



# SREP Investment Plan

Republic of Maldives  
Ministry of Environment & Energy



# Country Overview

1192  
islands

194  
inhabited

105  
self-contained  
tourist resorts

4  
islands have  
a population  
<5,000

1/4  
of islands  
<500

114,686  
residents  
in Greater Malé region

330,652  
population

# Country Overview

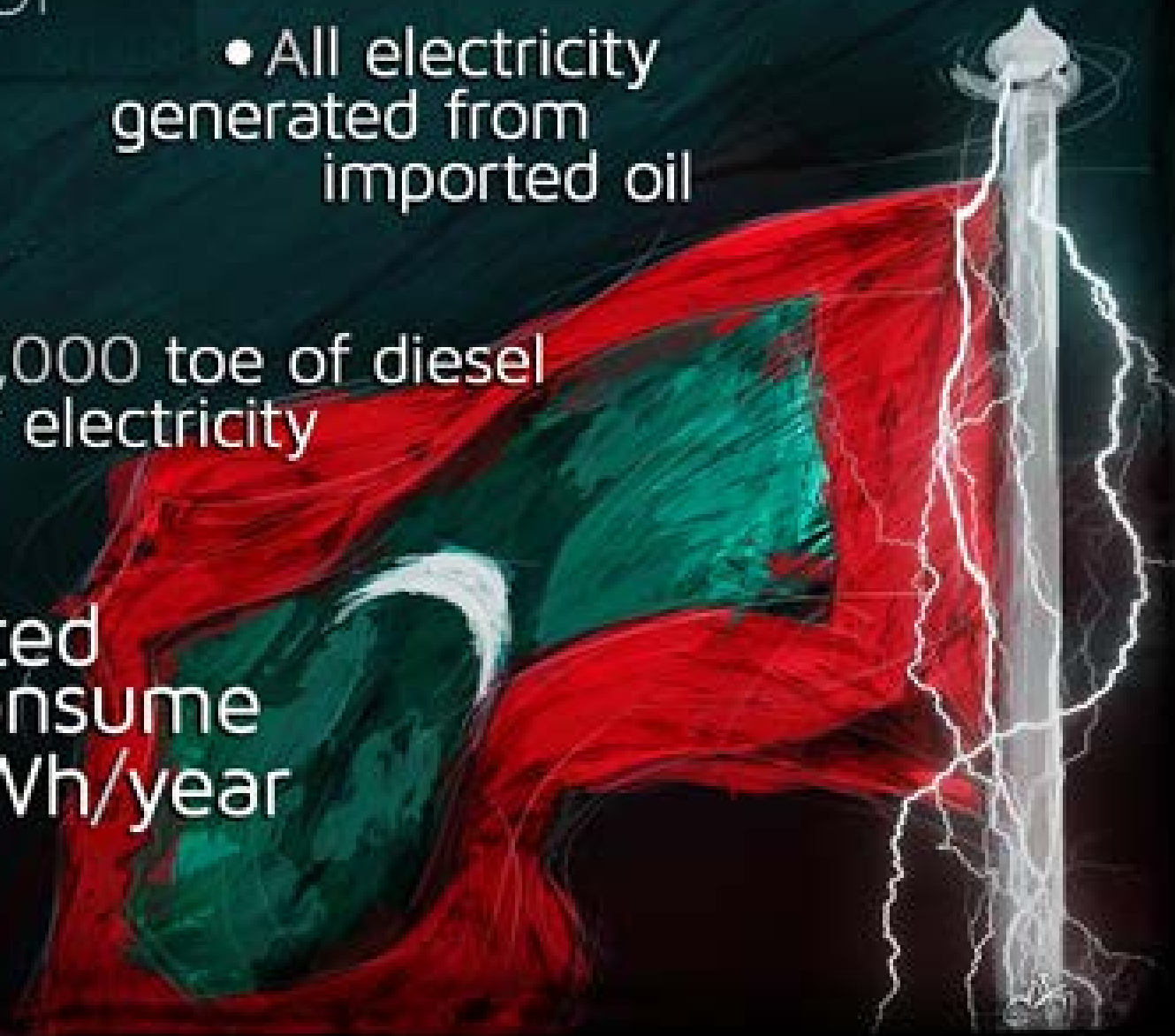
One of the  
lowest lying  
countries

Highly threatened  
by climate change

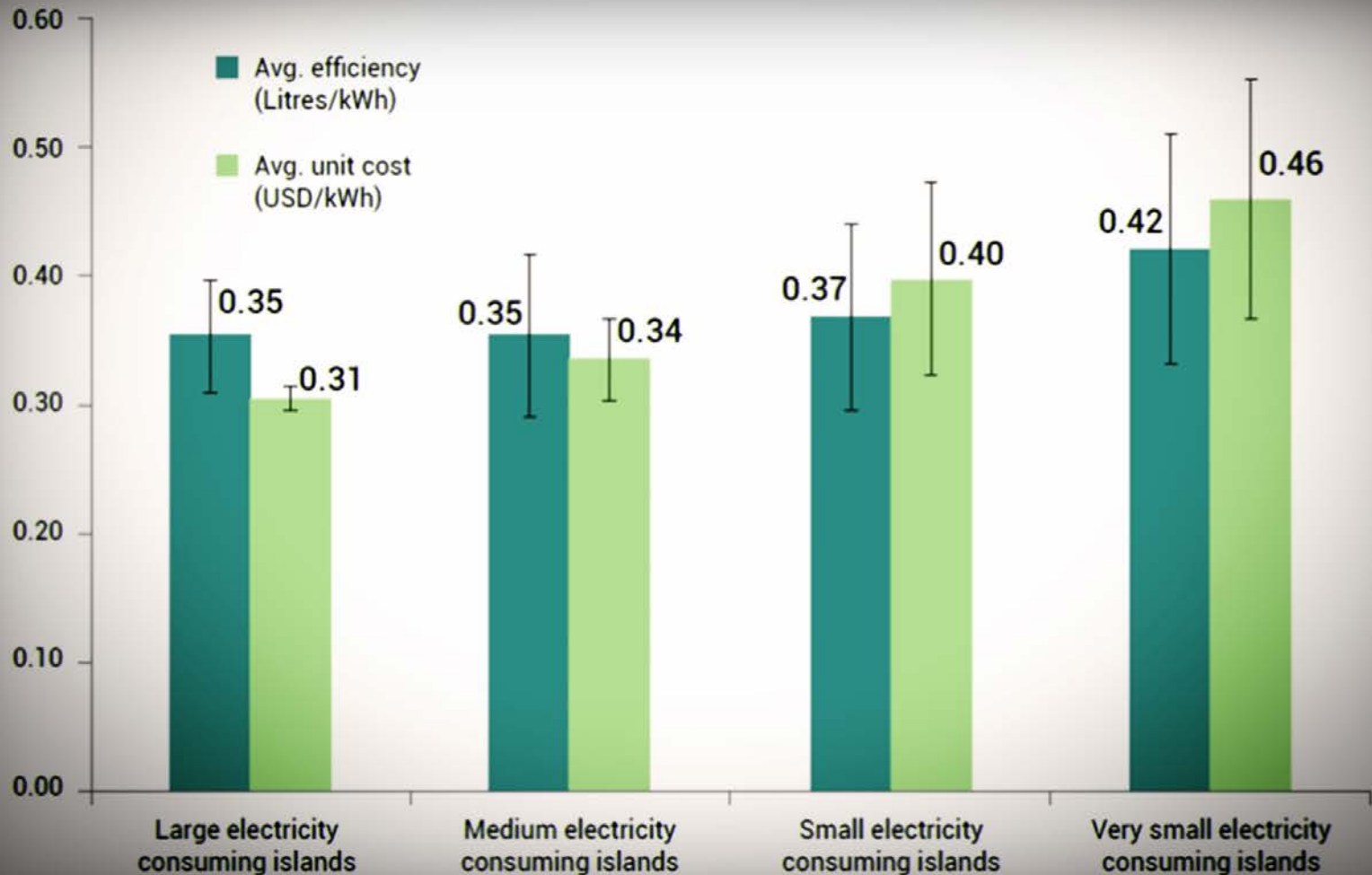
Declared to become  
carbon neutral  
by 2020

