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Situation of Zika Virus Disease in the Maldives

Public Health Information

Maldives initiated surveillance, testing and preventive measures for Zika in January 2016. Samples from a total of 517 Maldivians selected using the case definition criteria were tested for Zika from which 2 cases were found positive. Since January 2017, no new case of Zika has been found. In November 2016, WHO's declaration on Zika as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern was lifted.

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.
- 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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