







COCOON FOUNDATION 2025

Creating a Better Future Through Sustainability & Community Empowerment



#### Cocoon Foundation

The Cocoon Foundation is a heartfelt initiative by The Cocoon Collection, dedicated to enhancing the lives of local communities in the Maldives, particularly within Lhaviyani and Raa Atolls, where Cocoon Maldives and You & Me Maldives are located.

Guided by three core pillars—economic, educational, and environmental sustainability—the foundation aims to create meaningful and lasting impacts. Training sessions, school visits, and empowerment programs have been conducted to nurture confidence, leadership, and career opportunities for aspiring young talents in hospitality. Initiatives promoting environmental awareness and community welfare reflect the foundation's commitment to a sustainable future.

With the unwavering support of local councils, NGOs, and stakeholders, the Cocoon Foundation strives to build a legacy of positive change and empowerment for future generations.

#### Mission Statement

We aim to reconnect man to the earth, to gestures and smiles of different cultures that turn in long lasting memories.

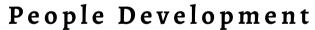
#### Vision Statement

Unique locations, contemporary design, informal but elegant hospitality and gourmet cuisine come together to create products deeply rooted in the local culture and natural beauty.



#### Our Core Pillars





Empowering the future of hospitality.

The Cocoon Foundation focuses on nurturing the potential of young individuals by offering training, mentorship and educational programs. Through the skill development and leadership opportunities, we empower local talents to build sustainable careers in the hospitality industry, fostering a brighter future for the next generation.



#### Environment & Sustainability

Protecting our planet, preserving our future.

With a deep connection to environmental stewardship, the foundation works to raise awareness and implement sustainable practices. Our efforts aim to preserve the Maldives' pristine ecosystem for the generations to come, from promoting ecofriendly initiatives to support conservation projects that safeguard the island's natural beauty.

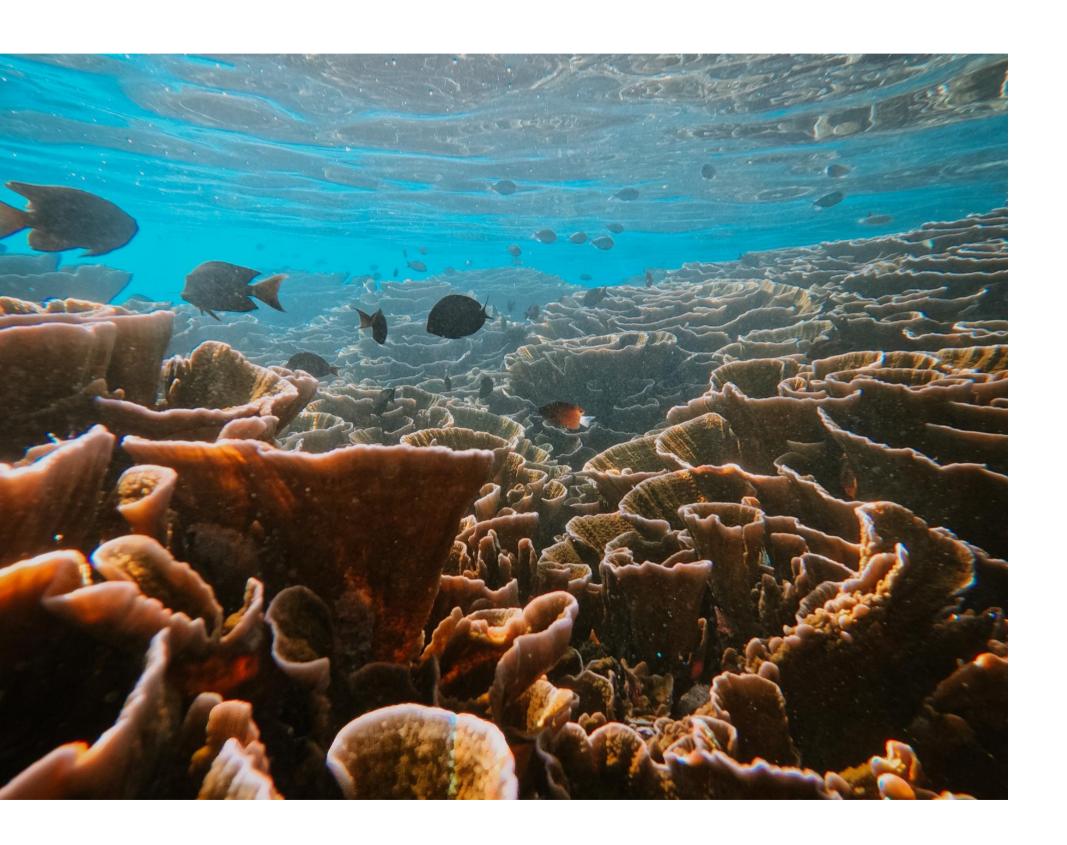


#### Community Development

Strengthening the heart of our islands.