# Electricity Sector

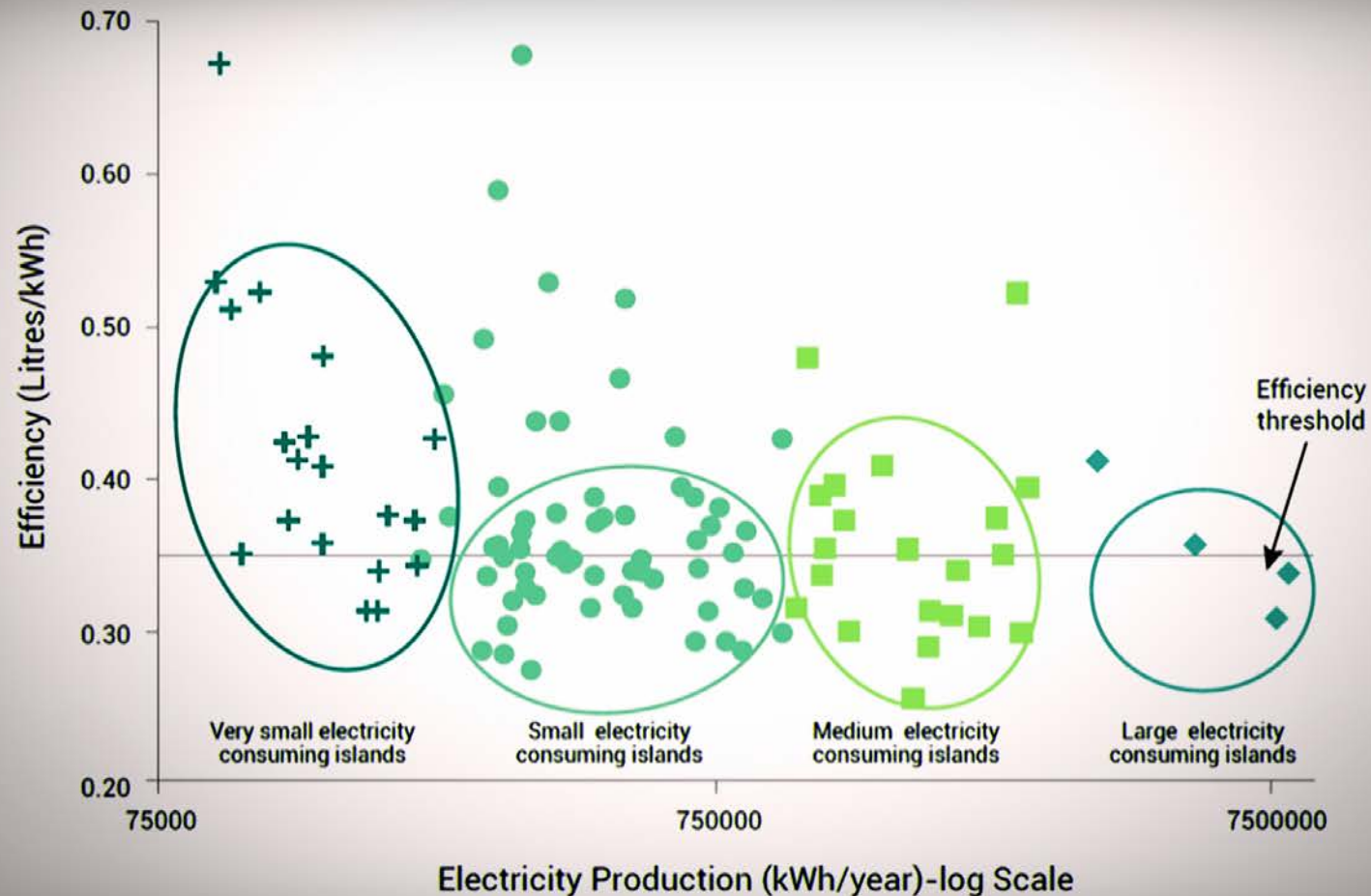
- All electricity generated from imported oil
- 2011 – 139,000 toe of diesel used for electricity
- Inhabited islands consume 428 GWh/year



