

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

Country: MALDIVES

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Cases reporting

- **2,065 confirmed cases** of COVID-19 and **08 deaths reported – 149 new cases since last report.**
- **1540 people (73%) have recovered** from COVID-19 and **09 are hospitalized for monitoring.**
- **99.03% of cases belong to known and existing clusters.**
- **356 people are in Quarantine and 453 in isolation facilities across Maldives.**

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- Government of Maldives started ease of lock down measures in Greater Male' Region.
- Full details of Phase II of measures to ease lockdown can be found on:
<https://www.gov.mv/en/covid19/publications/phase-ii-measures-to-ease-lockdown>
- The National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) will conduct random sampling in the coming weeks to determine the level of community spread while lockdown restrictions are lifted in phases – with samples to be taken from front line workers and senior citizens.
- Government institutions will be allowed to open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – with all offices to comply with safety-measures outlined by the HPA to protect against exposure to COVID-19.
- The Government allowed reopening of mosques in the Greater Male' Region, effective 15 June 2020, however congregational prayers are not allowed.
- Maldives will restart tourism in July 2020, a national plan is being finalized in consultation with the different sectors.
- The World Bank has approved an US\$ 12.8 million COVID-19 Emergency Income Support Project to help mitigate the economic impact of the pandemic on poor and vulnerable workers and their families.
- The Government of UAE donated medical equipment and supplies worth US\$ 5 million.
- The Government of Japan provided a grant aid worth US\$ 5.6 million to promote economic and social development
- Over 700 persons have been released from various quarantine facilities since last reporting.
- 262 Maldivian, 300 Bangladeshi and 200 Indian nationals were repatriated.

WCO activities

- WHO held virtual meetings with Hon Minister and his team of senior officials with the focus on maintenance of essential health services.
- Coordinated development of COVID-19 Maldives Laboratory Capacity success story for WHO-SEARO Publications.
- Facilitated key stakeholder engagement for Dengue control and Immunization services.

WHO support provided to Member State

- Supporting TAG and NEOC in refining and updating the next PHASE of Easing Out Plan from Lockdown.
- Providing ongoing guidance to NEOC on measuring public perception and impact on behavior.
- Shared Safe Usage of Fabric Mask guidelines IEC with NEOC, and through social media channels – and guiding the NEOC to develop local guidelines.

Support requested from SEARO

- **Support to send 10000 E -gene Kits urgently**

Support / Coordination from SEARO and other agencies

- Share details to upgrade IGMH Lab to BSL 3 level.

