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

**Country: MALDIVES**

**Cases reporting**

- **1916 confirmed cases** of COVID-19 and **08 deaths** reported – **87 new cases** since last report.
- **925 people** have recovered from COVID-19 and **16 are hospitalized** for monitoring.
- **98.96% of cases** belong to known and existing clusters.
- **1443 people** are in Quarantine and **1185** in isolation facilities across Maldives.

## Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- A set of regulations to be followed in the ongoing State of Public Health Emergency were released.
- Government of Maldives will ease lock down in 3 phases. Full details of Phase 1 measures can be found on: https://www.gov.mv/en/covid19/publications/measures-to-ease-lockdown
- The Government of Maldives has submitted the “Public Health Emergency Bill” to parliament to ensure protection for individuals, families and businesses amid the State of Public Health Emergency.
- The HPA has developed an app called “Haalubelun” – to help monitor COVID-19 symptoms.
- World Food Safety Day 2020 was commemorated at the National Emergency Operating Center on 7 June, 2020. Link between COVID-19 emergence and food safety was referred and importance of food safety was highlighted.
- The Ministry of Tourism announced that the Maldives will restart tourism in July 2020.
- HPA has published guidelines on home quarantine and utilizing taxis as ambulances.
- 181 people were released from various quarantine facilities in the last week.
- 103 Maldivian students and 1524 foreigners were repatriated.

## WCO activities

- 10,000 additional E Gene reactions for COVID19 diagnosis were handed over to Ministry of Health on 08/06/2020.
- WHO Maldives has mobilized USD 192,000 from Multi Partner Trust Fund to support COVID-19 response with focus on vulnerable people especially housed at the Home of People with Special Needs.
- WHO Representative shared summary of COVID-19 response in the Maldives with the Quanto Science and Technology Magazine (USA)
- Supported production of ‘EkugaiEmmen’ Solidarity Campaign videos which are disseminated widely with NEOC

## WHO support provided to Member State

- Supporting TAG and NEOC in refining and updating the next version of Easing Out Plan from Lockdown.
- Working with the government to ensure essential health services including NCD, Vector Control and RMNCAH etc. during emergencies.
- Technical support for reviewing guidelines and SOPs developed by Ministry of Education for COVID response and training support staff on disinfecting and sterilization of surfaces.

## Support requested from SEARO

- Support to send 10000 E -gene Kits urgently

## Support / Coordination from SEARO and other agencies

- Share details to upgrade IGMH Lab to BSL 3 level.