

Press Statement

COVID19 Vaccination Registration for Migrant Workers in the Maldives

As part of the Maldivian Red Crescent's ongoing support towards the COVID19 response efforts, the National Society is extending its assistance in the work towards country-wide COVID19 immunisation, particularly towards the registration of the migrant worker population living in the Maldives for the COVID19 vaccine.

In order to be most effective, vaccination must be made accessible to everyone, so that the community can benefit from it. High rates of vaccination can lower the spread of the disease, and can help vulnerable groups who cannot get vaccinated to stay safe from the virus. It is through vaccinating as many people as possible that the community can become safe and healthy.

Given existing challenges that migrant workers face in accessing essential health services, particularly those who are undocumented, the Maldivian Red Crescent is working with the relevant public authorities and agencies to facilitate the registration process for the COVID19 vaccination for such migrants. While Maldivians and migrant workers with valid work permits can sign up via the central my.health.mv portal, migrant workers who are undocumented are now invited to register with the Maldivian Red Crescent in order to sign up for the COVID19 vaccination.

The registration process is to be carried out through the Maldivian Red Crescent Beneficiary System (MRC BenSys), an online registration system that is independently set up and managed by the Maldivian Red Crescent. All relevant personal information required for and pertaining to the COVID19 vaccination will be collected and stored by the Maldivian Red Crescent, with the data collected through this process to be shared only with the relevant public authorities responsible for the COVID19 vaccination work.

Those who wish to get registered can contact the Maldivian Red Crescent's Migrant Support Centre on **3307665, from 10 AM to 5 PM, Saturday to Thursday**, and book appointments to proceed with the registration process. This is to ensure that protocols for physical distancing can be maintained in the registration venue as instructed by Health Protection Agency.

All possible safeguards are in place to ensure the protection of the information and data being collected, and the Maldivian Red Crescent reiterates its commitments to uphold the rights, dignity, and protection of the most vulnerable among us, especially during disasters and emergencies.

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