

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Situation Report – 48

Timor-Leste

Data as reported by 03 July 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- The MoH with support from WHO and UNICEF is conducting supportive supervision across the country to ensure that the immunization coverage, which dipped during the COVID-19 pandemic reaches back to the ideal rates. In the past week, immunization teams visited Ermera municipality where they conducted door-to-door visits and rapid convenience assessment, and vaccinated those children who had missed doses.
- The MoH together with UNICEF and WFP is conducting the Food and Nutrition Survey 2020. Data collection for the survey in Oecusse is underway. The other three districts in which data gathering was completed are Dili, Bobonaro, and Covalima municipalities.
- The MoH in collaboration with UNICEF and WHO is working on a selective polio immunization campaign in four municipalities with high population density and with high risk of importation of polio wild polio virus. The campaign is planned for July and will take place in Bobonaro, Covalima, Dili and Oecusse.
- UNICEF installed eight portable toilets at the two border entry & exit points in Batugade and Salele (four at each location). The toilets equipped with dedicated water supply and internal wash basins and soap to enable hand-washing and infection prevention and control. UNICEF will also support daily cleaning of the toilets and regular emptying of the septic tanks. These border points presently do not have dedicated toilets. UNICEF will construct permanent toilets at these locations.
- The MoH, Hospital Nacional Guido Valadares (HNGV), and INS with support from WHO, St John of God and USAID are conducting a "Covid-19 Case Management Training" for health professionals from Oecusse Referral Hospital. About 20 clinical health care workers are being trained over the course of two days in areas like oxygen administration, fluid balance, and safe use of personal protective equipment among other topics.
- WHO with financial support from USAID is supporting the MoH in carrying out active surveillance for COVID-19. On Thursday, 02 July, the surveillance team collected 50 samples in Sasa Village of Lolotoe, Maliana, which shares borders Atambua, Indonesia. WHO is supporting the MoH's strategic preparedness & response plan for COVID-19 to strengthen active surveillance and also carry out advocacy and community engagement in the border districts of Oecusse, Bobonaro and Covalima.
- WHO provided a medical masks (1000), buckets (1000) and soaps (1000) and information education and communication materials to the Timor-Leste Blind Association.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

24 confirmed (0 new)
0 deaths

(As per data released by the
[Ministry of Health](#))

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More information and guidance
by WHO regarding the current
COVID-19 outbreak can be found
[here](#).

GLOBAL SITUATION IN NUMBERS

Total (new) cases in last 24 hours

Globally
10 533 779 confirmed (176 102)
512 842 deaths (4 787)

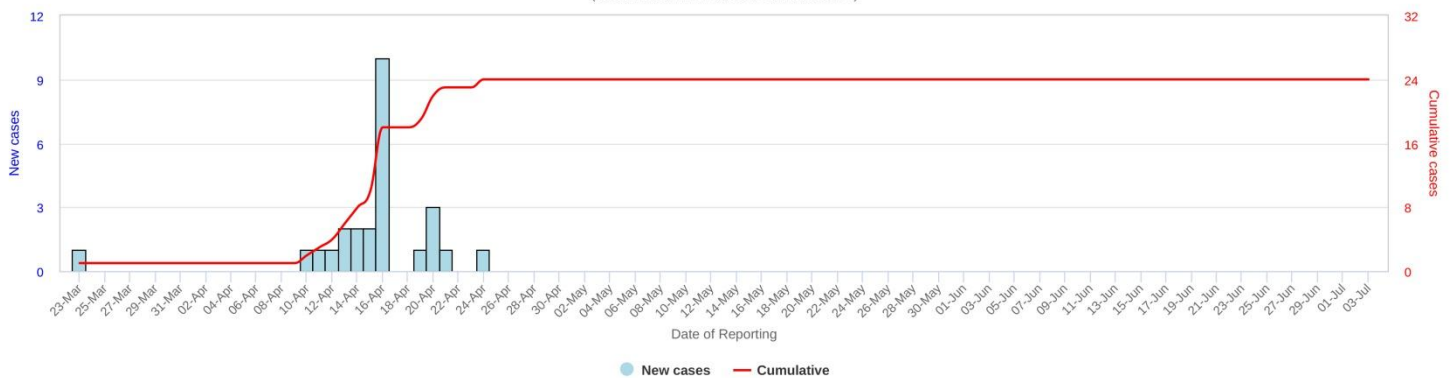
WHO RISK ASSESSMENT
Global Level Very High

- UNFPA provided medical equipment and supplies needed to establish a maternity ward that is COVID-19 safe at Vera Cruz COVID-19 isolation center where pregnant women in quarantine or in isolation can receive holistic delivery services.
- MoH with technical support from WHO trained 30 multidisciplinary staff members of Railaco Community Health Centre in Ermera in a two-day orientation on integration of the revised people-centred Package of Essential Noncommunicable Diseases (WHO PEN) interventions. The participants were also updated on COVID-19 situation and sensitized on preventive measures.



