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ABBREVIATIONS

AFTF	Ali Fulhu Thuthu Foundation	CDC	Care Development Center
NGO	Non-Governmental Organizations Committee	WDC	Women Development
PTA	Parent and Teacher Association	UWC	United World College
ICT	Information Communication Technology	SSC	Secondary School Certificate
IGCSE	International General Certificate of Secondary Education Organizations	CBO	Community based
UWCIO	United World College International Office	NC	National Committee
GSHS	Global School-based Student Health Survey	SHE	Society for Health Education
VCT	Voluntary Counselling and Testing		

REFERENCE

Statistical year book of Maldives 2014

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Ali Fulhu Thuthu Foundation (AFTF) has been providing in-kind assistance to community initiated projects since 2009. In 2013 AFTF developed its program on three strategic focus areas, Atoll Program, Male Program and Strengthening Partnership with NGOs in Male. Under the Atoll Program, AFTF selected two to four atolls each year and opened grant to each and every island in the selected region. This year AFTF selected 5 islands from North Male' Atoll, Thaa Atoll, Laamu Atoll, Fuvahmulaku and Addu Atoll. AFTF continued projects implemented in Haa Alifu Atoll Thuraakunu and Kaafu Atoll Dhiffushi. Namely, Construction of Water and Sewerage System and Construction of Extension building to Dhiffushi Health Centre, respectively.

Under the focus area strengthening partnership with NGOs in Male', AFTF supported 4 NGOs in Male'. They are Journey, Cancer Society of Maldives, Maldives Autism Association and Care Society. Under the program AFTF supported all the activities of Drop-in Center and Voluntary Counselling and Testing Center (VCT) of Journey, facilitators training program on breast, cervical and general cancer conducted by Cancer Society of Maldives, Occupational Therapy for children, development of sensory room, art and drama exhibition and teachers exposure trip conducted by Maldives Autism Association, vocational skills development program and psychosocial development program conducted by Care Society. AFTF have also been supporting Care Society as a corporate donor since 2012. AFTF made some payment towards 7 projects implemented in 2014 that were delayed. Mainly these were payments made to contractors after completion of the projects.

During the last quarter of the year AFTF signed agreements with contractors to construct 6 mosques and one council building. These agreements were signed on 1st November 2016. The mosques are to be constructed in Ha. Thakandhoo, Sh. Narudhoo, Sh. Kanditheemu, R. Hulhudhuffaaru, M. Mulah and L. Maamendhoo.

Over the past years AFTF have been listing projects submitted under Atoll program into categories and by end of 2015, categories added into 9 different areas. They are Education, Sports, Training and Courses, Health, Environment, Agriculture, Development Programs, Cultural and Entertainment Programs and Administration and Development of NGOs.

This year AFTF received proposals from 6 areas and they are related to Education, Training and Courses, Health, Environment, Development Programs and Administration and Development of NGOs. AFTF have successfully implemented 29 projects in the atolls reflecting to these areas. In collaboration with the 4 of the Male' NGOs we have worked with, we have implemented 8 projects. And as mentioned above, AFTF continued 2 ad hoc projects commenced in 2014. During year 2015, AFTF supported a total number of 39 projects.

Details of every project implemented during the year are presented in this report and amount of funding will be tabulated under the specific areas in this report.

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Tabulated below are the numbers of projects implemented during the year. AFTF signed agreements in late 2015 to implement 7 ad hoc projects that falls under development projects. Since these projects were planned to be implemented in 2016, it is not included in the table below because implantation did not commence during reporting year.

Area	Number of projects funded
Atoll Program	29
Strengthening partnership with NGOs in Male'	8
Ad hoc projects	10
Total	47

ATOLL PROGRAM

The northern 5 islands in Kaafu Atoll, Thaa Atoll, Laamu Atoll, Gnaviyani Atoll and Seenu Atoll were selected under the Atoll program. The total population of the islands selected from kaafu atoll is 6298. The total population of rest of the islands are 9656, 12676, 8510 and 21275 respectively.

Grant applications were opened for all NGOs, Associations, Club, School boards, Women's Development Committees and Corporative Societies of all the islands in the selected region. All the projects were planned proposed and implemented by these parties.

There are 13 islands in Thaa Atoll among which 7 islands submitted proposals. From the 12 islands in Laamu Atoll 10 islands submitted proposals. All 5 islands selected from Kaafu Atoll submitted proposals. Gnaviyani Atoll and Seenu Atoll did not respond to the grant offer. Tabulated below are the islands that responded to grant offer, number of proposals submitted and number of proposals funded by AFTF. AFTF received a total number of 51 proposals from the selected region and funded 29 proposals.

FIELD VISIT

On the decision of Executive Committee of AFTF, this year field visits were not conducted. This was decided as the island communities are well aware on the grant offer and funding procedures.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION, EVALUATION AND AWARDING

As mentioned, the grant offer package consists of a project proposal form, guidelines for completing the project proposal form and information on how the grant is offered. This package was dispatched to the contacts of the NGOs within a given timeframe. Proposal deadlines were given as 20th October 2014 for Himmafushi, 30th October for Huraa, 2nd November 2014 for Thusludhoo, 6th November 2014 for Gaafaru and 10th December 2014 for Kaashidhoo of Kaafu Atoll 5 islands. 30th November was given as deadline for submission of proposals to all islands in Thaa Atoll and NGOs of Male'. For Laamu atoll, timeframe for submission of proposals were set for 10th December 2014.

The proposal form used this year was the same form that was revised in 2014. The form is in Dhivehi as AFTF had learnt that not all NGOs have the capacity of writing proposals in English. The application form was made simple so that any interested party would be able to fill in and submit for AFTF grants. The contents of the project proposal summarized title of the project, commencement date and completion date, implementing committee, brief introduction of the project, activities, objectives, number of beneficiaries, monitoring methods and budget. This year AFTF did not conduct field visits and hence a new content was added in to the form to indicate the current situation of the proposed project. AFTF followed the same strategy that AFTF's role will be to only provide funding and that implementation of projects will fall under the role of NGOs.

Previous years AFTF team assessed all the proposals based on how the project will benefit a larger number of the communities. Moreover, priority was given to sustainable projects, keeping in mind the number of beneficiaries. Need assessments done during the field visit helped in the assessment to identify if the submissions were related to projects planned or were going to be implementing in the locations visited by the team during the field visits. It also helped to determine if the project could be completed with the donations from AFTF.

This year a scoring system was introduced to assess the applications. Listed 5 criteria where scores were given from 0-5 points. The proposals were evaluated on the following criteria; changes to current situation, usefulness of project to islands, number of beneficiaries, sustainability of project and budget. The highest scoring projects were awarded. All projects were selected within the allocated budget ceiling which is USD 50,000.00 per island. Some islands distributed this budget line among smaller projects and some islands submitted one proposal within the allocated budget.

FUNDING CATEGORIES

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This year AFTF received proposals from 6 areas to the following area with the details given below. These areas are categorized focusing on the main cause. For example an infrastructure development project related to education is categorized under education

Education	Projects related to education, provision of equipment, supporting development projects by providing assistance in the completion of finishing work of infrastructure, awareness raising programs and educational competitions.
Development Programs	Support development projects by providing assistance in the completion of finishing work of infrastructure directly benefitting NGOs and development of social projects.
Environment	Projects related to environment and provision of items to help manage disposal of garbage.
Training and Courses	Provide assistance in vocational training and develop skills on art and craft.

Administration and Development of NGOs

Donate equipment and items to assist in the administration of NGOs. Supporting projects implemented by NGOs that will help generate an income to NGOs to implement programs planned by the NGOs.

ATOLL PROGRAM - CATEGORIES BREAKDOWN AND FUNDED AMOUNTS

Below table gives the areas breakdown, number of projects funded and amount for the projects implemented in the islands selected for 2015 under the atoll program and for the project delayed from 2014. Ad hoc projects implemented in the atolls are not included in this table.

Areas	Number of projects Funded in 2014	Amount in USD
Projects of 2015		
Education	24	80,855.30
Training and Courses	1	4758.01
Development Projects	2	10,224.08
Environment	1	4496.97
NGO Administration and Development	1	4631.45
TOTAL	29	104,965.81
Delayed projects of 2014	7	9,088.58
GRAND TOTAL		114,054.39

AFTF dispatched stickers with the label 'Donated by AFTF' along with items and instructed to place the stickers on the items and also requested NGOs to forward pictures after the installation of the items. For the items that could be spray painted with the donation label, AFTF prepared stencil cutouts and delivered these with spray paint. As in the past years metal plaques with the donation label were also dispatched for construction related projects.

BEST PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNT

COMPILING LISTS AND CONTACTING NGOS

Grant offers for 2015 were opened during September 2014. Preparations were done earlier so that AFTF would be ready to start project implementation during the first two months of 2015. During this period, forms for collection of information about islands were dispatched to the islands in the selected region. Through this form, AFTF collected information on island populations, number of schools in the island, NGOs in the island, their contact person and contact numbers. A list of contacts was compiled in preparation for the dispatching of grant offer package. This package consisted of project proposal form, guidelines for completing project proposal form and information on how grant is offered.

