

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

Country: MALDIVES

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Cases reporting

- **94 confirmed cases** of COVID-19 have been reported in the Maldives. **74 cases are from Male.**
- **11 new cases** have been reported in the last 24 hours.
- **16 of the cases have recovered. NO DEATH** of COVID-19 have been reported.
- 1433 People are in Quarantine and 185 in isolation facilities across Maldives.

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- With the increase in number of confirmed cases, **lockdown** measures have been **tightened - 200 houses/apartments** are under **monitoring in greater Male' area**. RRTs are reaching, screening and monitoring all contacts. Contacts are being regularly followed up for symptoms.
- The Ministry of Gender, Family and Social Services provided temporary shelter and meals to over 80 homeless individuals and IDPs and will ensure temporary shelter for those evicted by landlords.
- The **President's Office assured of the food and other essential needs** for Maldivian nationals and expatriates during the holy month of **Ramadan** will be fully met.
- The Government launched a **household registration portal** to update information on current addresses and the **number of people living in each house/apartment**.
- The Bangladesh Armed Forces brought **commodities, medicines and protective equipment donated by Government of Bangladesh to support COVID-19 response in Maldives**. A medical team consisting of doctors and medical officers will also support the ongoing response.
- 71 Maldivian nationals from Bangladesh and Nepal were repatriated on the same flight to Male.

WCO activities

- Closely working and supporting NEOC and MOH to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Processing request to expand COVID-19 diagnostic capacity at two Atolls outside Male.
- Proposal development for European Union and COVID-19 Multi Partner Trust Fund of UNSG.
- Leading Health and WASH Working group of UNCT Maldives.
- As member of media and communication group; continue to support risk communication and community engagement.

WHO support provided to Member State

- Handed over 5000 E-Gene Assays and 500 RdRp Assays to MOH/IGMH to enhance lab capacity;
- Facilitated 3 level virtual discussion with Maldives technical committee to join WHO Solidarity Trial;
- Shared multiple guidelines including on routine Immunization, Safe Ramadan practices, Elderly Care and Mental Health in the context of COVID-19 pandemic.
- Addressing Water Quality and water supply by coordination with Ministry of Environment and facilitation of virtual discussion with MOE, UNDP, GCF and WHO SEARO.

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.