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Tajikistan Situation Report # 14

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7015 (+802)*

Confirmed cases of COVID 19

58 (+5)*

Deaths

5741 (+613)*

Total recovered from COVID-19

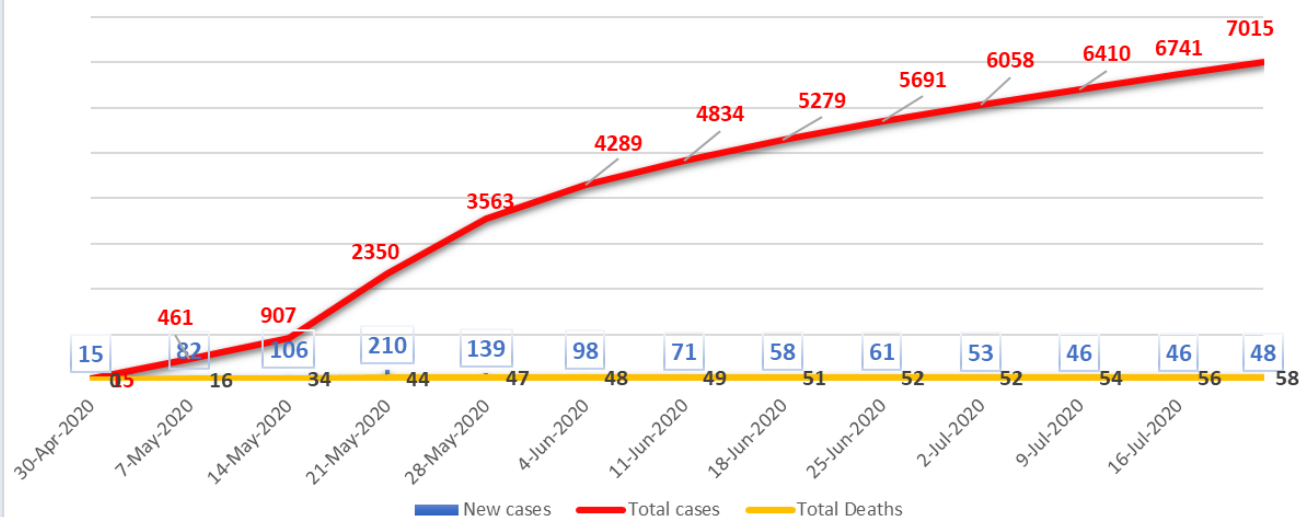
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Patients are under medical supervision in hospitals

*new cases since July 5, 2020 (Situation Report # 13)

Data as of 22 July 2020 (18:30 local time), Ministry of Health and Social protection of the Population, Tajikistan

COVID-19 in Tajikistan (as of July 22, 2020)



Tajikistan situation overview

- As of 22 July 2020, the number of cumulative cases has increased to a total of 7015. During the reporting period, 5 new deaths attributed to COVID-19 were reported, bringing the total number to 58 deaths. The Ministry of Health and Social Protection (MHSP) reports that 5751 (81,8%) of infected people have recovered. Cases are being reported from all the regions in the country.
- The cumulative incidence rate is 71.27 cases per 100 000 and 6.01 deaths per 1000 000 population. The incidence rate during the last 14 days is 7.4 per 100 000 population, a 13% decrease compared to the previous 14 day period. Nonetheless, this may be attributed to a continued lack in testing capacity in the country.
- Although official data on COVID-19 infections is not represented geographically and no major increase in national figures have been recorded, Khujand’s mayor’s office press center reports that the daily number of persons going to hospitals in Khujand city with COVID-19 symptoms has increased over the first days of July from 1-2 persons per day to 8-9 persons per day.
- For the time being, public health measures in force are limited to compulsory “mask regime” and social distancing in public places, as well as ban for mass gatherings (including ban for Friday Prayers in the mosques). However, it should be noted that “mask regime” and social distancing measures are barely followed by the population in public places.

- As of 1 July 2020, the regular procedure on extension of visas of foreign citizens and stateless persons, who are temporarily in the Republic of Tajikistan come into force, voiding earlier procedures of “automatic visa extension” introduced by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs due to COVID-19 outbreak.
- No changes have been reported on status of in-country movement. Airports remain closed, while railway routes remain open for cargo.
- The border crossing points with neighboring countries remain closed for civilians and open for cargo import/export (although only on points with customs terminals). Borders with China and Afghanistan are now open for cargo. On the Tajik-Uzbek border all truck drivers are tested for COVID-19, which takes 2 to 4 days (max) to pass the border. Many of the drivers are tested while entering points to Uzbekistan and are continuing to Tajikistan with the same test results, as the Tajik side is accepting this test certificate.
- Markets are fully operational and staple food commodities are available in all monitored food markets. Compared to June 2019, prices remain high, though this week’s prices were stable or slightly lower against monthly averages of June 2020. More detailed information is available in WFP’s Weekly Market Situation Update #16/17, Annex 1 and 2.

Decisions and measures undertaken by the Government

- On 11 July 2020, President Emomali Rahmon signed a Governmental Decree on provision of one-time payment in the amount of a one-month minimum salary to vulnerable families. The decree has been issued in implementation of the Executive Order of the President of 6 June 2020 “On preventing the impact of the COVID-19 infectious disease on the socio-economic spheres of the Republic of Tajikistan”.

Response

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/> .

Needs

- Tajikistan continues facing a shortage in laboratory consumables and reagents (especially microtubes of 0.2 ml and 1.5 ml and filtered tips). Testing is at risk to be stopped because of this shortage.

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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