

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

Country: MALDIVES

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Cases reporting

- 85,198 confirmed cases; 714 new cases reported within the week; 1,379 active cases in the country (decreased since last report).
- ONE new death was reported during the week and mortality rate currently at 0.27% with 232 deaths.
- 805 new recoveries were reported during the week, total 83,574 persons that is 98% have recovered.
- 3,805 samples tested in the last 24hours – 91 new cases reported (53 cases outside of the GMR, 07 from resorts and 30 in GMR). Sample positivity rate is at 2% overall. 15 persons are hospitalized with moderate to severe disease.
- Outside of the GMR in the atolls, as of 1st October 2021, there are 866 active cases across 40 inhabited islands. There are currently only 16 islands under monitoring status.
- The highest number outside of GMR continues to be from the Southernmost atoll of Addu City, with over 265 active cases across 4 districts. The atoll continues to be under monitoring with PHSM implemented and extended for an additional week.
- In Gnaviyani Atoll, Fuvah Mulak city reports 83 active cases decreased since last week. The islands monitoring status has been lifted last week. In Shaviyani atoll in the north, cases has reduced to 41 active cases, across 2 islands.
- Gaafu Alif atoll continues to be under monitoring, after 4 islands reported active cases with links to travel across the atoll. There are total 259 active cases across the 4 islands.
- Highest number reported from Gaaf Alif Atoll is from island of Gemanafushi, with 120 active cases. In Gaaf Alif Maamendhoo island, there are 93 active cases, and in Villingili island 42 active cases, Gaafu Alif Kolamaafushi island currently reports only 4 active cases.

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- The Maldives total vaccinated coverage as of 5th October 2021 stands at 76.61% for first dose and 66.62% for second dose of the TOTAL Population.
- The coverage for Male' region based on total population stands at 75.70% for first dose and 66.86% for second dose. The coverage for Atolls based on total population stands at 77.37% for first dose and 66.43% for second dose.
- For the total eligible population (12+ years age), the coverage for Maldives stands at 86.70% for first dose and 75.40% for second dose.
- Maldives has started third dose (booster dose) of COVID-19 vaccination from 3rd October 2021, for specific high-risk groups those who have completed 6 months since their 2nd dose. Irrespective of vaccine used for primary doses, Pfizer vaccine will be given for third dose vaccination.
- The Minister of Health has announced further extension of State of Public Health Emergency in the Maldives, till 31st October 2021.
- As of 30th September 2021, total spending towards COVID-19 health and social efforts stood at MVR 2,121.9 million; 0.6% increase from the week before. In this review period, 33.2% 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.

WCO activities

- Active participation in the daily 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 in Maldives.
- Supporting sending of COVID-19 specimens abroad to WHO-CC lab for 10th round of genomic sequencing.

WHO support provided to Member State

- Providing ongoing support to prepare and participate in Regional Committee meeting.
- Sixth meeting of the SEA Regional verification commission for measles and rubella elimination (SEA-RVC), Virtual, 27-29 Sept 2021.
- Discussion paper on evidence to actions in the management of health care waste in the South East Asia Region'- SEARO, Primus Partner and MoH.
- Supporting the consultants visit to Maldives for discussion on DHIS piloting with MoH.

Challenges

- No designated Public Health Laboratory or National health laboratory.
- Need for continued capacity strengthening on critical care for doctors in islands and atolls.
- Need for supply and procurement management system for MoH.