

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.
- **15 confirmed cases have recovered.**
- **1019 people** are currently under quarantine.
- **28 individuals** were **released** from various **quarantine facilities.**
- **2350 samples** have been tested, and results for **272 samples are pending as of 8 April 2020.**
- **6369** individuals visited **flu clinics, (133 individuals in the last 24 hours) in the country.**

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- Comprehensive response from the Government of Maldives' (whole of Government & Society) included delivery of **care packages** for Maldivian nationals living in Malaysia from their families was carried by Maldivian Airlines.
- Maldives started repatriating its nationals who wish to return and about **300 Malaysians in Maldives returned in the flight.**
- The Closure of Government establishments, schools, colleges and Universities has been extended till 16 April 2020 but lifted the curfew from 5-8 PM as of 9th April, 2020. The promotional behavioral modulation advocacy for hand washing and physical distancing is continuing.
- **Male' Water and Sewerage Company (MWSC)** decided to **provide one ton of water** to every household in the islands it operates on.
- Government is **establishing a trading platform** to enable **farmers to sell their fresh products.**
- The **Maldives Zakat Fund** donated **MVR 3 million** to help those in need due to difficulties arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **BML** has also decided to **defer their loan repayment** for up to **6 months**, while extending a further 6 months to their repayment duration.

WCO activities

- WHO Maldives participated during the telephone conversation of **HE Ibrahim Mohammed Solih, the President of the Maldives with WHO DG** on 8 April 2020.
- 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 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

- Overall requirements/request shared with SEARO/HQ to support expansion of lab services, health care waste management, intensive care facilities and training of different health workers.

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

Support / Coordination from SEARO and other agencies

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