

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

**Country: MALDIVES**

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### Cases reporting

- 77,758 confirmed cases; 805 new cases reported within the week, 2,459 active cases in the country.
- 02 death was reported during the week and mortality rate currently at 0.29% with 222 deaths.
- 955 new recoveries were reported during the week, total 75,065 persons that is 96% have recovered.
- Over 1,214,912 samples have been tested; 5,449 samples tested in the last 24hours – 125 new cases. Sample positivity rate is currently maintained at 2%.
- 16 people are hospitalized with moderate to severe disease, with only 05 persons in critical care and ICU.
- Outside of the GMR in the atolls, there are 848 active cases (791 locals and 57 foreigners) across 38 inhabited islands outside GMR. The number of islands under monitoring status is reduced to 17.
- In Shaviyani atoll island of Foakaidhoo, the case numbers have decreased to 74 active cases.
- In the isolated island of Kaashidhoo in Kaafu atoll, there are 173 active cases.
- Gaafu Dhaalu Atoll island of Thinadhoo has been placed under monitoring status again with currently 22 active cases. In the neighboring island of Gaafu Dhaalu Nadella, 107 active cases are reported.
- Highest number outside of GMR is reported from Raa Atoll in island of Dhuvaafaru, with 142 active cases.

### Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- The Maldives total vaccinated coverage now stands at 59.79% for first dose and 51.02% as second dose as of TOTAL population.
- The HEOC has revealed that Maldives has received stock of vaccine enough to inoculate the entire population of the Nation.
- Maldives Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (MTAGI) has decided to administer the Pfizer vaccine as the second dose to women who become pregnant after receiving the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.
- The Islamic Ministry has announced persons who has completed the two doses of the COVISHIELD vaccination can travel to Saudi Arabia to perform the Umrah pilgrimage with no issues.
- The DGPH and HEOC has requested government institutions, agencies and companies to support the nationwide vaccination program in an attempt to ensure all government employees are vaccinated before the end of August 2021.
- The ministry of tourism has revealed that COVID-19 positivity rate among tourists sits at 0.13 percent so far in July 2021.
- The ministry revealed that 0.19 percent of tourists that arrived in the Maldives between 15 July – 31 December 2020 had tested positive for the virus, whereas the positivity rate among tourists between 1 January – 28 July 2021 was at 0.25 percent. The rate dropped to 0.13 percent between July 1 and July 28 2021.
- Ministry of Finance has revealed USD 11 million has been disbursed as frontline allowance for individuals active in the frontline of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Maldives. The finance ministry revealed USD 11 million has been disbursed as frontline allowance to 12,731 frontline workers as of July 27. The statistics from the finance ministry show this is an increase compared to the USD 10.7 million disbursed to 12,479 frontline workers recorded on July 11 2021.

## WCO activities

- Active participation in the daily National Vaccine Steering Group and Operations Group meetings.
- Leading the UN Health and Wash group and UN Crisis Management Team.
- Coordinating communications between IGIB India and HPA regarding 4<sup>th</sup> round of sample sending for genomic sequencing.
- Providing WHO recommendation to government on ideal gene sequencing machine to establish capacity in country.

## WHO support provided to Member State

- Support to develop IEC materials on injury and drowning prevention.
- Technical support to develop national guidelines on cervical and breast cancer screening.
- Provided support to Maldives Food and Drug Authority to develop awareness materials on Food Safety.
- Facilitating communications between Public Health England UK and Maldives Ministry of Health to identify areas of collaboration in regards to Laboratory strengthening.