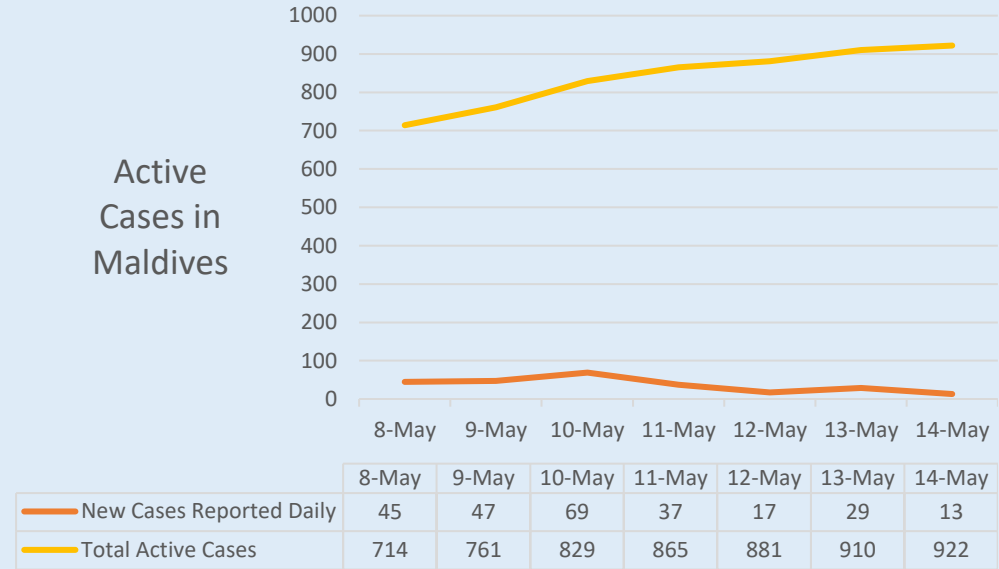


- A **total of 968 cases** have tested positive in Maldives, with 922 active cases, 40 recoveries and 4 reported deaths as of 14 May.
- Since the first case of community spread was reported on 15 April 2020 in Greater Male' area, authorities have identified over 5700 contacts through contact tracing, but not yet identified the 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	968
	Recoveries	40
	Isolation Facilities	896
	Quarantine Facilities	1403
	Active Cases in Maldives	922



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

Health & Social Sector

- The lockdown in Male' Area has been extended till 28 May
- This week's highest daily figure of infection peaked at 69. There are a total of 922 active patients and 4 recorded deaths as of 14 May, with a heavy toll on migrant workers.
- The National Emergency Operations Center expects a surge of positive cases from communal living areas on 31 May.
- As of 14 May, 313 buildings/apartments, 6 shops and 6 islands remain under monitoring with over 5700 individuals identified through contact tracing.
- The situation of COVID-19 continues to generate increasing social issues with 105 people under the temporary care of the State and an additional 250 people being provided food as of 13 May.
- Migrant workers continue to be severely affected by COVID-19, with foreigners testing positive at a ratio of 2:1 to Maldivians.
- 33 high risk accommodation facilities housing migrant workers remain under monitoring by the Maldives Police Service.
- There has been strong public and political pressure on the Government to ensure migrant workers are relocated into higher quality accommodation with adequate sanitation facilities.

Economic Sector

- The Ministry of Finance published the second Spending Report on 11 May 2020.
- A total of **MVR 814.2 million (US\$ 52.5 million)** has been spent as of 7 May, which is a **22.4%** increase on the previous week, with spending by the Ministry of Health & National Disaster Management Authority accounting for **91.5%** of total spending.
- Maldives Inland Revenue Authority (MIRA) revealed that total revenue for April amounted to **MVR 527.6 million (US\$ 34 million)** a **59.6%** drop compared to April 2019.
- A total of 3,265 fines were issued over a month for violating lockdown regulations, totalling **MVR 2.5 million (US\$ 161,322)** across Greater Male'.
- There is increasing public pressure on the Government to provide a safety net, combined with a sizeable stimulus package.

Political Sector

- Local Council Elections have been postponed till 2021.
- The government is under increasing pressure and criticism and a growing rift within parliament is becoming evident.
- Prosecutor General expressed concern over delays of trial proceedings of those remanded for remainder of their trials.



Economic Sector

- On 13 May, the eligibility criteria for '[Income Support Allowance](#)' up to **MVR 5000 (US\$ 322)** was published, as a relief scheme for individuals experiencing employment issues.
- President Solih established a [National Taskforce on Resilience Building and Economic Recovery](#), with working groups on finance, economic recovery, and the social sector. The Taskforce will identify solutions to the short and medium term impacts of the pandemic, and include multisectoral coordination with a range of stakeholders.
- Bank of Maldives (BML) revealed that [loans](#) worth **MVR 100 million (US\$ 6.5 million)** from the government's relief fund were issued to 73 individuals.

