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



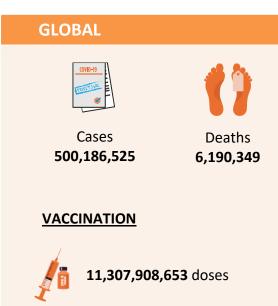
# **Timor-Leste**



\*Data as reported on 19 April 2022 (covering 6 – 19 April 2022)

## **SITUATION IN NUMBERS**

# Cumulative Recovered (new) 22,853 (16) Part of the second second



# **HIGHLIGHTS**

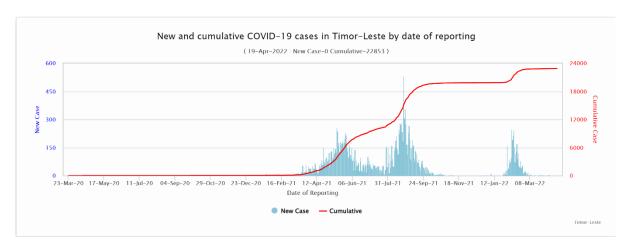
- Since the last edition of the situation report, the Ministry of Health (MoH) reported 16 new cases of COVID-19, 8 recoveries and 0 death during the past 14 days. The numbers of incident cases and death remain at a low level.
- On 7 April the World Health Day, the Ministry of Health and World Health Organization
  Timor-Leste held series of activities to commemorate the event, including a thematic
  meeting on "Our planet, Our Health", planting trees, and launching National Adaptation Plan
  for Climate Change in Timor-Leste 2021-2026 and other documents.
- On 12 April, the Ministry of Health port health team, with technical and financial support from World Health Organization Timor-Leste and the European Union, conducted simulation exercise, training on passenger database and orientation to the border staff in Sakato land crossing, RAEOA. The purpose is to strengthen the prevention and surveillance of COVID-19 to arriving international passengers following the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions including testing and quarantine requirements by the government. The team evaluate the strengths and gaps of the current procedures to ensure smooth normal operation.

- National Health Laboratory, supported by WHO, has established a TB line probe assay (LPA) laboratory for diagnosis of drug-resistant TB.
- WHO Timor-Leste supports SABEH medical team and Comoro, Vera Cruz, Formosa, Becora and Metinaro CHCs health team conducting door to door vaccination to reach the last mile of vaccination targets.
- UNICEF and WHO worked with the MoH to plan and forecast COVID-19 vaccine needs in the
  coming months. UNICEF will deliver an additional 150,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine at the
  end of May, with funding from the Government of Australia, for vaccination of all eligible
  people above 12 years of age. Based on the vaccine deployment plan agreed by the MoH,
  UNICEF will deliver an additional 150,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine in late August or
  September 2022 through the COVAX Facility.

## **EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATES**

#### 1. New and cumulative cases, as of 19 April 2022

As shown by the epi curve below, number of new cases reported continues to be at low level at the current reporting period.



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

Distribution of newly reported, recovered, and active cases by municipalities, as of 19 April 2022)

Municipality	New case (6-19 Apr. 2022)	Last 14- day % change (case)*	Cumulative case	New recovered (6-19 Apr. 2022)	Cumulative recovered	New death (6-19 Apr. 2022)	Cumulative death	Active Cases (19 Apr. 2022)
Aileu	0	0	136	0	135	0	1	0
Ainaro	0	0	303	0	300	0	3	0

Baucau	0	0	1626	0	1619	0	7	0
Bobonaro	0	100	744	2	734	0	10	0
Covalima	0	0	838	0	835	0	3	0
Dili	9	13	16281	0	16185	0	88	8
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	7	-46	455	6	441	0	3	11
Viqueque	0	0	519	0	514	0	5	0
TOTAL	16	-38	22853	8	22704	0	130	19

<sup>\*</sup>Change in new COVID-19 cases as compared with the previous 14 days

- A total of 16 new cases are reported during the current reporting period (6-19 Apr. 2022), with 38% reduction as compared with the previous 14 days. It is noted that cases are reported from Dili and Oecusse only.
- No COVID-19 related death has been reported from Timor-Leste during this reporting period.
- The number of active cases has been 19 as of 19 April 2022.

