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4013 (+ 913)*

Confirmed cases of COVID 19

47(+1)*

Deaths

2089 (+694)*

Total recovered from COVID-19

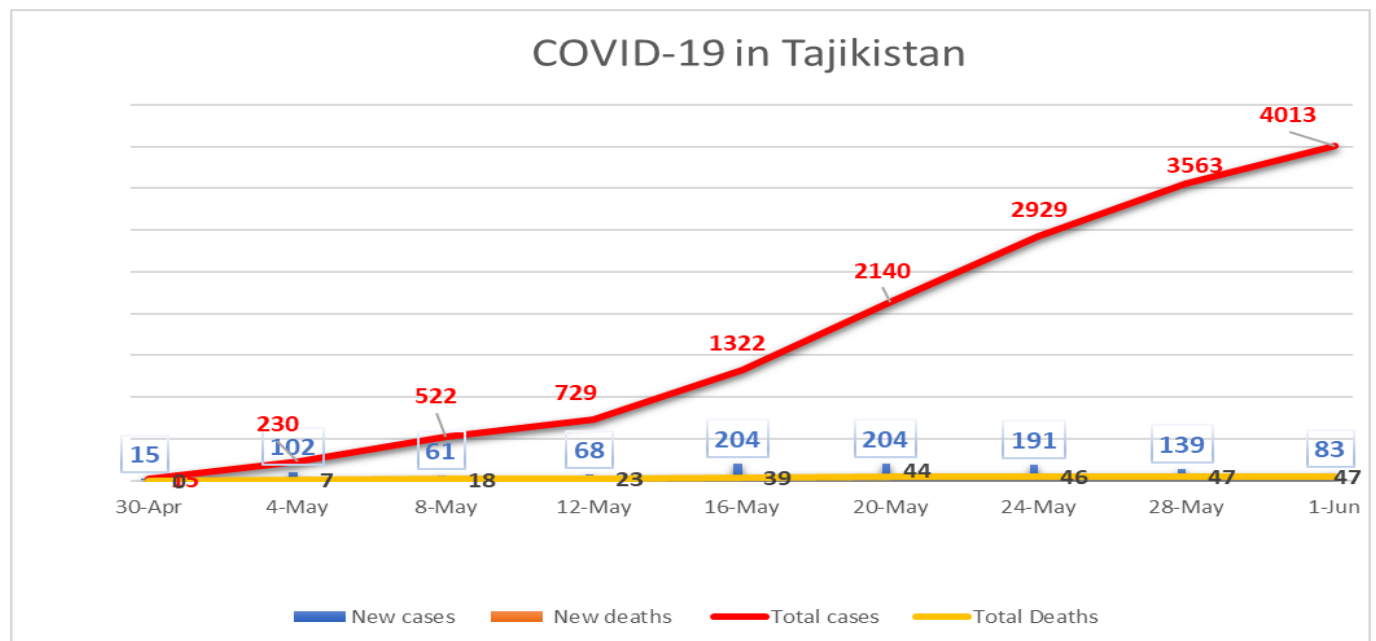
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Patients are under medical supervision in hospitals

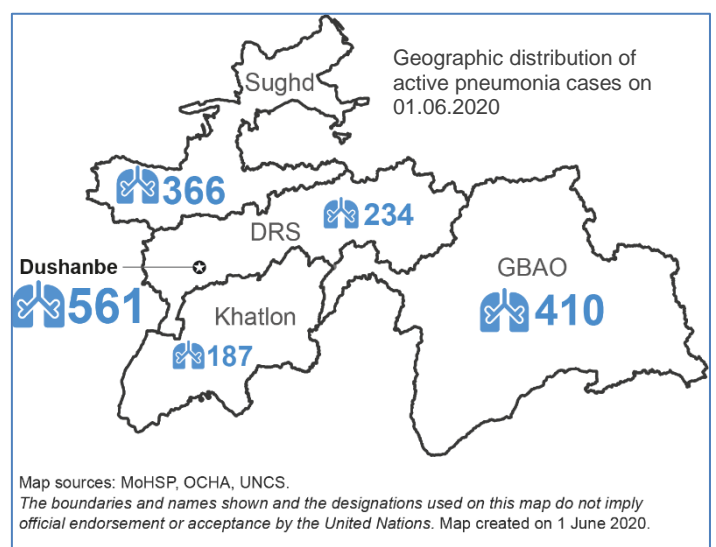
*new cases since May 25, 2020 (Situation Report # 8)

Data as of 01 June 2020 (18:00 local time), Ministry of Health and Social protection of the Population, Tajikistan

Tajikistan situation overview



- As of 1 June 2020 a total of 4013 laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19 (47 deaths) have been reported by the Ministry of Health and Social Protection (MoHSP). While 2089 people reported to have recovered, another 1814 remain under medical supervision. Additionally, MoHSP reports a total of 1758 active pneumonia cases.
- Four additional laboratories for COVID-19 testing have been established in Tajikistan. The additional laboratories are in Dushanbe, Bokhtar, Kulob and Khujand cities and built on the basis of the technical and human capacities of existing laboratories, strengthened with additional equipment and trainings.
- MoHSP revised the National Protocol on Clinical Management of COVID-19 and launched protocols for the treatment of COVID-19 patients at home.
- WHO and MoHSP continue consultations on establishment of the Public Health Emergency Operations Center within MoHSP to monitor, coordinate and communicate COVID-19 response activities in Tajikistan, to be supported by the WHO experts.



