

Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Situation Report – 3

Timor-Leste



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Data as reported by February 05 2020*

CURRENT SITUATION

- Currently, there are **NO** cases of Novel Coronavirus (2019 nCoV).
- Two Timorese nationals who returned from Wuhan, China separately on 19 January 2020 and 20 January 2020 were under observation at the Isolation facility at the national hospital, Hospital Nacional Guido Valadares (HNGV) in Dili as a precautionary measure. Of the two, one was discharged on 31 January 2020 and the second person on 02 February 2020. They no longer pose any threat to public health.

MEASURES TAKEN

Collaboration

- WHO, on behalf of the Ministry of Health (MoH), met about ten senior officials of the Cuban Medical Brigade (CMB) for information sharing and technical exchange on the investigation, management and surveillance of suspected, nCoV cases. Some members of the CMB also represented selected municipalities.



- The government of New Zealand is evacuating 17 Timorese students from Wuhan, China along with citizens of other countries including New Zealand as well. The students will be kept in isolation for 14 days in Whangaparaoa before returning to Timor-Leste.

Technical Assistance

- WHO and the MoH have jointly developed a per-forma to further strengthen the surveillance system in active case finding and detection of close contacts should there be any new suspected case(s).

Operation and Logistics

- The MoH, with technical support from WHO installed medical camp kits (MCK) at two points of entries; Batugade and Mota Masin in Covalima. The objective of the MCKs is to screen patients with signs and symptoms of nCoV. If anyone falls in the ambit of case definition, they would be attended to in the MCKs before they are sent for isolation to the national hospital.

Following the request from the MoH, WHO through the South East Asia Regional Office (SEARO) is procuring 3,000 sets of personal protective equipment (PPE) from its global stockpile in Dubai. The PPEs have been shipped and are expected to arrive soon.

Planned Activities

- A national media workshop is planned for 7 February 2020. More than 40 journalists from all over the country are expected to attend the workshop and from across platform; newspapers, radio, TV, websites and community radios. The workshop aims to equip journalists with accurate information on nCoV and provide guidance on finding reliable sources to gather information on nCoV to prevent any misinformation and rumours.
- An awareness and sensitization programme is planned wherein five doctors from WHO will visit various ministries and government agencies and present on nCoV and nCoV in the context of Timor-Leste.
- In the following week a national meeting comprising District Health Directors, surveillance teams, and rapid response teams (RRT) will be held to provide training on active case finding.
- Emergency medical teams from all over the country will undergo a training on active case detection, investigation, case management, and use of personal protective equipment.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC

- During previous outbreak due to other coronavirus (Middle-East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), human-to-human transmission occurred through droplets, contact and fomites, suggesting that the transmission mode of the 2019-nCoV can be similar. The basic principles to reduce the general risk of transmission of acute respiratory include the following:
- Avoiding close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections
- Frequent hand-washing, especially after direct contact with ill people or their environment
- Avoiding unprotected contact with farm or wild animals
- People with symptoms of acute respiratory infection should practice cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover coughs, and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing, and wash hands)
- Within healthcare facilities, enhance standard infection prevention and control practices in hospitals, especially in emergency departments.
- WHO does not recommend any specific health measures for travellers. In case of symptoms suggestive of respiratory illness either during or after travel, travellers are encouraged to seek medical attention and share their travel history with their healthcare provider.

GLOBAL SITUATION

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

Globally

20630 confirmed cases (3241 new)

China

20471 confirmed
2788 severe (186 new)
425 deaths (64 new)

Outside of China

159 confirmed
24 countries
1 death

WHO RISK ASSESSMENT

China
Regional Level
Global Level

Very High
High
High

Working in wet markets? Stay healthy!



Wear protective gowns, gloves and facial protection while handling animals and animal products

Remove protective clothing after work, wash daily and leave at the work site



Avoid exposing family members to soiled work clothing and shoes



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Protect yourself from getting sick

Avoid unprotected contact with sick people (including touching one's eyes, nose or mouth) and with live farm or wild animals



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