

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

Country: MALDIVES

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Cases reporting

- **22,662 confirmed cases** have been reported till date.
- **1090 new cases have been reported since last week**, and there are **2,447 active cases** in the country currently – more than **1,856 active cases** are in the greater **Male' region**.
- **02 additional deaths** were reported during the week and mortality rate 0.29% with **66 deaths**.
- 612,223 samples have been tested till date. **Sample positivity rate** is at **3%**. Cases continue to be seen more among **contacts** of positives and from departure samples from tourists and travelers.
- **1049 new recoveries** were reported during the week. 20,142 (**89%**) have recovered. **107 people are hospitalized** with moderate to severe disease, no cases in ICU or on ventilator care.
- There are currently **196 active cases** across **43 islands outside Male**.
- Kudahuvadhoo island in **Dhaalu atoll** has been placed under monitoring following the confirmation of **22 active cases** in the community. The island was placed under monitoring for contact tracing and case investigation, after six samples collected from individual working at Kudahuvadhoo Airport, returned positive for the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.
- The clusters from **Seenu Atoll** and **Gnaviyani Atoll** Fuvah Mulak currently report no **active cases**.
- In tourist establishments and operational resorts, a total of **442 cases** have been reported from **97 resorts** across the country. 51% of cases seen among tourists this week.

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- Over 220,768 persons have been vaccinated with COVISHIELD. 97,541 were from atolls COVID-19.
- The tourism ministry said special efforts are undertaken to vaccinate tourism employees, over 12,793 tourism employees have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. This includes 12,048 resort staff, 306 guesthouse staff, 214 staff of liveaboards and 70 hotel staff.
- Sinopharm vaccination for people of 18 and 60 years of age started on 22 March, 2021. Over 1,500 people have received the vaccine on day 1.
- Health Protection Agency (HPA) announced that a new amendment was brought to their guidelines on public health and social measures for cafes' and restaurants, allowing them to remain open until 2230hrs.
- Guidelines are in preparation for social measures to be implemented during Ramadan, including prayers in mosques with social distancing measures in consultation with Ministry of Islamic Affairs.
- Over 20,000 individuals affected by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic have received the income support.

WCO activities

- WHO continues to monitor the vaccination sites and is actively involved in deliberations of the National Vaccine Steering Group and Operations Group.
- Supporting the launching of TB screening in Himmafushi Island Prison, and the activities for World TB Day 2021.
- Continuing technical support to Ministry of Health for producing National Health Accounts (2018-2020);
- Supporting IPC Measures: such as ongoing efforts to monitor the vaccination sites for IPC related support.
- Support in organizing stakeholder meetings to finalize the National IPC guidelines.

WHO support provided to Member State

- Providing guidance to HEOC/HPA and TAG on WHO recommendations with the latest updates from IHR Committee meetings.
- WCO handed over 100,000 enzyme kits which are required to conduct COVID-19 diagnosis with RT PCR test kits.
- WHO handed over IT equipment to plan Revitalizing Primary Health Care in the country