# **Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**

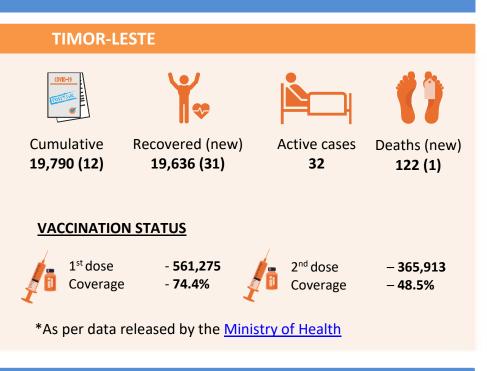
Situation Report – 124

## **Timor-Leste**



\*Data as reported on 02 November 2021

#### **SITUATION IN NUMBERS**





#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Since the last edition of the weekly situation report, the Ministry of Health (MoH) reported 12 new cases of COVID-19, 31 recoveries and 1 death. The number of new cases and deaths have been declining since late August.
- To scale up the COVID-19 vaccination campaign in the country, WHO is supporting 44 vehicles for operational support in 12 municipalities for advocacy and social mobilization.
- The MoH and the Ministry of Education, with support from WHO and UNICEF, continue to conduct advocacy for Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine targeting parents of children aged 12 to below 18 and teachers for the ongoing rollout in Dili.
- Five representatives from the National Directorate for Pharmacy and Medicines, Ministry of Health and WCO focal point for Health System Strengthening participated in a three-day virtual training of trainers on Pharmacovigilance for Traditional Medicine Products organized by WHO South-East Asia Regional Office in collaboration with the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC).

- The Department of Marketing Authorization in collaboration with Cabinet of Licensing of Pharmaceutical and Health Registration conducted one-day workshop for private importers and retail pharmacies on the process of importing health products including the licensing and product registration. This workshop was facilitated by representatives from various institutions such as National Authority Customs, Business and Services Registration (SERVE), Trade Invest and the MoH. WHO provided financial assistance for the activity.
- WHO continues to provide technical support to the health workers medical doctors and focal point for TB programme from CHCs to operate the mobile TB application in real-time data entry of TB Vulnerability Assessment (VA). The TB VA demonstration started in mid-October in six selected municipalities – Dili, Liquica, Viqueque, Manatuto, Manufahi, and Aileu for first and second phase.
- National Directorate of Pharmaceutical and Medicine of the MoH and National Directorate of Veterinary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MoAF) conducted a one day meeting to review and finalize the National Action Plan for Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) 2022-2026, with the support from WHO, Menzies School of Health Research and FAO.

## **EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATES**

#### New and cumulative COVID-19 cases and deaths

Table 1. Distribution of newly reported, recovered and active cases by municipalities, as of 2 November 2021)

Municipality	New case (27 Oct. – 2 Nov. 2021)	Last 7- day % change (case)*	Cumulative case	New recovered (27 Oct. – 2 Nov. 2021)	Cumulativ e recovered	New death (27 Oct. – 2 Nov. 2021)	Cumulative death	Active Cases (2 Nov. 2021)
Aileu	0	0	126	0	125	0	1	0
Ainaro	0	0	227	0	224	0	3	0
Baucau	2	200	1538	0	1527	0	7	4
Bobonaro	1	0	602	0	590	0	9	3
Covalima	1	-50	786	2	783	0	3	0
Dili	7	-83	13710	26	13605	1	81	24
Ermera	0	0	1113	0	1111	0	2	0
Lautem	0	0	183	1	178	0	5	0
Liquica	0	0	125	0	124	0	1	0
Manatuto	0	0	203	0	201	0	2	0
Manufahi	0	0	265	0	265	0	0	0
RAEOA	0	-100	393	1	390	0	3	0
Viqueque	1	-67	519	1	513	0	5	1
TOTAL	12	-75	19790	31	19636	1	122	32

