COMMUNITY **URBAN FARMING**

PROJECT 2!

Terms of Reference







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1. Introduction

With the congestion in Male', Hulhumale was reclaimed to address the existing and future housing, commercial and industrial needs of the Male' region. The city was planned with a number of green and open spaces included in its development to provide a better quality of environment to its residents. In order to address the issues of congestion, economic instability and environmental degradation of urban life in Hulhumale', Housing Development Corporation (HDC) plans to involve the community in renovation of their neighborhoods through the community gardening programme. As the population of Hulhumale' is comprised of people who migrated from elsewhere, HDC also hopes to strengthen the social connections within the community through this programme. However, with the COVID-19 pandemic, the project has been re-envisioned to include and prioritize the component of food production and supply within the community and empower vulnerable groups within the society.

The Project for Developing Sustainable Agricultural Economy (PDSAE) builds on the success of the Sustainable Economic Empowerment and Development for SMEs (SEEDS) project and aims to further strengthen local productivity of agricultural produce in the Maldives. By doing so, the project aims to enhance food security in the archipelagic nation, which has very limited arable land, and enable more entrepreneurs interested in the agricultural businesses to enter the sector and facilitate secondary and tertiary production of related commodities including foodstuff and textiles. This will be achieved through three outputs focusing on: 1) strengthening assistance to increase local farmer expertise in agriculture, 2) enhancing agricultural capacities and opportunities to ensure food security and 3) enhancing support industries and value-added services to augment agro-businesses.

The project, funded by the Government of Japan, will be implemented through partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Maldives.

The re-envisioned and prioritize objectives of the Community Urban Farming project undertaken by HDC also align with numerous strategies of the Government's Strategic Action Plan (SAP). Specifically, the strategies and actions related to the development of Agri-centres, standardizing food production and quality of produce, establishing urban gardening models, strengthening agricultural data collection mechanisms and increasing the efficiency of resource allocation through capacity building. Furthermore, the project also supports incorporation of entrepreneurship education into TVET programmes and integration of technological support for start-ups through business incubator platforms.

2. <u>Project Implementation Phases</u>

- Phase I (Prior to Agreement signing): Announcement of the project and carrying out the selection process. After the selection process, agreements will be signed with the selected applicants. Selected applicants are required to register as a business in Ministry of Economic Development within 15 working days of receipt of award letter. In this period, applicants don't need make any payments.
- Phase II (03 months from the Agreement signing): Allocation of plots with subsidies (more details regarding the subsidies will be provided under "Services offered by HDC in addition to provision of plots") and a grace period of 03 months.
- Phase III (04th to 06th month after agreement signing): Rent normalization with subsidies. A subsidized rent of MVR 800.00 will be charged per garden plot with subsidies still in effect from 04th to the 06th month.





• Phase IV (from 07th month onwards): Total establishment and commercialization. A subsidized rent of MVR 800.00 for the garden lots will continue from 07th month onwards as well and businesses will be established with crops harvested for the first batch

3. Services Offered by HDC in addition to the provision of plots

The project encompasses a fertilizer shop on-site, tool shed with mini storage spaces, a seed incubator shed, universal designed public toilets, pocket parks with communal seating and a security post. A plaza with vertical green fence with LED screen for digital advertisements, water feature, seating, trellis shade and portable stalls for farmers' market is also included in the holistic development. Furthermore, HDC incentivizes the farmers by provision of 50 bags (of 25 kg per bag) of fertilizers per plot for the first six months and monthly allowance of MVR 500.00 per plots on utility bill coverage for the first three months.

4. Target Beneficiaries and Eligibility

The applications are open for the residents of Hulhumalé. Under the announcement no: HDC(161)-REM/IU/2024/112, published on 29th May 2024, interested parties can only apply for the Youth and Person with Disabilities (PWD) category. Below find the requirements of the category.

- Youth and PWD Group
 - O2 PWD member of at least 01 PWD member and 02 Youth members or at least 01 Youth member and
 - o Youth members shall between the ages of 18 to 35 years. This age limit does not apply to PWD member.

