

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

Country: MALDIVES

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Cases reporting

- Over 112,927 samples tested in the country, 177 days since first case.
- 7,804 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 28 deaths reported – 892 new cases since last report.
- Outside of Greater Male' Region - 53 active cases in 33 inhabited islands during the last week.
- 5,155 people (66.02%) have recovered. 2,624 cases are currently active.
- 181 are hospitalized with moderate or severe disease with 9 cases in ICU and 5 on ventilator.
- 99.41% of cases belong to known and existing clusters – more Maldivians (61.66%) among the active cases.
- 1486 people are in isolation facilities across Maldives and rest under home isolation.

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- HE Vice President leads the HEOC in addition to chairing the HECC meetings daily.
- The HEOC has announced stricter measures due to growing number of cases in greater Male' region – with decreasing the business hours for shops from 6am – 9.30pm.
- Positive cases are continuing to be mostly seen among contacts of cases, flu clinics samples as well as Quarantine release samples.
- Traveling from Male' to any other islands or atolls has also been restricted – with travel allowed only for Health Emergencies and Essential health services.
- Outside of the Male' region, all cases in the atolls are linked to Male' region.
- Over 4000 travelers have arrived in the Maldives in the past week – with all asymptomatic arrivals reported.
- In the resorts – 32 COVID-19 cases have been reported in 15 resorts – 18 staffs and 14 tourists.
- As of 27 August 2020, total spending towards COVID-19 health and social efforts stood at MVR 1,178.9 million (USD 76.5 million), which is an of 2.7% increase from the week before. In this review period 52.2 % of total health and social spending was committed-spending.
<https://www.finance.gov.mv/public/attachments/BKhD2m79TMkD218w67OxJG6LPHk38to3FSqLt6z.pdf>

WCO activities

- Daily HECC meetings attended in the HEOC to support the country's COVID-19 response.
- Held a deep dive call with WHO SEARO technical unit to discuss high transmission of COVID-19 in Maldives and for the advice.
- Supporting the delivery of Essential Health Services in the country.
- Working with the MoH to see how WHO can strengthen HR needs for contact tracing including trainings.

WHO support provided to Member State

- Continues to provide technical support to the HECC and Technical Advisory Group to help reduce transmission of COVID-19 in the Maldives and update guidelines.
- Supported Risk Communication strengthening at HEOC by regular sharing of WHO messages and guidance.
- Provided details on COVAX facility and COVID-19 vaccines in a TC with Ministry of Health and Ministry

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.](#)