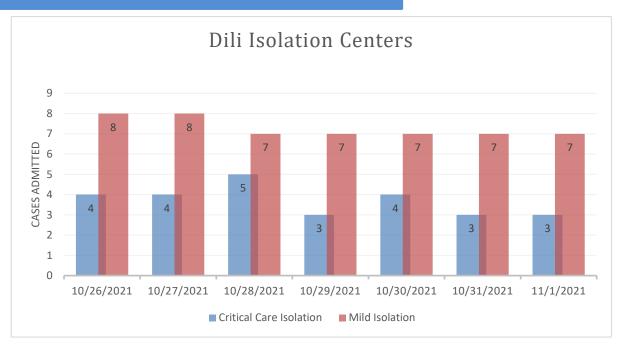
- \*Change in new COVID-19 cases as compared with the previous 7 days
- The number of new cases reported during the current reporting period (27 October 2 November) are 12, which reduced by 75% as compared to the previous reporting period. The number of new cases has reached a new low since the start of the current wave of transmission since late July. Most of the municipalities reported 0 cases or reduced number of cases, except Baucau.
- One death reported in Dili during this reporting period.
- The number of active cases is 32, which is the lowest during the current wave of transmission.

#### Number of test and test positivity rates

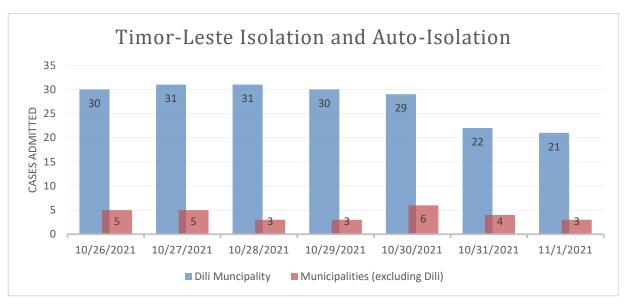
• During the current reporting period from 27 October to 2 November, 1,505 tests were conducted, as compared to 1,842 tests in the previous 7 days.

• The test positive rates of this reporting period averaged to 0.8%, a 69% reduction as compared to the previous reporting period.

## CASE MANAGEMENT



 The isolation centre admissions in Dili continued to decrease steadily throughout October 2021. The numbers admitted to critical care isolation centres (Lahane and Vera Cruz) have also decreased and are between 3-5 patients. Since the start of the lockdown on 27 August 2021, there has been an overall decrease of 99% in admissions in Dili isolation centres.



• This chart shows the total number of people admitted to isolation centres and autoisolation (at home) in 12 municipalities compared to Dili. Throughout Timor-Leste, patients admitted to isolation centres have steadily decreased.

## **VACCINATION**

At the time of writing this report, in total, 934,127 COVID-19 vaccine doses comprising 568,214, first doses (coverage 74.4% among population aged 18 years and above and 3.8% among the population aged 12 years to <18 years) and 365,913 second dose (coverage 48.5% among population aged 18 years and above) were administered in Timor-Leste. The breakdown of the number of doses administered and coverage by vaccine product and vaccine dose is illustrated in Table 1.

Table 1: Number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered and coverage in Dili and Timor-Leste by vaccine brand and doses as of 10:00hrs 02/11/2021

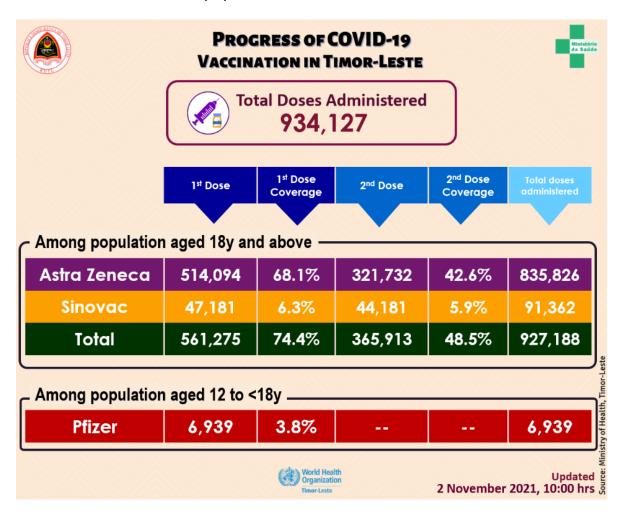


Figure 1: Coverage of COVID-19 vaccination by municipality in Timor-Leste as of 10:00hrs 02/11/2021

