

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

Country: MALDIVES

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### Cases reporting

- **214 confirmed cases** of COVID-19 have been reported in the Maldives – **198** active cases.
- **17 of the cases have recovered. NO DEATH** of COVID-19 have been reported.
- **1371** People are in Quarantine and **139** in isolation facilities across Maldives.
- **5948** samples have been tested, **5699** tested **negative** and results for **58 samples are pending**.

### Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- **52 New cases** have been reported in Male during the **last 24 hours**. Out of the total 214 detected so far, 194 are linked to clusters. Majority of the new cases detected are linked to a food supply distribution chain.
- With the **growing number** of cases in the **migrant population, specialized active screening procedures have been initiated**. The Maldives Police Service has begun monitoring 18 locations that collectively house a total of 837 expatriate workers. Movement in and out of the areas have been restricted and authorities are collecting information of the residents.
- NEOC has developed a **“COVID19 Dash Board”** (<https://covid19.health.gov.mv/dashboard/>) based on WHO Go.Data tool- it's an example of how Go.Data is used for Surveillance, Data Analysis and presentation.
- The Health Protection Agency has requested those who travelled on the “Amaazu” Boat which left Male’ on 15 April to identify themselves to the authorities following the discovery of positive cases.
- The government in coordination with Maldivian Red Crescent has **launched the Psychosocial Support Hotline for COVID19**.
- The government estimates that the response to the COVID-19 pandemic may **cost MVR 1.4 billion in Maldives**. The Finance Minister announced of efforts underway to secure USD \$233 million from international financial institutions to offset the economic repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The NEOC revealed that **over MVR560 Million** has been **spent** for COVID19 preparedness and response by the government of Maldives **as state expenditure**.
- **Maldivian Airlines** will commence **delivering cargo** to all domestic airports **across the Maldives to solve supply issues** caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### 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.
- Continuing to support risk communication as a member of media and communication group.

### WHO support provided to Member State

- Handed over 5000 E-Gene Assays and 500 RdRp Assays to MOH/IGMH to enhance lab capacity;
- Guidance for Maldives Blood Services to develop Plan for treatment of thalassemia and other haemoglobinopathies patients.
- Advising Vector Control unit to focus on elimination of mosquito breeding sites by ensuring stock of temephos being made available in all atolls.

- 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.