The secretariats of the council were officially informed about the grant offer by a letter attached with the grant offer package. Further the contacts of the NGOs were contacted directly and the package was shared with them.

Gnaviyani Atoll or Fuvahmulah is one Atoll and one island which have 8 wards for easy administration. Seenu Atoll or Addu Atoll also functions in a similar manner. Hence AFTF forwarded information collection forms to the Atoll Council offices of these two atolls to gather information on the islands. But unfortunately this information was not shared with the island councils. Despite several reminders from AFTF this information was not passed on to island councils. AFTF tried to pass it through contacts of AFTF but was not able to reach the NGOs or compile a list of NGOs. In the future though the procedure is to follow through the atoll council offices, the NGOs may be reached easily approaching the islands offices. It is very unfortunate for the NGOs in these islands that they were not able to apply for the grant offer and neither AFTF was able to get in touch with the NGOs in these 2 atolls.

IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS

After evaluation and selection of the projects, NGOs were contacted through telephone and fax and by mail to inform about the selection and to award the projects. AFTF officially sent out letters to the secretariats of the islands listing all the proposals submitted by specific islands and also listed the project that were awarded. Projects were awarded on 8th February 2015.

To award the projects, AFTF signed a Memorandum of Understandings with relevant NGOs. This MoU detailed the role of NGOs and conditions set by AFTF and the time period in which the projects will be implemented. On signing of the MoU, AFTF coordinated with project focal point to discuss the implementation procedures and delivery of items to the islands. Contrary

to previous years AFTF, forwarded forms to fill in activities planned under the project. In this form, NGOs have to indicate a time frame for each activity.

DELIVERY OF MATERIALS TO ISLANDS

AFTF scheduled a delivery plan in a manner that items were delivered in time for the project starting date as specified in the proposals. It was really helpful as most of the NGOs had a contact assigned to coordinate from Male'. Sometimes meetings were held with these focal points at AFTF office for smooth delivery of items to the islands.

NGOs were requested to inform AFTF about when vessels from their islands arrived. When this information was communicated, AFTF made arrangements for delivery of items to the islands. This year AFTF did not arrange to pay the charges taken from vessels to carry materials required for the project. Instead AFTF asked the NGOs to settle this payment. The focal points in Male' sometimes collect items from AFTF office if the collection is in a small number. Bulk deliveries were arranged so that it is delivered to the vessel direct from the vendor. AFTF ensured that staffs were always accessible over the phone. Delivery of items started in soon after awarding projects and first batch of delivery was made on 12th February 2015 to Gaafaru Island.

Similarly to previous years, difficulties were faced in transportation of items to the islands. These include delay in arrival of boats from the islands to Male'. Islands that have limited number of boats also face difficulty in arranging boats in a timely manner. Apart from this, bad weather conditions add to the delay in implementation of projects, in not been able to continue the work when boats have to wait for the weather to subside to travel to Male'. Sometimes items have been delivered to islands on two shipments. This is because of the limitation of space from the boats.

Some projects needed additional funding to be completed. There is duration of over a couple of months from the time of application and to the time of purchase of items. During this time the value of items on the market vary and this is the cause for implementation of projects sometimes with a slight change and sometimes a moderate change of price in items. This contingency is forecasted in the budgeting.

REPORTING

To assess progress, AFTF forwarded the template prepared on project progress report and project end report to the implementing agencies. They were asked to fill in these forms and re-forward these to AFTF. Progress of the projects was also monitored over telephone. Implementing agencies were asked to submit report with pictures. AFTF observed difficulties in getting these reports on a timely manner. Several phone calls had to be made to check on when these reports would be forwarded to AFTF. Templates were prepared by AFTF looking into the matter that the reports get delayed. AFTF noted that some implementing agencies do not have the capacity to write reports. But still when the templates were sent not much effort is given to fill it up and send it back. We have to highlight that this problem is faced every year.

OUTCOME

AFTF observed that all islands who responded to the grant submitted proposals before the given deadline.

This year AFTF selected 5 islands from North Male' Atoll, Thaa Atoll, Laamu Atoll, Fuvahmulaku and Addu Atoll. AFTF received a total number of 51 proposals from the selected region and funded 29 proposals. AFTF continued ad hoc projects implemented in Haa Alifu Atoll Thuraakunu and Haa Alifu Atoll Hoarafushi. The two projects are Construction of Water and Sewerage System and Digitalizing 25 classrooms of Haa Alifu Atoll School, respectively. AFTF settled some payments related to 7 projects that were delayed from 2014. The table below gives the number of proposal submitted by the islands and the number of proposal funded by AFTF under atoll program of this year.

ATOLL/ISLANDS	NUMBER OF PROPOSALS SUBMITTED	NUMBER OF PROPOSALS FUNDED
KAAFU ATOLL		
Himmafushi	2	1
Huraa	1	1
Gaafaru	3	3
Thulusdhoo	2	1
Kaashidhoo	3	1
THAA ATOLL		
Veymandoo	2	1
Gaadhiffushi	1	1
Guraidhoo	5	3
Vilufushi	7	1
Vandhoo	3	3
Omadhoo	1	1
Kinbidhoo	2	2
LAAMU ATOLL		
Isdhoo	1	1
Dhanbidhoo	1	1
Maabaidhoo	1	1
Mundoo	1	1
Kalaidhoo	1	1
Gamu	3	1
Fonadhoo	2	1
Gaadhoo	3	1
Maamendhoo	1	1
Kunahandhoo	6	1
TOTAL	51	29

Thimarafushi, Dhiyamigili, Madifushi, Buruni, kandoodhoo and Hirilandhoo in Thaa Atoll and Maavah and Hithadhoo in Laamu Atoll did not respond to the grant offer.

PROGRESS

Project implementation started in February 2015 and the first batch of materials were delivered on 12th February 2015, Gaafaru being the first island to receive materials.

By the end of first half of the year 66% of the projects funded during the year were completed. Work was in progress with the rest of the projects. 86% of the delayed projects from 2014 were completed and work on 1 project was in progress by June 2015.

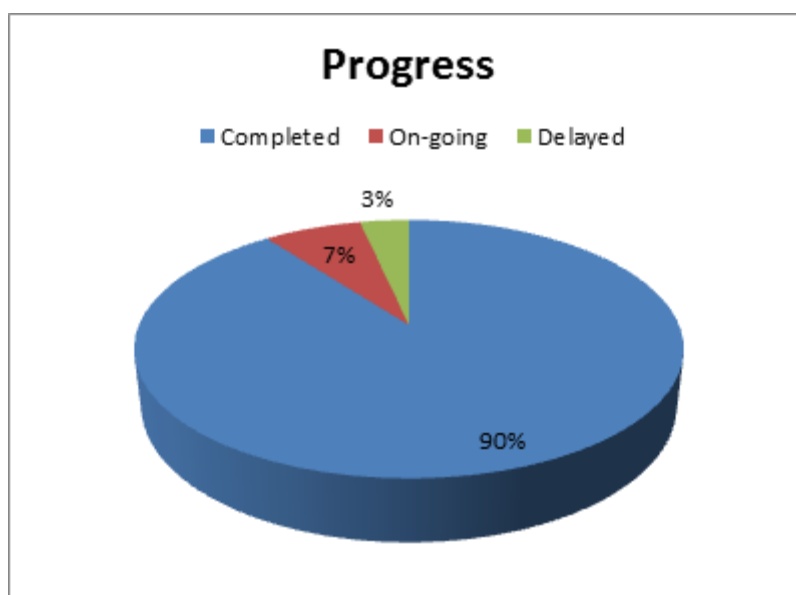
Progress of ad hoc projects include completion of fixing of digitalizing items in Haa Alifu Atoll School in Haa Alifu Hoarafushi at the beginning of the year was completed before the opening of the school for the new academic year. Inauguration of the project was officially held on 4th February 2015. AFTF funded extension building to health centre of K. Dhiffushi in 2015 in purchasing of some finishing materials to the building that was completed in 2014. Official inauguration of extension building of K. Dhiffushi health centre was held on 9th June 2015. Ad hoc project; sewerage system was completed on 5th June 2015 and 95% of water system was completed by half year, under the project, Construction of water and sewerage system in Ha. Thuraakunu. The project was fully completed on 10th September 2015. The official inauguration of the project was scheduled to be held beginning of 2016.

The following tables outlines the progress of the projects implemented under the atoll program categorized into areas. This table does not include the ad hoc projects and delayed projects of 2014 funded in 2014. From this statistics we have found that each year the number of projects received related to education is more and this year 90% of the projects were related to education.

Category	Number of projects	%
Education	24	82.75
Development Projects	2	6.90
Environment	1	3.45
Training and Courses	1	3.45
NGO administration and Development	1	3.45

PROGRESS

Completed	26	90%
On-gong	2	7%
Delayed	1	3%



Under the focus area strengthening partnership with Male' NGOs, projects implemented with the 4 NGOs were in progress. Activities of this focus area is detailed in this report under strengthening partnership with Male' NGOs also giving statistics of the project.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

This year AFTF did not conduct monitoring visits to the islands. Projects were monitored over phone on a periodic manner and progress and year end reports were requested to be submitted to AFTF along with pictures taken showing the progress of the project.

