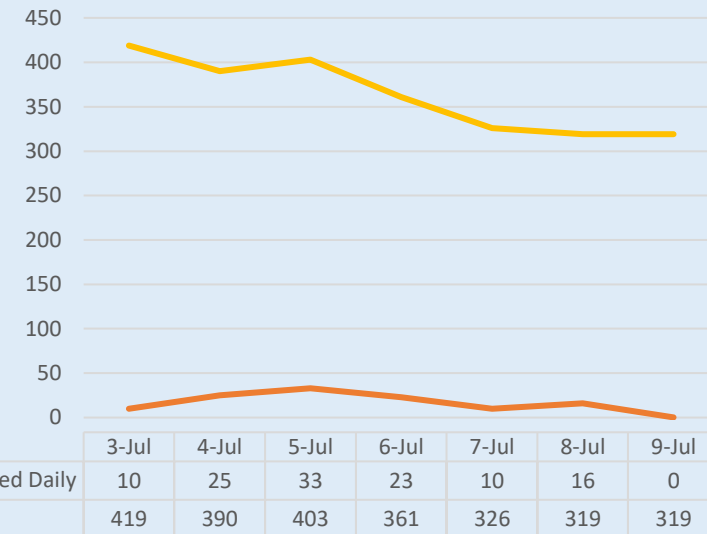




- A **total of 2517 cases** have tested positive in Maldives with 319 active cases, and 2180 recoveries, and 13 reported deaths as of 9 July. The highest daily peak this week was 33.
- Since the first case of community spread was reported on 15 April 2020 in Greater Male' area, authorities have so far identified over 18,000 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 further eases to lockdown implemented from 1 July

	Confirmed Cases	2517
	Recoveries	2180
	Isolation Facilities	254
	Quarantine Facilities	107
	Active Cases in Maldives	319

Active Cases in Maldives



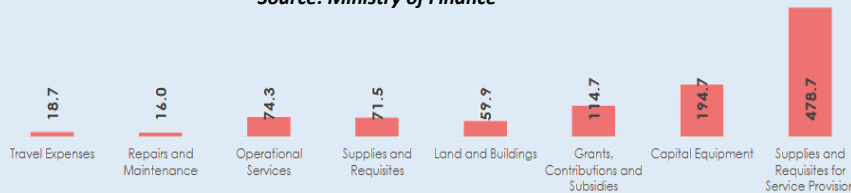
Public Health Risk Alert Levels	
Greater Male' Area	Red
National	Yellow
WHO Risk Assessment	
Global level	Very high
Global status	Pandemic

Updates from [Covid19 Dashboard](#) as of 12:28, 9 July 2020

Economic Sector

- The Ministry of Finance published the ninth [Spending Report](#) on 6 July 2020:
- MVR 1028.6 million (US\$ 66.7 million)** has been spent on health response (2 July), a **5.4%** increase from last week with the frontline authorities including National Disaster Management Authority, Ministry of Health and Indhira Ghandi Memorial Hospital continuing to account for most of the spending for COVID-19 operations.
- MVR 363.8 million (US\$ 23.6 million)** has been spent on the socioeconomic response (2 July), consisting of payments disbursed as financial support and relief to individuals, households and businesses affected by the pandemic.

By type of spending (in millions MVR)
Source: Ministry of Finance



- The Environmental Performance Index (EPI) ranked Maldives **127th** out of 180 countries assessed based on environmental health and vitality of ecosystems, [falling](#) by a total of 6.7 points.
- The Parliament Committee approved an amendment to the Import-Export Act that [reduces duties](#) charged on goods that are imported from regional ports, by **50%**.
- Tourism Ministry's statistics have shown that 8 out of 157 tourist resorts [remained operational](#) with 1256 beds occupied while the country was in lockdown.

