

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

Country: MALDIVES

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Cases reporting

- **23 confirmed cases** of COVID-19 have been reported in the Maldives.
- **16 of the cases have recovered. NO DEATH** of COVID-19 have been reported.
- **3 new cases** have been reported in the last 24 hours. **The new cases** live in the same house in Male' city indicating **first cases of local transmission in the city**.
- 965 people are currently under quarantine and 10 in isolation facilities in the country.
- 3,365 samples have been tested, and results for 275 samples are pending as of 15 April 2020.

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- **COVID-19 outbreak response plan for Male** has been rolled out following confirmation of the case. Alert for Male City has been raised to Level 4 (**Red color level**). Movement to, from and amongst apartments of the house have been immediately restricted. Greater Male' Region is now under lockdown for 48 hours.
- **2 close contacts of the new cases in Male have also tested positive**. The confirmed cases have been shifted to isolation facility and 54 additional contacts are being investigated. Kaashidhoo Island is under monitoring, as one of the contacts had travelled there.
- On 14 April 2020, 159 Maldivian nationals were repatriated from Bangalore and Cochin.
- As of 13 April 2020, a total of 9660 individuals have been released from quarantine facilities.
- On 12 April 2020, 200 migrant workers were moved to places with better living conditions to reduce risk of COVID-19 infection, and similar arrangements have been made for additional 4800.
- The Elections Commission announced that the 2020 Local Council Elections will be postponed.
- The Government has decided to issue monetary incentives to fishermen during this time.

WCO activities

- WHO continues to closely work and technically support the MOH and NEOC.
- WHO is working closely with the UNCT Maldives to advocate for and assure right of migrants in Maldives to seek care and all supportive services during the current Pandemic.
- WHO supported to update and print "**Home Quarantine**" guideline developed by the MOH.
- Timely sharing of updated WHO guidelines and recommendations on a regular basis.

WHO support provided to Member State

- WHO supported the Critical Care Training for doctors from hospitals at greater Male' region.
- Facilitated establishment of Go.Data tool in Maldives along with the necessary training.
- Facilitation of several training through webinars and Webex on clinical management, IPC etc.

Support requested from SEARO

- Facilitate procurement of 4 GeneXperts, **25000 COVID-19 cartridges** and **10 Biosafety Cabinets**.
- 50 kits of 50 E gene and **10 kits of RdRp** assay and additional 750 sets of PPEs.

Support / Coordination from SEARO and other agencies

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

