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## Quality Assurance in Higher Education in the Maldives: Are We Listening to the Students?

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### Abstract

Students are at the center of higher education which makes it essential that their voices are heard and what students perceive as high quality are known to the providers of higher education. The purpose of this nationwide quantitative survey was to find out what students identified as markers of quality in higher education. As this is the first study of its kind in the country, it is expected that the results of this study would be valuable to higher education institutions and higher education policy makers to cater the need of the students. Responses from 25.17% (N=2580) of the target population were used to statistically analyze the data. Results showed that students identified delivery and teaching methods; amount of contact; feedback; curriculum relevancy and being challenged by what they are learning; awareness and availability of support networks; relationships and interactions; and accessibility and availability of facilities as markers of quality.

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