

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

Country: MALDIVES

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Cases reporting

- **18,769 confirmed cases** have been reported till date.
- **816 new cases have been reported since last week**, and there are **2,508 active cases** in the country currently – **1,969 active cases** are in the greater **Male' region**.
- **TWO deaths** were reported during the week and mortality rate 0.32%.
- 497,071 samples have been tested till date. **Sample positivity rate** is currently at **3-4%**.
- **791 new recoveries** were reported during the week. 16,351 (**86%**) have recovered. **161 people are hospitalized** with moderate to severe disease.
- There are currently **159 active cases** across **39 islands outside Male**.
- The cluster from **Seenu Atoll** currently report **38 active cases**.
- In **Gnaviyani Fuvah Mulak**, 3 new clusters have been identified. A total of **50 positive cases** reported; **959 contacts** identified. The island/atoll has also been placed under monitoring and random sampling planned.
- In tourist establishments and operational resorts a total of **379 cases** have been reported from **68 resorts** across the country.

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- Maldives officially started off COVID-19 vaccination on 1st February 2021, expanded now all 20 atolls – using the COVISHIELD donated by India. Another 100,000 vaccines have been donated by India to Maldives past week – total **200,000 vaccines** in the country.
- Total of over **80,000** persons have been vaccinated across the country within **three weeks**.
- The HEOC in partnership with Maldives Police and City councils continue the Mass inspection campaigns which has been expanded to all islands with COVID-19 active cases. This is in addition to the random sampling done for surveillance purposes to see the extent of transmission.
- The HEOC, HPA and Maldivian Red Crescent (MRC) starts **registration of undocumented migrant workers** for COVID-19 **vaccination**.
- The Ministry of Tourism has announced that the **tourist positivity** rate has been maintained at **0.8%** since the borders opened in July 2020 (over 650,000 tourists have arrived).

WCO activities

- Providing guidance to HEOC/HPA and TAG on WHO recommendations with the latest updates from IHR Committee meetings.
- Regular sharing of WHO guidelines and recommendations for informed and evidence-based decisions during response.
- Active participation in the Vaccine steering committee meetings.
- Mobilizing additional resources for the COVID-19 response including vaccine introduction.
- Supported local consultancy to develop National Drug Policy.

WHO support provided to Member State

- Supporting COVID-19 vaccination Campaign – providing guidance to vaccination site inspections.
- Ongoing trainings for vaccinators across islands and atolls supported by WHO and UNICEF.
- Supporting IPC Measures
- Facilitated a call with the SEARO expert technical team to discuss the National IPC guidelines draft.
- Supported a local consultancy to develop National Laboratory Standards.