

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

Country: MALDIVES

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### Cases reporting

- 17 confirmed cases and **NO DEATHS** of COVID-19 reported in the Maldives.
- **2 Maldivian nationals – first ever** Maldivian COVID19 positive cases - had been **under quarantine** since arrival for having **travel history from the UK**.
- **The other 2 new cases** were confirmed in **2 foreign nationals** who are currently back in **Italy** under treatment.
- **All 13 cases** out of the first reported COVID19 cases in Maldives have **recovered**. **5 persons are** under close observations after **testing double negatives** are at IGMH and Dharumavantha Hospital 11<sup>th</sup> floor.
- Over a **thousand samples** have been tested for COVID19.

### Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- Maldives to start **screening** for all individuals in quarantine facilities and will be tested for COVID-19 to be discharged from quarantine facilities once the test results are confirmed.
- A total of **4660 individuals** visited the various flu clinics in the Maldives. **In the last 24 hours, 257** individuals visited flu clinics.
- On 28 March 2020, the Ministry of Islamic Affairs advised **against congregational prayers** in the **Greater Male' Region** until 4 April 2020.
- Health Protection Agency ordered the **closure of all gyms** in addition to closure of **all cinemas and film theaters** in the **Greater Male' Region** until further notice.
- Issuance of all **on-arrival visas** remain **suspended**, effective 00:00 hrs on 27 March 2020 except for all **diplomatic personnel** from accredited missions, official delegations from foreign governments, international organizations and agencies **will be exempted** from the **restriction**.
- **Maldivian Airlines** announced that **cargo flights** would operate to a select few countries to **transport medical and food supplies**.
- On 29 March 2020, the **Asian Development Bank** provided **\$500,000** from the Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund to help finance the Government of Maldives' response to COVID-19.

### WCO activities

- WHO continues to closely work and technically support the MOH and NEOC.
- Timely sharing of updated WHO guidelines and recommendations on a regular basis.
- WHO Rep hosted the first UN Health and WASH working group meeting on 26 March to coordinate the activities outlined in the CPRP.
- Continuing to support the Critical Care Training for health care professionals of hospitals in greater Male' region.
- WHO continues to share technical information across 8 pillars of CPRP with partners such as World Bank and others to guide their resources to the country needs.

### 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.

- 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** especially 50 lab test kits to further strengthen country capacity.
- Technical support for clinical management Severe Cases.
- Support to strengthen healthcare waste management services in Maldives.
- Support for **BioSafety Cabinet Certification** at IGMH.

#### Support / Coordination from SEARO and other agencies

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