

## 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Emergency Readiness/ Response

**Country: MALDIVES**

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### Cases reporting

- **NO** confirmed case of COVID-19 in the country as of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- **2 Maldivian- a mother and her 1-year old daughter are currently in isolation in Farukolhufushi island** for 14 days as they traveled from China with **no symptoms**.
- **2 Maldivians** living in Wuhan **evacuated to India** for 14-day isolation.

### Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- Under the guidance from HE the President, an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for COVID-19 preparedness and response actively engages National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) as co-lead together with MOH.
- The government has also established a “Travel Clinic” to extend services especially to returning Maldivians following international travel in the past 2 weeks.
- A drill was conducted by the Ministry of Health and NDMA jointly on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to test SOPs developed if a suspected case was found in Maldives.
- The Government continues to closely monitor the worldwide situation for any revisions in their own SOPs and guidelines for screening, surveillance and management of cases.
- An awareness session targeted for students of Maldives National University MNU was conducted on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2020.
- Thermal Screening continues at all International airports in Maldives with no persons identified meeting the criteria for isolation. A total of 4423 travelers screened in last 24 hours.
- Awareness sessions ongoing having reached over 85,000 persons including health professionals, migrants and the public (including atolls).
- Regular HECC meetings are conducted by the Ministry of Health in addition to the 24\*7 Incident Management System and EOC.

### WCO activities

- Supported the staff at IGMH lab to conduct first laboratory testing on a Pneumonia sample for COVID19 which tested negative.
- Continue to share updated technical guidance and participate in HECC Meetings.

### WHO support provided to Member State

- WCO continues to closely work and support MOH in their response to COVID-19 and Sitreps are shared daily and new technical documents immediately.

### Support requested from SEARO

- Procurement of additional PPEs kits and Laboratory supplies to strengthen country capacity

### Support / Coordination from SEARO and other agencies

- Needs assessment to upgrade IGMH Lab to BSL 3 level.