



# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Situation Report – 144

## Timor-Leste

\*Data as reported on 22 March 2022

### SITUATION IN NUMBERS

#### TIMOR-LESTE



Cumulative  
**22,810 (15)**



Recovered (new)  
**22,665 (46)**



Active cases  
**15**



Deaths (new)  
**130 (1)**

#### VACCINATION STATUS



1<sup>st</sup> dose - **698,429**  
Coverage - **85.2%\*\***



2<sup>nd</sup> dose - **578,811**  
Coverage - **72.5%\*\***

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

\*\*For adult population 18 years and above

#### GLOBAL



Cases  
**469,212,705**



Deaths  
**6,077,252**

#### VACCINATION



**10,925,055,390** doses

### HIGHLIGHTS

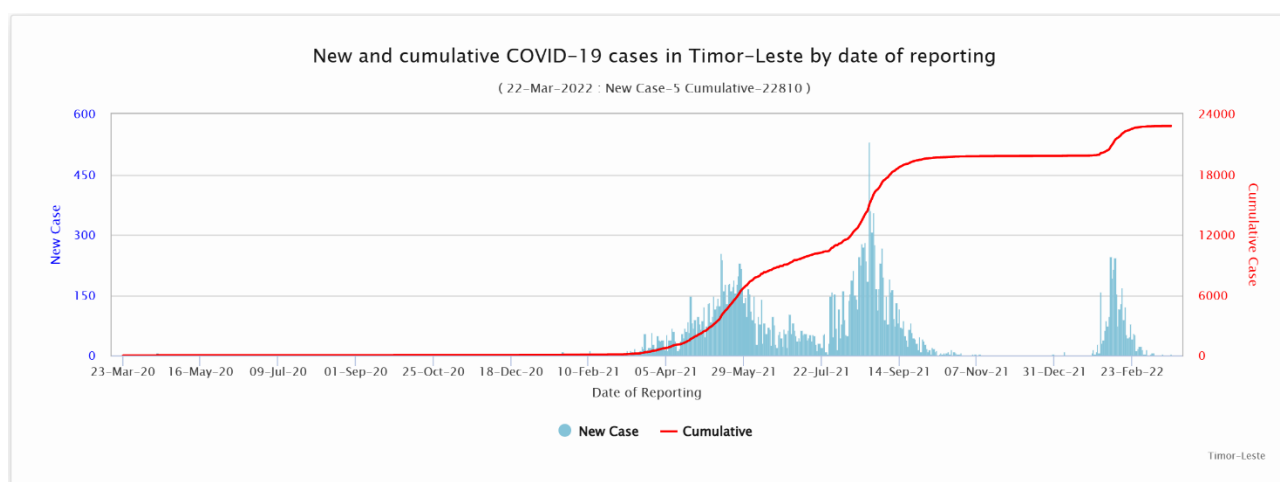
- Since the last edition of the weekly situation report, the Ministry of Health (MoH) reported **15** new cases of COVID-19, **46** recoveries and **1** death. The number of incident cases has reduced by 44% as compared with the previous reporting period.
- The Ministry of Health, with support from WHO and the funding from the European Union conducted a two-day workshop to review the emergency care system and to identify strategic priorities moving forward. The two-day meeting was joined by the MoH head of departments, representatives from municipalities, referral hospitals and health departments, HNGV and other health partners.
- MOH, the Batugade Land Crossing Authority and WHO conducted a simulation exercise and training on arriving passenger database in Batugade, with the purpose to implement the new decree law by Council of Ministers to restore normal operations of land crossing, and at the same time continue strengthening the COVID-19 surveillance and prevention at points of entry. The participants identified current good practices and gaps in COVID-19 prevention when the land crossings resume normal operation.

