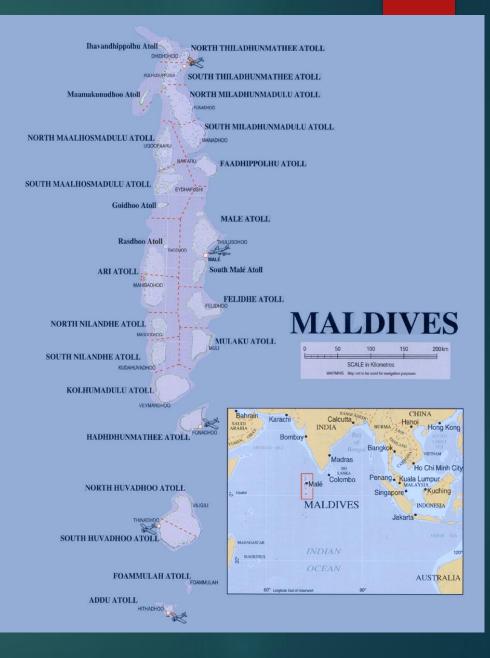
### Regional Meeting on National Transfer Accounts

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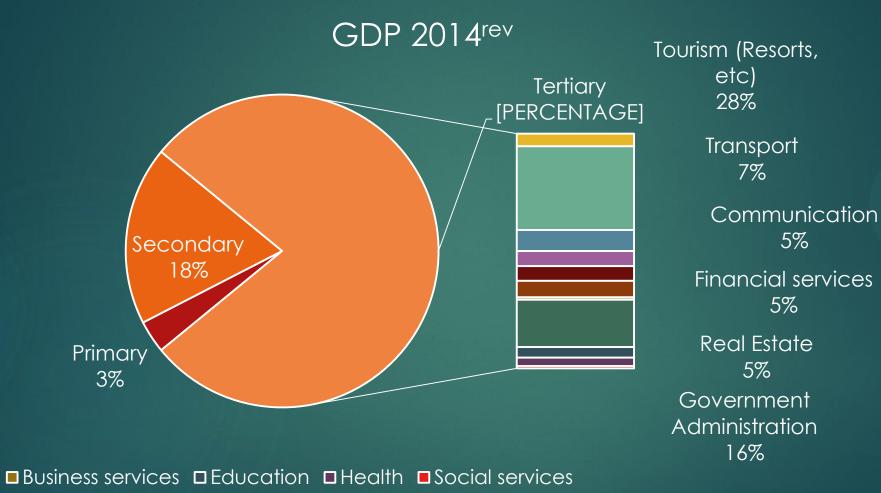
## Overview

#### Population (Census 2014)

- Resident Maldivians: 338,434
- Resident Non-Maldivians: 63,637
- Archipelago of 1,192 islands in the India Oce
  - ▶ 188 Inhabited Islands
  - Roughly 99% ocean and 1% land
- Main economic activity: Tourism
- GDP per capita
  - ▶ PPP\$ 9,416 <sup>2014</sup> revised
  - ▶ US\$ 5,036 <sup>2014</sup> revised
- Highly dependent on imports
  - Highest expenditure is on energy



### Economy



Source: National Bureau of Statistics

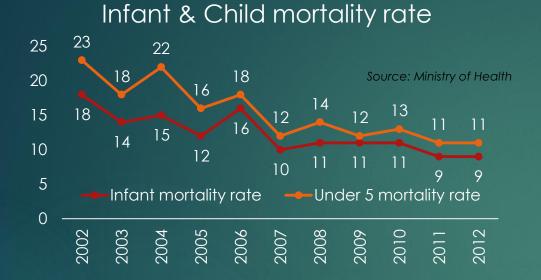
# Social Profile

#### Life expectancy

- ► Male: 72.97 years
- Female: 74.66 years
- Unemployment rate
  - ► Republic: 12%
- Human Development
  - ► HDI: 0.698
  - ► HDI Ranking: 103
- ► Literacy rate: 94%

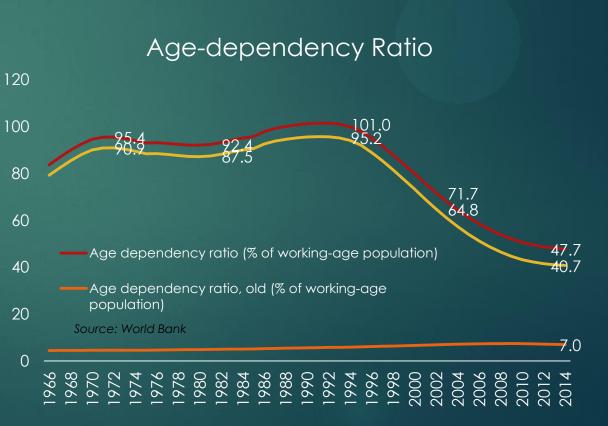
Net Enrolment Rate	Total	Male	Female
Primary	98.6	98.6	98.6
Lower Secondary	81.5	84.0	78.8
Higher Secondary	23.6	20.2	27.3

