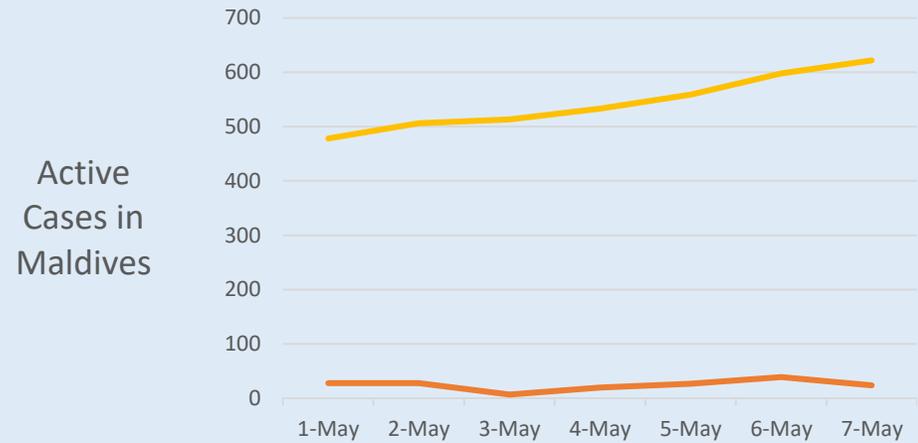


- A **total of 642 cases** have tested positive in the Maldives, with 620 active cases, 20 recoveries and 2 reported deaths as of 7 May.
- Since the first case of community spread was reported on 15 April 2020 in Greater Male' area, authorities have so far identified over 4500 contacts through contact 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.

	Confirmed Cases	642
	Recoveries	20
	Isolation Facilities	501
	Quarantine Facilities	1744
	Active Cases in Maldives	620



	1-May	2-May	3-May	4-May	5-May	6-May	7-May
New Cases Reported Daily	28	28	7	20	27	39	24
Total Active Cases	478	506	513	533	559	598	622

Public Health Risk Alert Levels	
Greater Male' Area	<b>Red</b>
Kuredu Island Resort & Spa	<b>Orange</b>
National	<b>Yellow</b>
WHO Risk Assessment	
Global level	<b>Very high</b>
Global status	<b>Pandemic</b>

## Health & Social Sector

- The Greater Male' Area remains in lockdown until 14 May 2020
- This week's highest daily figure of infection peaked at 44. There are a total of 620 active patients as of 7 May, with a heavy toll on migrant workers.
- As of 7 May, 260 buildings/apartments, 5 shops, 9 islands and 2 vessels remain under monitoring with over 4500 individuals identified through contact tracing.
- A ban on congregational prayers remains in place, despite Ramadan
- In his address to the nation on 4 May, President Solih stated that projections by health professionals forecasted a potential increase in the spread of Covid19 in Male' City area in the next 14 days.
- The situation of COVID19 continues to generate increasing homelessness in particular in Male city as a result of evictions, substance abuse and other social factors.
- Migrant workers have been severely affected by COVID-19, both in terms of numbers contracting the virus but also the impact on their wellbeing, with shortages of food and water and inadequate shelter.

## Political Sector

- Maldives Police Service is investigating a cyber attack on the Health Protection Agency's website, with a message criticizing the government, as well as threatening President Solih with further attacks.
- The PPM-PNC Opposition Coalition has announced it may file a petition to the Supreme Court to challenge the constitutionality of the Special Bill on Ensuring the Operation of Administrative Divisions of Maldives under Decentralization Policy 2020.

## Economic Sector

- The Ministry of Finance published the first Spending Report on 4 May 2020
- A total of **MVR 665.4 million (US\$ 42.9 million)** has been spent as of 30 April, with spending by the Ministry of Health & National Disaster Management Authority accounting to **91.2%** of total spending as detailed below.
- Majority of spending on COVID-19 related efforts has been towards the procurement of medical consumables (PPE) and equipment, and the provision of financial assistance to purchase staple food to reinforce food security.

Figure 1 (Source: Ministry of Finance)




COVID-19 RESPONSE

**Physical distancing does not mean social isolation.**

Stay in touch with your loved ones.