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

AFTF donated items worth of USD 114,054.39 for the 29 projects funded under atoll program and including payments made for 7 of the delayed projects of 2014. AFTF donated funds worth USD 121,430.90 to the 4 NGOs we have worked with this year. USD 69,702.09 was spent on United World College Scholarship Program. This included fees, travel expenses and pocket money and medical for the 2 scholarships awarded during the year. A total sum of USD 1,503,064.70 was spent on ad hoc projects. Ad hoc funds include the advance payments for the 7 project signed in November 2015 where the implementation of the projects will commence in 2016. The table below gives the breakdown of budget on the components mentioned above and administration of AFTF.

Component	Amount funded in 2015 (in USD)
Atoll Program	114,054.39
Projects of 2015	
Education	80,855.30
Training and Courses	4758.01
Development Projects	10,224.08
Environment	4496.97
NGO Administration and Development	4631.45
Delayed projects of 2014	9,088.58
Strengthening Partnership with NGOs in Male'	121,430.90
Donation to Journey NGO	62,000.00
Donation to Care Society	21,560.61
Donation to Maldives Autism Association	17,457.44
Donation to Cancer Society of Maldives	20,412.85
Ad hoc projects	1,503,064.70
United World College Scholarship	69,702.09
Staff salary, pension, allowance and administration	46,696.81
TOTAL	1,854,948.89

ATOLL PROGRAM

PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN NORTH KAAFU ATOLL

Island: K. Himmafushi

Project Title: Smart Class Project

Funding Amount: USD 5,173.93

Project Summary: The project aims at introducing smart learning facilities to 3 classrooms to complement the “Go Digital” Project initiated by the Education Ministry.

Project Status: Installation of devices commenced in October 2015 with the aim of providing the latest technological devices for the students. The project was completed successfully and as planned, 3 classrooms were installed with smart learning systems.



K. Himmafushi - Smart Class Project

Island:	K. Huraa
Project Title:	Establishment of AV Room
Funding Amount:	USD 5,011.04
Project Summary:	Renovation of existing teachers quarter living area to convert to AV room in order to find a solution to problems faced in conducting computer classes.
Project Status:	<p>This project was implemented with the assistance of AFTF and funds allocated for the project from the school budget. School's plan was to renovate the living area of teachers' quarters and construct joining area to add more space to the AV Room. The teachers' quarters consist of a living room, 3 rooms and a kitchen.</p> <p>The construction work of the audio visual room was awarded to a contractor and the work commenced on 12th March 2015 and was completed on 12 May 2015. In addition to supporting the construction work of the project, AFTF also donated air conditioning system to the audio visual room. Furthermore, the audio visual room was fitted with a Smartboard and a 3-D TV, which was already received to the school from another donor.</p>
Island:	K. Thulusdhoo
Project Title:	Smart Class Project
Funding Amount:	USD 4,552.05
Project Summary:	The project aims at improving the school administration. This project was framed in such a way that it would create a better working environment and to create ease to the employees and the teachers when handling the administration work. In addition to this, the aim of providing better education facilities and to offer the finest extra services for the students were also counted in.

Project Status: The project was inaugurated on 1st April 2015 with the delivery of requested items. These items were successfully installed on 31st of July 2015. This project has resulted in many positive outcomes.

This project has given the students a better learning environment as the digital TV stated in class rooms haven't only enabled them to learn with latest technology but also teaches them how to interact with it too. In short, a number of 118 students and 5 teachers are currently been benefitted in various ways as a result of this project. The help provided by AFTF has been recognized well by the locals and they are grateful for the noble deed.



K.Thulusdhoo - Improving School Administration

Island:	K. Gaafaru
Project Title:	Digitalizing Classrooms
Funding Amount:	USD 2,278.70
Project Summary:	The project aims at introducing smart learning facilities to the students and teachers of Gaafaru School.
Project Status:	This project was implemented by Gaafaru School PTA. AFTF Provided a MIMIO Interactive System on 12 th of April 2015. However, the system was installed on the 1 st of June 2015. Delays came as they had to wait for I-Uxani Digital, who installed the device along with technical help.



K. Gaafaru - Digitalize School Classrooms

Island:	K. Gaafaru
Project Title:	Progression of School Sound System
Funding Amount:	USD 1,677.30
Project Summary:	The project aims at providing a better sound system for each classroom with wireless microphones to conduct concerts and other activities

Project Status:

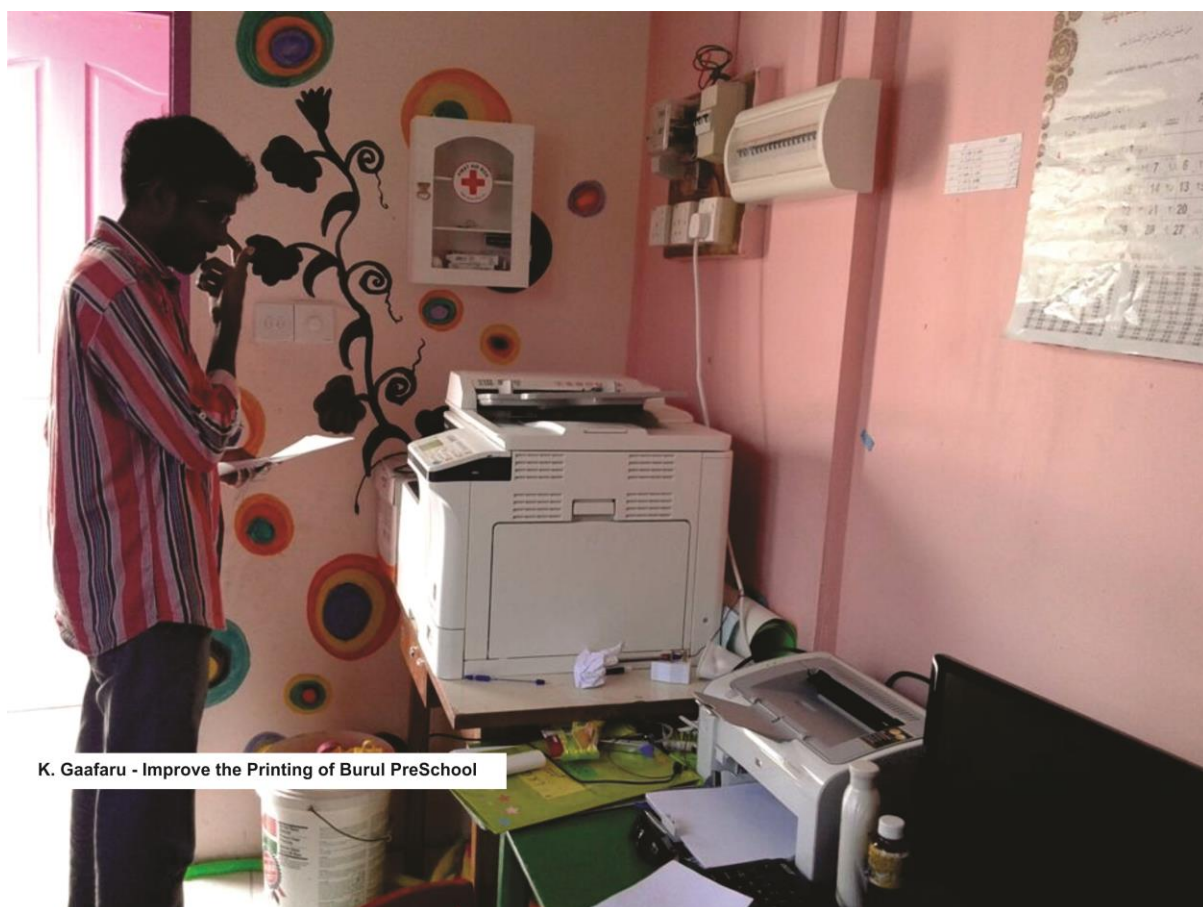
This project was implemented by Gaafaru School PTA. AFTF aided the school with speakers and a microphone on the 12th of February 2015. The equipment was installed on the 2nd of May, with the generous help of PTA members and teachers.

In addition to this, AFTF later donated sound system to AV room, staff room and leading teacher room. This led to installation of sound system to all the rooms in the school thus connecting the whole school with the main sound system. When conducting assembly and providing emergency messages to parents and teachers, the use of dual mic system has resulted in a handful.



K. Gaafaru - Upgrade School Sound System

- Island:** K. Gaafaru
- Project Title:** Elevating Printing Machine
- Funding Amount:** USD 1,556.42
- Project Summary:** The project aims at providing a solution to the difficulties faced in providing worksheets and other print material to students and teachers.
- Project Status:** This project was implemented by Burul Pre-School PTA, as they were in need of a progress in the printing facilities. Installation of machine was completed within a day by a member of PTA and assistance was provided by some PTA members and council members.
- Installing this machine will resolve constraints faced by teachers in developing worksheets and teaching aids. The outcome of the project will result in better academic performance of the students and develop better teaching methods for teachers.