The Cocoon Foundation actively contributes to the welfare of the communities in the Maldives by improving access to education, healthcare and infrastructure. We collaborate with local organizations and stakeholders to create programs that uplift communities, ensuring their growth and well being for the long term.

#### Key Focus Area



# Sustainability & Environmental Conservation through Reconnect

- Preservation of marine ecosystems through initiatives like coral reef restoration, marine protected areas, and sustainable fishing practices
- Implementation of renewable energy solutions such as solar power projects to reduce the carbon footprint of our resorts
- Water conservation initiatives, including desalination plants and wastewater recycling

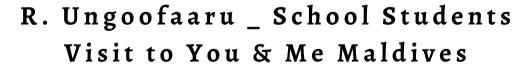
### Community Support & Empowerment through Innovation

- Collaboration with local governments and NGOs to protect endangered marine species such as turtles, dolphins, and manta rays
- Establishment of marine reserves to safeguard coral reefs and marine biodiversity
- Guest education programs on sustainable tourism and marine conservation

# Education & Youth Empowerment trough People Development

- Support for local artisans and businesses, providing opportunities for economic growth
- Investment in education and skill development programs for local youth, fostering careers in hospitality, marine conservation, and sustainable tourism
- Construction of eco-friendly housing and infrastructure for local communities





This initiative invites students from the R. Ungoofaaru school to visit You & Me Maldives, offering them a unique opportunity to explore the hospitality industry firsthand. Through guided tours and interactive sessions, students gain insights into various aspects of resort operations, from sustainable practices to career opportunities in tourism. The visit aims to inspire and empower the younger generation by fostering leadership, confidence, and a greater understanding of environmental sustainability in the hospitality sector.



### Lh. Kurendhoo \_ Leadership Session & Donation to School

This project focuses on empowering students from Lh.

Kurendhoo by conducting a leadership session designed to build confidence and inspire future leaders. The session covers essential skills such as communication, decision-making, and team collaboration. In addition to the leadership training, a donation is made to the school to support educational resources and infrastructure, ensuring that students have access to the tools they need to succeed. This initiative reflects The Cocoon Foundation's commitment to fostering leadership and educational development in local communities.



### Lh. Kurendhoo \_ Leadership Visit to Kurendhoo Council

This initiative involves a leadership visit to the Kurendhoo Council, where representatives from The Cocoon Foundation engage in discussions to strengthen community ties and explore collaborative opportunities. During the visit, a donation is made to the council to support local development projects, initiatives, and resources that directly benefit the community. This act of generosity aims to promote sustainable growth, enhance local governance, and further the foundation's commitment to community development and partnership.



### Lh. Kurendhoo \_ Lhaviyani Atoll School Students Visit to Cocoon Maldives

The Cocoon Foundation invites students from Lhaviyani Atoll schools for an enriching visit to Cocoon Maldives, where they gain firsthand experience of the hospitality industry. This initiative offers students a chance to explore the resort's operations, engage in educational activities, and participate in discussions about career opportunities. Through this visit, the foundation nurtures future leaders by inspiring young minds, fostering confidence, and helping them envision a path toward a successful career in hospitality.



Lh. Naifaru \_ Juvenile Workshop for Youth

The Cocoon Foundation hosts a Juvenile Workshop for youth in Lh. Naifaru, aimed at empowering young individuals by equipping them with valuable skills and knowledge. The workshop focuses on personal development, leadership, and career guidance, encouraging participants to explore their potential and make informed decisions for their future. By providing mentorship and fostering a supportive environment, the initiative aims to inspire the youth of Lh. Naifaru to pursue positive paths in both their personal and professional lives.



R. Angolhitheemu \_ Students Trip to You & Me Maldives

The Cocoon Foundation organized an enriching trip for students from R. Angolhitheemu to You & Me Maldives, offering them a unique opportunity to experience the hospitality industry up close. This initiative provides students with firsthand exposure to the operations of a luxury resort, allowing them to gain insight into various career possibilities within the hospitality sector.

Through interactive sessions and guided tours, the trip is designed to inspire the students and encourage them to envision their future careers, while fostering a deeper understanding of the industry's impact on local communities.



## R. Maakurath \_ School Students Visit to You & Me Maldives

The Cocoon Foundation hosted a special visit for students from R. Maakurath to You & Me Maldives, providing them with an immersive learning experience. This initiative introduces young minds to the world of hospitality, offering them a chance to explore the inner workings of a luxury resort. Through interactive tours and discussions, students gain valuable knowledge about the industry, boosting their confidence and inspiring them to pursue future careers in hospitality. The visit serves to empower the next generation by showcasing the opportunities that lie ahead while fostering a sense of pride in their local community.



