

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

Country: MALDIVES

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### Cases reporting

- The first **DEATH** of COVID-19 has been reported amongst an 83-year-old Female.
- **527 confirmed cases** of COVID-19 have been reported in the Maldives – **507** active cases.
- 12 cases of **local transmission outside of Male' City** was found in **Shaviyani Atoll (north)** which is linked to a positive case.
- **1547** People are in Quarantine and **452** in isolation facilities across Maldives.
- **8327** samples have been tested, **8064** tested **negative** and results for **151 samples are pending**.

### Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- The lockdown has been **extended** in the **Greater Male' Region** till 14 May 2020.
- Ministry of Health is accelerating **surveillance** including amongst **migrant community** to identify, test, isolate and manage cases to reduce COVID-19 transmission in the capital.
- Under Public Health Emergency; DG-Public Health issued a Notice to **quarantine migrant workers** living in vulnerable locations regardless of their legal status and those were probable contacts
- COVID19 Diagnostics has been **expanded within Male'** by starting to test with the **RT PCR machine in Maldives Police Services Forensic Laboratory – with WHO provided kits**.
- The construction of a quarantine facility in the island of Gulhifalhu, Kaafu Atoll, was completed with a capacity of 665 beds, within nine days.
- **Special accommodation arrangements** have been made by the government for **frontline HCWs, Police Officers and members of RRTs** who choose not to go home.
- The People's Majlis (parliament) **approved** to bring **amendments Fiscal Responsibility Act** to enable the **Government to borrow MVR 4.4 billion** from the **Central Bank** to manage cashflow for the estimated cost for COVID19 response of **MVR 1.4 billion in Maldives**.
- The HPA **launched a contact tracing application – TraceEkee** – in efforts to mitigate community spread through community-driven detailed contact tracing.

### WCO activities

- Processing request to expand COVID-19 diagnostic capacity at **two Atolls** outside Male'.
- Supporting to establish **2 ten bedded ICUs** in regions.
- Leading Health and WASH Working group of UNCT Maldives.
- Continuing to support risk communication as a member of media and communication group.

### WHO support provided to Member State

- Strengthened ongoing Infection Prevention & Control activities with provision of additional PPEs.
- Facilitate tele-interactions between NEOC team and SEARO team to strengthen response to COVID-19 outbreak at Male.
- Supported estimations for preparedness to transmission scenarios in Greater Male and atolls.
- Promoting vector control to mitigate increase in Dengue cases.

### Support requested from SEARO

- Facilitate expeditious procurement of 5 Medical Camp Kits
- **Laboratory: 4 GeneXperts, 25000 COVID-19 cartridges and 50 E-gene Kits.**

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

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