

Thaana Mallow — Converting Dhivehi Thaana Script to Latin So Screen Readers Can Read the Maldivian Language

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · Maldives

Quality score: 36/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Android app that transliterates Dhivehi (Thaana) web text into Latin script so built-in screen readers can read it aloud; launched June 2020 and reportedly used by blind students in lockdown. Evidence is anecdotal.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	4/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	0/1
Evaluation evidence	0/1
Demonstrated reach	0/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-30

[Team Thaana Mallow \(Miyaheli 2019 winner\) with UNDP Maldives, Australian Government, Ooredoo Maldives](#) — accessed 2026-09-30

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