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1. OVERALL STRATEGY

Solomon Islands Government remains committed to its overall strategy on COVID-19 to *protect all Solomon Islanders and all people living in Solomon Islands, to keep the economic engine of the country going, and to position the country to emerge from this challenge stronger and united.* This strategy is the foundation of our COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan, and other measures implemented by the Government. The National Disaster Council (NDC) Arrangement is employed as the country’s whole of Government response approach in the coordination of COVID-19 through the National and Provincial Disaster Operations Committees (N-DOC and P-DOC). The N-DOC and P-DOC through its Sector Committees COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plans are contributing to the health, social and economic security of the people of Solomon Islands through approaches that minimise the risk of importation of COVID-19, minimize the spread, reduce morbidity and mortality, and minimize and manage societal disruption, and psycho-social and economic impacts of COVID-19.

2. GENERAL UPDATES

- Total number of COVID-19 cases recorded in the country to date stands at 20. The country has been COVID free for the last two weeks.
- All active cases have recovered bringing the country to being COVID-19 free again.
- A total of 60 persons graduated and released on the 30th of April, 2021.
- Total persons remaining in Solomon Islands Government (SIG) paid and self-paid Quarantine Stations as of 08th May, 2021 stands at 228.
- Total of 10,800 plus persons have been vaccinated in the National COVID Vaccination Rollout as of last week. Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS) continues in its vaccination rollout program in the provinces.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) has approved the Sinopharm vaccine under its Emergency Use Listing. The country's National Drugs, Medicines and Therapeutic Committee is meeting this week to consider the approval for the use and rollout of the already 50,000 donated Sinopharm doses in the country.
- The Australian Government has offered SIG additional 60,000 doses of AstraZeneca manufactured in the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories (CSL), Melbourne Australia for use in the country's vaccination rollout program. Plans are underway to transport the first 10,000 doses per week into the country for the 60,000 doses. The country's National Drugs, Medicines and Therapeutic Committee is also meeting this week to consider the approval for the use and rollout of the CSL AstraZeneca vaccine.

GLOBAL SITUATION IN NUMBERS

The numbers are based on [WHO Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Dashboard](#) as of 7:07pm CEST, 11 May 2021

Globally

158,651,638 confirmed cases

3,299,764 deaths

1,206,243,409 vaccine doses administered as of 10 May 2021

Western Pacific Region

2,634,853 confirmed cases

39,655 deaths

3. CURRENT SITUATION

- The Government remains committed in ensuring there is a zero COVID-19 community transmission. To date, there is no community transmission.
- All incoming persons undergo mandatory quarantine in designated Quarantine Stations.
- The country's recorded COVID-19 cases to date stands at 20. Formerly positive cases who have been released after meeting health requirements are being traced by the MHMS for routine follow-ups.
- Solomon Islands remains under a State of Public Emergency (SOPE) since the declaration of the first SOPE on the 25th of March 2020.
- The National Disaster Council (NDC) Arrangement remains the country's preparedness and response coordination mechanism for the pandemic.
- Solomon Islands through RSIPF maintains safety and security on the Western Border with Papua New Guinea given the increase in cases and the potential of importation through this border.
- Essential cargo flights are also being done on need- basis. International trade continues with strict measures in place for all incoming vessels through the country's international ports.

4. SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

4.1 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE & NATIONAL DISASTER OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

- The OSC established by Cabinet to provide strategic advice on a whole-of-government planning and response to COVID-19 maintains its role.
- N-DOC Sector Committees maintains its COVID-19 Preparedness and Responses with Health Sector Committee leading the health aspects and Camp Management Sector Committee maintains and continue to manage all the SIG approved Quarantine Stations (QS). Broader coordination is through the N-DOC arrangements.
- Safety and security on the Western Border continue to be maintained by RSIPF.
- OSC through the MHMS is calling out on nationals on the Western, Choiseul, and Malaita Outer Islands (MOI) to get vaccinated given the increasing cases of COVID on Bougainville.
- An additional two (2) National Emergency Response Team (NERT) members were deployed to support the Camp Management Sector Committee (CMSC) in its quarantine operations. The additional two replace the current NERT deployment who will stand down on the 12th of May, 2021 and resume normal duties at their respective ministries.

