

PIP PC Implementation (January – June 2024) in SEAR

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Initiatives to Strengthen Influenza Surveillance in Maldives

- As the **new recipient** of PIP PC funds in the SEA region under High Level Implementation Plan III, Maldives utilized funds to **strengthen national Influenza and Communicable Disease Surveillance system**.
- WCO supported **procurement and stockpiling of critical items** (Universal Transport Medium, Viral Transport Medium, and triple packaging boxes), **human resources** (project manager and project officer) and **influenza samples shipment** to regional collaborating centers for sequencing
- PIP resources were utilized to **engage digital health experts** and leverage the existing District Health Information Software 2 (DHIS2) platform to strengthen influenza and communicable disease surveillance system.
- The piloting of the DHIS2 was completed from **15-16 May 2024 in Raa atoll**.
- From procuring essential supplies to **leveraging digital health tools such as DHIS2**, PIP resources are being utilized to strengthen influenza surveillance



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Regional highlights: SEARO

- Regional **annual landscape analysis of influenza** a part of monitoring the global influenza strategy implementation for 2023 and **influenza vaccine procurement systems** are on-going.
- Together with experts from MoH (Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka) WHO CC-Australia, US CDC, SEARO led and facilitated the **Joint National International ILI/SARI surveillance review**; Provided major recommendations for strengthening influenza sentinel surveillance in Indonesia.
- Conducted the first briefing call on the **proposed WHO Unity Studies Network**, as first step to formalize it in the region

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Other significant activities

- PISA trainings in Bangladesh, Bhutan and Indonesia
- Influenza data management training in Indonesia
- Infectious Substances Shipping Training (ISST) in Nepal and Maldives
- Joint mission to assess the ILI/SARI surveillance system including the NIC in Bhutan