

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

Country: MALDIVES

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Cases reporting

- **Over 220,500 samples tested to date.** Daily testing rates have been maintained during the last week at up to 1500 samples a day. Sample positivity rate has been maintained at about 2%.
- **The total number of recoveries have come up to 11,289 at almost 92.50% recoveries. 860 cases are currently active in the country.**
- **Total confirmed cases is at 12,204 and FIVE additional death reported in the week, total deaths raised to 45 deaths (0.37%) reported. 195 new cases since last week.**
- **A total of 49 persons are hospitalized, 42 admitted in facilities in the greater Male' region, with moderate or severe disease with no cases in ICU or ventilator support.**
- **7 persons admitted in Laamu Atoll COVID-19 facility (all cases from a resort in Dhaalu Atoll).**
- 99.84% of cases belong to known and existing clusters – more Maldivians (63.33%) among the active cases even in and outside of Greater Male' region.
- **246 people are in isolation facilities across Maldives with more than 569 persons under home isolation**
- Currently there are 843 total active cases; 474 locals and 369 foreigners.
- Cases continue to be concentrated mostly to Greater Male' region. **663** of the active cases are currently reported from the Male' region, with 99% of all cases in the atolls having link to history travel from greater Male' area and quarantine.
- There are active cases in 10 inhabited islands and 26 resorts including 52 tourists and 128 staff
- **Two new clusters have developed over the week; one among Airport Cargo (22 positive so far from 317 staff. 45 samples taken and test results awaited) and in a non-operational resort under construction K. Rahfaru Hura (47 positive of >2000 staff. 1769 samples taken and results pending)**
- Other clusters that are active includes; kandima, Kudahuraa, MWSC1530 Housing Project, Temp137 accommodation, CHEC cluster and HulhuMale' phase 2 CCC cluster.

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- The first Meeting of the National Steering Committee for COVID19 vaccine introduction was held on 16th of November 2020
- Since border reopening, Maldives recorded the highest single-day tourist arrival rate, on Sunday, 14th November 2020. The Ministry of Tourism has announced that **51,354** tourists have arrived in the country since July 15th when borders reopened with a daily average of 997 in November – out of which only **52 tourists are currently active.**
- As of 12 November 2020, total spending towards COVID-19 health and social efforts stood at MVR 1,316.6 million; a 0.3% increase from the week before. In this review period 45.9% of total health and social spending was committed-spending.
- In terms of week-on-week spending, MoH registered the highest spending compared to its peers at approximately MVR 2.7 million. The majority of their spending was on Operational Services and on medical consumables. Over the review period, other agencies only reported small incremental changes in their spending <https://www.finance.gov.mv/public/attachments/TlrDy6YC3kVMGPO2CLKRN51m4dwleiKU9hE6bXPF.pdf>
- Bank of Maldives (BML), on Monday, donated MVR 150,000 to local NGO Advocating the Rights of Children (ARC) to support vulnerable children amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic

WCO activities

- Continuing support, technical assistance and high-level advocacy for COVID-19 response with HECC.
- Continuing facilitating support for COVID-19 vaccine deployment
- Supporting UN Maldives team to finalize Common Country Assessment and UN Cooperation Framework.
- Facilitated Maldives's virtual participation and country presentation on Orientation of personnel involved with vaccine supply chain management and monitoring on the tools and resources for planning and preparing cold chain capacity for COVID-19 vaccine, 4-5 November 2020, Virtual

WHO support provided to Member State

- WHO facilitated Ministry of Health, Maldives participation in the resumed session of the World Health Assembly.
- WHO has handed over 2 RT PCR machines and related consumables to molecular diagnostic laboratories in North and South of Maldives.
- Supporting preparedness for COVID-19 vaccine deployment and expanding cold chain system in preparation for COVID19 vaccine introduction