

Situation Update on Zika Virus Disease in the Maldives

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Zika is a mosquito borne viral disease. Maldives carried out active surveillance and testing for Zika in the years 2016 and 2017. During these years, a total of 651 cases were tested for Zika and 3 cases were found to be positive. Since January 2018, there has been no reported cases of Zika.

The following safety measures are practiced for the prevention of mosquito borne diseases in the Maldives:

- 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. Advised to use mosquito repellants with the following elements:

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

- Obtain information about the Zika situation before traveling. The public is encouraged to contact Health Protection Agency (HPA) at 3014496 or email us at surveillancereportshpa@gmail.com

