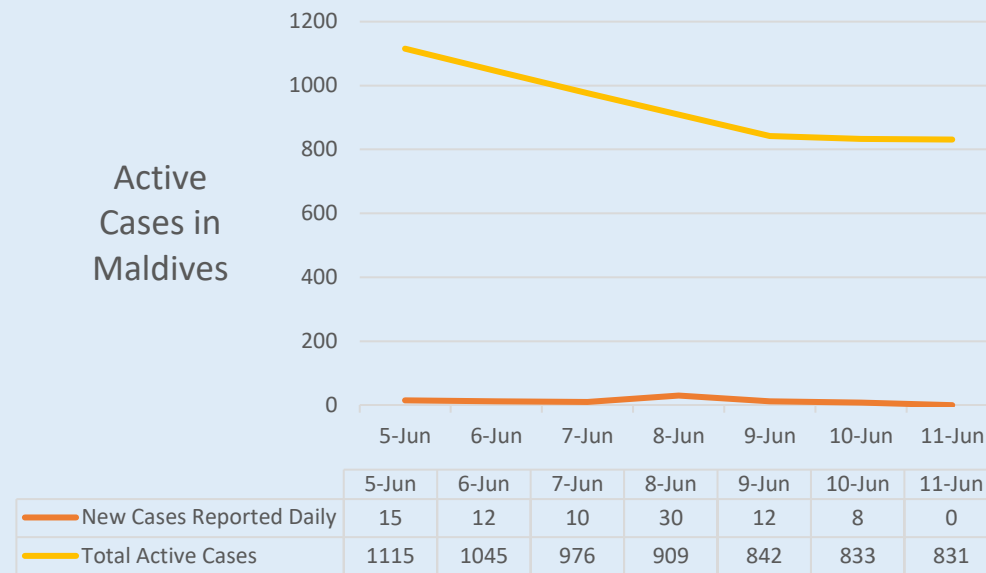




- A **total of 1962 cases** have tested positive in Maldives with 831 active cases, and 1121 recoveries, and 8 reported deaths as of 11 June.
- Since the first case of community spread was reported on 15 April 2020 in Greater Male' area, authorities have so far identified over 14,500 contacts through contact tracing but have not yet identified initial source of contraction, with the patient having not travelled or interacted with a positive case.
- Alert levels were raised to red (level IV) and a temporary lock down has been implemented effective 1530 on 15 April 2020 with limited eases to lockdown announced on 28 May

	Confirmed Cases	1962
	Recoveries	1121
	Isolation Facilities	929
	Quarantine Facilities	532
	Active Cases in Maldives	831



Public Health Risk Alert Levels	
Greater Male' Area	Red
National	Yellow
WHO Risk Assessment	
Global level	Very high
Global status	Pandemic

Updates from [Covid19 Dashboard](#) as of 21:29, 10 June 2020

Health & Social Sector

- This week's highest daily figure of infection peaked at 30. There are a total of 831 active patients, 8 recorded deaths as of 11 June.
- As of 3 June, 484 buildings/apartments remain [under monitoring](#) with over 14,500 contacts identified through contact tracing.
- COVID-19 is generating increasing social issues including homelessness, evictions and job loss with over 350 people provided shelter by the Government amid the pandemic.
- Following the clash between migrant workers in K. Thilafushi and the Police due to unhealthy living conditions & delays in payment on 2 June, [over 430 workers](#) have been sent back to their home countries by AIMA Construction Company within the last week.
- 565 arrests were made, and 8376 individuals were fined by Maldives Police Service for [breaching lockdown rules](#).
- The Government received a donation of 20,000 COVID-19 testing kits from Universal Enterprises.
- The Government of United Arab Emirates (UAE) donated medical equipment worth **US\$ 5 million**
- The Government of Japan provided grant aid worth **US\$ 5.6 million** to procure medical equipment to strengthen capacities of health facilities in the atolls and islands.
- The Government of China donated essential protective equipment for the health response.

Economic Sector

- The Ministry of Finance published the sixth [Spending Report](#) on 9 June 2020. A total of **MVR 923.2 million (US\$ 59.6 million)** has been spent on health response as of 4 June which is a **3.5%** increase from last week with the National Disaster Management Authority continuing to account for most of the spending for COVID-19 operations.
- As per the Spending Report, **MVR 302 million (US\$ 19.5 million)** has been spent on the socioeconomic response as of 7 June consisting of payments disbursed as financial support and relief to individuals, households and businesses affected by the pandemic.
- As of 7 June, disbursements worth **MVR 300 million (US\$ 19.3 million)** have been made to partnered banks for the implementation of COVID-19 Recovery Loan Scheme.
- Income support allowance worth **MVR1.9 million (US\$122,6125)** introduced due to the Covid19 crisis has been [disbursed](#) to 488 applicants.
- Initial findings of the Rapid Livelihood Assessment carried out by the Government and UNDP Maldives and indicated that over 45,000 resort workers are affected by COVID-19, of whom 22,000 are Maldivians.