# Lh. Olhuvelifushi \_ Olhuvelifushi School Visit to Cocoon Maldives

Students from Lh. Olhuvelifushi School had the opportunity to visit Cocoon Maldives, where they were introduced to the world of luxury hospitality. During the visit, students participated in informative tours, learning about the resort's sustainable practices, operations, and the diverse career opportunities within the hospitality industry. This initiative aims to inspire and motivate young minds, helping them build confidence and a sense of possibility for their future careers. By showcasing the value of education and practical experience, the visit serves to empower the local youth and strengthen the community's connection with the resort.



# R. Maakurath \_ Maakurath School Library Donation

The Cocoon Foundation proudly supported Maakurath School with a generous donation to enhance their library resources. This initiative aims to foster a love for learning and provide students with access to a wider range of educational materials. By enriching the library, the Foundation hopes to empower young minds, promote literacy, and encourage the pursuit of knowledge. This donation reflects the Foundation's commitment to supporting education in the local community and investing in the future of the youth in the region.



### R. Vaadhoo \_ Inauguration of Home Science Lab

The Cocoon Foundation is proud to announce the inauguration of the Home Science Lab at R. Vaadhoo, marking a significant step towards empowering the local community with valuable skills for the future. This state-of-the-art facility is designed to equip students with practical knowledge in home management, nutrition, and sustainable living, all while fostering creativity and hands-on learning. The launch of this lab highlights The Cocoon Foundation's ongoing commitment to supporting education and providing opportunities for growth in the Maldives. With this new initiative, we aim to inspire young minds and help them build a brighter, more sustainable future.



## Meeting with Naifaru Council and Atoll Council Members

The Cocoon Foundation is pleased to host an important meeting with members of the Naifaru Council and Atoll Council. This event aims to strengthen collaboration and foster meaningful discussions between local government representatives and The Cocoon Foundation. By engaging with key stakeholders, we will explore opportunities to support the community, address local challenges, and promote sustainable development initiatives within the Atoll. The meeting will serve as a platform for sharing insights, ideas, and strategies to improve the overall well-being of the region while preserving its unique cultural and environmental heritage.



### Meeting with Kurendhoo Council Members

The Cocoon Foundation is honored to host a meeting with the members of the Kurendhoo Council. This gathering serves as an opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue and collaboration with local government representatives to address the needs and priorities of the Kurendhoo community. Together, we will discuss key initiatives, explore sustainable development projects, and work towards creating a positive impact that aligns with both local aspirations and the broader goals of The Cocoon Foundation. We are excited to strengthen our partnership with the Kurendhoo Council and contribute to the continued growth and well-being of the community.



### Olhuvelifushi School Grade 9 and 10 Resort Tour

The Cocoon Foundation is delighted to welcome the Grade 9 and 10 students of Olhuvelifushi School for a special resort tour. This educational visit aims to provide the students with a firsthand look at the hospitality industry and the operations of a luxury resort. During the tour, the students will have the opportunity to learn about sustainable practices, guest service, and the various departments that make up the resort. The Cocoon Foundation is excited to inspire the next generation of professionals and offer a valuable learning experience that broadens their horizons and fosters curiosity about the tourism and hospitality sectors.



# Olhuvelifushi School (Teachers Day Celebration)

The Cocoon Foundation is honored to support and celebrate the dedicated educators of Olhuvelifushi School on Teachers' Day.

This special event is an opportunity to recognize and show appreciation for the hard work and commitment of the teaching staff in shaping the future of the community. The celebration will include heartfelt speeches, performances, and activities that highlight the impact of teachers on the lives of students. The Cocoon Foundation extends its gratitude to the educators for their tireless efforts and is proud to be part of this meaningful occasion.



### Hinnavaru Council Members Visiting Resort

The Cocoon Foundation was pleased to host the esteemed members of the Hinnavaru Council for a special visit to the resort. This visit provided an excellent opportunity for the council members to explore the resort's facilities and gain a deeper understanding of its operations. During the tour, discussions were held to explore potential future collaborations and strengthen the relationship between the local community and the resort. The Cocoon Foundation is grateful for the council's continued support and looks forward to fostering greater connections with the Hinnavaru community.



# Celebrated world environment day, Tree planting and island cleaning at Olhuvelifushi

In celebration of World Environment Day, The Cocoon Foundation organized a meaningful tree planting and island cleaning initiative at Olhuvelifushi. This event brought together resort staff, local community members, and environmental enthusiasts to contribute to the preservation of the island's natural beauty. Participants planted trees to enhance the local ecosystem and worked together to clean the island, ensuring a healthier environment for future generations. The Cocoon Foundation is proud to support sustainable practices and environmental awareness, and this event was a testament to our commitment to protecting our planet.