Political Sector

- The President ratified the bill to [postpone Local Council Elections](#) which stipulates that the election needs to be held within an year from the bills enactment.
- India has sought to repatriate nationals from the region, including over 690 individuals repatriated to Cochin by the first of two Indian Navy vessels. A total of 4,000 Indian citizens have registered interest to return home. 235 Maldivians returned home from India this week.
- The Ministry of Communications, Science and Technology completed the investigation into the hackers' attack on the Health Protection Agency's website and forwarded findings to the Police

Health & Social Sector

- Authorities have formed a [Clinical Advisory Team](#) that will monitor the status of COVID-19 patients being treated across the Maldives.
- 566 people who do not have a place to live and are unemployed have been moved to temporary accommodation facilities by the Government.
- Further work continues to facilitate transporting over 5,000 people who have registered to return to their islands.
- Over 190 people have been arrested for violating the lockdown orders with approximately 100 people being fined on a daily basis.
- Efforts are underway to relocate over 3,000 migrant workers to temporary accommodation facilities and repatriate 1,500 unregistered workers.
- The Criminal Court started trials via video conferencing on 10 May and on 12 May, the PGO issued a COVID-19 guideline for investigation of serious offenses to be implemented effective immediately.
- The Human Rights & Gender Committee of the Parliament has called on the government to approve parole and clemency for inmates entitled to release.
- Random samples were taken from 15 prisoners and 23 officers in K. Maafushi prison on 8 May and all results came in negative.
- The People's Majlis has passed a report by the Committee on Social Affairs detailing measures required to be taken to ensure people are not turned out onto the streets. The [committee report](#) was unanimously passed on 12 May.
- The Government of India shipped 580 tonnes of food supplies to Maldives
- The ADK Private Hospital has installed the Roche Light Cyler PCR System which would increase the national testing capacity by 500 when operations commence in 1 week.

Emergency Health Response

WHO:

- Provided technical assistance for Refresher PCR Training for laboratory staff, for health authorities to successfully engage communities to manage COVID-19, and developing proposal to respond to needs of persons with disabilities.
- Shared Guidelines on adjusting public health & social measures.
- Initiated UN-wide advocacy on continuation of RMNCAH services during emergency.
- Provided 5000 additional test kits to increase daily testing capacity
- Facilitated support for web-based applications used to conduct online trainings
- Shared Maldives success on building lab capacity for COVID-19 to be highlighted at the World Health Assembly.
- Support to developing 7 videos promoting solidarity amid COVID-19 and a social media campaign to mark International Nurses Day 2020

UNICEF:

- Release of new risk education videos featuring the First Lady, H. E. Fazna Ahmed, on broadcast media.
- Processed orders for PPEs, testing kits, and other medical supplies, which are expected to arrive before 30 May.
- Concluded purchase agreements for sanitizers & handwashing soap for health facilities

Socio-Economic Response

UNICEF:

- Concluded the distribution of 600 care packages through emergency food relief efforts on 11 May to vulnerable households in Male' area in partnership with Ministry of Gender, Family & Social Services & Ministry of Youth, Sports & Community Empowerment.
- Continued support to vulnerable families in partnership with local NGO, ARC.
- Working with partners for a timebound targeted emergency child grant to support parents with children under the age of 5 years who lost their jobs due to the Covid19 crisis with Ministry of Gender, Family & Social Services and the National Social Protection Agency.
- Provided support to the Ministry of Education to resume distance learning for all students
- Supported 25 case managers based in Male' and 27 staff from the Family and Children Service Centres across 19 atolls for better prevention and response to violence against children and gender-based violence.
- Developing measures to strengthen and expand mental health services nationwide with Center for Mental Health at IGMH and Maldivian Red Crescent.
- Supported Ministry of Gender, Family & Social Services and Health Protection Agency on the development of SOPs to mitigate the risks of separation of children from parents in the case of COVID-19 infection.

UNDP:

- Concluded the 1st virtual social innovation camp, 'Miyaheli', which brought together over 70 participants from across the Maldives to create innovative ideas to aid the nation in its response and recovery efforts. UNDP, Ooredoo Maldives, Ministry of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment, the National Youth Council and Youth Co:Lab came together as partners in this camp, which saw 5 winning ideas themed around education; health; food security and livelihoods; prevention of violence; and social connectedness and cohesion.

IOM

- Engagement with the Maldivian Red Crescent and Government of Maldives for the special situation of migrant workers during COVID-19.