Project Duration

- The total duration of the project is 05 (five) years
- After the first 03 years, the rent will be revised with an increment not exceeding 20% of the rent.

6. Eligibility

- Maldivian citizens residing in Hulhumalé
- Applicants shall be between the ages of 18 to 35 years (This eligibility criteria do not apply to PWD member)
- Citizens who have not been awarded an Urban Farming plot in the past by HDC
- At least one member shall be a PWD member

7. Lot Details

- No. of plots: 2 plots
- Area: 718.17 sq ft (66.75 sqm)





8. Required Documents

- Application Form
- ID Card Copy
- Document to prove the applicant is person of special circumstances.
- Proof of Residency
 - o If the applicant is owner of flat / apartment / house:
 - Agreement or Registration copy of property
 - o If the applicant is living on rent:
 - Rental Agreement
 - Owners Letter stating that applicant is living on their property for rent
 - Owners ID Card Copy
 - Property Registration copy
 - o If the applicant is living in Hulhumalé without a rental Agreement:
 - Property Owner's letter stating that the applicant is living in their property
 - Property Owner's ID card copy
 - Property Registration
 - Electricity or Water bill

9. Allocation process

- Interested parties can email filled application form along with the all required documents to sales@hdc.mv.

 Applications will be accepted via email from 29th May 2024 to 23:59 hrs. of 12th June 2024. Physical application forms will not be accepted.
- Application forms received within the deadline will be reviewed and called for additional documents via email in case any document is missing. For submission of additional documents via email, applicants will be given working 5 days.
 If any applicant fails to submit additional documents within this time, their application will be disqualified.
- Draw will be taken among all the applications that meets the set requirement for the category. All the eligible applicants will be invited for the draw event and draw will be taken at the presence of all attended applicants.
- Selected groups must register their business with the Ministry of Economic Development within 15 working days from the receipt of conditional award letter for the lease of plot from Urban Farming project and finalize their business arrangement within this group. (The business arrangement refers to the arrangements and agreements on how they will distribute the expenses and profits within the group and other such details)





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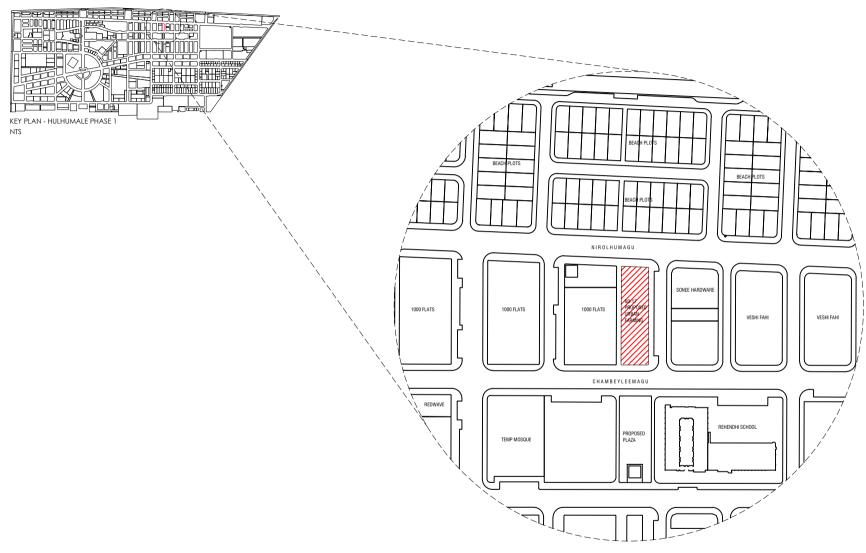
- Three members of the group getting into an agreement for the purpose of business and registering their business in Ministry of Economic Development.
- Agreement would be signing between HDC and the registered business of the applicants.
- As per the agreement signed between the applicant and HDC, applicants will require to undergo training conducted by HDC prior to plot allocations as stipulated under the agreement.

