

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

Country: MALDIVES

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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 Naifaruv 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.