

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

Country: MALDIVES

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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.