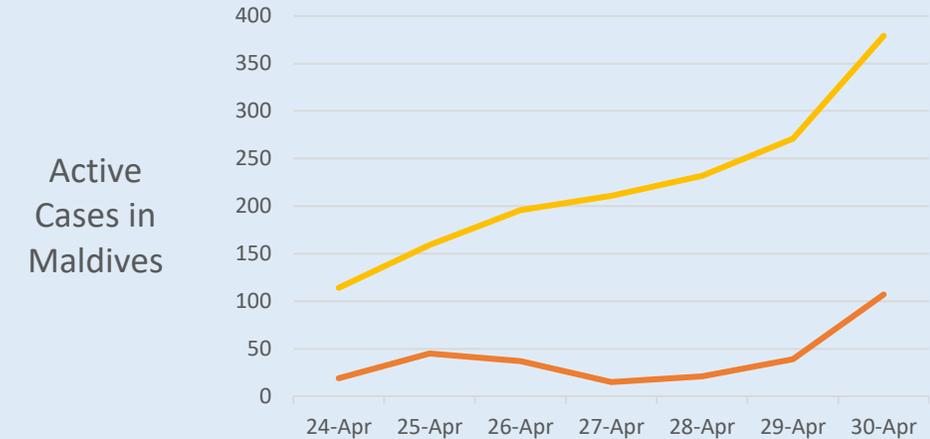


- A **total of 396 cases** have tested positive in the Maldives, with 377 active cases, and 17 recoveries as at 30 April. The first COVID-19 related death was reported on 29 April.
- Since the first case of community spread was reported on 15 April 2020 in Greater Malé area, authorities have so far identified over 3000 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). The lock down on Greater Malé was extended to 15 May 2020.

	Confirmed Cases	396
	Recoveries	17
	Isolation Facilities	285
	Quarantine Facilities	1289
	Active Cases in Maldives	377



	24-Apr	25-Apr	26-Apr	27-Apr	28-Apr	29-Apr	30-Apr
New Cases Reported Daily	19	45	37	15	21	39	107
Total Active Cases	114	159	196	211	232	271	379

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

Economic Sector

- The Ministry of Finance presented projections for economic impact due to COVID-19 on 25 April as follows:
 - The budget deficit is projected to reach **13.7%, MVR 13 billion, (US\$ 840,880)** compared to the **MVR 5.9 billion (US\$ 381,630)** originally stated in the 2020 State Budget.
 - Total state debt is projected to increase to **MVR 70 billion (US\$ 4.5 million)**, which accounts for 86.6% of the GDP – an overall **115%** drop is projected in GDP along with **81.3%** for nominal GDP.
 - State revenue is expected to decrease to **MVR 15.2 billion (US\$ 983,182)**, down from **MVR 29.9 billion (US\$ 1.9 million)** projected in the 2020 State Budget.
 - Expenses expected to increase, particularly in health & disaster management to curb the spread of COVID-19 with a total of **MVR 560 million (US\$ 35.2 million)** spent so far

Political Sector

- Maldives Police Service has carried out searches for houses of 5 suspects of the case of arson on 7 vessels in Adh. Mahibadhoo reported on 16 April, and claimed by Islamic State, No arrests made yet.
- A special operation was carried out by Maldives Police Service & Maldives Correctional Service following to intelligence reports of an act of violent extremism being planned by inmates in Maafushi Jail.

Health & Social Sector

- The Greater Male' Area lockdown was extended for an additional 14 days to 15 May 2020.
- This week saw some of the highest daily figures of infection peaking at 107 today. There are a total of 377 active patients as of 30 April, with a heavy toll on migrant workers.
- As of 29 April, 248 buildings/apartments, 29 shops, 22 islands and 3 vessels remain under monitoring with over 3000 individuals identified through contact tracing.
- 2 individuals were quarantined through a court order after they refused to adhere to HPA regulations.
- 2 officers of the Maldives National Defense Force and a number of migrant workers working on establishing the new Health Facility in Hulhumale' tested positive and construction is currently on hold.
- A ban on congregational prayers remains in place, despite Ramadan.
- Indhira Gandhi Memorial Hospital reported a significant increase in the number of people seeking mental health services.
- The situation of COVID-19 continues to generate increasing homelessness in particular in Malé city as a result of evictions, substance abuse and other social factors.
- The past week saw increased activity on social media with racist views expressed against the Bangladeshi segment of the migrant community, combined with an increase in public debate about the unequal treatment of migrant workers. In the country.

