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Situation of Zika Virus Disease in the Maldives

Public Health Information

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Zika is a mosquito borne viral disease. Maldives has initiated surveillance, testing and preventive measures for Zika in January 2016. In 2016 and 2017, a total of 651 cases were tested for Zika and 3 cases were found to be positive. Since January 2018, no new case of Zika has been found. WHO's declaration on Zika as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern was lifted in November 2016.

For the prevention of Mosquito borne diseases, the following measures are essential.

- Elimination of mosquito breeding sites in and around homes and public areas.
- Reduce potential mosquito breeding sites by safely discarding bottles, cans, and other waste materials.
- Wear long loose clothes and use mosquito repellants throughout the day. It is advisable to use mosquito repellants with the following elements.

(DEET, Picaridin (KBR3023 or Icaridin), IR3535, OLE, PMD and 2-undecanone)

- Obtain information about the Zika situation before travel. The public is encouraged to contact Health Protection Agency (HPA) at 3014496.
- The WHO Zika situation report can be referred to, and is available at <http://www.who.int/emergencies/zika-virus/en/>



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