

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

Country: MALDIVES

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Cases reporting

- Over 49,338 samples tested in the country.
- 2,336 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 09 deaths reported – 120 new cases since last report.
- 1927 people (82.5%) have recovered. There are 396 active cases and 12 are hospitalized with severe disease.
- 99.14% of cases belong to known and existing clusters.
- 132 people are in Quarantine and 291 in isolation facilities across Maldives.

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- HE President outlined the Government's plans for country to recover and rebuild under a 'new normal' as he announced Government offices, schools, restaurants and cafés will reopen from 1st July onwards per the workplace guideline. However, mass gatherings, big sports and large academic activities are still not recommended for July.
- A transition from NEOC to Health Emergency Operation Center is announced during July by HEP during his visit to NEOC as he acknowledged and thanked the frontline workers.
- Maldives will reopen its borders for international travel on 15 July 2020.
- A national guideline for restarting tourism in the Maldives containing the recommendations to reopen the country has been published. <http://www.tourism.gov.mv/16889/guideline-for-restarting-tourism-in-maldives/>. Resorts will open from 15 July and guest houses from August 2020. All tourists will be granted visa on arrival.
- The Government of Maldives has spent USD 82.24 million for COVID response including economic recovery. Additional USD 1.64 million was spent during the last week. The weekly government COVID-19 expenditure report is available at <https://www.finance.gov.mv/public/attachments/4glZt7cn8M6GXl7Nx4PituUY9ddzKXR0YRAQOKAh.pdf>
- The guideline on workplace safety during COVID-19 is published – with special guidance for salons/spas and gyms.
- Over 200 Bangladeshi and over 100 Indian nationals were repatriated during the last week.

WCO activities

- Working with UN Partners to finalize the UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Framework.
- As member of "Presidential Task Force on Resilience Building"; WHO Maldives works in the subgroups "Essential health services and health system strengthening" and "Essential service and social protection" to contribute to building back better.
- Contributed to NEOC and TAG in refining and updating the next phase of Easing Out Plan from Lockdown.
- Reviewed and contributed to Emergency Response Plan of Education including support to re-opening of schools with development of appropriate training materials for cleaning and disinfection.
- Sustained advocacy to maintain continuity of Essential Health Services across the country.
- Supported training of health care providers in 5 atolls on "Clinical Management of Dengue and Chickengunya"
- Supported Maldives COVID-19 Go-Data Success Story coordinated by PIA/SEARO.

WHO support provided to Member State

- Handed over first lot of 5,000 GeneXpert cartridges to Ministry of Health.
- Handed over 5000 additional lab tests (E Gene Assays) to the Ministry of Health.
- Shared updated guidance on PPE specifications and Disease Commodity Package version 4.

Support requested from SEARO

- Maintain pipeline supply of E -gene Kits and send 10,000 GeneXpert cartridges.

Support / Coordination from SEARO and other agencies

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