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decision making process. According to the Local Governance Act, there should be an elected Women's Committee in each island, atoll and city. This is an all women's committee elected by

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The Strategic Action Plan 2009 – 2013 talks of supporting programs to empower youth to be responsible, active citizens contributing to the national development. This also includes the establishment of the Maldives Volunteer Corps, by the Ministry of Youth in 2009, with the

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Therefore, gender sensitization and gender equality

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