status:	The computer and printer were set up the week it arrived and the NGO have been using it regularly for their activities.



Location:	HA Ihavandhoo
Project Title:	Quran Competition
Funding Amount:	USD 784.71
Project Summary:	Club Polstar has been organizing a Quran Competition each Ramadan for the last 8 years. Last year more than 150 people participated in the competition. The competition is open to the whole community and is very popularly received by all.
Items Given:	Prizes, Trophies, Certificate Paper, and Printing Cartridges
Project Status:	The competition was very successful with more than 100 participants. AFTFs donation was the most generous donation they have ever received towards this competition.

Location:	Uligamu
Project Title:	Awareness Creation and Indoor Sports for Youth
Funding Amount:	USD 7,336.16
Project Summary:	“Uligamu Awareness” is the only NGO Operational on the island, and their main focus is awareness creation amongst youth and sports activities. They have constructed their headquarters and it also has a multi-purpose hall which can be used for meetings, indoor sports, etc. To this end, they requested AFTF for indoor sports equipment and a projector and projector stand and laptop computer..
Items Given:	Indoor sports equipment (Carrom, chess, Table Tennis) and Projector & Screen and laptop computer.
Project Status:	The sports equipment is being used by youth of the island, and they are placed in the indoor hall and locked up at night. AFTF have received feedback that youth of the island are very happy to have received such a substantial donation of sports equipment.