- As part of the implementation of the Health Procurement Phase 2 Project co-funded by UNDP and the Government of Timor-Leste, UNDP is continuously working to deliver COVID 19-related supplies, equipment, and medicines into the country. As a part of the project, UNDP has successfully procured and delivered a total of 79 categories of medicines, 27 categories of medical equipment, instrument, and accessories, 39 kinds of consumables, and 24 different categories of diagnostics. The remaining items are in process of shipment to Dili, Timor-Leste.

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATES

### 1. New and cumulative cases, as of 22 March 2022

As shown by the epi curve below, number of new cases reported continues to decline for the sixth consecutive reporting periods.



### 2. Distribution of cases and deaths by municipalities

Distribution of newly reported, recovered, and active cases by municipalities, as of 22 March 2022)

Municipality	New case (16-22 Mar. 2022)	Last 7-day % change (case)*	Cumulative case	New recovered (16-22 Mar. 2022)	Cumulative recovered	New death (16-22 Mar. 2022)	Cumulative death	Active Cases (22 Mar. 2022)
Aileu	0	0	136	0	135	0	1	0
Ainaro	0	-100	303	0	299	0	3	1
Baucau	0	-100	1626	20	1619	0	7	0
Bobonaro	0	-100	738	2	728	0	10	0
Covalima	0	-100	838	2	831	0	3	4
Dili	9	-10	16265	17	16171	1	88	6
Ermera	0	0	1120	0	1118	0	2	0
Lautem	0	0	187	0	182	0	5	0

Liquica	0	0	132	0	131	0	1	0
Manatuto	0	0	240	0	238	0	2	0
Manufahi	0	0	272	0	272	0	0	0
RAEOA	6	50	434	5	427	0	3	4
Viqueque	0	0	519	0	514	0	5	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-44</b>	<b>22810</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>22665</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>15</b>

\*Change in new COVID-19 cases as compared with the previous 7 days

- A total of 15 new cases are reported during the current reporting period (16-22 Mar. 2022), with a 44% reduction as compared with the previous reporting period. Cases are reported from Dili and Oecusse municipalities.
- One COVID-19 related death has been reported from Timor-Leste during this reporting period.
- The number of active cases has been 15 as of 22 Mar. 2022.

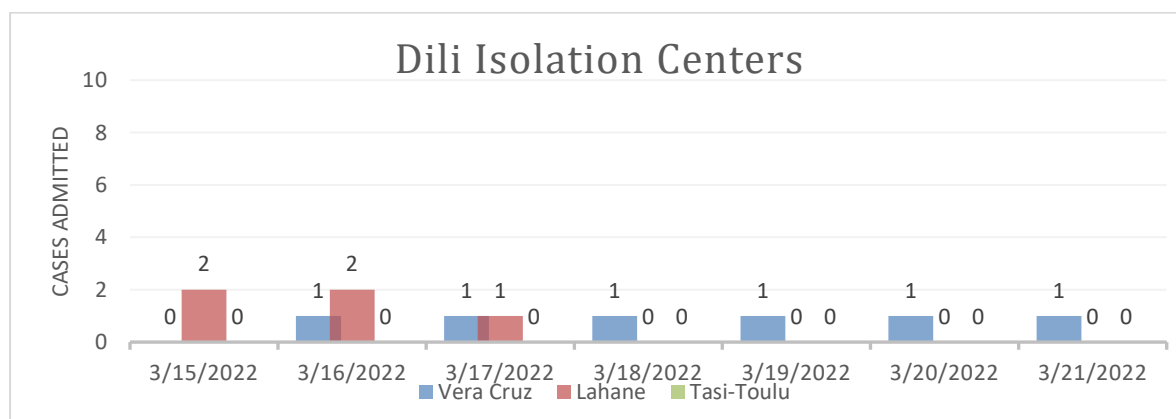
### 3. Number of test and test positivity rates

During the current reporting period from 16-22 Mar. 2022, 1,561 tests were conducted, almost the same as 1,838 tests in the previous 7 days.

