



Touch Maldives



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Dhiraagu contributes to e-health in Maldives

Dhiraagu, the Maldives business of Cable & Wireless Communications, has helped launch the islands' first telemedicine project with a donation to the country's Ministry of Health & Family.

Dhiraagu has donated a telemedicine system costing over Mrf 2 million (approximately US \$150,000) to the Ministry of Health & Family. Dhiraagu has also pledged to cover most of the management and running costs as part of the donation.

The system will allow doctors in Male (the capital) to undertake medical check-ups, diagnose and follow-up on respiratory illnesses and see real-time video of their patients. Medical information can also be shared with other consultants when needed. It will also be used as a communication and teaching tool between specialists and medical officers serving remote islands where access to specialist care is limited. This will allow faster diagnosis of conditions and enable vital earlier treatment.

The Republic of Maldives is a nation of 1,200 islands in the Indian Ocean. Its communities are geographically dispersed and face many challenges in providing first class healthcare to some remote islands.

Ismail Rasheed, Dhiraagu's Chief Executive, commented:

"As the leading technology company in the Maldives we think it's important to create awareness of new technology and demonstrate how telecommunication services can be used to benefit the community and fuel the development of the country."

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