K. Gaafaru - Improve the Printing of Burul PreSchool

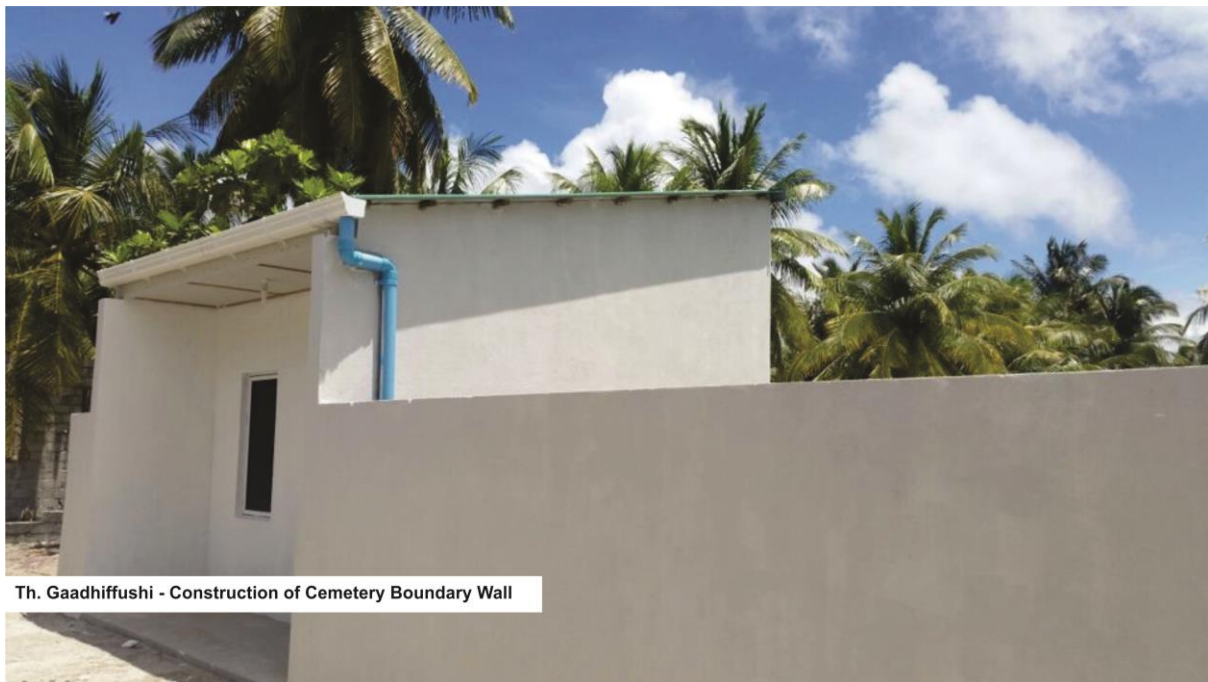
Island:	K. Kaashidhoo
Project Title:	Digitalizing School
Funding Amount:	USD 4,852.20
Project Summary:	The main aim of this project was to make teachers more aware about the modern teaching techniques and encouraging students to cooperate with it.
Project Status:	<p>This project was implemented by Kaashidhoo School PTA with donations received from AFTF. As planned, work was in progress from 13 April 2015 till August 2015. In order to create an interactive learning environment two class rooms were installed with smart interactive learning devices.</p> <p>The teachers and PTA have all appreciated the aid from AFTF and are currently using the services.</p>

PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN THAA ATOLL

Island:	Th. Veymandoo
Project Title:	Digitalizing Veymandoo School
Funding Amount:	USD 4,978.66
Project Summary:	This project aims at providing modern learning technology to the students of Th. Veymandoo School.
Project Status:	<p>The work of the project started with the delivery of the items donated by AFTF on 28th March 2015. The school renovated the classrooms before installing the smartboard devices.</p> <p>Since the school started using the devices in May 2015, teachers and students alike have applauded AFTFs donation.</p>



Th. Veymandoo - Digitalizing Veymandoo School



Th. Gaadhiffushi - Construction of Cemetery Boundary Wall

Island:	Th. Gaadhiffushi
Project Title:	Construction of Cemetery Boundary Wall
Funding Amount:	USD 5,266.11
Project Summary:	This project was proposed by Gaadhiffushi Women Development Committee (GWDC) to build a boundary wall for the cemetery, as the boundary wall of the cemetery was severely damaged.
Project Status:	AFTF provided all the necessary items for the project on 18 th March 2015. Work was carried out and completed within 5 months by the council with assistance from the community. GWDC have furthermore built the “hinavaage” (funeral parlour) with remaining items from the boundary wall. The council has thanked AFTF on behalf of the 692 inhabitants of the island, for the immense donation and the ease it has brought forth.
Island:	Th. Guraidhoo
Project Title:	Provision of Plastic Chairs for Students
Funding Amount:	USD 2,612.19
Project Summary:	The main aim of this project was to make sure that students are comfortable and enjoy their time in school, and to make them feel more secure about the school environment.
Project Status:	This project was implemented by Guraidhoo School PTA. AFTF provided the school with 200 plastic chairs on 24 th March 2015. These chairs have been in use since October 2015, benefitting students and teachers alike.
Island:	Th. Guraidhoo
Project Title:	Digitalizing 2 Classrooms of Thaa Atoll School
Funding Amount:	USD 1,574.19
Project Summary:	The aim of this project was to digitalize two classrooms of the school and interact students and teachers with the technological devices and encourage them to create a learning environment where these devices are used.

Project Status: Project work commenced on 1st June 2015 and successfully completed on 1st October 2015. These devices have been in use since October 2015, with teachers and students gaining immense benefits.

Island: Th. Guraidhoo

Project Title: Upgrading Staffroom

Funding Amount: USD 546.17

Project Summary: The main aim of this project was to find a solution to difficulties faced in administration work and in providing printed materials to students.

Project Status: Th. Atoll School PTA implemented this project with aids received from AFTF. Project was initiated on 1st June 2015. Within four months, the project was accomplished, as a laser jet printer, binding machine and a scanner was installed in the staff room. Thanks to the availability of these items, administration work, preparing assignments and conducting classes has progressed immensely. In short, huge benefits have been found for students as well as school staff.

Island: Th. Vilufushi

Project Title: VTC in carpentry for 10th grade students of Th. Vilufushee School

Funding Amount: USD 3,718.73

Project Summary: The main aim of this project was to provide vocational training in carpentry for students of grade 10.

Project Status: Level 3 certificate course in carpentry started in April 2015 and is on-going in Thaa Atoll Vilufushee School, with the funding from AFTF. This project was submitted by the Parent Teachers Association of Th. Atoll Vilufushee School. 15 students of 10th grade are taking part in the course. All equipment and machineries required for the course is donated by AFTF and the instructor is conducting the course free of charge. The first batch of this course was completed on July 2015.



Th. Vilufushi - Hunaru Program - Carpentry Course

Island:	Th. Vandhoo
Project Title:	Establishment of Secure Drinking Water
Funding Amount:	USD 584.31
Project Summary:	The main aim of this project was to provide safe and cool drinking water to students and other locals who visit the school
Project Status:	AFTF Provided pipes and a water dispenser on 2 nd April 2015. The installation work was successfully completed on 1st of June 2015 with generous help from PTA members and parents. However, through the process of this noble work, there were some difficulties faced but it was later solved with the help of locals. As for the benefits, around 80 people are being aided daily. Furthermore, in order to maintain this process it is planned that the school staff and parents are going to take full responsibility for any damages.

Island:	Th. Vandhoo
Project Title:	Advancement of Computer Lab
Funding Amount:	USD 2,853.44
Project Summary:	The foremost aim of implementing this project was to provide a highly technological learning environment and to make students more aware about new techniques and methods in the advanced computerized world.
Project Status:	AFTF provided 5 computer systems on 2 nd April 2015. The installation work was successfully completed on 1st of June 2015. With no major difficulty being faced, the project was accomplished productively within 6 months. This project has enabled teachers and students to be more aware about the advanced computer studies. The success of the project has brought delight to the members of PTA.

Island:	Th. Vandhoo
Project Title:	Television for Audio Visual Room
Funding Amount:	USD 1,134.89
Project Summary:	The main objective of the project is to mainly demonstrate lessons related videos to students and conduct sessions to improve the teachers' level in planning and teaching.
Project Status:	AFTF provided a TV on 2 nd April 2015. The installation work was successfully completed on 1st of June 2015 with assistance from PTA members and teachers. Through this facility, 81 students and 15 teachers will directly benefit from the project.

Island:	Th. Omadhoo
Project Title:	Installation of Smartboard in AV Room and TV in Classroom
Funding Amount:	USD 4,937.72
Project Summary:	The main objective of the project is to provide the latest technology for the students in order to make the classes more interesting.
Project Status:	AFTF provided TVs and Smart board, as proposed by the school on 6 th April 2015. Some difficulties were faced in seeking personnel for the installment of the devices which led to the delays. However, all devices have been installed on August 2015 and students and teachers have been continuously using them. The teachers have highlighted the boost in attentiveness of the students and are looking for great things ahead.



