Cases reporting

- **24,783 confirmed cases** have been reported till date.
- **1112 new cases have been reported since last week**, and there are **3,075 active cases** in the country currently – more than **1,657 active cases** are in the greater Male’ region.
- **One additional death** was reported during the week and mortality rate 0.27% with **67 deaths**.
- 665,413 samples have been tested till date. **Sample positivity rate** is maintained at 4%. Cases continue to be seen more among **contacts** of positives and from departure samples from tourists and travelers.
- **941 new recoveries** were reported during the week. 21,636 (87.30%) have recovered. **83 people are hospitalized** with moderate to severe disease, 5 cases in ICU and 4 persons on ventilator care.
- There are currently **925 active cases** across 65 **islands outside Male**. Cases are reported from **all the atolls** for the first time since outbreak in Maldives.
- In the central Kaafu atoll, two islands are reporting big clusters. In Kaafu Dhiffushi island, there are 105 active cases related to a quarantine release sample positive from a local. In Kaafu Huraa island, 134 active cases have been reported as positive cases.
- In Lhaviyani atoll, in the industrial island of Felivaru, there are over 254 positive cases reported to date. In the neighboring islands of Hinnavaru as well as Naifaru within the atoll; there are 200 cases reported. The atoll is placed under monitoring for random sampling.
- In tourist establishments and operational resorts, a total of **444 cases** have been reported from **99 resorts** across the country with 202 staff and 242 tourists.

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- Over 251,139 persons have been vaccinated in Maldives. Second dose with the COVISHIELD vaccination has also started since 3rd April 2021.
- The DGPH and Minister for Health has extended the State of Public Health Emergency for the 12th time, till May 2021.
- Since the first of April 2021, the DGPH lifted all the restrictive measures imposed on the greater Male’ region. Wearing of Masks is still mandatory across all the islands.
- Local Council Elections are being planned in discussion with the HPA and HEOC; with travel between islands (except for travel from Male’) allowed for voting purposes.
- The ministry of education has announced that Students of all grades in the Greater Male’ Region have returned to schools, after a two-month suspension of school sessions due to the latest surge of COVID-19 cases in the Maldives.
- As of 01 April 2021, total spending towards COVID-19 health and social efforts stood at MVR 1,611.7 million; a 3.0% increase from the week before. In this review period, 43.3% of total health and social spending was committed spending.
- Over 100,000 tourists visited the Maldives over the past month, statistics have shown; the first time the tourist arrivals exceeded 100,000 after the country reopened its doors to tourists following border closure.

WCO activities
WHO continues to monitor the vaccination sites and is actively involved in deliberations of the National Vaccine Steering Group and Operations Group.

- Support to MNU for developing short term Field Epidemiology Training Programme (FETP) for Maldives.
- Technical Consultancy to Develop Guidelines and Training Programmes for the Methadone Maintenance Treatment.
- Supporting IPC Measures: such as ongoing efforts to monitor the vaccination sites for IPC related support.
- Supported ToT Training on clinical management of Hepatitis B and C which was conducted for physicians.

**WHO support provided to Member State**

- WHO facilitated handing over of Autoclaves for Health Care waste management project to H.E Minister of Health Maldives, launched in partnership with Canadian Development worth C$1.35million.
- Providing guidance to HEOC/HPA and TAG on WHO recommendations with the latest updates from IHR Committee meetings.
- Facilitated Maldives participation in MDSR training.
- Presentation of findings from HRH Situation Analysis and evaluation of the existing Strategic plan to MOH HRH expert committee.
- Supported country presentation to MOH on technical briefing on Small States for Members of the Commonwealth Secretariat Board of Governance on COVID-19 vaccine roll out.