The test positive rate of this reporting period is averaged as 1.0% (as compared with 1.5% of the previous 7 days). The daily number of tests, cases and test positivity proportion demonstrate a further downward trend.

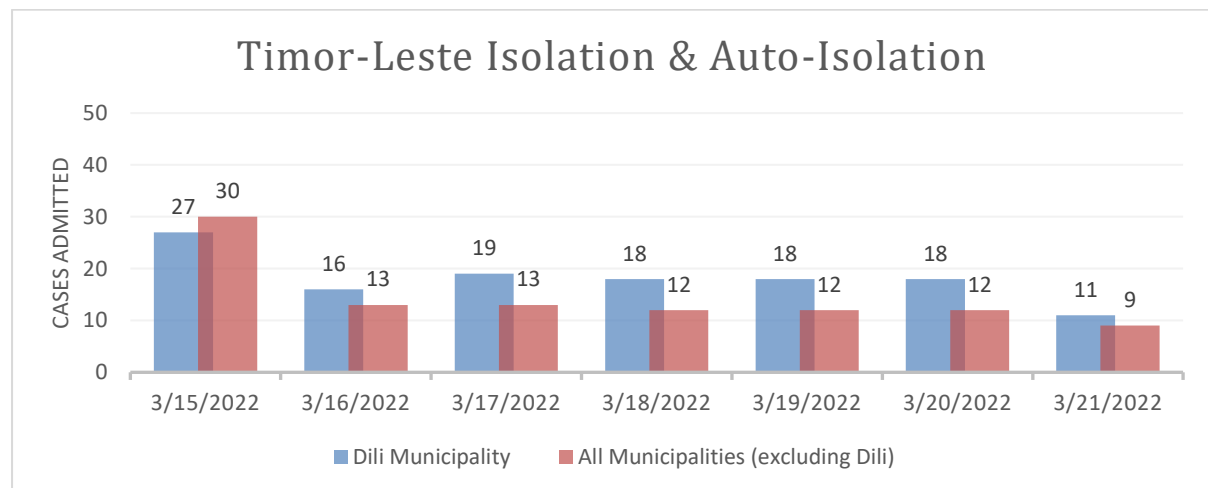
## CASE MANAGEMENT

Lahane and Vera Cruz Isolation Center are treating moderate patients with risk factors and critical cases, while part of the Tasi-Tolu Center admits mild and moderate cases with risk factors. From the figure below, it shows there are currently no patients admitted to Tasi-Tolu isolation center and minimal patients at Lahane and Vera Cruz.



The current bed occupancy % for Lahane Isolation center is 0%.  
 The current bed occupancy % for Tasi Toulou Isolation center is 0%  
 The current bed occupancy % for Vera Cruz Isolation Center is 2%

