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

Country: MALDIVES                     Date: 14 / 04 / 2021

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 Naifaru, 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.