Political Sector

- Over 200 Bangladeshi nationals and 200 Indian nationals were repatriated last week bringing the totals to over 2100 and 900 respectively.
- Parliament proposed an amendment to the Public Health Act mandating the Government to obtain parliamentary approval within 48 hours of declaring a State of Public Health Emergency.



Government Response

Health & Social Sector

- The National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) announced their decision to carry out [random sampling](#) amongst correctional officers, senior citizens, individuals living in congested communal living spaces and those between 20 and 39 years old to identify the level of community spread following the ease of lockdown restrictions.
- The NEOC has decided that private clinics will only be [authorized](#) to conduct COVID-19 tests only if the capacity of Government institutions are overwhelmed.
- State Trading Organization (STO) completed installation of equipment and supplying of PPEs to the Hulhumalé Medical Facility, which accepted its first patient on 7 June.
- Schools have been informed to start preparations to [reopen as per new normal](#).
- The State Trading Organization (STO) and Maldives Industrial Fisheries Corporation (MIFCO) provided aid through the Ministry of Gender, Family and Social Services for families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Political Sector

- The Parliament completed review of the Government's plans to mitigate effects of COVID-19 and submitted their report to President Solih on 8 June.
- The Government of China has [granted loan deferment eases](#) to 77 countries, including Maldives in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Supreme Court has [accepted](#) a case filed against the parliament's decision to reduce the salaries of the president, vice president and members of independent institutions.
- A total of 262 Maldivian nationals were repatriated from Sri Lanka on 10 June and repatriation flights have been scheduled to return with Maldivian nationals in Malaysia on 15 and 17 June.

Economic Sector

- The Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA) will resume its services two days per week from 16 June onwards.
- Maldives Immigration has [resumed visa services](#) and payments with online payment services.
- The Maldives Police Service announced that 1,380 business permits had been issued within a 48-hour period, as well as 3,534 permits to support staff of businesses, after certain restrictions were lifted.



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Health Response

- WHO:**
- Ongoing technical guidance, coordination and support to National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) and Ministry of Health to respond to COVID-19
 - Handed over additional 10,000 E Gene testing kits
 - Coordinated translation of Home Quarantine Guidelines by the Health Protection Agency, and translation of new COVID-19 guidelines to English
 - Coordinated development of COVID-19 Maldives Lab Capacity success story for WHO-SEARO and COVID-19 Maldives Case Studies with WHO HQ
 - Finalized Home Quarantine Videos for NEOC for wide dissemination
 - Shared Safe Usage of Fabric Mask guidelines IEC with NEOC, and through social media channels
 - Ongoing guidance to NEOC on measuring public perception and impact on behavior with support from SEARO

Socioeconomic Response

Health First: Protecting Health Services & Systems	Protecting People: Social Protection & Basic Services	Economic Response & Recovery	Macroeconomic Response & Multilateral Collaboration	Social Cohesion & Community Resilience
<p>Joint Agency Efforts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA Initiated a platform for coordinating UN support of the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) sub-working group at NEOC. <p>WHO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review progress of implementation of dengue action plan amidst COVID-19 pandemic • Development of dissemination of COVID-19 and breastfeeding guidelines with NEOC • Conducted a social media campaign for World Food Safety Day in relation to COVID-19 	<p>UNICEF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed two partnership agreements with the local NGO Care Society to support distance learning for children with disabilities. • Ensured with partners the continuation of essential health services, continuation of learning with and without school reopening, engagement of young people, and children with disabilities in meaningful activities amid the crisis • Assisted Maldives Police Service to expand decentralized call services at the atoll-level, thereby reducing potential delays in attending to child protection-related cases. • Supported the NEOC for guiding newly established Rapid Response Teams to conduct home visits to identify domestic violence and child abuse. <p>UNDP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procured water testing kits as part of the support to Ministry of Environment to provide water security in selected islands. The project will support 50 communities that do not have water production facilities and provide training to local communities to use the test kits. 	<p>UNDP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented Phase I Report of the Rapid Livelihoods Assessment conducted with Ministry of Economic Development to understand the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis on tourism • Supported National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC) on COVID-19 digital response. <p>World Bank:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved a US\$ 12.8 million COVID-19 Emergency Income Support Project to help mitigate the economic impact of the pandemic on poor and vulnerable workers and their families and to increase the capacity of the country's social protection programmes in responding to future emergencies. 	<p>UNDP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the Maldives Media Council for accreditation of journalists. 	<p>Joint Agency Efforts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By WHO and UNICEF for the Risk Communication and Community Engagement pillar under the NEOC <p>UNDP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launched Thaana Mallow – an application created under 'Miyaheli' platform, which allows blind people to access written Maldivian in an easy manner. It facilitates access to information and involvement of people with disabilities during crisis. • Supported Department of Judicial Administration on formulating regulations under domestic violence prevention act and sexual offences act. <p>WHO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported production of 'EkugaiEmmen' Solidarity Campaign videos which are disseminated widely with NEOC