# Most expensive in the region & highly inefficient

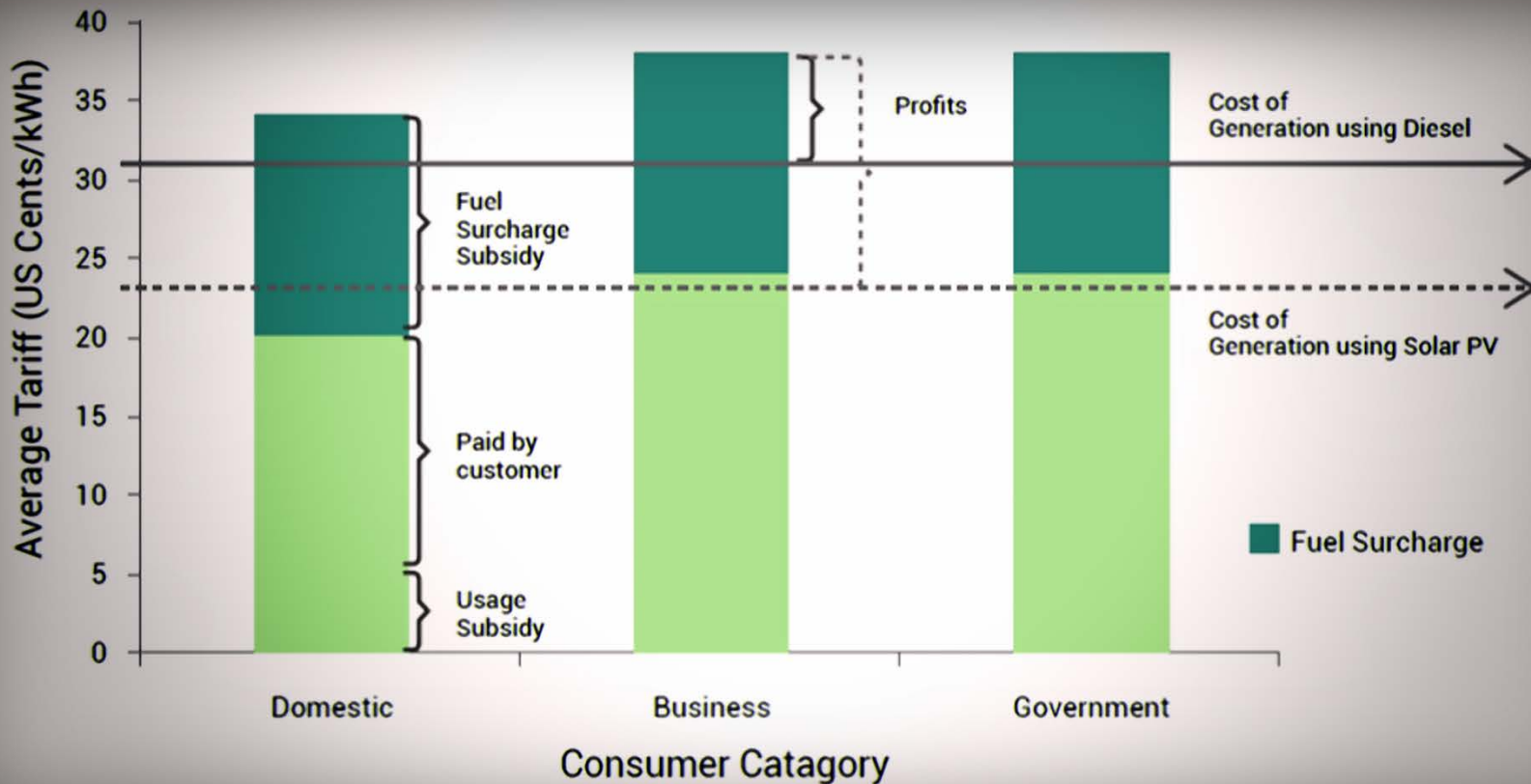


# energy generation in most islands are highly unsustainable



# Resulting high subsidies

US 25M/year fuel subsidy to electricity 2011



