

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

Country: MALDIVES

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Cases reporting

- **25,759 confirmed cases** have been reported till date.
- **976 new cases have been reported since last week**, and there are **2,645 active cases** in the country currently – more than **1,415 active cases** are in the greater **Male' region**.
- **NO additional death** was reported during the week and mortality rate 0.26% with **67 deaths**.
- 669,413 samples have been tested till date. **Sample positivity rate** is maintained at **3-4%**.
- Cases continue to be seen more among **contacts** of positives and from departure samples from tourists and travelers.
- **1115 new recoveries** were reported during the week. 22,791 (**88.68%**) have recovered. **83 people are hospitalized** with moderate to severe disease, 3 cases in ICU and 2 persons on ventilator care.
- There are currently **946 active cases** across **70 islands outside Male**. Cases are reported from **all the atolls** for the first time since outbreak in Maldives.
- In the central Kaafu atoll, in Kaafu Dhiffushi island, the case numbers are not decreasing despite island under monitoring, with **70 active cases**. In Kaafu Huraa island, **84 active cases** have been reported as positive cases and island under monitoring as well.
- In Lhaviyani atoll, in the industrial island of Felivaru, there are over **260 active cases** (150 random samples and 110 contacts). In the neighboring island of Naifaruru, there are **238 active cases**, and in Hinnavaru island only **23 cases**. The atoll continues to be under monitoring.
- In tourist establishments and operational resorts, a total of **476 cases** have been reported from **96 resorts** across the country with 250 staff and 226 tourists.

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- Over 273,660 persons have been vaccinated in Maldives. Second dose with the COVISHIELD vaccination has also started since 3rd April 2021 having vaccinated 25,369.
- Maldives launched Pfizer vaccination on 11th April 2021, for children of 16 & 17 years of age as well as adults above 60 years (persons with comorbidities as well as persons on long term medication for chronic diseases).
- HPA announced that roughly 57% of total vaccine eligible population of Maldives has received COVID-19 vaccination first dose.
- Local Council Elections was completed on 10th of April, under strict guidance from the HPA and HEOC; with travel between islands (except for travel from Male') allowed for voting purposes without quarantine.
- Schools across the country has reopened for back to school education after months of online schooling, for students of all grades (except for islands under monitoring).
- From 1st January 2021 to 7th April 2021, a total of 324,465 tourists arrived in the Maldives. The top source market for the tourist arrival was India with 74,673 arrivals, followed by Russia with 67,996 tourist arrivals.

WCO activities

- WHO regularly monitors the vaccination sites and is actively involved in deliberations of the National Vaccine Steering Group and Operations Group.

- Facilitated Maldives participation in virtual training on Maternal Death Surveillance and Review
- Technical Consultancy to Develop Guidelines and Training Programs for the Methadone Maintenance Treatment.
- Supporting IPC Measures: such as ongoing efforts to monitor the vaccination sites for IPC related support.
- Maldives participation in Regional consultation on progress on patient safety in SEAR' virtually on 31 March 2021.
- Under the local consultancy support, the existing Thalassemia treatment protocol was reviewed and revised.

WHO support provided to Member State

- Providing guidance to HEOC/HPA and TAG on WHO recommendations with the latest updates from IHR Committee meetings.
- Support to Ministry of Health for identifying experts for the consultancy on Establishing Health facilities Accreditation System in Maldives.
- Facilitated Maldives participation in RHIS training and PRINCE2 certification.
- A consultancy firm has been engaged with Ministry of Environment to support the development of climate resilient water safety and sanitation safety plans and review water quality and sewerage standards.