Economic Sector

- The Government announced that efforts are underway to secure **US\$ 233 million** from international financial institutions to offset the economic repercussions of COVID-19.
- The Parliament approved the motion submitted to temporarily suspend certain clauses of the Fiscal Responsibility Act for a period of 1 year to allow the Ministry of Finance to overdraw **MVR 4.4 billion (US \$ 284 million)** for uninterrupted services and cashflow from the Central Bank.
- Ministry of Finance announced that Treasury bills worth **MVR 2.2 billion (US \$ 142 million)** have been sold to date.
- Ministry of Economic Development announced a payment of US\$ 324 per month for 3 months would be paid to those who had lost their jobs due to the pandemic
- A call centre was established for the Job Centre under Ministry of Economic Development

Political Sector

- The Parliament passed the special bill on Local Council Elections allowing elections to be postponed until January 2021.
- Maldives Police Service announced that despite the recent cases of arson suspected to be acts of violence extremism, general crime rates have decreased since COVID-19 crisis.

Health & Social Sector

- Enforcement of the lockdown by the police has led to over 100 fines and over 70 arrests, out of which 2 were arrested in Male' for threatening to kill police officers.
- 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 94 people stranded due to different reasons.
- The Maldives Police Service is monitoring 18 locations that collectively house a total of 837 migrant workers. Movement in and out of the areas have been restricted.
- Government of Maldives are developing new accommodation facilities at K. Atoll Villivaru and Gulhifalhu to relocate a large number of high-risk migrant workers working in the local market area of City.
- The Maldivian Red Crescent has launched a hotline for psychological support.
- The Government of Maldives has started conducting random surveillance and testing for COVID-19 in the Greater Malé area, with positive cases being reported.
- Dhamanveshi Healthcare Centre will re-commence administering vaccines in accordance with the national vaccination schedule on 3 May 2020.
- Maldives Police Service has started utilizing their PCR machine and laboratory analysts and to increase the overall testing capacity by 50 additional tests daily.
- Government of China has provided human resources and equipment necessary for the production of temporary quarantine facilities, capable of housing 800 individuals and also provided human resources to aid the transformation of an existing building in Hulhumale' to a temporary facility with the capacity to house 327 individuals.
- Government of India supplied 50,000 units of Hydroxychloroquine, as grant assistance to the Maldives.

Emergency Health Response & Procurement of Public Health Supplies

WHO:

- Connecting experts in the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) with WHO SEARO Contact Tracing Expert Team.
- Provided technical support for the projection estimates for preparedness, readiness and response in community transmission scenarios and surveillance in Greater Male and atolls.
- Developed the proposal for mobilizing additional funds to support elderly population and their caregivers with Ministry of Gender, Family and Social Services.
- Developed technical proposal to support National Drug Agency for the treatment programme for recovering addicts in Detoxification Centre.
- Finalization of the proposal to mobilize resources for setting up regional/atoll laboratories and operationalization of Hullumalé Medical Isolation Facility.
- Mobilized additional laboratory test kits for enhancing the lab testing capacity and technical support for operationalizing the Police Laboratory for testing.
- Strengthened ongoing Infection Prevention & Control activities with provision of additional PPE items including masks, gloves, goggles, face shields, shoe covers, head cover and gowns
- Support to NEOC in risk communications and community engagement and funding of photo and written documentation on in-country COVID-19 preparedness, readiness and response.

Socio-Economic Response

- The UN Maldives Socio-Economic Impact Analysis of Covid-19 was launched and presented to the Government on 27 April 2020 (shared with this report). It sets out the projected impact of the pandemic on the most vulnerable groups, as well as making policy recommendations to the Government on measures that it, and the UN can make to support a sustainable recovery in the Maldives on the principle of **Building Back Better**. The report is designed in the global framework released by the UN Deputy Secretary General on 27 April 2020.

UNICEF:

- Supported emergency food relief distribution jointly with Ministry of Gender, Family and Social Services (MoGFSS), Ministry of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment (MoYSCE) and the Malé City Council on 28th of April targeting 700 families.
- Supporting two additional emergency feeding programs: One for vulnerable families through the national NGO ARC, targeting 62 families and the second under the MoGFSS targeting homeless people and individuals who are stranded in Malé.
- Shared a proposal for a timebound emergency child grant with the Government aiming to reduce the impacts felt by families challenged by the emergency.
- Presented the Ministry of Education with proposals for the resumption of distance learning.
- Continued support to the risk communication messaging focused on building healthy/inclusive routines to ensure everyone is mentally and physically fit as well as on the importance of good nutrition for children and families, even during the COVID-19 pandemic.

UNDP:

- Undertaking a water sector risk assessment with the Ministry of Environment, as part of COVID-19 response and priority areas have been identified to tackle potential water security issues.
- Working in collaboration with WHO to identify and source immediate support items including water testing kits.

