

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

Country: MALDIVES

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Cases reporting

- **617 confirmed cases** of COVID-19 and **02 deaths reported**.
- **20** people have **recovered** from COVID19 and **5 are hospitalized for monitoring**.
- **1744** People are in Quarantine and **501** in isolation facilities across Maldives.
- **10415** samples have been tested, **9251** tested **negative** and results for **547 samples are pending**.

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- **597 reported cases** in the country are linked to clusters in greater Male region.
- **12 cases of local transmission outside of Male' City** was found in **Shaviyani Atoll (north) – 6 islands** currently under monitoring.
- Over **70 individuals** were **released** from various **Quarantine facilities**.
- **HE President Solih** reiterated people's **well-being as top priority** for his Government in his address to Nation on 4th May 2020.
- Ministry of Finance revealed that at the end of 30th April 2020, the **total spending** towards **COVID-19** response was **MVR 665.4 million** - the Ministry of Health and National Disaster Management Authority accounts for **91.2 percent** of all spending.
- All **high-risk migrant workers** living in overcrowded accommodation facilities in the Greater Male' Region will be **placed under quarantine in facilities** allocated by the NEOC.
- **Special Quarantine facilities** have been established in both Gulhifalhu island (665 beds) and Hulhumale (667 bed) **for migrants** under the directive. **Over 6000 migrant workers have been identified** who will be shifted.
- The Government and Maldives Red Crescent (MRC) launched **a relief fund** to assist **migrant workers and expatriates** who are in vulnerable situations due to the pandemic.
- **MVR 9.6 million** was waived off on medical equipment by Customs as Government removed duties from all imports of medical equipment.

WCO activities

- The Hand Hygiene Day Campaign was utilized for continuing advocacy as WHO Rep reiterated the hand washing and physical distancing messages in his on National Television and media interviews.
- Best practices from Maldives shared on Listening, Perception and Fake News monitoring during a virtual meeting regional communication group.
- Leading Health and WASH Working group of UNCT Maldives.

WHO support provided to Member State

- Facilitate tele-interactions between NEOC team and SEARO team to strengthen response to COVID-19 outbreak at Male.
- Shared instructions for classification (ICD10 coding) and certification of deaths to due COVID19.
- Interaction with the RRT manager and NEOC Incident manager to ensure adherence to IPC SOPs while collecting and transfer of samples – even in islands and atolls.
- Supported modelling and projected estimate scenarios with varying compliance rates for Greater Male and atolls- used for advocating for greater adherence to preventive measures.
- Promoting vector control to mitigate increase in Dengue cases.
- Support for initiation of Routine Immunization Services in Male at Dhamnaveshi

Support requested from SEARO

- Facilitate expeditious procurement of **5 Medical Camp Kits**
- **Laboratory: 4 GeneXperts, 25000 COVID-19 cartridges and 200 E-gene Kits.**

Support / Coordination from SEARO and other agencies

- Coordinating with UNDP Maldives to mobilize COVID19 GeneXpert Cartridges.