**MALDIVES**

**Population:** 338,442  
**Gross national income per capita:** US$ 5,430  
**Income group:** Middle  
**Income inequality:** 37.37

### ACTION PLANS, POLICIES AND LAWS RELEVANT TO SEVERAL TYPES OF VIOLENCE

#### National action plans

- **Interpersonal violence**: YES
- **Youth violence**: NO
- **Sexual violence**: YES
- **Firearms**
  - **Laws to regulate civilian access**
  - **Mandatory background check**: NO
  - **Handguns/long guns/automatic weapons**: YES
  - **Carrying firearms in public**: YES
- **Programmes to reduce civilian firearm possession and use**: YES

#### National social and educational policies

- **Incentives provided for high-risk youth to complete schooling**: NO
- **Housing policies to de-concentrate poverty**: NO

#### Alcohol

- **Adult (15+) per capita consumption (litres of pure alcohol)**
  - **Patterns of drinking score**: –
  - **Excise taxes**: –
  - **Beer**: –
  - **Wine**: –
  - **Spirits**: –

### LAWS AND PREVENTION PROGRAMMES BY TYPE OF VIOLENCE

#### Child maltreatment laws

- **Legal age of marriage (male/female)**: 18 / 18
- **Against child marriage**: NO
- **Against statutory rape**: YES
- **Against female genital mutilation**: NO
- **Ban on corporal punishment (all settings)**: NO

#### Child maltreatment prevention programmes

- **Enforcement**: Home visiting
- **Home visiting**: YES
- **Parenting education**: YES
- **Training to recognise / avoid sexually abusive situations**: YES

#### Youth violence laws

- **Against weapons on school premises**: YES
- **Against gang or criminal group membership**: YES

#### Youth violence prevention programmes

- **Pre-school enrichment**: NO
- **Life skills and social development training**: YES
- **Mentoring**: YES
- **After-school supervision**: YES
- **School anti-bullying**: YES

#### Intimate partner violence laws

- **Against rape in marriage**: NO
- **Allowing removal of violent spouse from home**: YES

#### Intimate partner violence prevention programmes

- **Dating violence prevention in schools**: NO
- **Microfinance and gender equity training**: YES
- **Social and cultural norms change**: YES

#### Sexual violence laws

- **Against rape**: YES
- **Against contact sexual violence without rape**: YES
- **Against non-contact sexual violence**: YES

#### Sexual violence prevention programmes

- **School and college programmes**: YES
- **Physical environment changes**: YES
- **Social and cultural norms change**: YES

#### Elder abuse laws

- **Against elder abuse**: YES
- **Against elder abuse in institutions**: NO

#### Elder abuse prevention programmes

- **Professional awareness campaigns**: YES
- **Public information campaigns**: YES
- **Caregiver support**: NO
- **Residential care policies**: YES

### VICTIM LAWS

- **Providing for victim compensation**: YES
- **Providing for victim legal representation**: YES

#### VICTIM SERVICES

- **Adult protective services**: YES
- **Child protection services**: YES
- **Medico-legal services for sexual violence**: YES
- **Mental health services**: YES

### DATA ON VIOLENCE

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#### Mechanism of homicide

- **Strangulation**: 6%
- **Blunt force**: 11%
- **Sharp force**: 41%
- **Other**: 6%

#### Trends in homicides

- **Firearm**: 25%
- **Burn**: 2%
- **Sharp force**: 20%
- **Other**: 6%

Reported homicides (2011) N= 5, Rate= 1.4/100 000 (~ % M, ~ % F)

Sources: Mechanism: ——— Reported homicides: ———

Data collection by multisectoral consensus meeting and cleared by Ministry of Health.