

Enhancing Food Security in the Maldives

The Government of Maldives is seeking strategic investments to boost food security and improve animal welfare across the archipelago. Given the nation's reliance on food imports, there are promising opportunities for investors to contribute to sustainable agriculture. This initiative supports the government's long-term goal of reducing import dependency and building resilience against global market disruptions.





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Key Investment Areas:

- Poultry Farming: Meet local demand by establishing sustainable poultry farming operations, focusing on meat and egg production.
- Animal Husbandry: Invest in livestock rearing, especially goats, to supply both meat and dairy products to local and regional markets.
- Modern Farming Technologies: Introduce advanced farming techniques like vertical farming and hydroponics to increase yields on limited land.
- Commercial Agriculture on Uninhabited Islands: Develop crop production and livestock farming through joint ventures on islands leased for up to 21 years.
- Mushroom Cultivation: Establish mushroom farms to meet domestic demand and reduce import reliance.
- Floriculture: Cater to the tourism sector by cultivating high-demand flowers like orchids.
- Value Addition & Processing: Set up processing, packaging, and storage facilities, utilizing renewable energy to extend product shelf-life.
- Feed Mill: Reduce reliance on imported animal feed by producing locally sourced feed.

Investment Models:

- Concessional Financing: Leverage favorable terms from international development organizations to invest in agricultural infrastructure and technology.
- Public-Private Partnerships (PPP): Collaborate with the government to share expertise and resources while benefiting from SEZ incentives.
- Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT): Invest capital and operate under a BOT model, eligible for SEZ benefits.
- Joint Ventures: Partner with local businesses or state-owned enterprises to unlock new growth in agriculture and livestock.

Incentives:

- Tax benefits and commercial incentives aligned with the government's priority of food security and animal welfare.
- The Government is eager to engage with international investors interested in transforming the agriculture and animal welfare sectors in the Maldives.

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