

# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

## Situation Report – 44

### Timor-Leste

Data as reported by 19 June 2020

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- The Ministry of Health (MoH) launched the **Human Resources for Health Strategy 2020-2024**. COVID-19 is another reminder of the critical need to have a well-trained and motivated workforce that is flexible and agile to respond to changing demands. Without health workers, there is no health system. It is the most important 'building block' for strengthening our health services and is critical to ensure that 'no one is left behind'. WHO provided the technical support in the development of this crucial policy document and European Union ensured financial wherewithal for successful completion of the policy.
- The monitoring and evaluation project for the COVID-19 response in community health centres (CHCs) by the MoH with technical support from WHO and financial support from the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) will be completed on June 20 in the last of the municipality – Lautem. Six teams comprising WHO medical doctors, MoH officials and district surveillance officers were assessing the preparedness of the facilities and health workers in 70 CHCs across the country for COVID-19.
- About 45 border immigration officials including security, housekeepers and cleaners of Oecusse special region underwent general infection prevention control training including hand and respiratory hygiene, personal protective equipment, and waste management. Pillar 6 of the Integrated Crisis Management Committee and INS conducted the training with technical support from WHO. This is a part of the month-long campaign by the MoH, the Timor-Leste nursing association and WHO to reinforce hand hygiene not only in the context of COVID-19 but also to achieve better health outcomes overall.
- The Global Fund country team, to date, has approved a total amount of approximately US\$ 524,584 from the 5% savings from the existing grants of AIDS, TB and Malaria towards Covid-19 response for Timor-Leste for procurement of Xpress SARS COV-2 cartridges, two GeneXpert XVI-16 modular systems, and specimen collection and transportation (SC&T). This amount is endorsed by the Global Fund Country Coordination Mechanism. Additional investments from the Global Fund will step up National Health Laboratory (NHL) response towards strengthening of high throughput rapid molecular diagnosis both for Covid-19, and Tuberculosis in the country. The initiative and proposal towards reprogramming of 5% savings from the existing Global Funds grants towards Covid-19 and TB response was supported by WHO.

#### SITUATION IN NUMBERS

**24 confirmed (0 new)**

**0 deaths**

(As per data released by [Centro Integrado Gestao de Crise](#))

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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

**8 242 999 confirmed (181 232)**  
**445 535 deaths (5 245)**

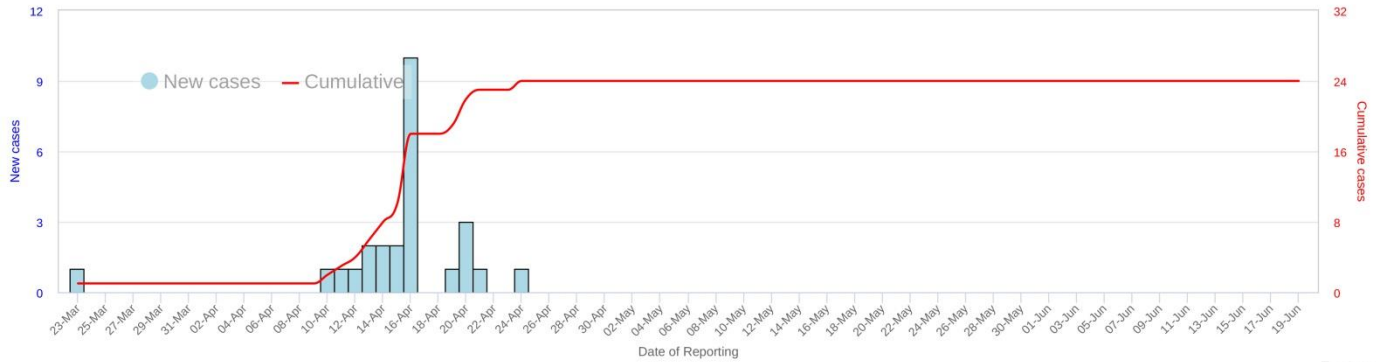
#### WHO RISK ASSESSMENT

Global Level    **Very High**



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

( 19-Jun-2020 : New cases-0 Cumulative-24 )

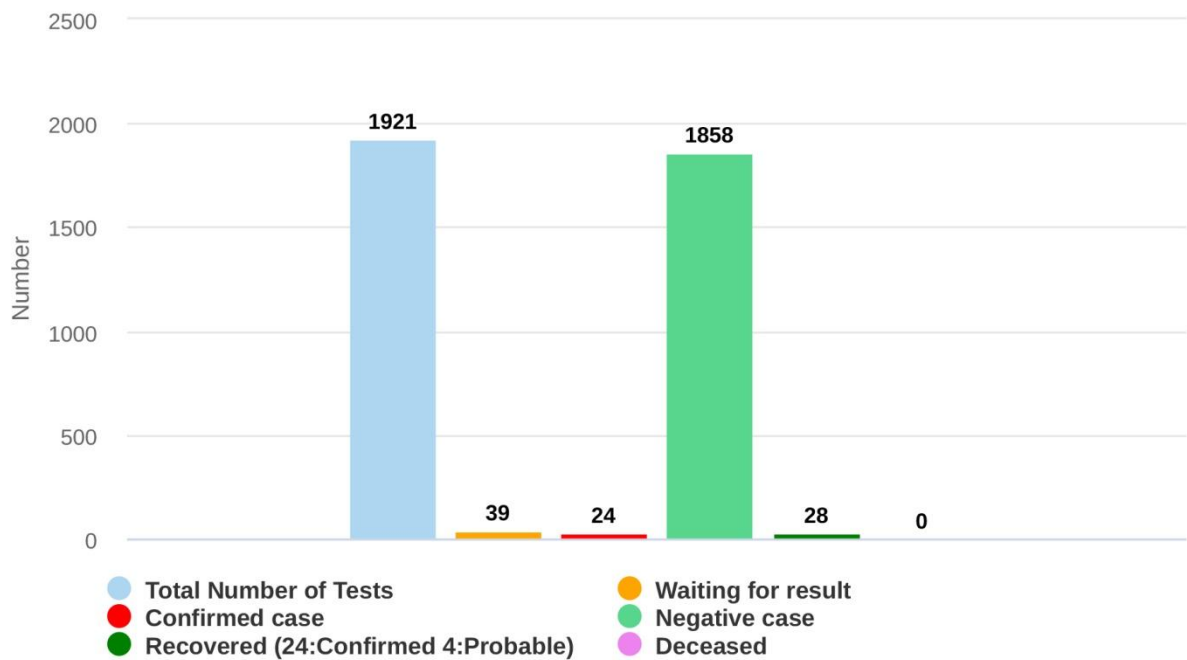


Source : National Directorate of Disease Control - Department of Epidemic Surveillance

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### 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](#).

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**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](mailto:singhsho@who.int) and [hasane@who.int](mailto:hasane@who.int)
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