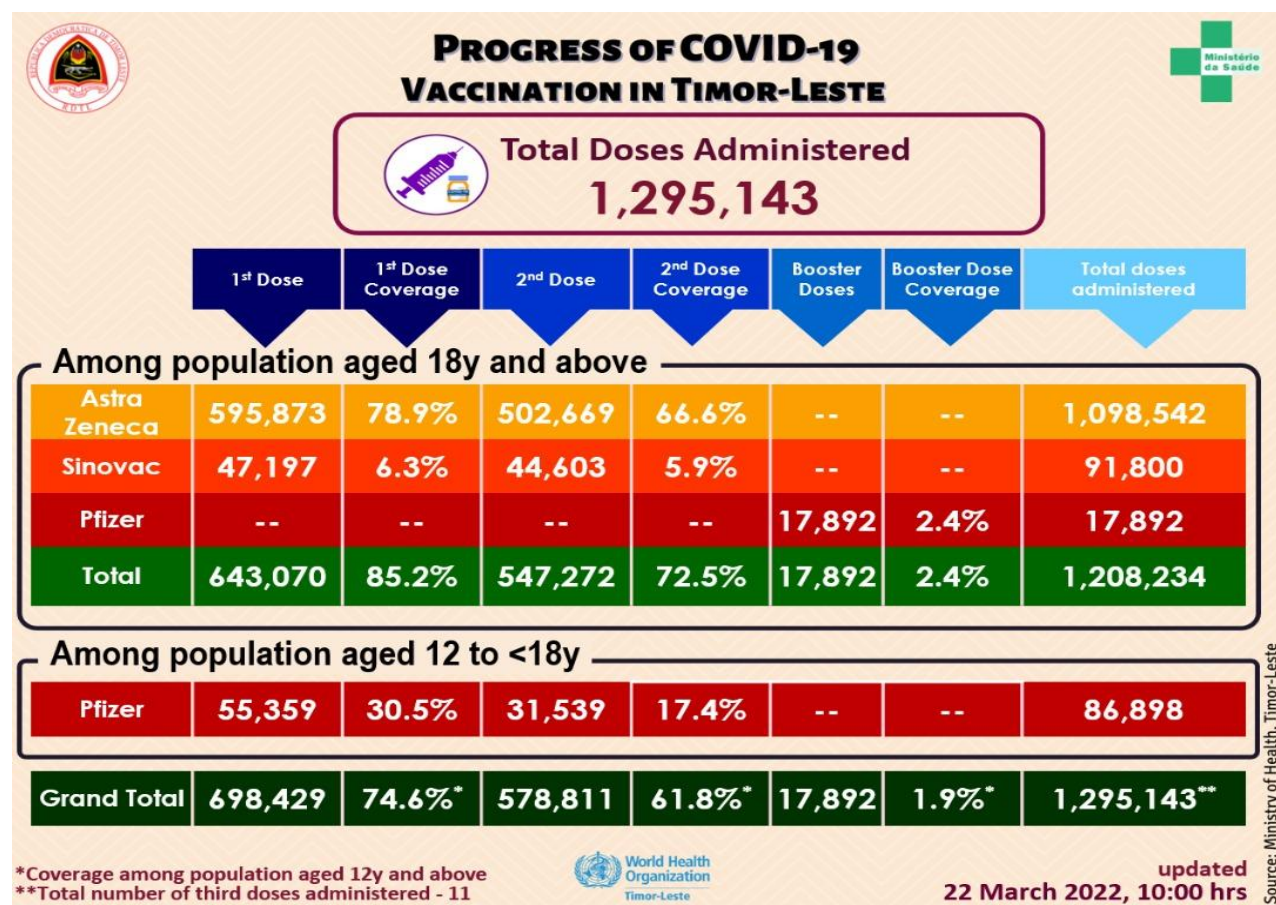
The chart below shows the total number of people admitted to isolation centres and auto-isolation (at home) in 12 municipalities compared to Dili. Throughout Timor-Leste, patients admitted to isolation centres have steadily decreased.