Th. Omadhoo - Installation of Smartboard in AV Room and TV in Classroom



Th. Kinbidhoo - Establish a Computer Lab

Island:	Th. Kinbidhoo
Project Title:	Establish a Computer Lab
Funding Amount:	USD 4,467.19
Project Summary:	The main objective of the project is to provide a modern learning environment to teachers and students alike.
Project Status:	AFTF provided the devices requested by the school on 02 nd April 2015. Full support from school board and staff were received when installing the devices donated by AFTF. The computer lab was built up in such a way that it would grab students' attention and encourages them to interact with the highly advanced technological methods. There are currently 187 students and 43 staff in the school, who are benefitting from the programs carried out for all the students and staff of the school.
Island:	Th. Kinbidhoo
Project Title:	Safe Drinking Water for Students
Funding Amount:	USD 996.11
Project Summary:	The main objective of the project is to provide safe and cool drinking water for students and other locals who visit the school.
Project Status:	AFTF provided pipes and a water dispenser as requested by the school on 06 th April 2015. Installation of the device was completed on 1 st August 2015 with full support from school board and staff. As for the benefits, around 187 students and 43 staff are being aided daily. Furthermore, in order to maintain this process it is planned that the school staff and parents are going to take full responsibility for any damages.

PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN LAAMU ATOLL

Island: L. Isdhoo

Project Title: ICT Integrated Classroom Project

Funding Amount: USD 5,086.89

Project Summary: This project aims at providing modern learning technology to the students.

Project Status: AFTF provided the school with short throw projectors on 20th April 2015. In addition to this projector mounts were delivered on 03rd August 2015. With the delivery of the mounts the projectors were installed.

Since the school started using the devices in August 2015, teachers and students alike have applauded AFTFs donation.

Island: L. Dhanbidhoo

Project Title: Digitalizing School

Funding Amount: USD 4,717.90

Project Summary: This project was implemented by Dhanbidhoo School PTA. The School proposed this project with ongoing demand for digitalizing the schools all around the country.

Project Status: AFTF provided TVs and Computers to 5 classrooms on 31st March 2015, as proposed by the school. Installation of the devices was completed on 31st May 2015.

The project was implemented smoothly as planned. Furthermore, as predicted the student and teacher interactivity improved immensely. Teachers and Parents alike have all appreciated the donation and are currently working to improve the digital process.



Island:	L. Maabaidhoo
Project Title:	Construction of Boundary Wall for Pre-School
Funding Amount:	USD 3,188.59
Project Summary:	The aim of this project was to make the Pre-School area a safe and joyful environment for the students to play.
Project Status:	AFTF provided the items proposed by the Women development committee of L. Maabaidhoo on the 02 nd of August 2015. Work was completed in December 2015.

Island:	L. Mundoo
Project Title:	Construction of NGO office
Funding Amount:	USD 4,631.45
Project Summary:	The aim of this project was to provide a solution to the difficulties faced in completing the administrative work of the NGO.
Project Status:	<p>AFTF provided the proposed items on the 02nd of August 2015. Work commenced with the delivery of AFTFs' donation. However, work came to a halt for 2 months, due to heavy rain and flooding. When the weather cleared the NGO proposed the contractor to restart work, however, further delays come from the contractor. The NGO then cancelled the contract and restarted work with a new contractor on December 2015.</p> <p>AFTF has now been informed that work was almost complete, with only finalizing work remaining. The NGO is hopeful that work would be complete by end of March 2016.</p>



L. Mundoo - Construction of NGO Office

Island:	L. Kalaidhoo
Project Title:	Digitalizing classrooms project phase 1
Funding Amount:	USD 5,086.89
Project Summary:	The main objective of this project is to provide a modern learning environment and to make students more aware about the creative learning methods.
Project Status:	<p>Installation work of devices was commenced on 15th of May 2015 and was completed within 6 months. With the full support from students, classes were conducted from grade 1 to 3. Thanks to the interactive learning sessions been taken, a total of 40 students improved their listening and learning skills. However, as the school was not equipped with projectors some classes were not conducted accordingly due to lack of security. Currently projectors are only been used in the library and printing rooms. With this in mind, work is in progress for installing windows for better security.</p> <p>In the forthcoming years these classes are to be conducted for students from other grades.</p>

Island:	L. Gan
Project Title:	Fencing Pre-School ground
Funding Amount:	USD 4,337.15
Project Summary:	The aim of this project was to make the Pre-School area a safe and joyful environment for the students.
Project Status:	AFTF provided the proposed items in April 2015. However, work was delayed as the school waited for further donations from a donor to expand the fencing area. With further donations the work is now underway, and the school has informed AFTF that work will be complete by end of March 2016.



L. Gan - Iron Bars Framing Done for Fencing of School Ground

Island: L. Fonadhoo

Project Title: Creative Handicraft and lacquer ware course

Funding Amount: USD 4,758.01

Project Summary: The aim of this project was to build up an effective work force and also to provide employment for the young generation and to enable ways to generate income for the island. Furthermore, to revive the cultural activities and to make up a generation that would not hesitate to contribute to develop cultural souvenirs and to overcome social issues in the community has also being among the targets of this program.

Project Status: AFTF provided machineries, tools, instructor's fee/food/accommodation and other equipment required for the training program on 18th August 2015. The one month course for the first batch was conducted in September 2015.

For further courses to be conducted, AFTF suggested that the NGO should form a committee and conduct additional courses and train more people to revive the art in the region. Women's Enhancement (NGO) will open courses to all the islands in the atoll. The NGO has plans to conduct courses in the school in collaboration with the Vocational Club of the school. Under this program courses will be conducted to interested students to learn the skills to make handicraft and lacquerware.



L. Fonadhoo - Creative Handicraft and Lacquerware Course

Island:	L. Gadhoo
Project Title:	Renovation of Masjid-al Najaah
Funding Amount:	USD 4,957.97
Project Summary:	The aim of this project was to make the mosque a clean and clear place that would further increase the sense of devotion and spirituality of the people.
Project Status:	AFTF provided the items proposed by Friends of Gaadhoo NGO on 20 th May 2015. However, work was withheld as the government declared that the people of Gaadhoo would be relocated to nearby Fonadhoo Island. As a result the NGO proposed the items to be donated to Masjidul Furqan of L. Fonadhoo. AFTF approved the new proposal and all items were delivered to KERCS (NGO) of Fonadhoo. The NGO have completed installation of the items in Masjidul Furqan of Laamu Fonadhoo.



L. Fonadhoo - Renovation of Masjid-al Furqan

Island: L. Maamendhoo

Project Title: Modern Facilities for Preschool teaching

Funding Amount: USD 4,932.35

Project Summary: The main objective of this project was to provide better learning facilities and to get access to the modern teaching techniques and creating and encouraging a friendly learning environment for students.

Project Status: This project was carried out after receiving the proposal from the board members of the preschool. The project was officially aided and started on 4th June 2015. The support and assistance from preschool board members was received in implementing the project within 15 days. Fortunately, no difficulties or problems were faced and it was completed as planned within a short period of time.

An average of 70 students and even teachers are estimated to get the benefits yearly. In addition to this, to make the best use of the services provided, teachers and council members have decided to take the full responsibility of providing the service.



L. Maamendhoo - Modern Facilities for PreSchool Teaching

Island: L. Kunahandhoo

Project Title: Waste Management

Funding Amount: USD 4,497.97

Project Summary: Waste is not managed properly in the island. People dump waste anywhere in the island. Hence to provide a solution to the issue Natural Treasure Indemnity Group (NGO) proposed to develop a proper waste management system in the island.

Project Status: AFTF provided the items proposed by the NGO on 20th April 2015. However, work was withheld as the land allocated by the island council included some private property. The island council later resolved the issue and the land has been cleared for work. Further work will start in March 2016.



L. Kunahandhoo - Clearing Land to Start Work On Waste Management System

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIP WITH NGOS IN MALE'

JOURNEY NGO

DROP-IN-CENTER AND VOLUNTARY COUNSELLING AND TESTING CENTER (VCTC)

As a continuation of the Drop-in-center – the 10 year old peer support group concept of Journey NGO, - Ali Fulhu Thuthu Foundation granted support to continue the center. With the achievements of 2013 and 2014, NGO was awarded with an extension to continue the DROP-IN-CENTRE in the year 2015 as well.

For the year 2015 the Project was approved by AFTF for the proposal request submitted by JOURNEY NGO to continue the DROP-IN-CENTRE - "Comprehensive care, support, & guidance for community re-integration". The proposal included a number of activities. The main activities of the center included:

- To provide a safe environment to the underserved communities of male and female drug users to recover from their downward spiraling addiction on drugs.
- To provide drug education and skill based education to recovering drug users.
- To intervene drug users by various outreach activities.
- To provide referral services for the drug users to important agencies.
- To manage individual cases of registered clients.
- To provide counseling, peer counseling and group therapy.
- To educate and help the codependents and parents of drug users.
- To provide Voluntary Counseling and free testing for HIV.
- To provide round the clock crisis intervention services.
- To provide 24/7 mobile telephone help and counseling services.
- To provide recreational services to the recovering drug users.

