Significant progress over past four decades

Extensive economic development and social transformation:

- Average GDP growth of 5.7% between 2000-2019
- Only country in South Asia to achieve 5 of 8 MDGs
- Upper-middle-income status reached

Significant achievements in fulfilling rights of children and adolescents:

- Universal primary education achieved in 2000
- Child mortality decreased from 48 to 9 per 1,000 live births (2000–2019)
- Improved child protection enabling environment
- Signatory of Paris Agreement; formulated the Climate Emergency Act targeting zero emissions by 2030 and zero plastic waste by 2023
Remaining challenges

- **Growth and development limited** by narrow economic basis and exposure to external shocks
- Substantial **reliance on imported food, medicines and health equipment**
- **Addressing remaining inequities** in access to services, skills and opportunities in remote islands
- **Gaps in human resources** in public sector notably social workers, nurses, and teachers
- **Multidimensional poverty** rate higher in atolls (40%) than in Malé (10%)
- **Climate vulnerability**
- **COVID-19 pandemic** increased socioeconomic vulnerabilities and gaps: poverty rate increased from 2.1% to 7.2% (2019–2020)
Remaining challenges

- Malnutrition levels are high
- **Immunization**: 23% of children do not receive all the needed vaccines
- **ECD services are fragmented**, lack resources and technical capacity
- **Transition to upper secondary level** remains a challenge, upper secondary level NER at 37%
- 25% of males and 30% of females (aged 15–24 years) are **not in employment, education or training**
- **Adolescent-led climate action** is undermined by their limited knowledge of climate change and disaster risk reduction
Remaining challenges

- ~70% of cases of sexual violence in 2020 involved girl victims and most occurred at home
- 95% of children in conflict with the law are boys, half of them are not in school
- Limited data on mental health
- Psychosocial support services inadequately funded and lack intersectoral coordination
- The pandemic exposed vulnerabilities in existing social protection systems which are fragmented and not shock-responsive
- Low coverage rates, existing social protection schemes benefit less than 4% of children
UNICEF will enhance joint and complementary work within the United Nations, **contributing to all four outcomes** of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF), 2022–2026

**UNSDCF Strategic Priorities**

1. Shared Prosperity and Inclusive Human Development for All (Outcomes 1 & 2)
2. Sustainable and Climate-Resilient Environment (Outcome 3)
3. Gender-Responsive, Rights-Based and Accountable Governance and Justice (Outcome 4)
CPD programme priorities

Young girls and boys develop and thrive
(UNSDCF Outcome 2 / SDGs 2-5)
- Nutrition, immunization, promoting nurturing care

Girls and boys, with a particular focus on adolescents,
learn, are protected from harm and meaningfully participate
(UNSDCF Outcome 2 / SDG 3-5, 8, 10, 16)
- Quality learning, 21st century skills, adolescent participation, child protection
  including addressing violence against children, mental health

Sustainable environment, policy and financing for children
(UNSDCF Outcomes 1, 2, 3, and 4 / SDGs 1, 5, 10, 11, 13, 17)
- Climate change, public financing, social protection, public and private
  partnerships for children, evidence generation for advocacy

Programme effectiveness
(UNSDCF Outcomes 1, 2, 3, and 4 / SDGs 1-5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17)
- Support effective programme delivery with an integrated approach, including
  management for results, research and evaluation, and coordinate cross-cutting
  programming
### Summary budget table

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