

MI ID Checker — Maldives' Facial-Recognition Tool for Identifying Undocumented Migrant Workers

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Maldives

Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Maldives Immigration launched MI ID Checker, a facial-recognition app letting officers identify foreign workers from a photo alone, as biometric registration of migrant workers rose from 13% to 98% and enforcement operations repatriated over 9,000 undocumented workers.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	2/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	0/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability beyond pilot	2/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	0/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-30

[Maldives Immigration \(Ministry of Homeland Security and Technology\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-30

[Maldives Immigration: New Facial Recognition System to Streamline the Identification of Undocumented Foreign Workers](#) — accessed 2026-07-30

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