

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

Country: MALDIVES

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### Cases reporting

- 4 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the country as of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (all are foreign nationals)
- 2 Maldivian- a mother and her 1-year old daughter are currently in isolation in Farukolhufushi island for 14 days as they traveled from China with **no symptoms**.
- 1 Maldivian from Shaviyani atoll Foakaidhoo is in isolation for testing – he has been in contact with the 2 cases from Lhaviyani Kuredu island resort.
- 2 Maldivians living in Wuhan **evacuated to India** for 14-day isolation.
- 3 islands temporarily restricts entry/exit for contact tracing and screening – Lhaviyani Kuredu resort, Shaviyani Foakaidhoo and Bathala Sands resort in Alif Atoll.

### Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- The first confirmed cases were two foreign nationals working in Kuredu Island Resort who came in to direct contact with an Italian tourist who was found to be positive for COVID19 upon his return to Italy on 2nd March 2020.
- Both of the cases have been placed in isolation and are being monitored since – and the MoH reports that both the cases are doing well and recovering well.
- Contact tracing has been completed in the island with 80 persons placed under room isolation and the temporarily restricted entry/exit to the island for screening purposes.
- 2 new cases were tested positive on 8<sup>th</sup> of March from Sandies Bathalaa Island resort, both foreign nationals resort - temporarily shutting off entry and exit to the island for contact tracing and screening.
- Both cases are currently in isolation in Farukolhufushi and report doing well and recovering well.
- 1 person from Shaviyani Foakaidhoo island had been in contact with the positive case from Kuredu and has been isolated for testing and observation - temporarily restricting entry and exit to the island for contact tracing purposes.
- In addition to this, the island resort in Kaafu atoll, Summer island, reported 7 foreign nationals were tested for COVID19 with the island temporarily closed off entry/exit for contact tracing. All 7 persons tested negative and the island is reopened for travel.
- HE the President has been convening daily cabinet meetings in order to discuss and determine next steps.
- As of 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020, all flights from Italy will be temporarily suspended, along with ban of entry to any person who travels from and transits through Italy.
- The NEOC is working 24/7 to determine the gaps and strengthen response with the evolving situation in the country.

### WCO activities

- WHO has been supporting the MoH and NDMA every step of the way to ensure the response is as per WHO guidelines, including the laboratory testing and contact tracing.

### WHO support provided to Member State

- Sitreps are shared daily and new technical documents immediately.

### **Support requested from SEARO**

- Procurement of additional PPEs kits.
- Procurement of Laboratory supplies to strengthen country capacity.
- Support for BioSafety Cabinet Certification at IGMH.

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

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