Political Sector

- The Parliament Committee on National Security & Foreign Relations is set to probe the unrest that took place among migrant workers in [B. Bodufinolhu](#). This comes at a time where the Police have launched an investigation into the human trafficking and exploitation allegations against the company in charge while 19 migrant workers remain under Police custody following the protests.
- President Solih ordered Minister of Tourism Ali Waheed to [resign from his post](#) during the late hours of last night citing sexual misconduct at the workplace.
- The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)'s Committee on Human Rights is set to investigate the events that led to opposition MP Ahmed Shiyam to sustain injuries in a parliamentary sitting on 1 June.
- Maldives Immigration stated that of the more than 200,000 migrant workers in Maldives, over 60,000 are [unregistered](#)

Health & Social Sector

- The number of positive cases recorded reached 2,491 with [3 new deaths reported](#) bringing the total up to 13, with 35.81% of positive cases recorded as Maldivians, and 51.59% as foreigners.
- Staff members and patients at the state-run Indhira Gandhi Memorial Hospital (IGMH) [tested positive](#) for COVID-19. The hospital has temporarily shut down the ICU, and is testing all patients and staff.
- Upon implementation of further relaxations to lockdown measures, staff from Tree Top Hospital, [Bank of Maldives](#), the [Prosecutor General's Office](#) and [Fiyavathi Shelter](#) have also tested positive for the virus
- President Solih following discussions with the Cabinet has decided that no [Independence Day celebrations](#) will take place this year.
- The Maldives Meteorological Service (MET) issued a white alert across the country over potential tidal wave surges. A few islands in central and southern regions [experienced damages](#) due to bad weather and tidal waves within the last week.
- Replan Pvt Ltd donated personal protective equipment (PPE), disinfecting chemicals and other equipment to support COVID-19 response efforts.
- Protestors, led by newly registered local NGO Voice of Children, continue to voice their concerns over the increase in number of cases of violence against women and children and flaws in the social service system



Health & Social Sector

- [Full details of Phase III of lockdown eases](#) being implemented since 1 July.
- The Government of Maldives extended the State of Public Health Emergency until 14 July.
- Health Emergency Operations Centre (HEOC) announced a [mass public health inspection](#) will in the greater Malé area on 12 July to ensure compliance to public health regulations.
- The Government of Maldives [signed 2 joint agreements](#) with the UN Maldives to support Maldives in combatting the impacts of the pandemic and building back better.
- The Government of India [approved](#) travel for critical care patients from Maldives despite India's borders remaining closed. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is to facilitate travel of patients who require urgent critical care not covered under the health insurance scheme Aasandha.
- Soneva Hotels set up a [PCR lab](#) at N. Maafaru International Airport to facilitate testing.
- The Government will continue the 40% subsidy for electricity bills for the month of June.
- The President's Office [published](#) the list of eligible candidates who applied for public housing under the 'Hiyaa public housing project'.

Economic Sector

- A total of **MVR 10.1 million (US\$ 655,954.8)** has been disbursed as income support allowance to 2507 individuals as of 3 July by the Ministry of Finance.
- The Government of Maldives [signed two agreements](#) worth **US\$ 50 million** with the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) directed towards the affordable housing scheme project and fisheries sector development project.
- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) [approved](#) a loan of **US\$ 7.3 million** to the Maldives under a new Special Fund Window to strengthen the country's health response.
- Maldives Airports Company (MACL) revealed on 8 July that 35.3 tons of frozen fish and 1.1 tons of live fish were exported to Europe via Turkish Airlines on 30 June which is the [highest recorded amount](#) exported in 2020.

Political Sector

- President Solih [ratified](#) the second amendment bill to the Criminal Procedure Act on 7 July, providing judges with the discretion to hold criminal proceedings via audio and video conference under special circumstances
- The Parliamentary Committee on Independent Institutions [passed a proposal](#) to advise President Solih to dismiss four members of the National Integrity Commission (NIC) on 8 July.
- Jailed former President Yameen Gayyoom stated that he received over **US\$ 5 million** in the form of [political donations](#) at a hearing held on 8 June on the case of alleged money laundering.



