

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

Country: MALDIVES

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Cases reporting

- Over 131,623 samples tested, one of the highest rates of COVID-19 testing per 1000 population globally.
- 9,243 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 33 deaths (0.36%) reported. 576 new cases since last report (40% decrease in new cases compared to previous week).
- Outside of Greater Male' Region - 77 active cases in 22 inhabited islands during the last week.
- 7,536 people (81.53%) have recovered. 1,668 cases are currently active.
- 105 are hospitalized with moderate or severe disease with 4 cases in ICU and 1 on ventilator support.
- 99.78% of cases belong to known and existing clusters – more Maldivians (63.35%) among the active cases.
- 1,118 people are in isolation facilities across Maldives and rest under home isolation.

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- HE Vice President of Maldives continues to lead the daily HECC meetings along with cabinet ministers from relevant ministries to refine different aspects related to Emergency Operations – including procurement needs in addition to the HR needs at every level.
- All cases in the islands and atolls are linked to Male' region – with cases testing positive during quarantine in addition to contacts.
- Currently active transmission continues in Hoadedhdhoo island, GDh Atoll– with a total of 38 positive cases and over 30 contacts. RRT is responding to the outbreak in coordination with the Island Task Force, Island and Atoll Councils.
- In the resorts – 72 active COVID-19 cases have been reported in 34 resorts – 50 staffs and 22 tourists.
- The Education Ministry also announced that 2 companies under the local business Lily Group, Lily Enterprises and Lily Shipping and Trading, donated 100,000 face masks to schools on Monday.
- HEOC along with Ministry of Tourism announced the reopening of Guesthouses from October 15 October 2020 under the strict guidance and guidelines by HPA. HE Minister of Tourism announced plans to introduce a stimulus package for guesthouse maintenance prior to opening in the next months.
- As at 03 September 2020, total spending towards COVID-19 health and social efforts stood at MVR 1,210.0 million; a 2.6% increase from the week before. In terms of week-on-week spending, the most noteworthy spending was the payment of Front-line Allowances worth MVR 20.1 million. To date, NDMA, MoH and IGMH account for 91.5% of all COVID-19 spending on health and social efforts.
<https://www.finance.gov.mv/public/attachments/EWcWjXU9FjykrBCMjX5KSbiVN7563nluwyqfKB6F.pdf>

WCO activities

- Actively participate at HECC meetings to support the country's COVID-19 response.
- Continue to monitor trend of COVID-19 in the country and implement collaborative workplan to strengthen essential health services
- Lead and facilitated meeting of UNCT Health and WASH working group for COVID-19 response support to the country
- EU proposal updated as communicated by the PIR team
- Partnering with the UN Team to develop proposal to apply to the UN Fund for Human Securities
- Participated in a regional meeting on COVID-19 vaccine programme management

WHO support provided to Member State

- WHO Representative gave a comprehensive presentation to HECC on COVAX Pillar including importance to prepare for planning for COVID-19 vaccine introduction.
- Provided technical input to finalize National Action plan on Health Services Recovery.
- Handed over two Portal Digital X-Ray machines along with Infusion pumps and other supplies as part of WHO supported two ICUs at regional level;
- Handed over various laboratory items to establish COVID-19 testing at regional level in South and North Atolls;
- Facilitated teleconference between Regional Office and HEOC Laboratory Cluster team to long term Laboratory expertise support from Regional Laboratories for COVID-19 diagnosis and capacity building.