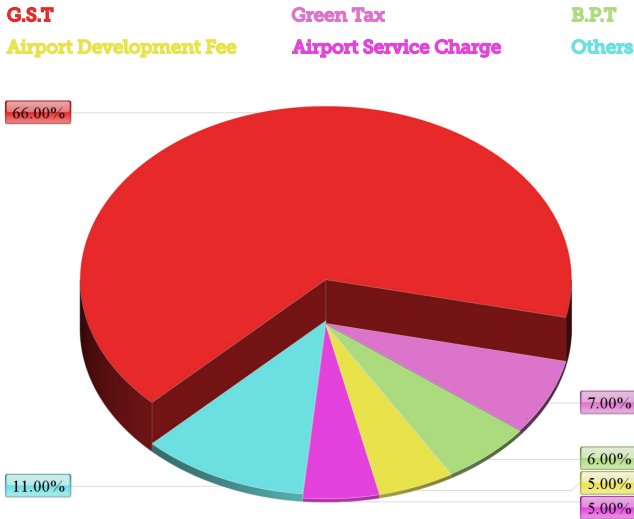




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# MIRA collected MVR 985.79 million in November 2018



**Mariyam Jaidha**  
Senior Tax Officer, Planning and Development

In November 2018, MIRA collected 985.79 million in revenue and this increased the cumulative collection for the year to a significant 14.92 billion, an increase of 5.3% compared to the corresponding period of 2017. Revenue of November 2018 also surpassed the projected revenue by 5.2%.

The increase in revenue for November was mainly contributed by the increase in the revenue from GST, Green Tax and Tourism Land Rent that exceeded the forecasted amount.

## Any queries regarding tax?



# GST to be charged at zero-rate on sanitary napkins, tampons, menstrual cups and other such products

**Mariyam Adam**  
Deputy Manager, Taxpayer Facilitation

Sanitary napkins, tampons, menstrual cups and other such products has been zero-rated following the fifth amendment to the Goods and Services Tax Act (Law Number 10/2011) which was ratified by the president and published in the Government Gazette on 3rd of December 2018.

MIRA has defined "Other such products" stated in the amendment to be sanitary towels, sanitary pads, panty liners, sanitary belts for use with looped towels or pads, internal devices for the collection of menstrual flow (keepers) and maternity pads produced as sanitary

protection products for the absorption or collection of menstrual flow or lochia (discharge from the womb following childbirth).

Even though the GST rate for these products have been revised, GST registered persons are allowed to claim input tax for such products purchased before 3 December 2018, in accordance with the standard rules for input tax deduction. Following this change, MIRA has advised taxpayers to bring necessary changes to their POS systems and ensure that the prices displayed do not include GST.

It is important to request a receipt from the seller upon making payment for any good or service to confirm that GST was charged at the correct rate.





# MIRA's Corporate Social Responsibility

MIRA staff participated in the "National Cleaning Event" conducted by Ministry of Environment



# MIRA staff contribute children of “Fiyavathi” in donation

**Ahmed Shaheen**  
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The staff of MIRA has made yet another generous donation to the children’s home “Fiyavathi” in Hulhumale’. This activity was part of MIRA’s annual CSR objectives and this year, more than MVR 50,000 worth of essential items were donated to the children in Fiyavathi.

The donation was made on 15 December 2018 at the children’s evening organized and held by the staff of

MIRA at Fiyavathi. The evening was graced by the Commissioner General of Taxation, Mr. Yazeed Mohamed and Deputy Commissioner General, Mr. Hassan Zareer. The Director of Fiyavathi, Mr. Ahmed Imad and Deputy Director, MR. Mohamed Shafeeq and the staff of Fiyavathi also took part in the event.

Speaking in the event, the Commissioner General, Mr. Yazeed Mohamed highlighted the endless effort and support from the staff of MIRA who contribute to the donations individually from their own pockets every year and help organize and

carry out CSR activities in association with MIRA Club. The Commissioner General also extended his gratitude to the staff of Fiyavathi for their influential work and diligent nature.

The Deputy Director of Fiyavathi also addressed the participants of the evening and in his speech, described MIRA as an exemplary organization in promoting and encouraging social responsibility. The Deputy Director extended his appreciation to the staff of MIRA for their yearly contribution and highlighted the significance of such assistance in running an organization like Fiyavathi.





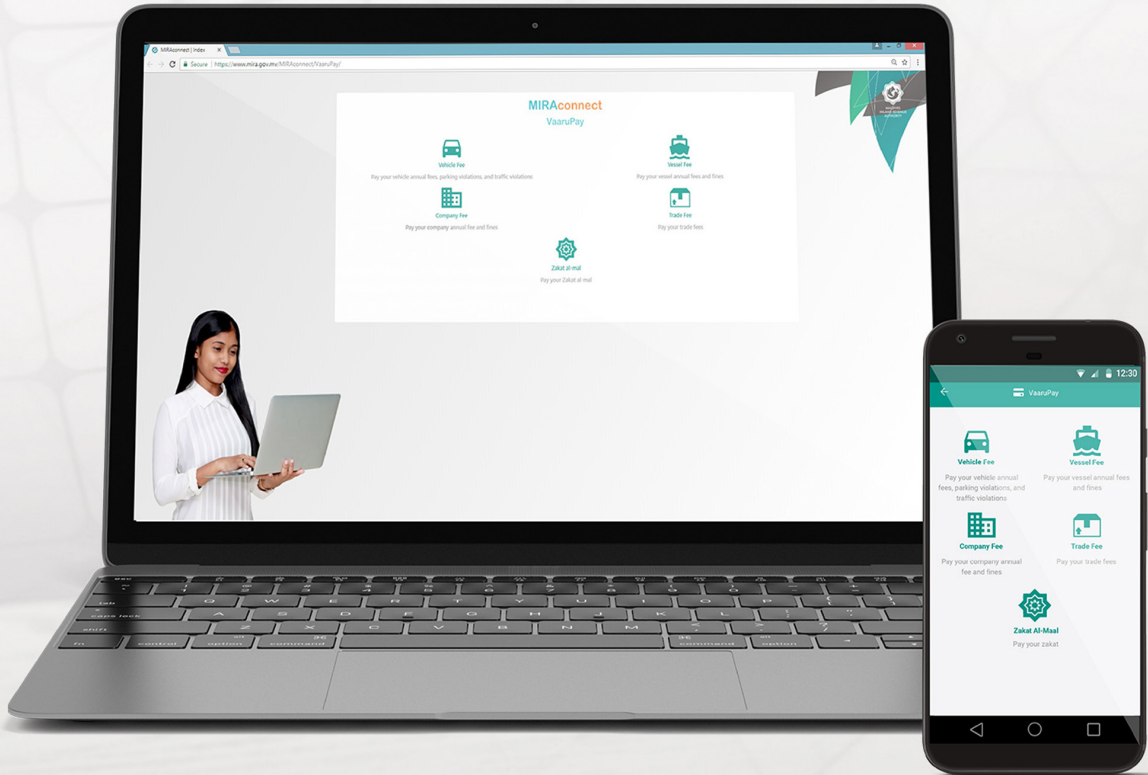




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