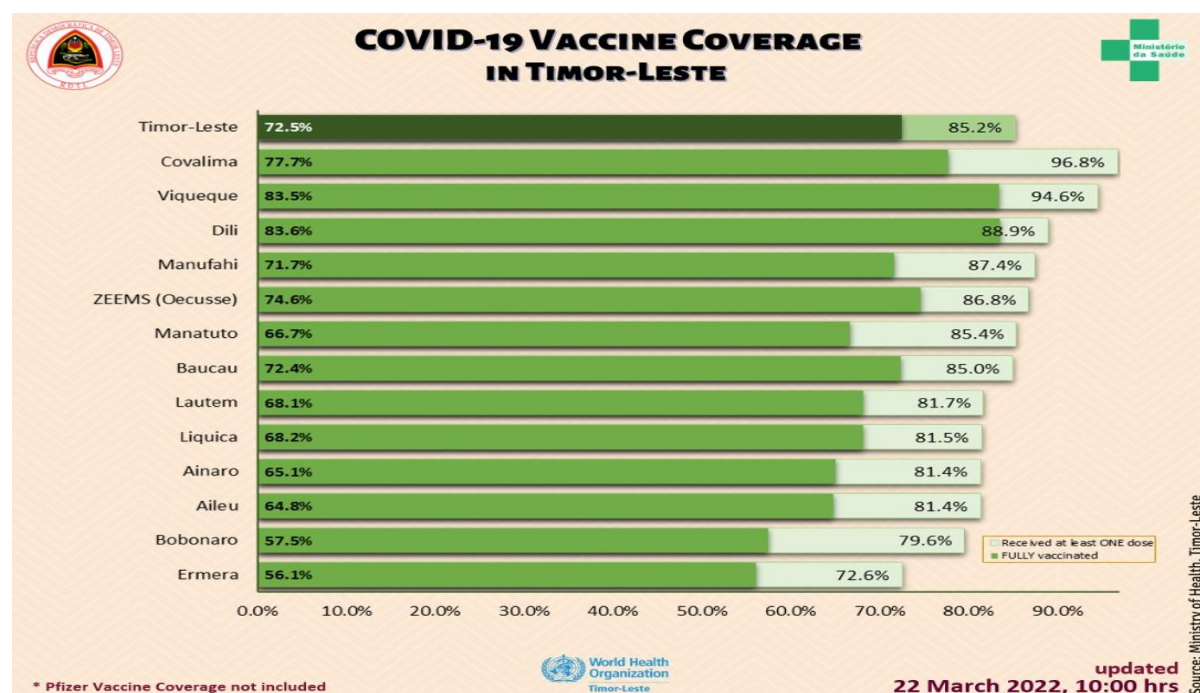
## VACCINATION

At the time of writing this report (22/03/2022 ), a total of 1,295,143 COVID-19 vaccine doses comprising 698,429 first doses (coverage 85.2% among population aged 18 years and above and 30.5% among the population aged 12 years to <18 years), 578,811 second doses (coverage 72.5% among population aged 18 years and above and 17.4% among the population aged 12 years to <18 years), 17,892 (coverage 2.4% among population aged 18 years) booster doses 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 Timor-Leste by vaccine product and dose as of 10:00hrs 22/03/2022



**Figure 1: Coverage of COVID-19 vaccination among population aged 18 years and above by municipality in Timor-Leste as of 10:00hrs 22/03/2022**



## POLICY UPDATE

### Meeting of the Council of Ministers of 16 March 2022

The Council of Ministers met at the Government Palace in Dili and approved the draft Decree-Law, presented by the Prime Minister, Taur Matan Ruak, for the first amendment to Decree-Law No. 26/2021 of 26 November on the exceptional and temporary measures of health surveillance in response to the pandemic of the disease COVID-19.

With this change:

1. entry into national territory shall be subject only to the presentation of a full vaccination certificate or as an alternative to quarantine; and
2. there is no longer a limitation of the hours of operation of the land border posts, which return to their normal daily operation.

## SITUATION ANALYSIS

- Timor-Leste government has largely lifted all restrictions of international travel due to COVID-19, except for presentation of full vaccination certificate. All these measures are

responding to the decreasing transmission of the COVID-19 and calls for social economic recovery in the country.

- At the same time, we should always be reminded that the pandemic is not yet over. While we are at a turning point in the pandemic, we should continue to strengthen the surveillance measures at health care facilities, points of entry, and the communities for early detection, verification and response to any possible events and early signs. At the same time, vaccination coverage should continue to be expanded to the vulnerable populations (senior citizens, those with underlying health conditions), eligible children and booster doses for the eligible.

### AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- [For public and professionals on prevention, treatment, and vaccination etc.](#)
- [WHO Recommendations for COVID-19 Related Decisions](#)
- WHO Free Courses in Tetum – [OpenWHO.org](#)

### 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 [hasane@who.int](mailto:hasane@who.int)