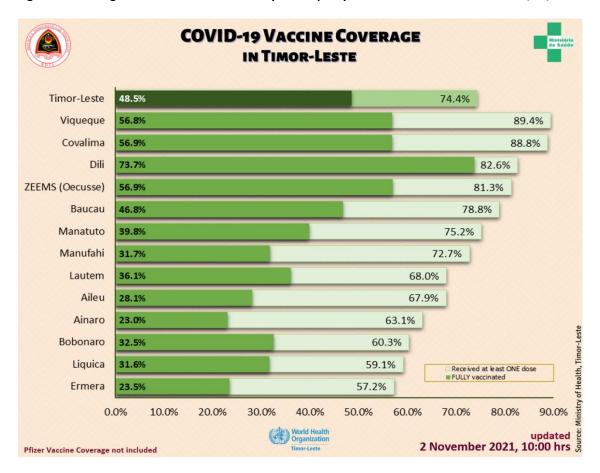


Table 2: Total number of individuals vaccinated with all the vaccine products (AstraZeneca, Sinovac, and Pfizer) and AEFI by sex by district in Timor-Leste as of 10:00 hrs 02/11/2021

				AEFI					
Municipality		First Dose		S	econd Dos	e	Male	Female	Total
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	IVIAIC	remale	TULAI
Dili	101,518	81,992	183,510	88,008	69,608	157,616	13	22	35
Aileu	11,233	9,990	21,223	5,241	3,547	8,788	1	1	2
Ainaro	11,652	10,516	22,168	4,683	3,412	8,095	0	0	0
Baucau	29,099	28,709	57,808	18,818	15,480	34,298	0	0	0
Bobonaro	17,978	16,261	34,239	10,447	8,002	18,449	4	6	10
Covalima	18,101	17,514	35,615	12,255	10,451	22,706	7	6	13
Ermera	23,107	19,889	42,996	10,661	6,987	17,648	0	0	0
Lautem	12,166	12,613	24,779	6,834	6,305	13,139	2	0	2
Liquica	13,840	12,874	26,714	7,872	6,400	14,272	0	1	1
Manatuto	11,242	10,132	21,374	6,381	4,939	11,320	2	0	2
Manufahi	12,792	11,470	24,262	6,386	4,196	10,582	1	2	3
Viqueque	19,309	19,992	39,301	12,872	12,047	24,919	4	0	4
ZEEMS (Oecusse)	16,875	17,225	34,100	12,238	11,632	23,870	0	0	0
Total (without Dili)	197,394	187,185	384,579	114,688	93,398	208,086	21	16	37
Total (Timor-Leste)	298,912	269,177	568,089	202,696	163,006	365,702	34	38	72

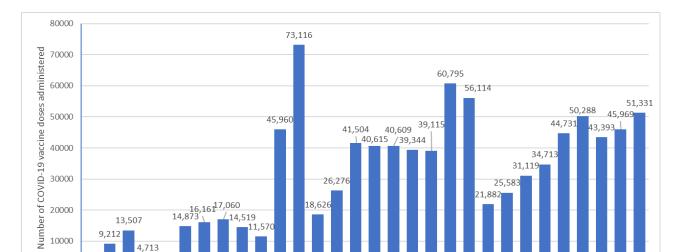


Figure 2: Weekly progress of vaccination in Timor-Leste during as of 10:00 hrs 02/11/2021

Table 3. Number of individuals among population aged 12 years to <18 years and above\* vaccinated with Pfizer vaccine and coverage by district in Timor-Leste as of 10:00hrs 02/11/2021

Week of the year 2021

			First D	ose	Second Dose				
Municipality	12to <18y Population	12 to <18y Students	12 to <18y Non-students	Total	Coverage	12 to <18y Students	12 to <18y Non-students	Total	Coverage
Dili	41,822	6,934	5	6,939	16.6%	-	-	-	0.0%
Aileu	7,770	-	1	•	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Ainaro	10,253	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Baucau	18,189	-	1	·	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Bobonaro	14,466	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Covalima	9,729	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Ermera	20,564	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Lautem	10,447	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Liquica	11,137	-	1	·	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Manatuto	7,108	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Manufahi	8,267	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Viqueque	11,490	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
ZEEMS (Oecusse)	10,565	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Total (without Dili)	139,985	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Total (Timor-Leste)	181,807	6,934	5	6,939	3.8%	-	-	-	0.0%

<sup>\*</sup>Based on 2021 population projections

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Table 4. Number of individuals among eligible population (18 years and above\*) vaccinated with AstraZeneca and Sinovac in Timor-Leste with COVID-19 vaccine and coverage as of 10:00hrs 02/11/2021

