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A. BACKGROUND

Solid Waste Management (SWM) is a priority sector for the Maldives due to the fact of high economic and social dependence on a healthy marine environment. In recent years there has been a significant increase in the magnitude of waste management problems throughout the country for number of reasons, including but not limited to population increase, changing lifestyle, dependence on importation, coupled with the environmental challenges brought about by the growing tourism. The worsening waste management situation is increasingly resulting in pollution of the environment and the generation of conditions prejudicial to public health. Practices vary from community to community, but at most islands waste is building up into many open dump sites spreading across islands and disposed of either in the sea or by open burning. Predicting the threats to the economic development, the Government of Maldives decided to invest heavily in the waste sector with the support of various donors and international agencies to build the necessary infrastructure to develop integrated and sustainable solid waste management systems throughout the country on a Zonal approach.

This process started in 2008 with the support of the World Bank Group, under the International Development Association (IDA) credit to develop an integrated SWM system for Zone II, namely the Maldives Environmental Management Project (MEMP). This project was completed in 2015, by developing SWM systems at the island's level and a regional waste management facility to manage waste generated in zone II, that cannot be managed at the island level.

In order to further support the Government of Maldives' initiatives to manage solid waste in a sustainable and environment friendly manner, and based on the lessons from implementing MEMP, IDA is supporting the **Maldives Clean Environment Project (MCEP)** which will support additional investments to operationalize the RWMC introduced in Zone II under MEMP and to design and develop a sustainable regional waste management system for Zone 4 and 5.

The development objective for MCEP is to improve solid waste management in selected zones (Zone II, IV and V). This project has five components. 1) The first component, Strengthening National Solid Waste Management Strategy and Policy, aims to support the government's efforts to address current challenges to effective SWM in the country. 2) The second component, Establishing Regional Waste Management Systems, aims to fully operationalize

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