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To: Selected household for the survey

Household Income & Expenditure Survey 2016

National Bureau of Statistics is conducting Household Income & Expenditure Survey (HIES) 2016, in Male' and Atolls, starting from March 2016. The findings of this survey will be a great value to all the data users in making more informed decisions, for the economic and social progress of the country and the well-being of its population.

Your household has been selected for this survey. We urge you to provide us your full support and cooperation to enable us to deliver results that are useful for all the data users. A special gift voucher worth MVR500, will be given to the selected households, for their support and cooperation.

The main purposes of this survey are

- To assess average household expenditure and spending patterns
- To assess calorie values from food consumption and compile poverty indicators
- Update weights of Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- To assess average household income and income distribution of the household

The main data collected from this survey is data on the expenses by the household members. Mainly expenditure of the past week, past month, past 3, 6, and 12 months. Data will be collected on health expenses within Maldives as well as abroad and travel expense within Maldives and abroad for other purposes. Other than these, information of households, individual information of household members, information on living conditions, household assets, labor force information, employment and information on income will also be collected. In addition to this, information of household food consumption and consumed outside home over the past 7 days will be collected.

The disclosure of any individual or household information for legal or any other purpose is strictly prohibited, under regulation no: 2013/R-4 "Statistical Regulation of the Republic of Maldives". The information obtained from this survey will not be disclosed in any manner that will reveal the identity of an individual or household.

A designated team from the National Bureau of Statistics will visit your household to fill the survey questionnaires. We hope to get your full co-operation in providing the required information, as accurately as possible. Survey teams will have identification cards provided by the Bureau.

If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact National Bureau of Statistics by phone 3349496 or 3349498 between 08:00 am to 02:00 pm, during working days or 7965935 during survey working hours.

We acknowledge your assistance in providing us information and thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Abdulla Jihad
Minister of Finance and Treasury

