

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

Country: MALDIVES

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Cases reporting

- 19 confirmed cases and **NO DEATHS** of COVID-19 reported in the Maldives.
- **No community transmission till date.** Confirmed cases are amongst isolated/quarantined people.
- **13 confirmed cases have recovered. 866 cases** are currently under quarantine.
- **1573 samples** have been tested, and results for **65 samples are pending as of 5 April, 2020.**
- **5942 individuals visited flu clinics, (142 individuals in the last 24 hours) in the country.**

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- **Contact tracing and testing has been expanded. NO positive cases were detected amongst arrivals** from the UK between 14-19 March 2020.
- Actions are under way to prepare to respond to community level outbreaks at Male
- A clinic for the elderly, highest risk for severe COVID-19 is functioning in Dharumavantha Hospital.
- Government provided financial assistance to Maldivian nationals abroad through embassies.
- 1 repatriation flights operated by Maldivian Airways arrived in Male' from Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 23 Flu clinics have been established throughout the Maldives.
- Information sessions on COVID-19 was conducted for staff at correctional centers in Maldives.
- Economic Ministry has established an online portal, JobCenter, to offer a platform to report changes to employment due to the virus pandemic.
- As of 5th April, 723 complaints had been lodged via the portal so far. It includes complaints over terminations, forced no-pay leaves, pay cuts, withholding of allowances, and indefinite suspensions.
- The Government has arranged to introduce 6 months of debt relief for all student loan debtors. This will have no effect on the current student loan scheme - Over 4000 individuals are currently liable to repay student loans.
- State Trading Organization is working on securing stocks of rice and sugar for the next 10 months, as well as flour for the next 5 months, by 15 April. As per STO's March sales figures for staples, every island should currently have sufficient stocks to last another month.

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.
- Scaling up of Risk Communication and Community engagement
- WHO continues to share technical information across 8 pillars of CPRP with partners such as US Embassy, USAID, World Bank and others to guide their resources to the country needs.

WHO support provided to Member State

- WHO handed over an additional 5000 reactions of RT-PCR COVID-19 screening kits.
- 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

- Procurement of **25,000 COVID-19 cartridges** for **GeneXpert**
- Procurement of additional **750 PPE kits and 50 kits of 50 E gene** and **10 kits of 30 RdRp assay**.
- 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.