- Closure of non-food (mainly clothing) markets and shopping malls, beauty salons and carwashes has been extended till June 15, 2020.
- Graduation examinations of the 9th and 11th grade schoolchildren, initially planned to be held in person during June 15 – 24, 2020 have been cancelled by the Inter-Agency Standing Committee on Covid-19. The Standing Committee decided that graduation certification of the graduates should be done on the bases of quarterly and annual marks of the schoolchildren.
- There are no formal restrictions for in-country movement. Nonetheless, authorities of GBAO and Sughd province have introduced some restrictions for public transport inside the oblasts and strongly advice to refrain from unreasoned travels with private vehicles. Travelers arriving to Khorog are advised to self-isolate for 14 days, register and be checked daily by healthcare services.
- No changes have been reported on status of borders. Airports remain closed, while railway routes remain open for cargo. Number of charter flights from Russian Federation, India, UAE have been organized to repatriate Tajikistan citizens.
- Staple food commodities were available in most monitored markets during the reporting week. The current week's market monitoring observations are as follows:
 - Central markets are operating at 30-40 percent capacity to provide access to staple food for the population;
 - Prices in several monitored markets increased for onions (7-32 percent), potatoes (10-38 percent) and bread (33.3 -67percent);
 - Compared to April 2019, prices remain high though this week's prices were stable or slightly lower against monthly averages of April 2020;
 - The demand for skilled and unskilled labour in the market has been declining and wages decreased by 10% from May to April 2020.
 - More details can be found in Annex 1 - Tajikistan Weekly Market Situation Update.

Decisions and measures undertaken by the Government

- On 27 May 2020, President of Tajikistan signed an Action Plan on implementation of instructions provided by the President of Tajikistan in his statement to the healthcare workers on 20 May 2020. Among others, the Action Plan foresees:
 - establishment of additional hospitals and/or equipping existing hospitals for treatment of COVID-19 patients in all the cities and districts of the country;
 - regular monitoring and provision of supplies to regional and district healthcare facilities by MoHSP;
 - establishment of Working Group of relevant experts by 5 June 2020 to identify causes and consequences of COVID-19 disease;
 - propose revisions to the Law on "On medicines and pharmaceutical activities" until 10 July 2020, to simplify the process and procedures for registration and production of medicines and etc.

Response

Bi-lateral assistance – on 27 May 2020, The United Arab Emirates provided medical equipment to the Republic of Tajikistan amounted to 10.7 tons, including 20,000 COVID-19 tests, PPEs, diapers, napkins and antiseptic solutions.

On 29 May 2020, India sent 4.6 tons of medicine to Tajikistan to support the Government of the country in COVID-19 response operations.

Another train of 19 wagons with humanitarian cargo arrived in Dushanbe on behalf of the President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev. The aid consists of food items and medical supplies, including over one thousand tons of wheat flour.

Healthcare and medical supply – The overview of assistance provided by International Partners (including bi-lateral assistance) prepared by DCC Working Group on Health can be found at: <https://untj.org/dcc/covid-19/>.

Migration – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) launched an urgent appeal for USD 7 million to ease the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on migrant communities in six countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) until the end of 2020. Appeal includes proposals to provide safe and appropriate living conditions to migrants stranded in main destinations and transit countries, to support safe return to their homelands, to mitigate the socio-economic impact of the crisis on migrants and their families and etc. Financing requirements for Tajikistan are USD 2,250,000 – this highest in the region. are The full Appeal can be downloaded [here](#).

Needs

- While some of the urgent needs outlined in the Tajikistan COVID-19 Country Preparedness and Response Plan of MOHSP have been met, the need for medical supplies, especially laboratory supplies and equipment remain acute. Those needs include:
 - Laboratory supplies and materials including PPEs for PCR RT COVID-19 tests;
 - Implementation laboratory quality management systems in the newly established 4 laboratories;
 - Capacity building on laboratory, infection prevention and control, surveillance and case investigation;
- Renovation and maintenance works of premises for establishment of Public Health Emergency Operation Centre within the Supervision for Sanitary and Epidemiological Surveillance Centre on MoHSP.

Coordination arrangements

- The Inter-Agency Standing Committee on COVID-19 preparedness and response (Standing Committee) chaired by the Prime Minister continues to lead and coordinate the state COVID-19 operation. Similarly, Standing Committees have been established at all administrative levels by local authorities, as well as within all Ministries and Agencies.
- Overall coordination of development partners in Tajikistan on COVID-19 preparedness and response is undertaken by the UN Resident Coordinator with the technical guidance of WHO, in the frame of the COVID-19 Response Group.

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