

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

Country: MALDIVES

Date: 19/ 03 / 2020

Cases reporting

- **13 confirmed cases and NO DEATHS** of COVID-19 reported in the Maldives. **5 persons are currently in Dharumavantha Hospital for close observations and further treatment.**
- **No new cases in the last 3 days (72 hours)**
- **82 people are in quarantine and 15 in Isolation.**
- **109 contacts completed their 14-day isolation and have been released.**

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- Passengers and crew with a **travel history to UK and Malaysia** is additional to previous listed 8 countries (total 10) will **not be allowed to enter or transit** through Maldives.
- Maldivians who return from **ANY COUNTRY** would be isolated for 14 days.
- On invitation WR with his team of NPO and Technical Officer, SEARO, HPA and NDMA updated the Peoples Majlis (parliament) on the ongoing COVID response activities on 15 March 2020.
- Travel between tourist resort and inhabited islands have been banned including excursions.
- HEP announced closure of Government's ministries and all institutions from 19-26 March 2020. School and college holidays have been extended till 30 March,2020.
- Mass gathering (more than 4 people) including in Mosques, use of open grounds in Male, closure of gymnasiums and cinema halls has been enforced. A fine of up to MVR 5000 for violating quarantine/ isolation has been announced

WCO activities

- WHO continues to closely work and technically support the MOH and EOC.
- WHO supported development of the UN Contingency Plan for COVID-19 and draft Country Preparedness and Response Plan.
- WHO is interacting with World Bank and partners to mobilize resources for COVID-19 response

WHO support provided to Member State

- Facilitated engagement of WHO SEARO Technical Officer Dr Manish Kakkar to review the government response to COVID-19 and advise way forward. Dr Kakkar completed his mission on 19 March,2020.
- 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.
- Handed over another batch of COVID-19 test kits for a cumulative total of 6000 reactions.

Support requested from SEARO

- Procurement of additional 750 **PPEs kits.**
- Procurement **of Laboratory supplies** to further strengthen country capacity.
- Technical support for clinical management Severe Cases
- Support for **BioSafety Cabinet Certification** at IGMH.

Support / Coordination from SEARO and other agencies

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