MALDIVES RESPONSE
Maldives Profile

Population
680,000

Inhabited Islands
188

Islands <1,000 pop
116

Male’ Population Density
27,000/sq. km

Tourism
2/3rd of GDP
**STRATEGY**

**Prevent Entry**
Measures at Ports of Entry; travel clinics, tourism sector guidelines

**Containment**
Surveillance, Testing, Contact Tracing, Quarantine, Isolation, Risk communication, social distancing

**Saving Lives**
Delay surge, build health system capacity (HR, beds, PPE, training)

**Stakeholder Engagement**
Multi-agency coordination and communication

**Risk Communication**
CUMULATIVE POSITIVE CASES AS OF 13TH MAY 2020, 23:59 HOURS
- INCLUDES ONLY CLUSTER TRANSMISSION CASES (based on reported date)

Past 24 hours:
- 43 males
- 08 females

51 total cases
- 12 locals
- 39 foreigners

TOTAL, 935
MALE, 802
FOREIGNER, 627
LOCALS, 308
FEMALE, 133
TIMELINE

- **12th Jan**: First risk assessment
- **22nd Jan**: Multi-stakeholder coordination
- **29th Feb**: HEOC activated
- **1st Mar**: National Emergency Ops Centre activated
- **7th Mar**: First imported case reported
- **12th Mar**: Public Health Emergency Declared
- **15th Apr**: First community case (in Male’)
  - Male’ area lockdown
Re-purposing resorts into quarantine facilities

Risk-communication and continuous community engagement

Extensive testing, community surveillance, contact tracing

Use of technology

National level coordination with early multi-stakeholder engagement
ESSENTIAL HEALTH SERVICES

- Dedicated ambulance number
- Emergency pathways
- Online / phone consultations
- Dedicated medical teams
- Easy refill of prescriptions
- Medicines delivered to home
- Clinic set-ups in industrial areas
- Pop-up clinics close to living quarters
PARTNERSHIPS

Pvt. Hospital as designated COVID Hospital in Male’ area

Telecom company-sample-taking kiosks

Partnered with SHE (NGO), Police lab and ADK pvt hospital for testing

Maldivian Red Crescent- PSS and migrants

International Agencies:  WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, World Bank, AIIB, UNOPS, IDB, ADB, EU

Bilateral cooperation
Challenges

- Dispersed population, transport of patients, supplies
- Male' area
- Geographic density
- Migrants
- Undocumented, living in large dormitories
- COVID-19 and essential health services
- Large number of Health Professionals from abroad, issues with surge capacity
- Reliance on Imports
- Testing
- Sourcing of kits, decentralization of testing
THANK YOU