

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

Country: MALDIVES

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### Cases reporting

- Over 57,611 samples tested in the country 123 days since first case.
- 2,501 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 12 deaths reported – 164 new cases since last report.
- 2,113 people (84.83%) have recovered. There are 371 active cases and 19 are hospitalized with severe disease.
- 99.14% of cases belong to known and existing clusters.
- 107 people are in Quarantine and 261 in isolation facilities across Maldives.

### Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- Maldives apex hospital - Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital (IGMH) has adopted stricter service policies after cases of COVID-19 were identified in patients receiving treatment at the hospital's Intensive Care Unit.
- 6 staffs, 7 patients and 2 helper staff – total 15 tested positive for COVID19 at IGMH; over 308 identified as contacts and samples collected.
- A total of 32 persons including 21 children have been quarantined in Hulhumale Childrens Orphanage in connection to the IGMH helper who tested positive.
- The Ministry of Tourism has made the decision to allow guest houses in Male', Hulhumale' and Villimale' to be used as transit hotels – under the HPA guidelines for Quarantining at home.
- Medtech Maldives on Thursday confirmed the arrival of 20 more ventilators it was tasked with bringing by the Maldivian government, for the country's COVID-19 response efforts.
- COVID-19 expenditure by the Maldives has passed the MVR 1 billion mark - at MVR 1,028.6 million; with the majority of the funds going to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the Health Ministry. The weekly government COVID-19 expenditure report is available <https://www.finance.gov.mv/public/attachments/kMZWLgaWGKUCF8BNXfdAPNwD8zH6L6DEexPnz0iD.pdf>
- National Carrier Maldivian flight with 200 Bangladeshi nationals onboard departed to Dhaka on Saturday.
- Over a thousand Bangladeshi undocumented immigrants have been repatriated to their nation over the past few months in a joint effort of the Foreign Ministry and Economic Ministry.

### WCO activities

- As member of “Presidential Task Force on Resilience Building”; WHO Maldives works in the subgroups “Essential health services and health system strengthening” and “Essential service and social protection” to contribute to building back better.
- Technically supported NEOC and TAG to finalize the Phase 3 guidelines and ease out plan from lockdown plan.
- Sustained advocacy to maintain continuity of Essential Health Services across the country.
- Supported training of health care providers in **all atolls** on “Clinical Management of Dengue and Chickungunya”
- Supported development of training videos for support staff on surface cleaning and disinfection for school premises as part of reopening schools.

### WHO support provided to Member State

- Handed over 5000 additional lab tests (E Gene Assays) to the Ministry of Health.
- Handed over Infection Prevention and Control materials (Disinfectant, personal protective equipment etc) to the Ministry of Education to prepare for school reopening.
- Handed over 18 Oxygen Concentrators to Ministry of Health.

### 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.