## Social Profile...

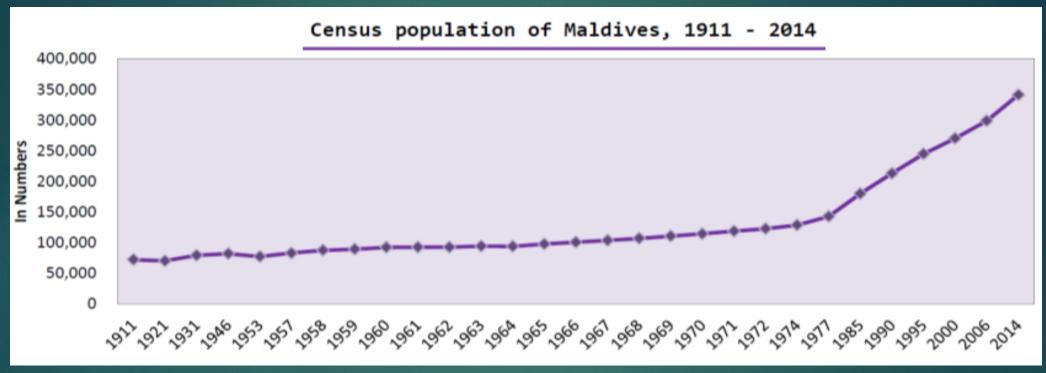


Maternal Mortality ratio 

 Total Fertility rate declined from 6.4 children in 1990 to 2.1 in 2006



### Population Growth



Source: National Bureau of Statistics

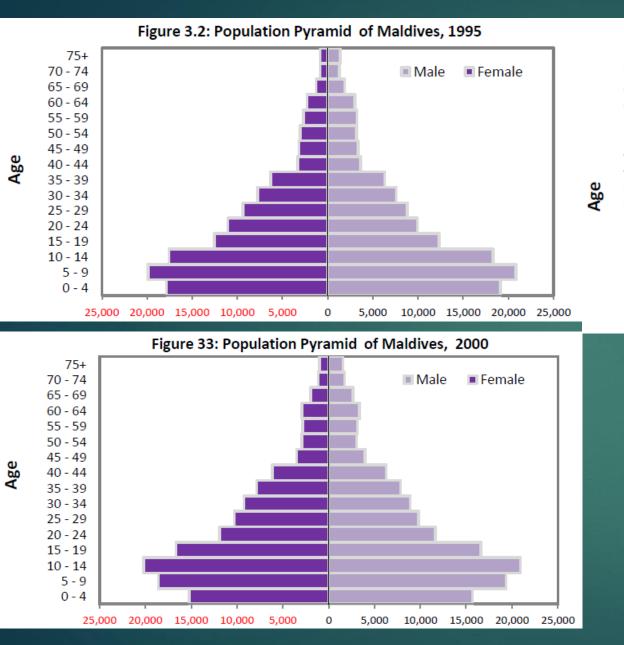
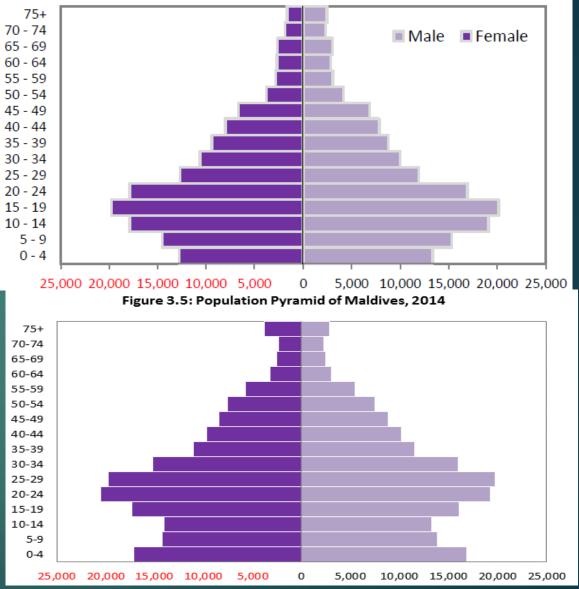


Figure 3.4: Population Pyramid of Maldives, 2006



Source: National Bureau of Statistics

# Data Availability

#### Population data

Population and Housing Census 2014

- Information on population by age and sex and households by type at atoll and island level
- Includes
  - Population size, age and sex
  - Citizenship
  - ► Religion
  - Education
  - Migration
  - Economic activity
  - Marital status
  - Housing etc
- Every 5 years by National Bureau of Statistics

- Maldives Demographic and Health Survey 2009
  - Monitor population and health situation through indicators such as:
    - fertility levels
    - nutritional status of women and children
    - childhood mortality
    - maternal and child health
    - communicable and non-communicable diseases etc.
  - Every 5 years by Ministry of Health

## Data Availability...

#### Public and Private transfers

National Social Protection Agency

- Public subsidies and transfers
- Health Insurance Scheme
- Data available on request
- Maldives Pension Administration Office
  - Data available on request

Household Income and Expenditure Survey 2009/2010

- Data collection on indicators:
  - Household expenditure
  - Household income
  - Household consumption
  - Prevalence of poverty
  - Prevalence of unemployment
- Every 5 years by National Bureau of Statistics

## Data Availability...

### Additional Data Sources

- Statistical Yearbook of Maldives
- Statistical Archive of Maldives
- Maldives Health Statistics
- School Statistics
- Maldives Inland Revenue Authority
- Civil Service Commission
- Annual Budget
- President's Office

### Avenues for Data utilization

Inclusive and Sustainable Development Planning

- Healthcare, education, equity, economic growth
- Population and Development Consolidation
- Evidence-based policy making
  - Revisions to Tax policies
  - Social safety net restructuring
  - Employment creation
- Achievement of Sustainable Development Goals

### Research Bodies

- Economic and Development Policy Division, Ministry of Finance and Treasury
  - Spearheads the monitoring and reporting of the progress in achievement of sustainable Development Goals
- National Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance and Treasury
- Independent Research Institutes
  - Maldives National University
  - Villa College

## Challenges and Opportunities

#### Data Collection

- No independent institution being involved in nation wide data collection
- Limited information on details of the labour force
- Lack of data on foreign labour
- Data utilization
  - Political enthusiasm in evidence-based policy-making
- Awareness
  - Use of social media
  - Info graphs