

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

Country: MALDIVES

Date: 23 / 03 / 2020

### Cases reporting

- 13 confirmed cases and **NO DEATHS** of COVID-19 reported in the Maldives.
- **No DEATHS have been reported and no new cases in the last 7 days.**
- 3 persons are currently in Dharumavantha Hospital for close observations and further treatment. 3 staff from Kuredu Island Resort have recovered.
- 442 people are in quarantine and 17 in Isolation.
- 109 contacts completed their 14-day isolation and have been released.

### Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- On the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, the Maldives pledged to contribute USD200,000 to SAARC Emergency Response Fund for COVID19.
- All incoming people (Maldivians/expats) to Maldives will be quarantined/isolated for 14 days except tourists. 9 islands/resorts have been designated as Quarantine facilities.
- Cafés and Restaurants (except for take away), Spas, Salons are closed in Greater Male' area.
- Import duties and processing fees for PPEs and disinfectants were waived.
- The Male' and Hulhumale City will begin disinfecting from 08:00 hrs on 23 March 2020.
- Travel between tourist resort and inhabited islands are banned including excursions.

### WCO activities

- WHO continues to closely work and technically support the MOH and EOC.
- Lead development of UN Contingency Plan and Preparedness and Response Plan for COVID-19.
- Facilitated resource mobilization from World Bank and ADB for COVID-19 response.

### WHO support provided to Member State

- WHO supported the Critical Care Training at IGMH for doctors from greater Male' region.
- Facilitated establishment of Go.Data tool in Maldives along with the necessary training.
- Facilitation sharing of guidelines, training through webinars and webex on multiple subjects.
- 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.