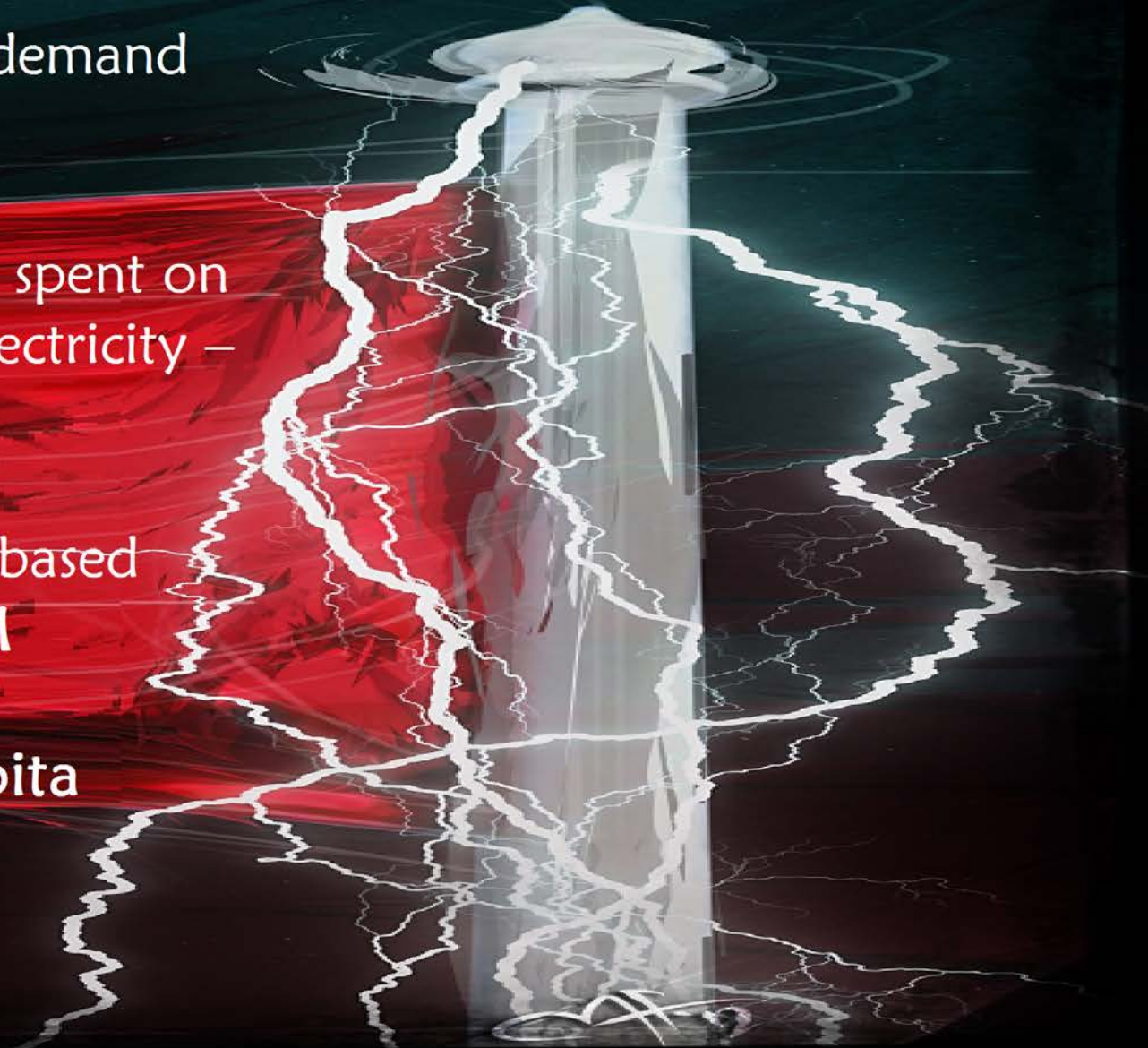
# Diesel energy future?

National electricity demand  
growth  $> 8.5\%$

In 2011, **USD 115M** spent on  
diesel to generate electricity –  
**07%** of GDP

