

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

Country: MALDIVES

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Cases reporting

- **NO** confirmed case of COVID-19 in the country as of 24 February 2020.
- **2 Maldivian- a mother and her 1-year old daughter** are currently in isolation in **Farukolhufushi island** near the airport for 14 days as they traveled from China even though did not **not report** any **symptoms**.
- **2 Maldivian** citizens living in Wuhan **evacuated to India** for 14-day isolation.

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- HE President with cabinet ministers, stakeholders and experts on 24th Feb reviewed the country preparedness measures against COVID-19.
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a travel advisory urging Maldivians against non-essential travel to Iran and South Korea and banned the entry and docking of Cruise liners in Maldives.
- The HOTLINE remains active with an average of 1-3 calls per day more on general inquiries.
- A total of 5840 persons screened in all International airports in the past 24hrs, with no persons meeting the criteria for isolation.
- 68,977 persons including health professionals, migrants and the public (including atolls) reached by various awareness sessions.
- Regular HECC meetings are conducted by the Ministry of Health in addition to the 24*7 Incident Management System.

WCO activities

- Shared guideline and presented on the WHO recommendations for cleaning surfaces and decontamination for COVID19.
- WHO is working on procurement of disposable suture and dressing kits to be positioned in Farukolhufushi island.

WHO support provided to Member State

- WCO continues to closely work and support MOH in their response to COVID-19 and Sitreps and relevant new technical documents are shared regularly.

Support requested from SEARO

- Support for expert to train laboratory staff on COVID19 testing in IGMH.
- Procurement of additional PPEs kits.
- Facilitate Webex Risk communication training for MoH staff and UN Emergency Focal Persons.

Support / Coordination from SEARO and other agencies

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