

# MARCH 23: WORLD METEOROLOGY DAY SPECIAL

“Climate Knowledge for Climate Action”

*“World Meteorological Day is celebrated every year on 23 March to commemorate the entry into force in 1950 of the convention that created the World Meteorological Organization.”*

## 1987 TIDAL WAVES. MALDIVES

BASED ON UNDR0 SITUATION REPORT

*Since the entire archipelago of Maldives was severely hit on 11th April 1987, the government requested UNDR0 to appeal for international assistance to cope with the natural disaster.*

- One third of Male' was affected by severe flooding from the tidal waves. Breakwaters, retaining walls, coastal roads, Hulhule International Airport, access harbour, fuel jetty, radio antenna were among the damaged coastal infrastructure.
- Night flights of the only International airport of that time, Hulhule was halted due to the damages.
- Repair works was estimated at 6 million dollars.
- Some houses were destroyed.
- Around 300 people were relocated.
- No life lost.
- 13 atolls of were reportedly impacted by the disaster.

## INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE. 1987 TIDAL WAVE

Following nations and countries provided assistance following the disaster

World Meteorological Organization

Bhutan

China

Cuba

Federation Republic of Germany

Japan

Nepal

New Zealand

Singapore

Sri Lanka

UK

USA

USSR

Islamic Call Society

Maldives Libyan Brotherhood Society

Save the Children USA

