

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

Country: MALDIVES

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Cases reporting

- NO confirmed case of COVID-19 in country as of 20 February 2020.
- No person is in isolation, 7 Maldives under isolation in India have returned to the country

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- HE President of Maldives holds weekly COVID-19 review meeting with Cabinet Ministers and continues to guide and reassure that Government will take all measures to protect Maldives.
- 24*7 Incident Management System of MOH is continuing and guiding local actions.
- Minister of Health is leading the regular Health Emergency Coordination Committee meetings. WCO regularly participates in HECC meetings which are well attended by multiple stakeholders.
- Isolation facilities have been increased to accommodate more than 80 people.
- Tourists coming from and transiting in countries with human to human transmission are being monitored for onset of symptoms. Resorts have been advised to serve meal in their respective rooms if needed and people have been counselled to avoid gatherings and self-report.
- RRTs of 20 Atolls have orientated community on recommended actions against COVID-19.

WCO activities

- Incident Management System has been initiated in the WCO Maldives team and Business Continuity Plan has been activated.
- WCO team-oriented UN Team on current situation with recommended actions and shares the updates regularly.

WHO support provided to Member State

- WCO continues to closely work and support MOH in their response to COVID-19. Sitreps are shared daily and new technical documents immediately.
- WCO technical team supported development of the "Novel Corona Virus Infection Response Guideline 2020" and set up POE surveillance for COVID-19.
- WCO supported hiring of staffs to support outbreak response and risk communication including Graphic Designer.
- WCO supported design, printing and distribution of 30 Standees placed at airports, ferry terminals and seaports. Additionally, designing, printing and distribution of over 15,000 flyers and leaflets in 10 different languages is supported.

Support requested from SEARO

- Procurement of additional 1000 PPEs on short term.
- Facilitate initiation of detection of Corona Virus including COVID-19 in the Maldives.

Support / Coordination from SEARO and other agencies

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