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), falling under Blue Economy for Small and Medium Enterprises and Agriculture sectors. 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. Project Implementation Phases

- 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 Urbanco 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 commence from 07th month onwards and businesses will be established with crops harvested for the first
batch.

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

The garden plots provided will include a hydroponic system along with the provision of shaded nets in the designated area. Further, 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, Urbanco 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. Interested parties should apply for the project in groups of three and under the three main categories identified as follows:

Women

- o 50% of the applicants selected will be women
- In this category only group women can apply
- Combined Group
 - 25% of applicants selected will be from the combined group.
 - This category is for groups with both one youth member and one PWD (persons with disabilities) member at the least.
- General Applicants
 - The remaining 25% plots will be open for general public.
- 5. 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
 - Above the age of 18 (eighteen) years
 - Citizens who have not been awarded an Urban Farming plot in the past by Urbanco
- 7. Lot Details

No. of plots: 12 plots

Area: 673.28 sq ft (62.55 sqm)

8. Required Documents

- Application Form
- ID Card Copy
- 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

9. Allocation process

• Interested parties will submit application forms and a draw will be taken on the date to form submission. A draw will be taken on the same day for each category. Below find the details of application form submission and draw:

| Activity | Date and Time | Venue |
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| Application Form Submission | 28 th September 2023, Thursday | |
| | Token number will be issued from | |
| | 09:30 AM to 11:00 AM | Will be announced at a later date |
| Draw | Draw will be taken after receiving | |
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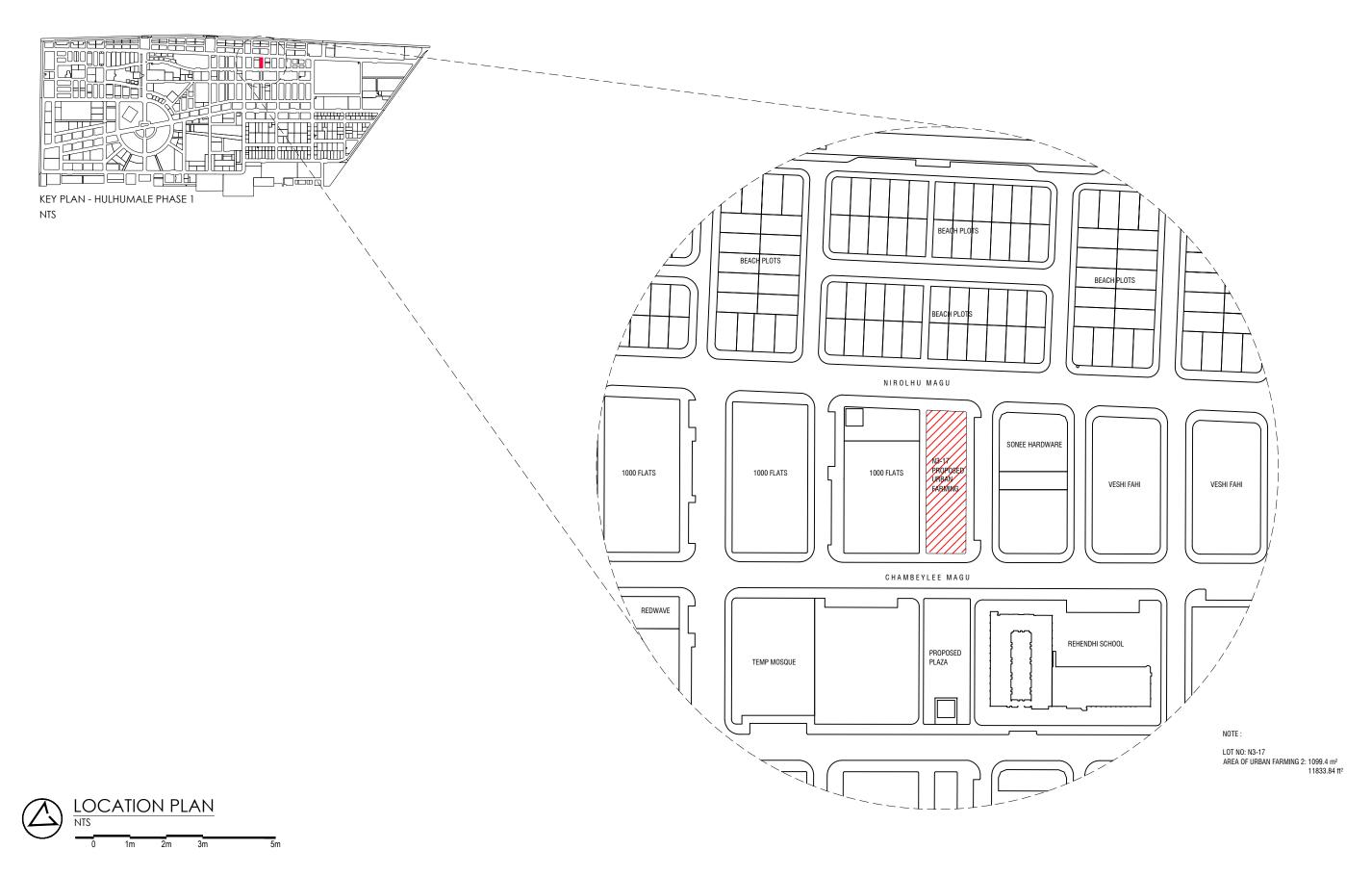
- Draw will be taken after receiving all the application forms for all token numbers taken before the deadline.
- If the applicant is not present at the time of calling the token number, after calling the token number for three times we will moving on to the next number.
- Draw for each category will be taken separately:
 - Draw 1: First draw will be taken for category 1: women and 50% (06 plots) of the total plots will be taken for this
 category.
 - Draw 2: Second draw will be taken for category 2: Youth and PWD and 25% (03 plots) of the total plots will be taken for this category.
 - Draw 3: Third draw will be taken for category 3: General and 25% (03 plots) of the total plots will be taken for this category.
- Selected groups must register their business (under the guidance of BCC) 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)

