

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

**Country: MALDIVES**

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### Cases reporting

- **1829 confirmed cases** of COVID-19 and **07 deaths reported** – **434 new cases since last report.**
- **488 people have recovered** from COVID-19 and **12 are hospitalized for monitoring.**
- **98% of cases belong to known and existing clusters.**
- **1390 people are in Quarantine and 1427 in isolation facilities across Maldives.**

### Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- NEOC announced the easing of lockdown measures in the country beginning from 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The plan is available at <https://www.gov.mv/en/covid19/publications/measures-to-ease-lockdown>
- HE President Solih announced the decision to re-open Government offices with critical staff from 31 May – 11 June 2020, between 0900-1300 hrs. on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays.
- COVID-19 treatment facility with 290 beds has been established in Hulhumale'. Additional ICU capacity is being expanded in 7 different atolls to a total capacity of 112 ICU beds.
- Active case surveillance has been initiated in 2 different atolls to see if there are any COVID19 cases– 100 random samples taken from Gnaviyani Atoll and 60 samples from Raa atoll.
- The Government of Maldives has published guidelines on utilizing taxis as ambulances – which require the drivers to take precautionary measures and details on how to disinfect taxis.
- The “Public Health Emergency Bill” has been submitted to Parliament to ensure protection for individuals, families and businesses amid the Emergency.
- The Government has arranged to fly 33 patients with critical care needs especially surgeries overseas for further management. The cost will be covered by Asandha insurance scheme.
- At of 28 May 2020, government spending on COVID-19 stood at MVR 892.3 million (USD 58 million).
- 300 Bangladeshi nationals were repatriated via Maldivian Airlines over the past week.
- 103 Maldivian nationals were repatriated from Belarus/United Kingdom/Sri Lanka.

### WCO activities

- 3,000 additional reactions for COVID19 diagnostics was handed over to IGMH on 31/5/2020.
- Coordinating with UNDP Maldives to mobilize COVID-19 GeneXpert Cartridges.
- Guidance provided to Ministry of Education on adjusting public health measures and planning for Reopening of Schools.

### WHO support provided to Member State

- Supporting TAG and NEOC in development of Easing Out Plan from Lockdown.
- Essential care items for vulnerable population of elderly including adult diapers, hand sanitizers and Nutritional supplement were handed over to Hon Minister of Gender, Family & Social Services.
- Virtual meeting with Hon Minister and his team of senior officials with the focus on maintenance of essential health services.

### Support requested from SEARO

- **Support to send 10000 E -gene Kits urgently**

## Support / Coordination from SEARO and other agencies

- Share details to upgrade IGMH Lab to BSL 3 level.