

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

Country: MALDIVES

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### Cases reporting

- 83,070 confirmed cases; 806 new cases reported within the week (decreased since last report); 1,881 active cases in the country.
- NO deaths reported during the week and mortality rate currently at 0.28% with 227 deaths.
- 1,042 new recoveries were reported during the week, total 80,949 persons that is 98% have recovered.
- 4,729 samples tested in the last 24 hours – 120 new cases reported. Sample positivity rate is at 3% in GMR and 8% in atolls; 18 persons are hospitalized with moderate to severe disease.
- Outside of the GMR in the atolls, as of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021, there are 1055 active cases across 48 inhabited islands.
- The number of islands affected has decreased since last week continuing to report small sporadic clusters of 1-2 cases in some islands. There are currently only 19 islands under monitoring status.
- The highest number reported in the atolls is from the Northern atoll of Haa dhaalu island of Nolvivaram with 200 active cases. In neighboring atoll, Shaviyani in island of Milandhoo, there are 116 active cases
- In Raa Atoll Dhuvaafaru island, the case numbers have reduced to 76 active cases – the island been under monitoring since end of May 2021.
- In the south, in Gnaviyani Atoll island of Fuvah Mulak City, the active case numbers have reduced to 60 active cases.
- In Addu City, the numbers continue to increase, with 314 active cases reported in 7 districts across the atoll – 99 in Hithadhoo island, 128 in Maradhoo island, 11 in MaradhooFeydhoo island, 31 in Feydhoo island and 11 cases in Hulhudhoo island. The city has been placed under monitoring status once again, with schools closed and online classes started for some grades. Over 1,200 total cases have been reported in Addu City to date.

### Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- The Maldives total vaccinated coverage now stands at 71.37% for first dose and 59.30% as second dose as of TOTAL population (545,847).
- The HEOC and HPA has revealed that ALL those individual(s) who have not completed the recommended dose(s) of a Covid-19 Vaccine shall bear ALL the expenses associated with obtaining the negative PCR test result for Covid-19 prior to travel as well as the release sample at the end of the 14 days of travel quarantine.
- The Ministry of Tourism has also announced that as over 96% of resort employees have received the first dose of the vaccine while over 80% of all the resort employees have been fully vaccinated.
- The Maldives Airports Company MACL has announced that almost 90% of employees at Maldives Airports Company Limited (MACL) have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccination.
- Ministry of Education has begun to issue vaccine 'green cards' to inoculated parents who come to schools to fetch their children, in an attempt to safeguard school grounds further while encouraging more people to get vaccinated.
- As of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021, government's total COVID-19 expenditure related to the health and social sectors, has reached MVR 2,106.9 million. According to latest statistics publicized by the Ministry of

Finance on Monday, between September 2 – 9 expenditures related to health social sectors saw a 0.04% increase from the week before.

### **WCO activities**

- Active participation in the daily National Vaccine Steering Group and Operations Group meetings.
- Leading the UN Health and Wash group and UN Crisis Management Team.
- Meeting with experts from Robert Koche Institute RKI and SEARO to discuss activities to strengthen HEOC.
- Continued support to Ministry of Health and HEOC to repair and maintain ambulances.

### **WHO support provided to Member State**

- Providing ongoing support to prepare and participate in Regional Committee meeting.
- Facilitated sending of COVID-19 samples for 8<sup>th</sup> round of genomic sequencing to IGIB New Delhi.
- Providing support to HEOC Communications cluster to strengthen risk communications and RCCE.
- Supporting Maldives Red Crescent MRC to implement community-based outreach programs.