

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

Country: MALDIVES

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Cases reporting

- **52 confirmed cases** of COVID-19 have been reported in the Maldives of which **31 are from Male**.
- **18 new cases** have been reported in the last 24 hours.
- **16 of the cases have recovered. NO DEATH** of COVID-19 have been reported.
- **1164** people are currently under **quarantine** and **89** in **isolation facilities** across the country.
- **4014** samples have been tested, and results for **286** samples are **pending** as of 18 April 2020.

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- **COVID-19 outbreak response plan for Male** has been rolled out with **31 cases being confirmed in Male**. A total of **468 contacts have been identified** and **133 houses/apartments are under monitoring**.
- **First positive case reported outside of Male' City – a Maldivian national (MAV052)** tested positive in **Haa Alif Uligamu Island** (northern most atoll) – contact tracing ongoing.
- Greater Male' Region is now under **lockdown** until 30th April 2020. Non-essential **travel between all the islands of Maldives is temporarily suspended**.
- According to MFA circular, Maldives is in the status of **“No income” country** following cessation of tourist arrivals from March 2020. Macroeconomic analysis shows that the government will face a revenue shortfall of USD 907.9 million. The country has been identified by the World Bank and Asian Development Bank as the **economy that will be hit hardest by COVID-19**.
- Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital (IGMH) has initiated **online clinic services via video conference**.
- **Congregational prayers** in the country **have been temporarily banned until further notice**.
- On 17 April 2020, a total of **69 individuals** were **released** from various **quarantine facilities**.

WCO activities

- Chair the Health and WASH Working group of UNCT to finalize, efficiently coordinate the implement of the CPRP;
- Together with IOM continue to advocate **“right to health of migrants”** during the outbreak.
- Supported Teleconference with experts and IGMH lab for strengthening COVID19 diagnostics.
- Shared and disseminated technical guidance on **“Safe Practices during Ramadan”**

WHO support provided to Member State

- Closely working with NEOC and MOH to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Working for decentralized capacity expansion for laboratory services beyond Male Region.
- Proposal development for European Union and COVID-19 Multi Party trust Fund as RM activities.

Support requested from SEARO

- Facilitate expeditious procurement of **4 GeneXperts and 25000 COVID-19 cartridges**.
- 50 kits of 50 E gene and **10 kits of RdRp** assay and additional 750 sets of PPEs.

Support / Coordination from SEARO and other agencies

- Needs assessment to upgrade IGMH Lab to BSL 3 level.