New and cumulative COVID-19 cases in Timor-Leste by date of reporting

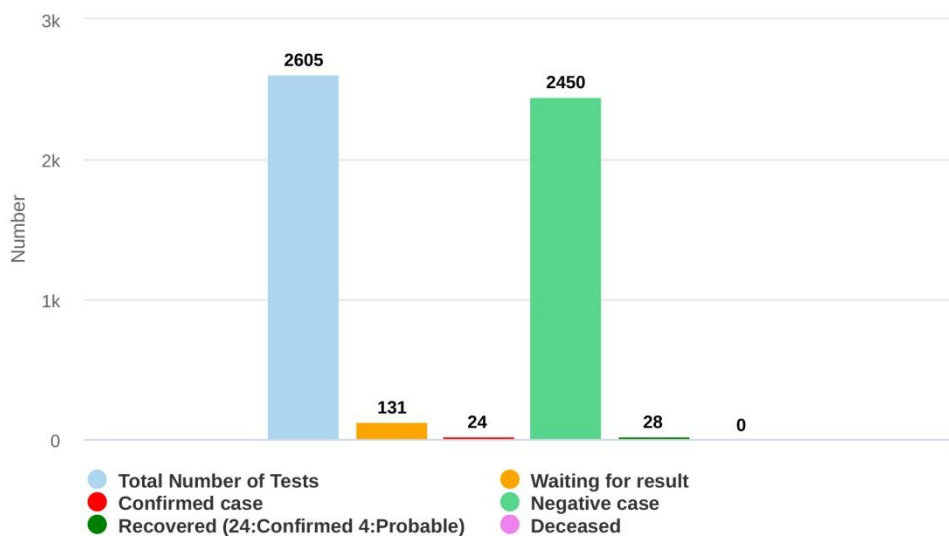
(03-Jul-2020 : New cases-0 Cumulative-24)



Source : National Directorate of Disease Control - Department of Epidemic Surveillance

Current Situation : COVID-19 Timor-Leste

(Cumulative figures)



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WHO TIMOR-LESTE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Interrupt human-to-human transmission including reducing secondary infections among close contacts and health care workers, preventing transmission amplification events;
 - Strengthening of surveillance systems and increasing laboratory capacity to detect COVID-19 cases;
 - Ensuring adherence to the strictest standards of infection prevention and control (IPC) and increase capacity for IPC;
 - Identify, isolate and care for patients early, including providing optimized care for infected patients;
 - Communicate critical risk and event information to all communities and counter misinformation;
 - Minimize social and economic impact through multisectoral partnerships.
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RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC

Wash your hands frequently

Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.

Why? Washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand rub kills viruses that may be on your hands.

Maintain physical distancing

Maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and others.

Why? When someone coughs or sneezes they spray small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth which may contain virus. If you are too close, you can breathe in the droplets, including the COVID-19 virus if the person coughing is infected.

Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth

Why? Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and make you sick.

Practice respiratory hygiene

Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue safely immediately.

Why? Droplets spread virus. By following good respiratory hygiene you protect the people around you from viruses such as cold, flu and COVID-19.

If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early

Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance. Follow the directions of health authorities.

Why? Calling in advance will allow your health care provider to quickly direct you to the right health facility. This will also protect you and help prevent spread of viruses and other infections.

Stay informed and follow advice given by your healthcare provider

Stay informed on the latest developments about COVID-19. Follow advice given by your healthcare provider, your national and local public health authority or your employer on how to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

Why? National and local authorities will have the most up to date information on whether COVID-19 is spreading in your area. They are best placed to advise on what people in your area should be doing to protect themselves.

More guidance on preventive measures is available [here](#).

COVID-19 Information and media queries:

- The MoH has established a hotline number – 119 – for COVID-19 on which people can call to get any COVID-19 related information.
 - Additionally, [MoH Facebook page](#) provides timely updates on COVID-19 developments in the country.
 - WHO Timor-Leste through its [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter handle](#) also disseminates information on preventive measures, questions and answers, myth-busters and latest updates on COVID-19 globally and nationally. For media queries and interviews requests can be sent to singhsho@who.int and hasane@who.int
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