	E	ligible Populatior	1					Nur	Number vaccinated & Coverage									
	High Risk	18-59y no				First D	ose					Secon	d Dose					
Municipality	Groups (20% Pop.)	comorbidity (80% Pop.)	Total	High Risk Groups (20% Pop.)	Coverage	18-59y no comorbidity (80% Pop.)	Coverage	Total	Coverage	High Risk Groups (20% Pop.)	Coverage	18-59y no comorbidity (80% Pop.)	Coverage	Total	Coverage			
Dili	29,980	183,822	213,802	52,786	176.1%	123,785	67.3%	176,571	82.6%	33,095	110.4%	124,521	67.7%	157,616	73.7%			
Aileu	6,292	24,943	31,235	10,482	166.6%	10,741	43.1%	21,223	67.9%	4,317	68.6%	4,471	17.9%	8788	28.1%			
Ainaro	7,410	27,726	35,136	5,456	73.6%	16,712	60.3%	22,168	63.1%	2,367	31.9%	5,728	20.7%	8095	23.0%			
Baucau	18,141	55,175	73,316	16,610	91.6%	41,198	74.7%	57,808	78.8%	9,291	51.2%	25,007	45.3%	34298	46.8%			
Bobonaro	13,268	43,476	56,744	9,566	72.1%	24,673	56.8%	34,239	60.3%	5,415	40.8%	13,034	30.0%	18449	32.5%			
Covalima	8,725	31,503	40,228	9,399	107.7%	26,340	83.6%	35,739	88.8%	5,981	68.6%	16,907	53.7%	22888	56.9%			
Ermera	14,350	60,793	75,143	9,559	66.6%	33,437	55.0%	42,996	57.2%	3,329	23.2%	14,319	23.6%	17648	23.5%			
Lautem	8,455	27,963	36,418	7,431	87.9%	17,348	62.0%	24,779	68.0%	4,271	50.5%	8,868	31.7%	13139	36.1%			
Liquica	9,588	35,597	45,185	6,720	70.1%	19,994	56.2%	26,714	59.1%	3,388	35.3%	10,884	30.6%	14272	31.6%			
Manatuto	6,701	21,718	28,419	6,167	92.0%	15,207	70.0%	21,374	75.2%	3,036	45.3%	8,284	38.1%	11320	39.8%			
Manufahi	7,595	25,766	33,361	8,543	112.5%	15,719	61.0%	24,262	72.7%	4,910	64.6%	5,672	22.0%	10582	31.7%			
Viqueque	11,034	32,905	43,939	11,992	108.7%	27,310	83.0%	39,302	89.4%	7,728	70.0%	17,220	52.3%	24948	56.8%			
ZEEMS (Oecusse)	9,408	32,534	41,942	11,333	120.5%	22,767	70.0%	34,100	81.3%	6,974	74.1%	16,896	51.9%	23,870	56.9%			
Total (without Dili)	120,967	420,098	541,065	113,258	93.6%	271,446	64.6%	384,704	71.1%	61,007	50.4%	147,290	35.1%	208,297	38.5%			
Total (Timor-Leste)	150,947	603,920	754,867	166,044	110.0%	395,231	65.44%	561,275	74.4%	94,102	62.3%	271,811	45.0%	365,913	48.5%			

<sup>\*</sup>Based on 2021 population projections. Population with Comorbidity 12.5% among 30-59y based on 2016 DHS data High Risk Groups (20% of the popyulation) - Healthcare staff, other front line staff, aged 60y and above, and 18-59y with comorbidity

18-59y with no comorbidity (80% of the population)

Table 5: COVID-19 Coverage Among TOTAL POPULATION by District as of 10:00 hrs 02/11/2021