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

During the current reporting period from 6-19 Apr. 2022, 2,631 tests were conducted, higher than 2,489 tests in the previous 14 days.

The test positive rate of this reporting period is averaged as 0.6% (as compared with 1.0% of the previous 14 days).

# **CASE MANAGEMENT**

Since 31 March 2022, there are no patients currently in Dili Isolation Centers (Vera Cruz and Tasi-Tolu).

## **VACCINATION**

At the time of writing this report of 19 Apr. 2022, in total, 1,423,726 COVID-19 vaccine doses are administered in Timor-Leste, comprising 778,776 first doses (coverage 84.6% among population aged 18 years and above and 81.4% among the population aged 12 years and above), 606,034 second doses (coverage 72.1% among population aged 18 years and above and 63.3% among the population aged 12 years and above), 47,905 booster doses (coverage 5.0% among population aged 12 years and above). 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 19 April 2022

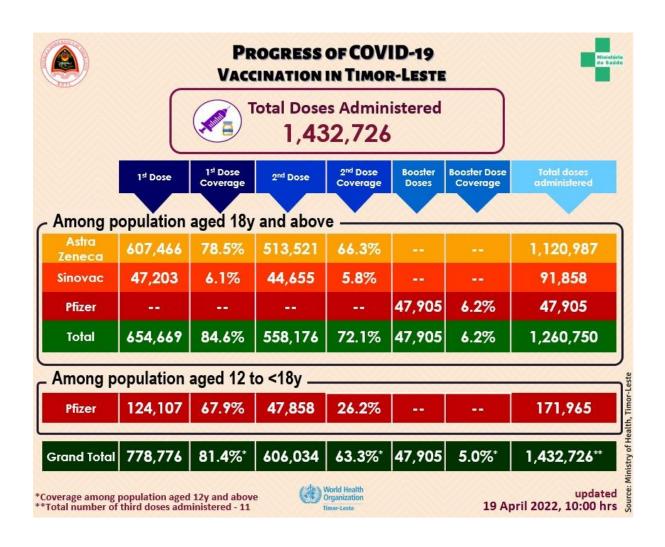
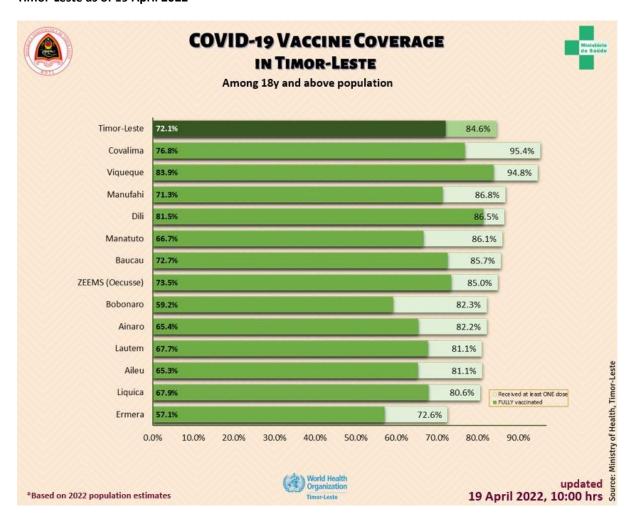


Figure 1: Coverage of COVID-19 vaccination among population aged 18 years and above by municipality in Timor-Leste as of 19 April 2022



# **SITUATION ANALYSIS**

- Timor-Leste remains at a low level of transmissions of COVID-19. There are no cases
  hospitalized and no deaths reported currently. This is particularly reassuring after the
  first round of presidential election in March, where election related mass gatherings
  were happening.
- Currently the surveillance efforts are continuing, where samples are collected from sentinel sites for integrated surveillance of influenza and COVID-19. There are increasing number of infections of influenza and co-infections of COVID-19 with influenza though during the first quarter of 2022. Further testing and analysis are under way.

# **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 <a href="mailto:hasane@who.int">hasane@who.int</a>