

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

Country: MALDIVES

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Cases reporting

- **1395 confirmed cases** of COVID-19 and **05 deaths reported** – **533 new cases since last report.**
- **155** people have **recovered** from COVID19 and **11** are **hospitalized for monitoring.**
- **1656** people are in Quarantine and **1115** in isolation facilities across Maldives.

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- HE President in his address to the nation outlined the Government's plans on easing lockdowns in phased manner for which the plan is being finalized.
- Ministry of Health released the COVID19 Home Quarantine guidelines and advice for caregivers.
- Active case surveillance continues in closed settings such as Prisons, Drug Rehab centers, Old age homes – So far all samples have tested negative from these centers.
- On the advice of Maldives Technical Advisory Committee; Antibody testing has been initiated to understand immunity status among migrant workers living in vulnerable conditions.
- The Government of Japan provided a grant aid of MVR 67.8 million to support socio-economic development, strengthen capacities of Maldives Customs and Maldives Immigration Services, and strengthen border control and assist in countering terrorism.
- The China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC) donated PPEs, face masks and goggles to the Frontline workers at NEOC as well as Maldives Customs Services and Immigration.
- ADK Hospital (private) has established PCR testing facility.
- 190 Indonesian, 47 individuals from European nations, 802 Bangladeshi, 265 Chinese, 78 Thai and 153 Indian nationals were repatriated in special flights as on 24th May.

WCO activities

- 6,000 additional reactions for COVID19 diagnostics was handed over to IGMH on 26/5/2020.
- Coordinating with UNDP Maldives to mobilize COVID19 GeneXpert Cartridges.
- Finalization of proposals for European Union and British High Commission.
- Continued support to NEOC on Risk Communications – especially regarding the 'new normal' and developing the ease out plan.

WHO support provided to Member State

- Coordinating with and supporting TAG and NEOC in development of Easing Out Plan from Lockdown in line with WHO guidance.
- Virtual meeting of WR and team with Hon Minister of Education & her senior executive team for technical assistance in developing the plan for re-opening of school post lockdown and explore further collaboration.
- Multiple WHO guidelines have been shared with the NEOC. Multi inflammatory syndromes reporting form was shared with Ministry of Health team.
- Continued engagement with TA to ensure resumption of essential health services.

Support requested from SEARO

- **Support to send 100 E -gene Kits urgently**
- **Depute a lab expert for 3 months**

Support / Coordination from SEARO and other agencies

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