

## Case Summary

# Greater Malé Waste-to-Worth Project

## Maldives



In the midst of a debt crisis in the Maldives, the ADB, AIIB, IsDB and the Japan Fund for the Joint Crediting Mechanism provided a USD 118.21 million loan to build a WTE plant in Male. Local groups have called for [greater disclosure](#) of the plans and assessments related to the plant but the government has failed to provide this information. The plant risks increasing greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, flooding and tsunamis, as well as the loss of livelihoods for wastepickers.

## Reprisals

- Due to the shrinking civic space marked by the passage of the Anti-Terrorism Act, local civil society has limited opportunities to raise concerns about the project, and communities are afraid to speak out against it.
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