

POVERTY INDICATORS

	2002/2003			2009/2010		
	Republic	Male'	Atolls	Republic	Male'	Atolls
Poverty & inequality measures (using Consumption Aggregate) ^{1/}						
Median of Expenditure per person per day (MVR)	27	39	23	46	52	44
Headcount ratios (population below the defined poverty line) ^{2/}						
Median of atoll expenditure per person per day in 2009-2010 (MVR 44)	66%	40%	75%	51%	44%	55%
Half the Median of Atoll expenditure per person per day in 2009-2010 (MVR 22)	21%	4%	27%	15%	12%	16%
International poverty line of \$ 1.25 (\$-a-day poverty line used in MDGs)	9%	2%	12%	8%	7%	8%
International poverty line of \$ 2	31%	9%	39%	24%	19%	27%
Gini Coefficient	0.41	0.35	0.40	0.37	0.38	0.36

Source: Household Income and Expenditure Surveys

1/ Consumption aggregate is derived by aggregating households' expenditures on goods and services so as to approximate the value of consumption achieved during the reference period. It excludes lumpy expenditures such as on weddings, housing constructions, Consumer Durables, actual rent paid, travel abroad for Hajj. Consumption aggregate is used to define the measure of welfare which is used for poverty analysis.

2/ Poverty lines for previous years have been adjusted to account for inflation.

Note: International poverty line is measured in purchasing power parity (PPP) dollars. \$1.25 is equivalent to MVR 17 in 2010 and MVR 12 in 2003.