2020 Scenario – oil based  
imports **USD 700M**

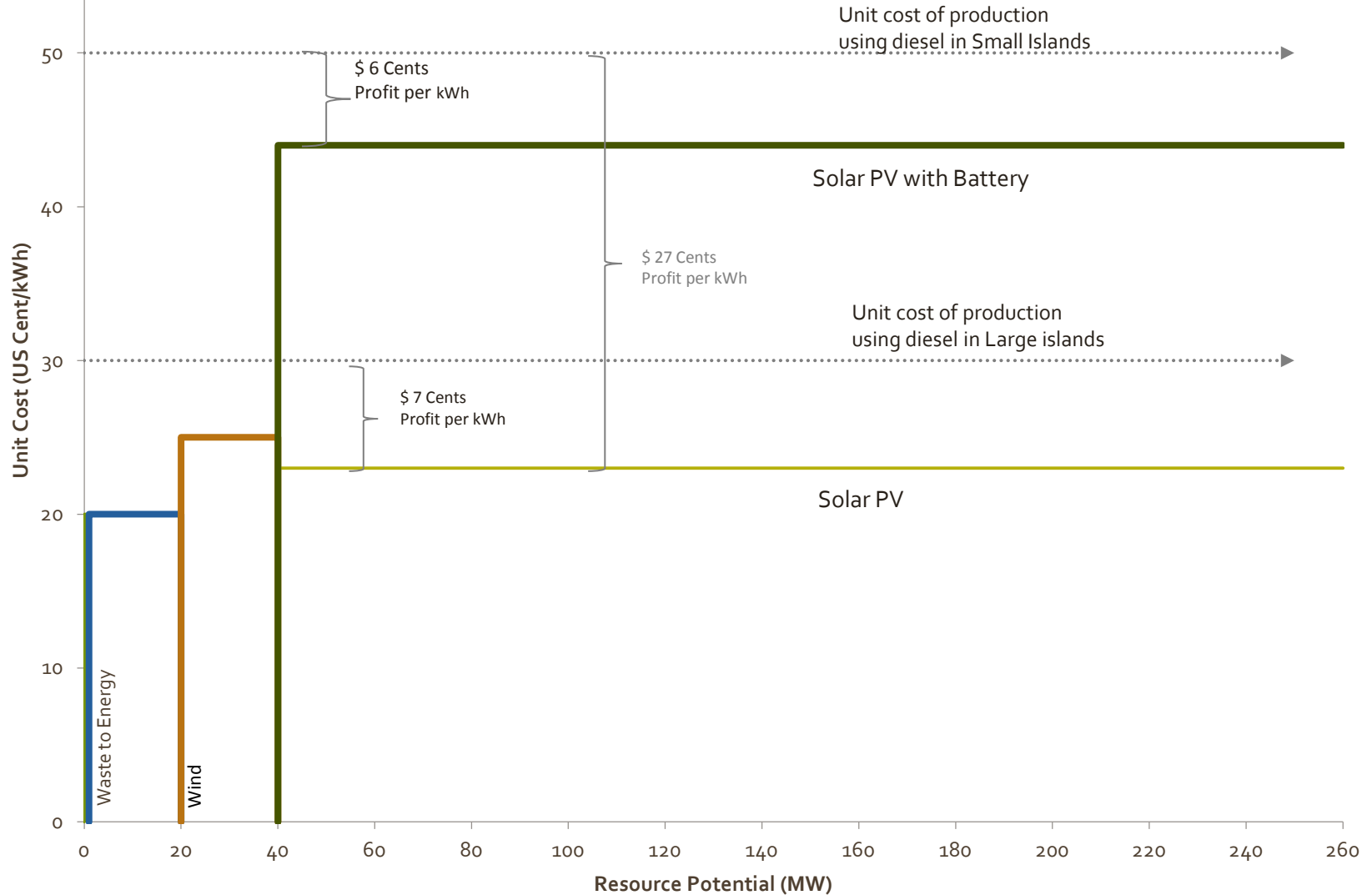
**USD 2000** per capita







# RE Potential Capacity & Unit Cost



# IP Objectives

- Transformation of electricity sector
- Large scale RE development
- Increase national energy security
  - Creating a strong RE industry
- Attract foreign RE investors
  - Emerge as model for other SIDS



# Strategic Development of SREP IP



# SREP as Strategic Tool

## Carbon Neutral Goal



Part of a larger program tackling  
the climate change agenda.

Targeting of electric sector which  
contributes 19% of the total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Significant demonstrative effect to the  
tourism sector, one of the largest  
emitters of CO<sub>2</sub>



The **Investments**

**Renewable Energy**  
For **Greater Malé**  
Region

Greater Malé Region  
Solar PV investments

Waste-To-Energy  
(Thilafushi)

Greater Malé Region Renewable  
Power System Integration

**Total**  
**Investment:**  
**USD**  
**69.5**  
**million**

# Renewable Energy For Outer Islands

## The Investments

An illustration of two hands, one from the top and one from the right, clasped together in a supportive grip. A green circular arrow icon is positioned between the hands, symbolizing investment, recycling, or a continuous cycle.

