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

## Country: MALDIVES  
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### Cases reporting

- Over 42,830 samples tested in the country.
- 2,217 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 08 deaths reported – 152 new cases since last report.
- 1813 people (81.78%) have recovered. There are 394 active cases and 03 are hospitalized with severe disease.
- 99.10% of cases belong to known and existing clusters; 18 imported and the rest to be linked.
- 140 people are in Quarantine and 308 in isolation facilities across Maldives.

### Developments/activities carried out by Member State

- HE President Solih in his press conference shared the Government’s planned activities to help the country recover and rebuild under a ‘new normal’ – one of the important highlights is opening of Maldives borders for international travel from 15th July 2020;
- Government offices, schools, restaurants and cafés are likely to reopen from mid-July onwards while guesthouses to reopen in August.
- HE President Solih convened the National Taskforce on Resilience Building and Economic Recovery for its inaugural meeting on 18 June 2020 with 3 subgroups – Finance, Social Sector and Economic Recovery. WHO Country office is member of two sub-groups including Health services and system strengthening and essential services and social protection.
- Government institutions will continue to 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 national policy on transporting patients between islands under medical emergencies including safety obligations as well as instructions on disinfection of the vessels has been released by MOH & HPA.
- Government has extended the period during which companies are required to pay annual fees to 31 December 2020, devoid of any charges.
- Government waived off customs and import duty worth MVR 16.2 million from goods related to the Maldives COVID-19 response in the last 5 months.
- A total of 195 Maldivian, 200 Bangladeshi and 156 Indian nationals were repatriated.

### WCO activities

- WHO team met with Hon Minister and his senior officials & discussed ongoing COVID19 response, preparations for easing out and maintenance of essential health services.
- Support to enhance and expand the testing capacity at regional level ongoing.
- WHO is an actively participating member of the Presidential taskforces and its different subgroups as stated above.
- Working with the UN teams to develop and finalize the UN COVID19 recovery strategic framework focusing on Pillar 1: “Protecting health services and systems during the crisis”.
- Supporting the care of the elderly, joining call of the UN SG, WHO DG, RDs call to ensure access and quality of care of the elderly.

### WHO support provided to Member State

- Supporting TAG and NEOC in refining and updating the next PHASE of Easing Out Plan from Lockdown.
- Shared COVID-19 Pregnancy, Child Birth, Breast-feeding guidance with NEOC.
- Coordinated and conducted the Dengue Stakeholders Meeting to finalize the actions Responsibilities under the NAP.
- Virtual Trainings coordinated on Clinical Management of Dengue in 20 Atolls. Training completed in 5 Atolls.
- Continued ongoing participation in the National Presidential Taskforce and its different committees.
• 15,000 Viral Transport Media and 5000 lab tests handed over to the Ministry of Health.
• 2 Bio-safety cabinet, 50000 Ampules of Fentanyl and 700 vials of midazolam handed over to the Ministry of Health.

Support requested from SEARO
• Maintain pipeline supply of E-gene Kits and send 10,000 E-Gene tests

Support / Coordination from SEARO and other agencies
• Share details to upgrade IGMH Lab to BSL 3 level.