4.2. REPATRIATION/INCOMING FLIGHTS/CARGO VESSELS

- Total of 51 persons have entered the country on the 07th of May, 2021 via Solomon Airlines, Brisbane and are undergoing mandatory quarantine.
- All incoming persons are also required to adhere to Travel Advisories issued by SIG. [Travel Advisory Notice No.18](#) has been issued on the 19th of April, 2021 and provides important information for Non-Solomon Islanders planning to travel to Solomon Islands.

4.3. QUARANTINE STATIONS & ISOLATION

- Total persons in SIG paid and self-paid Quarantine Stations as of 08th May 2021 stands at **228**.
- Quarantine Stations currently occupied are:
 - i. Pacific Casino Hotel – 31 occupants
 - ii. Honiara Hotel – 18 occupants
 - iii. Heritage Park Hotel – 12 occupants
 - iv. Guadalcanal Beach Resort (GBR) – 24 occupants
 - v. SA Apartments – 28 occupants
 - vi. King Solomon Hotel - 115
- No active cases in Isolation.

5. N-DOC SECTOR COMMITTEE UPDATES

5.1. CAMP MANAGEMENT SECTOR COMMITTEE (SIG Quarantine Stations)

- Two additional NERT members have been called upon to support Camp Management Sector Committee (CMSC) in its quarantine operations.
- The current occupancy status of SIG paid and self-paid Quarantine Stations stands at **228**.
- A total of 51 persons have entered the country on the 07th of May, 2021 and are undergoing mandatory quarantine.

- SIG personnel deployed stands at 27. These are officers from RSIPF, MHMS and CMSC.
- CMSC continues in its operations in managing all designated quarantine operations.

5.2. HEALTH SECTOR COMMITTEE

Health Coordination and Responses

- N-DOC Health maintains the leading role in the health aspects of SIG response to COVID-19.
- The National Health Emergency Operations Centre (NHEOC) maintains coordination functions amongst relevant health response agencies and with other sectors and EOCs as well as the provinces.
- All active COVID cases have recovered.
- Total of 10,800 plus persons have so far been vaccinated in the National Vaccination Rollout. Updates received as of the 10th of May, 2021 are provided in the table below.

Location	Doses given
Honiara	7,366
Malaita Outer Islands	496
Choiseul Province	1,147
Shortlands	1,077
Gizo	268
Noro	398
Munda	155

- Additional 12,000 doses is expected for Choiseul and the Western Provinces over the next couple of weeks. Vaccination rollout also continues for the said provinces.
- NHEOC continues to support and enhance ongoing COVID operations, and promotion of other ongoing public health measures to prevent and protect all from COVID-19.

5.3. SAFETY AND SECURITY

Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF)

- RSIPF maintains its overall role on providing safety and security in the country.
- RSIPF continue to conduct routine patrols and static presence to Quarantine Stations in Honiara.
- RSIPF resources and personnel at the Solomon Islands Border continues to provide logistical support as a whole of SIG response in its COVID-19 border operations.
- Presence of RSIPF on the border has been stepped up to tackle the issue of illegal border crossing given the increasing cases of COVID in Bougainville. Next deployment and handover is anticipated for the end of this month.

6. P-DOC SECTOR COMMITTEE UPDATES

- All Provincial Disaster Operations Committee (P-DOC) continue with their sector responses on COVID-19.
- Provinces sharing the Western Emergency Declared Zone border continue with their ongoing vaccination rollout programs despite limited infrastructure and resources.

7. OTHER NATIONAL SUPPORT

- SIG continues to receive support from bilateral partners and international organisations for its COVID-19 operations.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- Maintain strict compliance with SOPs at quarantine stations
- Ministry of Finance & Treasury to release financial resources to support step-up of Joint Government Agencies at Western Border Operations, and Quarantine Operations in Honiara

9. NEXT UPDATE AND APPROVAL

Next update **upon available information.**

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Additional Links

1. *National Health Emergency Operations Centre (NHEOC) SITREP41*
Link... <https://bit.ly/3xZzsUN>
2. *National Health Emergency Operations Centre (NHEOC) SITREP42*
Link... <https://bit.ly/3hiTYd8>
3. *SIG News Release*
Link... [Articles – My SIG Services Portal \(solomons.gov.sb\)](https://solomons.gov.sb/articles)