For the year 2015, HIV component was integrated to the DROP-IN activities, which includes the services of VCT Center (Voluntary Counseling and testing center for HIV). Activities conducted under the VCT Centre includes Post Counseling for HIV, Blood sampling for HIV and Post testing and counseling. All counseling sessions and peer support programs were conducted by certified counselors.

In the year 2015, 215 new clients were registered at Drop-In Centre, most of whom wanted to get detoxified and have counseling sessions. A total of 156 Education Sessions were conducted throughout the project year, and the topics covered included Drug Education, Science of Addiction, Relapse Prevention, HIV, Skill Education and General Knowledge. Repeatedly 3031 times clients attended to 156 classes. Furthermore peer education training programs were conducted both for the clients at DTRC and for the clients who take service from the center, and a total of 228 peer counseling sessions were conducted. In addition a prevention program was conducted at Hulhumale' as well.

Parental Sessions are a vital part of support system, with that in mind, a total of 12 parental sessions were conducted. The main topics covered includes; Codependence, Science of addiction, Why people Use Drugs, Getting Help, Personal Health, Communicating with users and how to help and support drug users to quit. In addition to this, the parental guide booklets which were targeted to the groups of parents were distributed in the outreaches and in the prevention program trips to various islands. Furthermore, 1946 IEC materials were distributed in 2015.

A total of 369 Interventions were conducted throughout the project period. From this, crisis interventions totals to 174, while 195 brief interventions were conducted. Some of the interventions resulted in taking the client to abroad rehabilitation centers.

At the VCT Centre 232 HIV tests were conducted during 2015. Additionally Pre and Post Counseling for HIV was provided to the clients. The HIV tests were done through IGM Hospital in Male'. Considering the risky behavior of the Injecting drug user groups and sex work of female drug users, utmost importance is given for HIV testing of all the clients who take DROP-IN Services. Furthermore, as a counter measure 319 Condoms were freely distributed from VCTC.

The DROP-IN-PROJECT with VCTC included, was conducted as scheduled and planned. All the targets were met within the budget frame.



Journey NGO - Peer Education & Outreach Training at DTRC

CARE SOCIETY

PSYCHOSOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND VOCATIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Psychosocial development and vocational skills development program was conducted with the aim to:

- Provide skills for persons with disabilities to be contributing members within the family or/and community.
- Enable parents and teachers to support students in acquiring the skills needed for personal growth and development.
- Enable an inclusive environment by empowering parents and conducting community awareness activities.

The first phase of this project included conducting classes for the students in implementing the programs highlighted in the project (Pre vocational and vocational trainings). Classes were conducted 5 days a week with 14 students. For these students individual education plans were developed based on the project thematic areas. Out of these, 2 students started long term vocational program and 4 students participated in a short term vocational program. Furthermore, parent consultation, assessments and support were provided for 7 target members and psychosocial support was provided for 2 target members.

MALDIVES AUTISM ASSOCIATION (MAA)

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY FOR CHILDREN

Occupational therapy session was held on 30th January to 7th February 2015 for the students of Maldives Autism Association. Sessions were taken by an occupational Therapist from Sri-Lanka. The therapy sessions were held in Maldives Autism School. Teachers and parents got the opportunity to work closely with the therapist and learn basic techniques of occupational therapy. During his stay in Maldives, the therapist worked 8 - 10 hours every day and daily consulted 10 students of Maldives Autism Association.

During the seven days, the therapist worked as part of the team that included parents, teachers. Furthermore, his sessions and consultations helped set specific goals for each child. These goals involved social interaction, behavior, and classroom performance.

The main role of the therapist was to observe students and check if the students were able to do the tasks they are expected to do at their age. After spending time and observing the students he noted the following for each student.

- Attention span and stamina
- Transition to new activities
- Play skills
- Need for personal space
- Responses to touch or other types of stimuli
- Motor skills such as posture, balance, or manipulation of small objects
- Aggression or other types of behaviors
- Interactions between the child and caregivers

Once the therapist gathered the information from each student, he developed a program for each student. Moreover, during his short stay he conducted a short training program for teachers and parents and explained clearly on how to work on these goals with the children. From the information, teachers and parents gained greater knowledge in handling the children. The goals he set for these children with autism has improved the child's overall quality of life at home and in school. Moreover, teachers and parents applied these goals and worked with the child which helped maintain and improve the child's skills and behaviors which were observed during the consultations.

BUILDING A SENSORY ROOM

Most of us unconsciously learn to combine our senses (sight, sound, smell, touch, taste, balance, body in space) in order to make sense of our environment. Children with autism have trouble learning to do this. A sensory room is extremely therapeutic for children with autism. A sensory room allows children with autism to stimulate and challenge all of these senses. During the time the child spends in the sensory room the therapist works closely with the child to encourage movement within the room. The assumption of using sensory rooms was based on that a child with autism is either over stimulated or under stimulated by the environment. Therefore, the aim of sensory integration therapy was to improve the ability of the brain to process sensory information so that the child will function better in the child's daily activities.

Therapists encourage and guide the children through all these activities in a way that is stimulating and challenging. Some of the activities in the sensory room include:

- swinging in a hammock (movement through space)
- dancing to music (sound)
- playing in boxes filled with beans (touch)
- crawling through tunnels (touch and movement through space)
- hitting swinging balls (eye-hand coordination)
- spinning on a chair (balance and vision)
- Balancing on a beam (balance).

The sensory room consists of bubble tubes, special lighting with a projector to cast slow-moving images or colors around the walls which is used to create visual, auditory and tactile sensory stimuli. The room also contains variety of tactile items, such as cushions and vibrating pillows. One wall of the room is decorated with a variety of textures such as rough surfaces, stiff bristles, smooth or contoured mirrors, beads, or soft and squishy items. Moreover, the room includes a trampoline, ball pit to relax and massage the entire body, providing buoyant support deep pressure sensation, water pool, and swings which have a strong effect on the brain's ability to process and use the sensory information and is also helpful to form the balance system.

It has been noted that there is an immense improvement observed in children after sensory room has been established.

ART AND DRAMA EXHIBITION

Art for autism workshop was held on May 1st to 7th May 2015 for the students and parents. Sessions were taken by professional therapists from India. The workshop was held in Dharubaaruge where the students, teachers, and parents got the opportunity to work closely with the therapists and learn about the children. The workshop focused on exploring the child's special talents, and their intelligence.

Art for autism workshop helped children learn through music, art and drama, since these activities provide unique sensory input and stimulation to the mind and body. The workshop helped the children to build their self-confidence, social skills, and communication skills through art, music, and drama.

Workshop conducted by Maldives Autism Association included the modalities music and movement, art and craft, and drama.

The third session which took place in the workshop was art and craft, in which, different art activities ranging from drawing to acting was done by the students. The session was focused to explore the different levels of complex thinking and problem solving skills of the students.

This workshop helped to sort out many problems of children in spectrum. Such as eye contact, sensory issues, behavioral problems, social adaptation etc.

TEACHERS' EXPOSURE TRIP TO INDIA

MAA's Teachers' left to India, Chennai on the 24th of November 2005 and returned on 4th December 2015.

The training program was conducted by Steps Rehabilitation Centre in Coimbatore and the training covered theory, practical and observation at open school and the learning center. The 17 participants from MAA not only were trained in classroom, but they were able to observe the techniques in actual situations. On successful completion of the program the participants were able to:

1. Acquire expertise in identifying special needs of children with varying disabilities.
2. Enhance the knowledge about the current case study procedures for effective intervention programs.
3. Understand the key concepts of teaching and learning approaches to support children with learning difficulties.
4. Gain insight into the differing assessment needs of children broadly categorized as children having learning difficulties.
5. Recognize the need of interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approach of providing support to the pupils.
6. Understand the nutritional components essential in the daily diet of a child with special needs and practical knowledge on how to prepare a balanced diet.
7. Realize the importance of early intervention and parental involvement.

The participants were able to visit different institutions and special schools and homes where children of varying degrees of special care were given. Moreover, teachers visited the geriatric home where adults both men and women with psychological disorders were taught to be engaged in different activities and to live and balance life through daily activities which were divided in a certain pattern. Teachers from MAA got opportunity to visit and observe the teaching and living environment of children and adults who were neglected due to their disabilities and also learnt how they were taken care of and loved by more responsible people

who had their hearts out for them. Managing situations in these cases were a new experience for the participants. MAA team were able to meet children with special needs who have grown up to be very responsible adults who perform valuable and respected jobs in helping the special community.

CANCER SOCIETY OF MALDIVES (CSM)

FACILITATORS TRAINING WORKSHOP ON BREAST, CERVICAL AND GENERAL CANCERS

Cancer Society of Maldives (CSM) conducted the first Facilitators Training Workshop on Breast, Cervical and General Cancers, supported by Ali Fulhu Thuthu Foundation (AFTF). The sessions conducted in the workshop include General Cancers, Breast Cancer, and Cervical Cancer. Two participants from each atoll attended the two-day workshop. A total of 40 participants were invited from which 39 participants attended.