Be kind and spread kindness.

\* | Ministry of Health Maldives | World Health Organization Maldives | UNICEF Maldives | Access to Care Maldives



## Economic Sector

- President Solih announced the creation of a National Task Force for Economic & Social recovery from the impact of COVID-19
- The Maldives Customs Service waived US\$622,944 (MVR 9.6 million) in duties levied on medical equipment so far this year.
- The Bank of Maldives disbursed US\$2.9 million (MVR 45 million) to 34 customers who applied to the COVID-19 recovery scheme.
- The Government of Japan has provided an emergency grant of US\$ 356,400 through UNICEF and US\$ 185,000 through the Maldives Red Crescent for medical equipment & consumables and to support new systems to facilitate online learning.
- The Government of the United States pledged to provide US\$ 2 million in grant aid to support the social protection services by CSOs, support the Covid-19 recovery policies of the Government and also entails support to businesses affected by this crisis.

## Political Sector

- On 5 May, Parliament rejected a bill proposing an eviction moratorium in Male' to prevent eviction of tenants facing financial difficulties due to COVID-19 & requested amendments. As per the proposed bill, the moratorium would remain in place until emergency measures are removed.
- Maafushi council was warned by the Local Government Authority for its strict interpretation of the orders when it reportedly prevented a woman from visiting her family, having completed the 14 day quarantine.

## Health & Social Sector

- The Ministry of Gender, Family and Social Services, Ministry of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment, Male' City Council and UNICEF have provided care packages to over 600 vulnerable households in Male' City
- The Maldives Red Crescent launched a [relief fund](#) to assist migrant workers who are in vulnerable situations due to the pandemic.
- HPA released a [directive](#) stating that all high-risk migrant workers living in overcrowded accommodation facilities in the Greater Male' Region be placed under quarantine in facilities allocated by the National Emergency Operations Centre.
- The Government completed the construction of a quarantine facility in Gulhifalhu, Kaafu Atoll, with a capacity of 665 beds and efforts to move people are underway.
- The Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) developed a working prototype ventilator in 14 days, using readily available spare parts of electronic equipment.
- 140 people have been arrested and 2497 people fined to date for violating lockdown orders. Although the police do not plan to extend their detention for more than 14 days, these cases will be sent to the Prosecutor General's Office.
- The Ministry of Gender, Family and Social Services publicized guidelines to evacuate Maldivian nationals stranded in greater Male' area back to their respective islands.
- With the oversight of the Social Council at the President's Office, Ministry of Gender, Family & Social Services and multiple partners and NGOs are currently providing temporary protection for 95 people stranded due to different reasons.
- The Government of China and various individuals and companies from China, Thailand and Singapore provided shipments of medical equipment to the Maldives

## Emergency Health Response

### WHO:

- Facilitated connections between regional experts with Maldivian medical experts on the use of test kits, and with the NEOC on surveillance.
- Shared guidance on COVID-19 related deaths and definitions, updated guidelines on Clinical Management of SARI Cases, and continuity of care for ensuring access to regular health services amid the pandemic.
- Provided technical assistance to enhance Ministry of Health's capacity for monitoring and reporting of diseases as per international standards
- Provided technical instructions for classification (ICD10 coding) and certification of deaths to due COVID-19.
- Provided the HPA Vector Control Unit guidance on Dengue control during COVID-19 .
- Supported the HIV Programme to complete assessment of continuity of HIV related services including ART availability during COVID-19.
- Supported the NEOC in risk communications & community engagement.

## Socio-Economic Response:

### UNDP:

- Partnered with the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment, the National Youth Council and Ooredoo Maldives in the 5th cycle of the **social innovation camp 'Miyaheli'**, bringing together changemakers, experts and tools to create innovative ideas for the response and recovery efforts from COVID-19. The online camp encourages innovative ideas focused on addressing challenges arising from the crisis, such as: supporting the most vulnerable and at-risk people; supporting Business and Industries (particularly MSMEs and informal sector); enhancing social connectedness and cohesion; innovation for health, and improving daily lives through innovation.

