

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

Country: MALDIVES

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Cases reporting

- 73,660 confirmed cases (57,126 locals and 16,534 foreigners); 3,815 active cases in the country, reduced from last week; 2325 active in the Greater Male' region.
- 04 deaths were reported during the week and mortality rate 0.29% with 210 deaths. 2,478 new recoveries were reported during the week, total 69,623 persons that is 95% have recovered.
- Over 965,000 samples have been tested till date; 5,199 samples tested in the last 24hours. Sample positivity rate is reduced to 3%.
- 27 people are hospitalized with moderate to severe disease, with only 01 person in critical care receiving ventilator care.
- Cases in atolls have reduced, with currently over 1,284 active cases across 71 inhabited islands outside GMR. The majority of cases were identified as contacts of positives in addition to upon post quarantine testing. 40 islands are currently under monitoring status.
- Some of the bigger clusters in the atolls include Alifu Alifu Atoll Thoddu island, with 162 active cases and 08 cases with link to Thoddu from 3 neighboring islands. Kaafu atoll Himmafushi Island and Dhiffushi island currently reports less than 50 cases each.
- In Gaaf Dhaalu atoll in island of Thinadhoo, the number has increased to 252 active cases, the highest number outside of GMR. In Fuvah Mulak City also case numbers have reduced to 60 active cases.
- Addu City has lifted curfew from all islands except Hithadhoo, as the numbers decline in the south also. There are currently 84 active cases in Addu city out of the 466 total cases reported in the atoll.
- In resorts, there are 285 active cases across 69 resorts, cases more among staff than tourists for the week.

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- The Maldives overall vaccine coverage now stands at 55.72% for first dose and 33.35% as second dose as of TOTAL population. 61.14% of population in GMR has received 1st dose of vaccine and the demand for second dose is high in the country.
- The HEOC has stated that more than 27 percent of those who received the first dose of the COVISHIELD vaccine have not received the second dose due to the interruption in vaccine supply.
- With active case numbers decreasing in GMR, the government has further eased out the restrictive measures - curfew hours shortened from 8pm-4am. Police permits won't be required to go outside beyond curfew hours. All business will be reopened including dine-in services at cafes and restaurants. Congregational prayers at mosques are also to resume but with strict physical distancing.
- For persons who have recovered from COVID-19 can travel to any island without testing or mandatory quarantine within 60 days of recovery.
- The office of the president announced government offices closure has been extended till 3rd July 2021. Schools also remained closed until further notice.
- According to the latest statistics publicized by the Ministry of Tourism, 0.24 percent of tourists who had visited Maldives between January 1 – June 23 2021 had tested positive for Covid-19.

- The Maldives will resume issuing tourist visas for those traveling from South Asian countries from July 15 onward, Work permits will also be issued to migrant workers from South Asia, but will need to complete a quarantine period upon their arrival

WCO activities

- Active participation in the daily National Vaccine Steering Group and Operations Group meetings.
- Providing guidance to HEOC/HPA and TAG on WHO recommendations with the latest updates on COVID-19
- Leading the UN Health and Wash group - DHIS2 Information session for UN staff provided.
- IPC Measures: such as ongoing efforts to monitor the vaccination sites for IPC related support.
- Supporting HEOC to finalize guidelines for handling of COVID-19 dead bodies in Maldives cultural and religious practices.

WHO support provided to Member State

- Facilitated a clinical guidance call between Maldives TAG and CMAT and WHO experts at SEARO and HQ.
- Webinar "Experience of Quality Improvement in MNCH from Maldives" (organized with NQOCN and IGMH with support from SEARO)
- Briefing meeting on Water and Sanitation Master Plan for Minister of Environment along with WR
- Submission of country data for Development of Regional Guidelines and Situational Assessment Report on CRESHCFs (Maldives).