#### How Guests Can Get Involved

Guests can play a vital role in our sustainability mission through:

- Eco-Tourism Experiences: Participate in reef restoration activities, marine life excursions, and conservation projects.
- Sustainable Choices: Support our eco-friendly initiatives by reducing plastic use and conserving water and energy.
- Donations & Sponsorships: Contribute to local education programs, marine conservation, and community development projects.

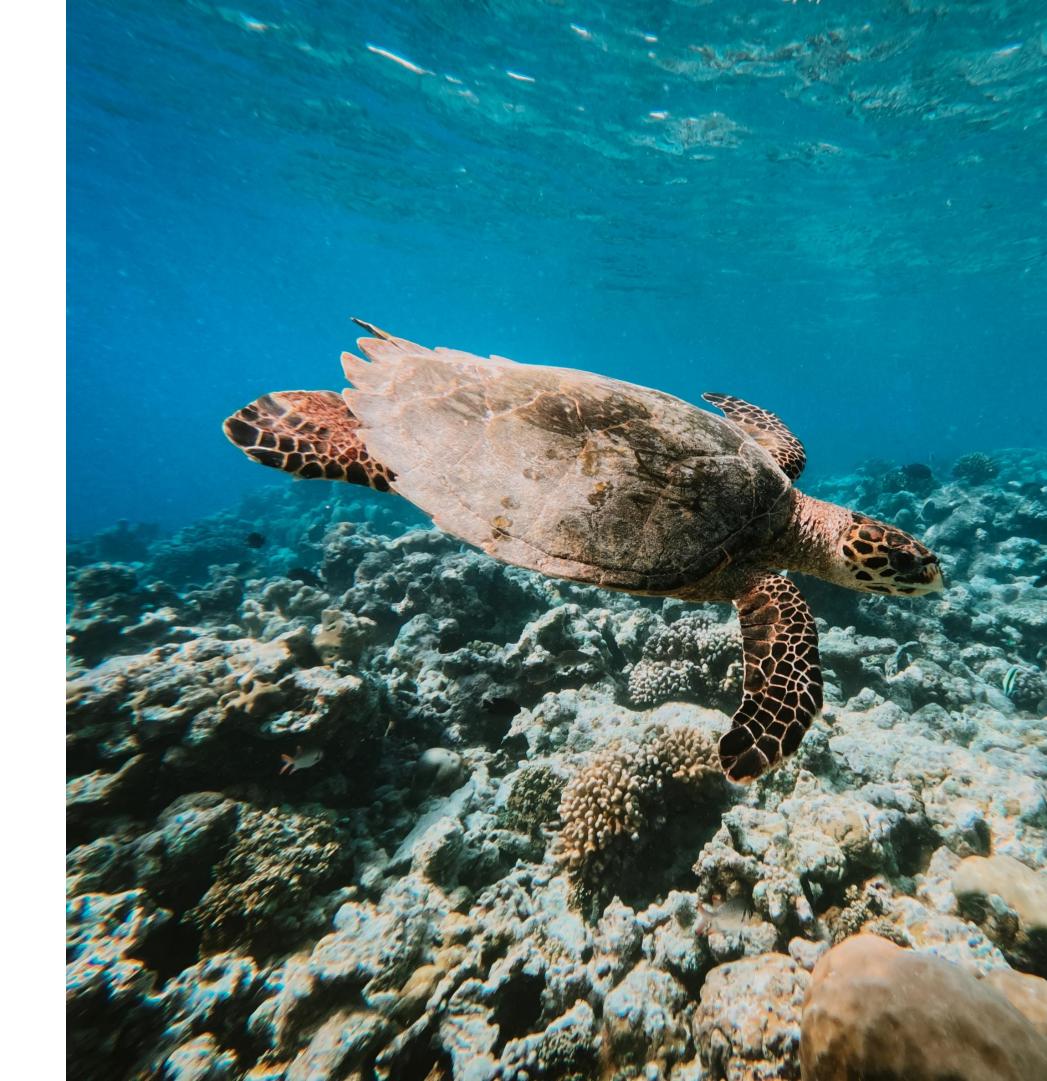
#### Partners & Collaborations

Our efforts are made possible through collaborations with:

- Local governments and environmental organizations
- Marine biologists and conservationists
- Educational institutions and NGOs
- Sustainable tourism advocates

## Looking Ahead - The Future of Cocoon Foundation

- Expansion of marine conservation zones to other destinations within The Cocoon Collection
- Continued investment in sustainable energy and water conservation technologies
- Development of more community-driven initiatives, fostering local entrepreneurship and self-sustainability



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