Small Power Station RE

RE readiness - Power  
system rehabilitation

Outer Island Solar/Wind  
investments

Outer Island Waste-To-Energy  
investments

**Total  
Investment:**  
**USD  
62 million**

# Technical & Assistance Capacity Building

The **Investments**



Creating an enabling environment

Human Capacity Building

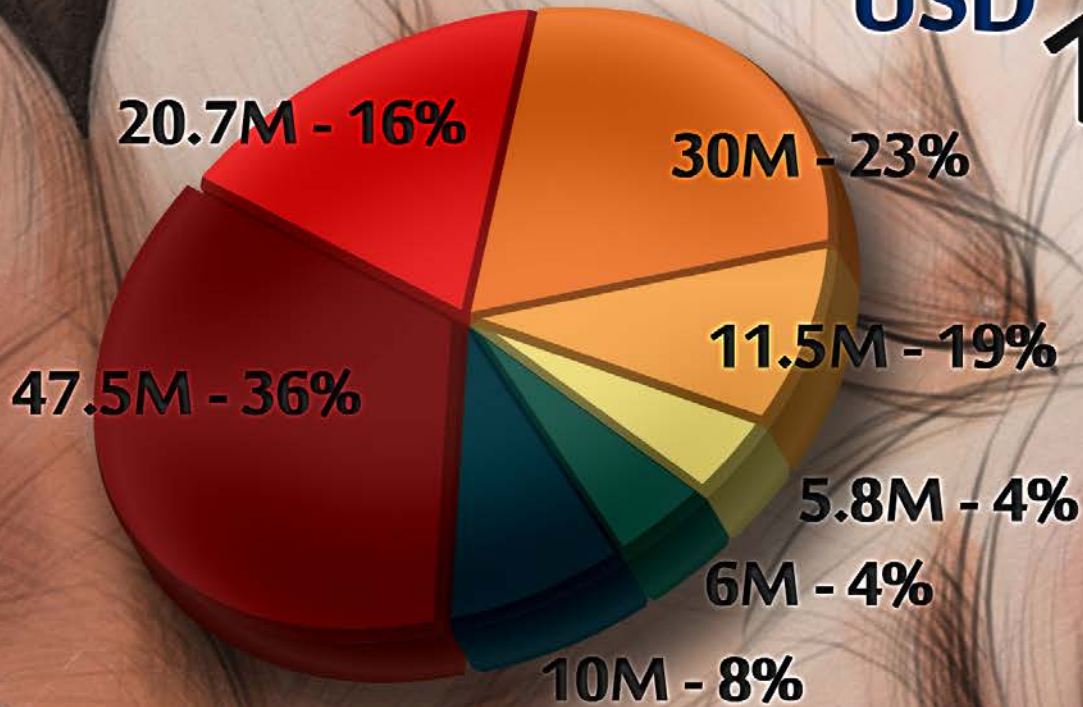
Project Preparation &  
Feasibility Studies

Improved access to quality data

**Total  
Investment:  
USD 7 million**

# SREP IP Investments

Total Investment:  
USD **139 million**



- SREP
- GoM
- WB
- ADB
- IFC
- Private
- Others

In USD





# Financial Mechanisms and Instruments

## Guarantee Facility

Covers payment, currency depreciation and related risks that are of concerns to potential investors.

**US\$ 20M** in PRG from WBG.

## Policy interventions

FIT

Feed-in Tariff is expected to form the core of RE development in the Maldives.

