

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

Country: MALDIVES

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Cases reporting

- 88,058 confirmed cases; 872 new cases reported within the week; 1,860 active cases in the country (increased since last report).
- 3,790 samples tested in the last 24 hours – 143 new cases reported (117 cases outside of the GMR and 23 in GMR). Sample positivity rate is at 2-3% overall, and positivity for GMR is maintained at 1-2%.
- ONE new death was reported during the week and mortality rate currently at 0.28% with 243 deaths.
- 564 new recoveries were reported during the week, total 85,942 persons that is 98% have recovered.
- There has been a small increase in hospitalizations across the country, with currently 30 persons hospitalized with moderate to severe disease.
- Outside of the GMR, as of 31st October 2021, there are 950 active cases across 48 inhabited islands. Sample positivity rate in the atolls is increased to 13%. There are 23 islands currently under monitoring.
- Highest number outside of the GMR is reported from Addu City, with 290 active cases across 5 districts. Total of 8 deaths have been reported in Addu city since the first case reported in 2020.
- No new cases are reported from Kaafu Atoll island of Guraidhoo, in the Home for Persons with Special needs. The case numbers have been maintained at 112, and the center along with the island placed under monitoring since end of October.
- There are currently 44 tourist establishments across the country placed under monitoring status, with regular movements to and from these establishments temporarily halted for the purpose of contact tracing.

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- As of 1st November 2021, a total of 394,633 persons have been vaccinated with the first dose and 358,182 with the second dose. The coverage for Maldives based on total population stands at 72.30% for first dose and 65.62% for second dose.
- As of 1st November, 3,304 persons across the country has received a Third/Booster dose of COVID-19 vaccines.
- Maldives has extended the state of public health emergency for the 20th time; after it was first declared across the Maldives on 12 March 2020 following the confirmation of coronavirus cases, the state of public health emergency has been extended to expire on November 30 2021.
- As of 28 October 2021, total spending towards COVID-19 health and social efforts stood at MVR 2,152.0.8 million; 0.01% increase from the week before. In this review period, 32.5% of total health and social spending was committed-spending. In terms of week-on-week spending, Ministry of Health registered the highest spending compared to its peers. The spending was mainly on Operational service .

WCO activities

- Active participation in the National Vaccine Steering Group and Operations Group meetings.
- Leading the UN Health and Wash group and UN Crisis Management Team.
- Ongoing technical guidance and support to establish Genomic Sequencing Capacity in Maldives.
- Continuing technical support for expansion of NHL in Maldives.

WHO support provided to Member State

- Supporting procurement of GeneXpert cartridges for strengthening of COVID-19 diagnostics in country.
- Technical review of Health Care Waste management situational assessment in SEARO
- Inputs for Progress report of Male Declaration to be presented at the Regional Committee | Questionnaire for countries
- Supporting field visits to islands and atolls for data collection on PHC.

Continuing Challenges

- No designated Public Health Laboratory or National health laboratory.
- No stock of Oseltamivir in the country, with increase of Influenza and ARI cases reported since 2 weeks.
- Support to mobilize Triple packaging from SEARO for urgent needs for infectious sample shipments and transport.