The objectives of the training workshop were to:

Train facilitators to conduct awareness sessions in breast, cervical and general cancers in all the atolls of the country. CSM will provide further technical support and the sessions will be monitored by CSM on a selective basis.

Expand CSM network and establish a focal point in each atoll.

To test the knowledge of participants on the topics discussed in the workshop, they were examined by giving a Pre-Test at the beginning of the workshop, and to assess knowledge gained from the training all participants did a Post-Test.

The results of the tests reveal that the both the registered nurses and the community health officers had the same level of knowledge about the workshop content. The results from the Post – Test revealed that the registered nurses increased their knowledge by 80%, and the community health officers by 73%.

On the last day of the workshop, participants did group presentations on selected topics assigned by the facilitators. Cancer awareness presentations used by CSM for general awareness sessions and other resource material were provided to the participants to prepare for their group presentations. Six groups presented and the main topics discussed were:

- Breast Cancer – Signs and Symptoms, Diagnosis and Treatment Self Examination
- Cervical Cancer – Signs and Symptoms Diagnosis and Treatment
- General Cancers – Signs and Symptoms
- Specific Cancers – Oral Cancer, Skin Cancer, Lung Cancer etc.
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The facilitators assessed the participants; results of the assessment indicated they showed confidence, good presentation skills and good understanding of the topics. Further, facilitators identified points to improve and explained on ways to further improve in delivering the message. The improvement in the test scores and assessing the presentations indicates that the workshop is a success and the participants are ready to conduct awareness sessions in their atolls.

EXPENDITURE FOR STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIP WITH NOGs IN MALE'

Male' NGOs	AMOUNT IN USD
Journey NGO	62,000.00
Care Society and Monthly Donation as Corporate Donor	21,560.61
Maldives Autism Association	17,457.44
Cancer Society of Maldives	20,412.85
TOTAL	121,430.90

IMPLEMENTATION OF AD HOC PROJECTS

DIGITALIZING 25 CLASSROOMS OF HAA ALIFU ATOLL SCHOOL IN HAA ALIFU HOARAFUSHI

With the initiation of Haa Alifu Atoll School Parents Teachers Association (PTA), this project was submitted to AFTF by Ha. Hoarafushi Council. The aim of the project was to upgrade the educational facilities available in the school and to provide a better and interactive learning environment to the students. The concept was developed due to low performance and decreasing overall results in all grades. Furthermore to implement an interactive classroom approach for teachers to maximize the time spent by teachers for a session. At present the school has 430 students from 1st grade to 12th grade. The school consists of 25 classrooms, whereas unfortunately none the classrooms have any audio visual equipment. Hence the school faced difficulties to achieve some of its strategic objectives which have been designed in the strategic plan for 3 years from 2014. The digital learning environment is one of the key instruments to stimulate the students in this evolving and advancing era of information technology. Moreover, listening skills of the students which is tested at the IGCSE curriculum cannot be enhanced profusely due to insufficient audio visual devices.

The main objectives of the project are;

Providing students and teachers with enjoyable learning and teaching environment.

Improving performance of all the students by increasing the pass percentage in all the subjects.

Catering differentiated lessons for the students with different level of thinking.

Minimizing discipline problems among students.

Utilizing the lesson timing efficiently.

Providing audio visual classes and listening periods for students.

Providing internet facilities to the classes.

Upgrading the knowledge with most advanced information, communication technology resources.

To achieve the objectives, all the 25 classrooms in the school were planned to be fully equipped with 60" led television sets, required cables were fixed to connect laptops and other devices. A memorandum of understanding was signed between Ha. Hoarafushi Council and AFTF on 24 December 2014 to supply items required to digitalize 25 classrooms of the school. All the items requested under the project were received by the president of Ha. Hoarafushi

Council on the same day the MoU was signed. The items were handed to the school on 26 December 2014.

Installation work of the TV sets started on 1st January 2015 and was fully completed by end of January 2015. Installation work was done by some of the staff of the school. The school started using the devices officially on 4th February 2015.

CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXTENSION BUILDING TO EXISTING HEALTH CENTER OF KAAFU ATOLL DHIFFUSHI

The project proposal was submitted by K. Dhiffushi Council to Meeru Island Resort Management on 3rd March 2013 in a meeting held to handover a plaque to the Management of Meeru Island Resort in recognition of the assistance provided by Meeru Island Resort to the Health Center. Ever since the opening of the Health Center in September 2004, Meeru Island Resort has been supporting the Health Center in providing consultation service by the Doctor at the Resort. The doctor consulted in the center twice weekly. In addition, medicines were also provided by the resort.

The management of the health center proposed the project to construct an extension building to the existing Health Center to overcome the difficulties in providing service to the community in a small building. The building consisted, a consulting a room, room for dressings and injections, a room for observation where patients will be admitted in the same room, a general store, a medical store and office space.

The project was passed to AFTF by the resort management. After reviewing the proposal by AFTF Executive board, the project was approved for funding on May 2013. By the end of 2013, Ministry of Health approved the request sent for the construction of the building and provided the detailed drawings and the BOQ of the building. The building consists of a ward with 6 beds and 2 toilets, delivery room with 2 beds and a toilet, 1 laundry room with a toilet, 1 room for vaccination and growth monitor, 1 room for health education and public health with 2 toilets and 1 room for counselling and family planning. The area of the building is around 300 square meters.

The construction work of the building commenced on 3rd April 2014 and the project was completed on 7th September 2014. The building was handed in writing to the Ministry of Health on 28 December 2014. Final works of the project were conducted in 2015. Which included interior work and installation of the equipment.

The official inauguration of the building and the handing over function was held on 9th June 2015 with Minister of Health Ms. Iruthisham Adam as the chief guest.

CONSTRUCTION OF WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN HAA ALIFU THURAAKUNU

In December 2012, the Executive Committee of AFTF decided to fund the construction of water and sewerage system in Ha. Thuraakunu. AFTF officially informed the Ministry of Environment and Energy on the decision of the Executive Committee on 25th December 2012. Ha. Thuraakunu Council started the administrative work of getting the approvals from the concerned government authorities to prepare for the preliminary arrangements to start the work of the project. A meeting with officials of the Ministry, Council and AFTF was held on 22nd January 2013. It was discussed in the meeting that AFTF will fund to complete the project, detail designs will be prepared on awarding to a consultant, the contract value would be known after tendering the project, and the council has to prepare the land use plan and get the plan endorsed by the Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure. AFTF confirmed that the work on design would commence once the land use plan gets approved. First it was discussed that AFTF will transfer funds to the Ministry's account. Tendering and project awarding would be done by the Ministry. As the procedure for the tendering any project through the government would require certain steps to be followed and the process would take time, it was approved that AFTF would open the project for tender and appoint consultants and contractors for the project.

AFTF submitted letter to Ministry of Environment and Energy on 21st February 2013 informing the Ministry the role and responsibilities of AFTF. It was stated that the project will be funded by AFTF, appointment of consultants and contractor and project awarding will be done by AFTF. All administrative work will be done by Ha. Thuraakunu Council. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Ministry, AFTF and Ha. Thuraakunu Council on 7th May 2013. The scope of work of the 3 parties was clearly stated in the MoU.

AFTF signed consultancy agreement with Sandcays Private Limited to prepare concept designs, environment impact assessment and detail designs of the project. This agreement was signed between both parties on 24th February 2013. The contract price for the consultancy was MVR 135,000.00 (exclusive of GST at 6%).

Council applied to the Ministry of Home Affairs for the formal approval to start sewer and water construction on the land allocated for the project. This approval was granted to the Council on 3rd September 2013. The land use plan was developed and submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure for their approval on 3rd June 2013. On 5th September 2013 the preliminary design report was submitted to Ministry of Environment and Energy for approvals. The report was approved on 23rd October 2013. The environment impact assessment report was submitted to the Environment Protection Agency on 25th November for the approvals. This report was approved on 12th January 2014. The detail design of the sewer project was approved on 19th March 2014.

AFTF started work of finding a contractor for the project. In this regard, AFTF met with the officials of the Maldives Water and Sewerage Company (MWSC) on 10th February 2014. In this meeting project scope for the client and the contractor was discussed.

Contractual terms, contract price payment terms and delivery period were also discussed. A second meeting was held with MWSC on 24th February 2014 on the finalizing a contract prize. AFTF observed that the contract price of MWSC was higher compared to other projects the company had implemented in the island. This comparison was made having a look at the contract prices of the projects implemented by the company in comparison to the population. In this context AFTF met Altec Maldives Private Limited and offered the company to submit proposals for the project. After scrutiny of the proposal AFTF decided to award the project to this company. Agreements between the two parties were signed on 9th June 2014. The contract price for Water and Sewerage are MVR 16,890,964.00 and MVR 20,256,550.00. The figures are exclusive of GST at 6%.

AFTF officially informed selection of the contractor and award of project to the Ministry of Environment and Energy on 10th June 2014, the. In this official letter AFTF also requested the Ministry for the exemption of duty on the materials imported for the project.

AFTF was asked to submit the materials and tools to the Ministry. The list was submitted to the Ministry on 22nd June 2014 and the request was granted to AFTF on 8th July 2014.