Robust regulatory framework

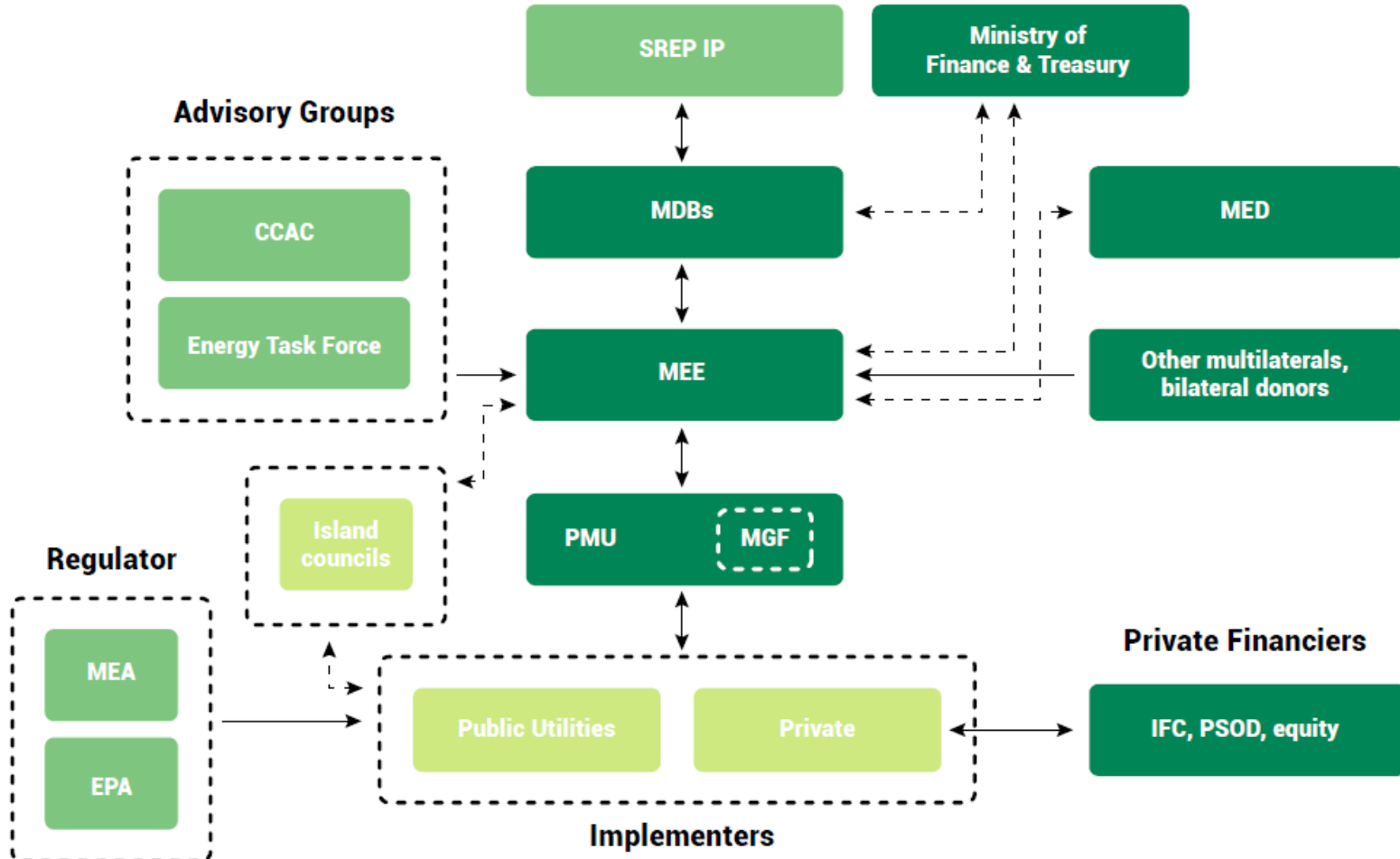
Import duty exemptions



FIT combined with incentives and guarantee facilities and strong regulatory framework is envisaged to encourage private investors



# Institutional Framework





# Risks

## TECHNICAL RISKS

Poor technical capacity at national level.

Strong emphasis on capacity building under SREP.

## COMMERCIAL RISKS

Insufficient interest by developers.  
High lending rates for Maldives.

Marketing strategy will be developed, FIT being strengthened, New PPA being formulated, Strong Guarantee Facility will be in place.  
Financing from SREP to blend with private finance.

## INSTITUTIONAL RISKS

Regulatory frameworks for RE investments are inadequate.

SREP resources to strengthen MEE, MEA, Utilities & MGF to be established.

# SREP IP Programmes

Accelerating Private Investments  
in Renewable Energy  
(ASPIRE)

- ⦿ Renewable Energy Investments  
under Feed-in Tariff
- ⦿ Greater Malé Region  
Solar PV investments
- ⦿ Outer island solar & wind  
investments
- ⦿ Utilization of Waste-to-Energy  
Technologies in  
Outer Islands
- ⦿ Implementation Support  
& Institutional Development



# SREP IP Programmes

Accelerating Private Investments  
in Renewable Energy  
(ASPIRE)

- ① Transformative Outcomes and Outputs

- ② 20MW of RE generation installed  
(~ 15MW Solar PV in the greater Male' region,

- ③ 5MW (3MW Solar PV/Wind &  
2MW WTE) in the outer islands)

- ④

USD **72** Million

- ⑤



## PREPARING OUTER ISLANDS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (POISED)

100% RE in 10 small islands

Power system rehabilitation in 15 islands

Implementation support & capacity building

**USD 40.2  
million**

## PREPARING OUTER ISLANDS FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT (POISED)

2MW of RE generation installed with storage on 10 islands

reduction in GHG emissions by about 5,000 tCO<sub>2</sub>/year

about 2 million litres of diesel avoided/year

power systems on 15 islands upgraded to reduce the generation & distribution losses

power systems on 15 islands assessed & made ready to accept about 30% RE

# THILAFUSHI WTE PROGRAMME

Up to 4 MW of the generation capacity

reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 20,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>/year

about 7.5 million litres of diesel avoided/year

safe disposal of 200 tons of waste/day

USD 20 million



# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Greater Male' Area Renewable Power System Integration

Improved Access to Quality Data

Creating an Enabling Environment

Human Capacity Building

**USD 5.5 million**

# Transformational Achievements

53 islands benefited

74% of the  
total population

6MW Waste  
to Energy  
Installed

551 tons/d of  
desalinated  
water

22M Liters  
diesel/y  
Reduced

21MW of  
Solar/Wind  
Installed

65,000 tCO<sub>2</sub>  
/y Reduced

## SREP IP

US \$ 10M/y  
Fuel Subsidies  
Avoided

Maldives Green  
Fund  
Established

US \$ 22M/y  
Saved in Diesel  
Imports

Institutional/Human  
Capacity  
Developed