

MINIMUM STANDARD FOR CONDUCTING MEDICAL CAMPS IN THE MALDIVES



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1. SCOPE

A medical camp or outreach program is defined as a program designated to provide health interventions in an area where there is limited access to medical facilities. This could be carried out by health professionals who would be conducting consultation, prescription to outpatients including dispensing of medicines, basic laboratory services, vaccination or any other minor interventions and for health promotion, early screening and detection of disease, reaching the unreached community population and awareness of various diseases. The medical camp or outreach program is to provide dynamic healthcare options and services in response to communities' immediate or longer-term healthcare demands.

This standard applies to any government or private health facility intended to conduct medical camps or outreach programs. QARD reserves the right to develop and amend the standards and guidelines for the service under chapter 25 of the “Health services Act” (29/2015).

2. PURPOSE

QARD as the responsible entity for regulating, licensing, monitoring and ensuring safety of all health services in the Maldives is mandated to develop minimum requirements to ensure delivery of safe and quality services.

This standard aims to establish the minimum requirements for conducting a medical camp or outreach program in the Maldives.

3. OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 Provide specific health services requirement for medical camps
- 3.2 Identify the minimum infrastructure and equipment requirement

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4. SPECIFIC HEALTH SERVICES MAY INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO

- 4.1 General / Specialist consultation
- 4.2 Dental services
- 4.3 Ophthalmology / Optometry care
- 4.4 Health screening

5. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 Approval to conduct medical camp / outreach programs.
- 5.2 The healthcare professionals participating should be registered and / or hold a practice license from their relevant councils.
- 5.3 Where the camp is conducted in a facility that is not registered, the facility must meet the minimum requirement as set in section 6 of this standard

6. INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS

Functional area for medical camp or outreach program should comprise of:

- 6.1 Consultation room(s) with facility for handwashing
- 6.2 Waiting area
- 6.3 Toilet with facility for handwashing
- 6.4 An equipped procedure room: depending on the scope of service(s)
- 6.5 Proper ventilation, lighting, and basic amenities

7. EQUIPMENT

Basic diagnostic equipment as per the scope of service being practiced should be available and in working condition

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8. INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL

8.1 Availability of hand washing facilities

8.2 Availability of hand rub for patients in waiting area

8.3 Equipment used for examining patients should be cleaned and sterilized before using to another patient.

8.4 Diagnostic solutions shall be clearly marked with the date first used and stored with caps on and not used beyond the recommended dates.

8.5 National Infection and prevention control guideline to be used as a reference guide.

8.6 All clinical waste should be autoclaved before discarding as general waste

8.7 Adherence to minimum waste management protocols

9. PATIENT SAFETY AND ETHICS

9.1 The provision of services and treatment should only be by authorized personnel

9.2 Any prescription and / or distribution of drugs should be approved by Maldives Food and Drug Authority.

9.3 Establish mechanisms and workflow to ensure patient privacy and confidentiality.

9.4 Maintenance of medical records as per medical record regulation, 2019/R-1070

9.5 Availability of standard operating procedures to refer cases who may require further treatment.

10. DOCUMENTATION AND REPORTING

10.1 All information regarding reportable communicable diseases should be reported to HPA.

10.2 All reporting formats to adhere to minimum standards set by QARD / Ministry of Health