10. Post Selection Requirement

- 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 Urbanco and the registered business of the applicants.
- As per the agreement signed between the applicant and Urbanco, applicants will require to undergo training conducted by Urbanco prior to plot allocations as stipulated under the agreement.

11. Documents Annexed

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





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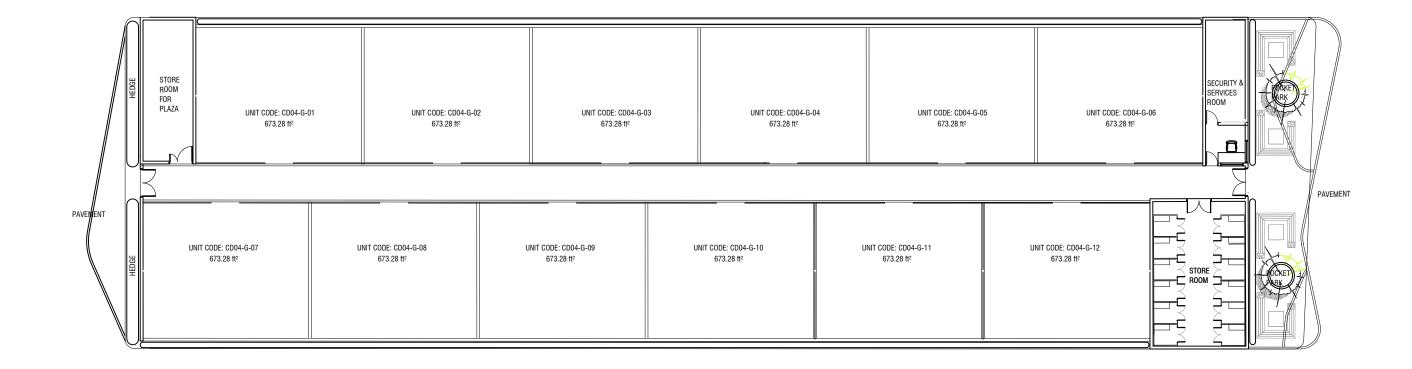
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