11. <u>Documents Annexed</u>

- Annex 01: Location and Plot Maps
- Annex 02: Application Form







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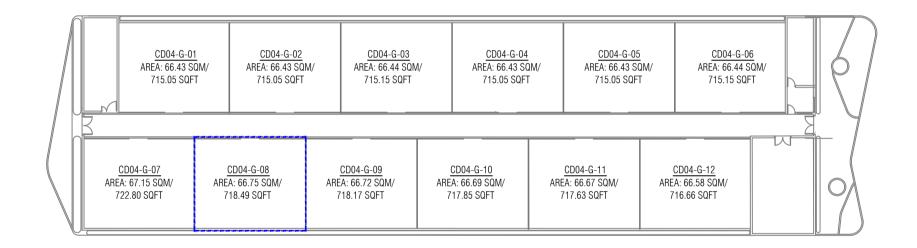
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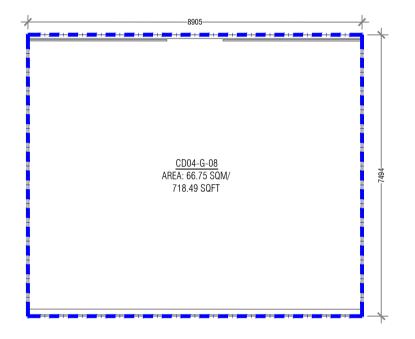
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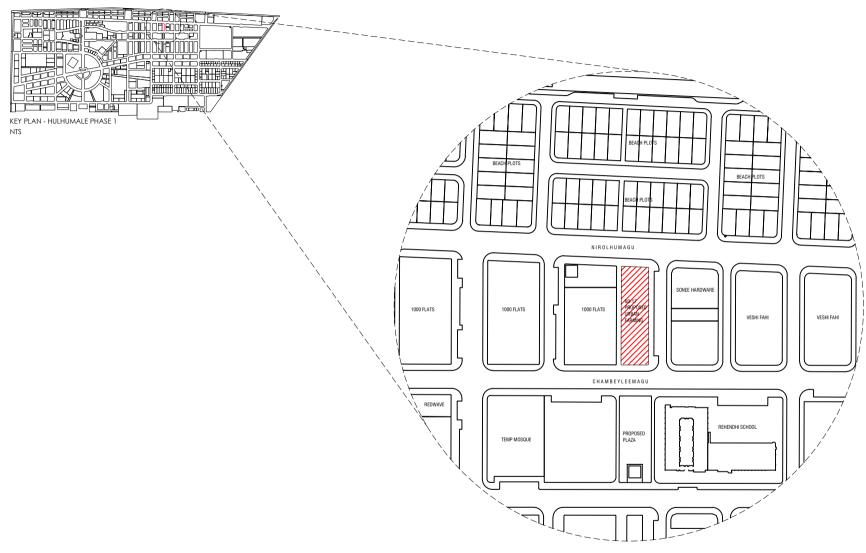
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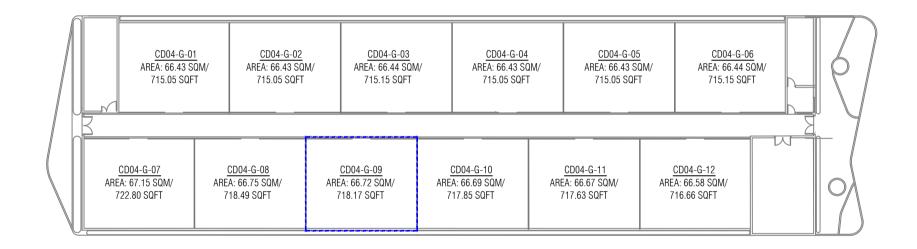
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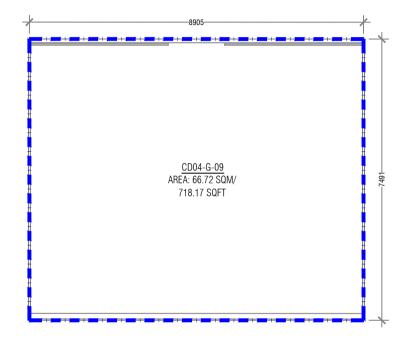
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