		Nu	mber Vaccina	ated & Coverage			
Municipality	Total	First Dos	se .	Second Dose			
,	Popultion <sup>*</sup>	Number Vaccinated	Coverage	Number Vaccinated	Coverage		
Dili	352,553	183,505	52.1%	157,621	44.7%		
Aileu	56,242	21,223	37.7%	8,788	15.6%		
Ainaro	65,509	22,168	33.8%	8,095	12.4%		
Baucau	126,996	57,808	45.5%	34,298	27.0%		
Bobonaro	99,932	34,239	34.3%	18,449	18.5%		
Covalima	70,194	35,739	50.9%	22,888	32.6%		
Ermera	139,692	42,996	30.8%	17,648	12.6%		
Lautem	66,938	24,779	37.0%	13,139	19.6%		
Liquica	81,293	26,714	32.9%	14,272	17.6%		
Manatuto	49,417	21,374	43.3%	11,320	22.9%		
Manufahi	57,831	24,262	42.0%	10,582	18.3%		
Viqueque	72,042	39,302	54.6%	24,948	34.6%		
ZEEMS (Oecusse)	79,141	34,100	43.1%	23,870	30.2%		
Total (without Dili)	965,227	384,704	39.9%	208,297	21.6%		
Total (Timor-Leste)	1,317,780	568,209	43.1%	365,918	27.8%		

<sup>\*</sup>Based on 2021 population projections

Table 6: Number of individuals TO BE VACCINATED by District as of 10:00 hrs 02/11/2021

		Number	TO BE VACCIN	IATED and Percent	age	
Municipality	Total	First Dos	se	Second Dose		
,	Popultion*	Number to be Vaccinated	Percentage	Number to be Vaccinated	Percentage	
Dili	352,553	169,048	47.9%	194,932	55.3%	
Aileu	56,242	35,019	62.3%	47,454	84.4%	
Ainaro	65,509	43,341	66.2%	57,414	87.6%	
Baucau	126,996	69,188	54.5%	92,698	73.0%	
Bobonaro	99,932	65,693	65.7%	81,483	81.5%	
Covalima	70,194	34,455	49.1%	47,306	67.4%	
Ermera	139,692	96,696	69.2%	122,044	87.4%	
Lautem	66,938	42,159	63.0%	53,799	80.4%	
Liquica	81,293	54,579	67.1%	67,021	82.4%	
Manatuto	49,417	28,043	56.7%	38,097	77.1%	
Manufahi	57,831	33,569	58.0%	47,249	81.7%	
Viqueque	72,042	32,740	45.4%	47,094	65.4%	
ZEEMS (Oecusse)	79,141	45,041	56.9%	55,271	69.8%	
Total (without Dili)	965,227	580,523	60.1%	756,930	78.4%	
Total (Timor-Leste)	1,317,780	749,571	56.9%	951,862	72.2%	

<sup>\*</sup>Based on 2021 population projections

## **SITUATION ANALYSIS**

- Number of new cases and active cases have reduced to a new low since the start of the current wave of transmission.
- Efforts are being made to rapidly expand the vaccination coverage across the country, and
  gaps are decreasing. With the launch of vaccination for adolescents aged 12-17, the
  population wide coverage stands to increase. The MoH, with support from WHO, UNICEF
  and other partners are conducting multi-pronged campaign to vaccinate the people
  before the available vaccines expire.
- Sustained focus to restore and resume the routine immunization and other essential
  health services is recommended to make up for the disruptions caused by the pandemic.
  The pandemic is far from over, it is essential to continue conducting surveillance and
  testing, implementation of public health and social measures, and enhancing the case
  management capacity across different levels.

## **CHANGES IN NATIONAL COVID-19 POLICIES/GUIDELINES**

- The Government has lifted the sanitary fence in the capital Dili on 29 September 2021. The movement of the citizens between Dili and municipalities as well as between the municipalities across the territory is no longer prohibited. However, the Government called on communities to follow the COVID-19 guideline and safety regulations recommended by the MoH and WHO to keep fighting the spread of coronavirus. (source: The government decided to lift the sanitary fence in Dili).
- National Parliament authorized the President of the Republic to renew the State of Emergency for another 30 days between 00:00 hours 30 October 2021 and 23:59 hours 28 November 2021.
- Health workers working at isolation centres are no longer required to quarantine after completing their shift. A swab for COVID-19 test will be collected on the last day, and if tested negative, the health workers will return to their families.

#### **AVAILABLE RESOURCES**

- For public and professionals on prevention, treatment, and vaccination etc.
- WHO Recommendations for COVID-19 Related Decisions
- WHO Free Courses in Tetum <u>OpenWHO.org</u>

# **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, <u>MoH Facebook page</u> provides timely updates on COVID-19 developments in the country.
- WHO Timor-Leste through its <u>Facebook page</u> and <u>Twitter handle</u> 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 <u>singhsho@who.int</u> and <u>hasane@who.int</u>