Immediate Health Response	WHO	UNICEF	UN Maldives UN Maldives signed two joint projects with the Government of Maldives under the 1) Joint SDG Fund & 2) COVID-19 Response & Recovery Multi-Partner Fund Trust Fund. The projects to be implemented with the Government, UN, CSOs, private sector & partners aims to strengthen social sector service delivery & support Maldives to recover better & achieve the 2030 Agenda.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical support to finalize transition plan & easement measures • Technical support to Health Emergency Coordination Committee (HECC) • Increased lab testing by handing over an additional 5000 E gene Assays and RNase extraction kits to Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital (IGMH) • Handed over 18 Oxygen concentrators & 2 Biosafety cabinets to Health Ministry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing procurement PPE & critical supplies for COVID-19 response. • Continuing advocacy & guidance on health programmes to prepare for the new normal measures including immunization, RH / ANC. • Support for expanding Mental Health & Psychosocial Support Services, with Centre for Mental Health, Maldivian Red Crescent, & local NGO SHE. 	

	Pillar 1 - Health First: Protecting Health Services & Systems	Pillar 2 - Protecting People: Social Protection & Basic Services	Pillar 3 - Economic Response & Recovery	Pillar 4 – Macro-economic Response & Multilateral Collaboration	Pillar 5 - Social Cohesion & Community Resilience
Socioeconomic Response	<p>WHO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maldives was verified for Rubella elimination & Congenital Rubella Syndrome, as one of the first 2 countries in South-East Asia Region ahead of the 2023 target. • Facilitated country technical documentations & coordination with National Verification Committee (NVC), Maldives Technical Advisory Group for Immunization (MTAGI) & Health Protection Agency (HPA) towards elimination of Rubella. • <i>Clinical management of Dengue and Chikungunya</i> training was carried out in all health facilities of 15 atolls and Hulhumalé Hospital, Tree Top Hospital and Private Clinics in the Malé area. <p>UNICEF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with national partners to develop and disseminate key messages on the importance of Infant & Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices (especially breastfeeding) to highlight the importance of healthy feeding practices amid the pandemic 	<p>Joint Agency Efforts: WHO, UNICEF & UNFPA contributed to Health Working Group meetings of the National Recovery Taskforce</p> <p>UNICEF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalizing a national “Back to School Campaign – “Ufalun Schoolah” to build trust, awareness, and share information on the safe return to schools following months of school closures with the Ministry of Education. In addition to infection prevention control measures, the campaign focusses on how teachers and parents can provide psychosocial support and key information to students. • In partnership with the Ministry of Gender, Family & Social Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technical support for supervision of social workers which aim to improve service quality. Positive impacts are being displayed through capacity to perform duties & mental wellbeing of staff. - High level advocacy for nationwide campaign to combat sexual violence against children and women scheduled to launch on 15 July. - Developing joint plans for immediate actions to protect children online with the Communications Ministry. • Developing public awareness materials on online safety, violence against children and domestic violence prevention in partnership with NGO ARC. <p>UNDP: Co-designed two tools to improve water management in atolls: a) groundwater recharging calculator and b) rainwater harvesting calculator which improves community-monitored water security.</p>	<p>UNDP: Launched National Dialogues – a series of 5 sessions to equip MSMEs with knowledge, skills and network to recover & adapt to the current situation with Business Center Maldives</p>	<p>UNDP: Re-started the development Finance Assessment for SDGs</p>	<p>Joint Agency Efforts: UNICEF & WHO supporting Risk Communications & Community Engagement (RCCE) of the Health Emergency Operations Centre (HEOC)</p> <p>WHO: Provided handwash, hand sanitizer, gloves, masks etc. for people with disabilities to Ministry of Gender, Family and Social Services</p> <p>UNDP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Innovation Camp Miyaheli winner ‘Hearty’, launched a new social enterprise, promoting sustainable lifestyle in Maldives consumers, with support by Ministry of Youth, Business Center Cooperation, Australia, Ooredoo. • Part 5 of Frontier Dialogues podcast released featuring Waste Management Corporation Limited (WAMCO), promoting sustainable waste management solutions, while prioritizing safety of staff