Work on the project commenced on 1st September 2014. The ground breaking ceremony for the project was held on 4th February 2015 with Minister of Environment Mr. Thoriq Ibrahim as the Chief Guest. Sewerage work was fully completed on May 2015, while the water system work was completed on 10th September 2015.

The water and Sewerage system of Ha. Thuraakunu was officially inaugurated at an event held in the island on the 18th of December 2015. Environment Minister Mr. Thoriq Ibrahim was the chief guest for the event.



HA. Thuraakunu - Water & Sewerage System - Opening Ceremony

CONSTRUCTION OF MOSQUES IN 6 ISLANDS

On 1st November 2015 agreements were signed with contractors to build 6 mosques in, HA. Thakandhoo, Sh. Narudhoo, Sh. Kanditheemu, R. Hulhudhuffaaru, M. Mulah and L. Maamendhoo. 3 of the mosques were contracted to Altec Maldives Private Limited (Altec) and Aima Construction Company Private Limited (Aima), respectively. Due to several issues in the preliminary works, implementation of L. Maamendhoo mosque was only carried out during the reporting year. The Qibla direction for this mosque was marked on 25th November 2015 by the Ministry of Islamic Affairs. Furthermore survey work of this mosque was completed during December and excavation work started during the same month.

CONSTRUCTION OF ACCOMODATION BUILDING OF THE COUNCIL IN HA. HOARAFUSHI

Agreement to construct the accommodation building of the Council was signed on 1st November 2015. This project was contracted to Altec Maldives Private Limited on the same day mosque projects were awarded. This is a 2 storey building. Ground level consists of reception area, waiting area, kitchen, garage, store room and 3 bedrooms. 1st level consist of living area, laundry area and 6 bedrooms. Implementation of the project commenced on 3rd October 2015. 25% of the overall work was completed by end of December 2015. The project is scheduled to be completed by end of June 2016.



HA. Hoarafushi - Construction of Accommodation Building of the Council

The table below gives the funding figures for the ad hoc projects.

EXPENDITURE FOR AD HOC PROJECTS

Ad hoc projects	Funding Amount (in USD)	Amount funded in 2015 (in USD)
Digitalizing 25 classrooms of Ha. Atoll school in Ha. Hoarafushi	41,373.71	18,694.36
Construction of an extension building to existing health center of K. Atoll Dhiffushi	100,477.33	29,341.62
Construction of water and sewerage system in Ha. Thuraakunu	2,462,421.92	773,184.12
Final payment for Construction of mosque in Ha. Uligamu	597,684.51	28,286.30
Advance payment for Construction of Accommodation building of Council in Ha. Hoarafushi	459,847.29	93,719.46
Advance payment for Construction of Mosque in Ha. Thakandhoo	440,160.07	88,032.01
Advance payment for Construction of Mosque in Sh. Narudhoo	434,317.01	86,863.40
Advance payment for Construction of Mosque in Sh. Kanditheemu	575,819.43	115,163.89
Advance payment for Construction of Mosque in M. Mulah	505,836.58	101,167.32
Advance payment for Construction of Mosque in R. Hulhudhuffaaru	421,530.48	84,306.10
Advance payment for Construction of Mosque in L. Maamendhoo	421,530.48	84,306.10
TOTAL		1,503,064.68

UNITED WORLD COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2015, AFTF supported two students: Shaa'im Mahir and Harvey Hassan to UWC colleges, Li Po Chun UWC in Hong Kong and Red Cross Nordic UWC in Norway, respectively, for the academic year 2015 - 2017. Both students were selected through a rigorous process which involved a selection camp and an interview.

The placement offer received from UWC International Organization covered 50% of the tuition fee for Li Po Chun UWC in Hong Kong and 90% of the tuition fee for Red Cross Nordic UWC in Norway. AFTF arranged funds to cover airfare for both students and pocket money for one student, as the parents offered to take care of the pocket money for the other student.

Additionally AFTF supported the continuation of the scholarship for: one student in UWC Waterford Kamhlaba in Swaziland (academic year: 2013 - 2015), one student in Li Po Chun UWC in Hong Kong (academic year: 2014 - 2016), and one student in Dilijan UWC in Armenia (academic year: 2014 - 2016).

PUBLICITY

A successful publicity campaign was conducted during the application period, spanning the last few months of 2014 to first few months of January, with the primary aim of diversifying applicant pool and increasing applicants from outer island by 50 percent.

In this regard, the following activities were undertaken during the application period for the 2015 selections:

TVM Ads: Brief 30 second ads were used twice a day during primetime on national TV station. The ads were on for two weeks before 2 pm and 8 pm news. The video was also uploaded on YouTube, UWC Maldives Facebook page and on UWC Maldives website.

Online Newspaper ads: Haveeru Online is the most well-read and popular newspaper in the country. Haveeru Online was also the media partner for UWC Maldives this year and gave a good discount. Ads were placed on Haveeru for one month. Minivan News is the only English news provider in the Maldives and is usually well-read and popular among younger people. Ads were placed on minivan News website for two weeks. Haveeru ads were viewed 52,600

times. Two articles were published on Haveeru about UWC Scholarships: The first article was published on the 1st October 2014 when applications were opened and the second article came in after one of the current students from Maldives studying at Nordic UWC won an award.

Social Media: Penetration rate of ads on Facebook in the Maldives is extremely high due to its high usage. Target for the social media campaign was to increase reach to 35,000 people between 16-25 years from October – December 2014.

Posters: Total of 1000 posters were printed and used to increase publicity of the scholarship. The posters were put up on the main streets and all the schools in Male'. Posters were also sent to over 20 islands. Due to logistical reasons the target to reach each and every school in the country was not met. However, soft version of the poster and information of the scholarships were emailed to principals of every school and island councilors as well.

Public Information session: A public information session was held at Maldives Center for Social Educaiton (MCSE), Male'. A presentation on UWC was presented by Ismail Humaam Hamid and Aminath Shauna. The session was attended by approximately 25 people.

SELECTIONS

Applications opened on October 1, 2014 and closed on December 1, 2014. Due to the low number of application received by the deadline – some 29 – the deadline was extended to January 15, 2015. The application was revised and simplified in 2015. The number of questions was reduced and a whole new set of questions were proposed. Alumni were asked to comment before they were approved.

A total of 32 students: 19 (female) and 13 (male) applied for the scholarship, out of which 30 students: 18 (female) and 12 (male) met the eligibility criteria and were evaluated further. Out of the 32 applicants, 18 were from the capital city and 14 were from the outer atolls.

The selection process this year involved a three – tiered process where the applicants' performance in each of the three standard processes of selections – the application, the camp and the interview – factored into the final decision. The three processes were given a weightage of 15%: 40%: 45%.

Compared to the previous year, this year saw a more flexible marking criteria and scoring system in the shortlisting of applications as well as the selection camp. Applicants were shortlisted and invited to attend the two day selection camp held in Malé and at Kuda Bandos on February 13 and 14.

At the camp applicants took part in a number of individual and group exercises and was assessed on personal attributes, creativity, leadership and initiative.

Eleven applicants were shortlisted and invited to a final interview on February 15 and 16. In addition to UWC alumni, Mr. Arshad Jameel and Mr. Shafaz Wajeel sat on the interview panel as external evaluators. During the interviews, applicants were asked a number of questions to assess for exposure to and belief in UWC ideals, personal attributes such as humility and self-reflectiveness and ability to think critically. While there were a number of standard questions asked of all applicants, applicants were also questioned about specific things mentioned in their applications.

After tallying of scores and adding up percentages scored by applicants in the three processes, applicant Shaa'im Mahir and Harvey Hassan were selected for the scholarship opportunities in 2015.

Selections was very smooth. Both participants and facilitators particularly enjoyed the second day of camp at Kuda Bandos, an uninhabited island. Discussions took place more freely. While we received only 32 applications, they were from particularly impressive candidates. Nearly half of the 32 applications were received from the atolls, and the applicants were quite diverse in terms of interests and aspirations.

ORGANIZATIONAL GROWTH

In 2015, UWC Maldives initiated the process of getting registered as a Non-Governmental Organization in the Maldives under the Associations Act of 2003. A constitution was drafted, logo created and the necessary forms and documents for registration was submitted to the Ministry of Home Affairs. However, the ministry refused to register the organization initially but further dialogues with the Ministry; UWC Maldives was asked to re-submit registration application.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

The UWC Annual General Meeting was held on August 28, at the Salt building. The primary purpose of the AGM was to report on the activities for 2015, and to elect new chairs for the various committees for the coming year. However due to low attendance, chairs were not elected to a number of committees.

Below are the new coordinators for the committees in 2016.

Selections Coordinators: Zaheena Rasheed

Publicity and Communications: Shauna Aminath

Alumni Coordinator: Hulwa Khaleel

Due to the lack of people, elections of members as International Office Coordinator, Finance Coordinator, Program Design and Post Selection Coordinator were not held.

EXPENDITURE FOR UWC SCHOLARSHIP

UWC	Amount in USD
Fees	62,661.00
Air ticket and pocket money	6,151.00
Selections/camp/interviews	890.09
TOTAL	69,702.09



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