Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Situation Report – 106 Timor-Leste



Data as reported by 30 June 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

• The Ministry of Health (MoH) reported 554 new cases of COVID-19 since the last time of reporting (23.06.2021) – this takes the total tally of COVID-19 cases to 9,222. All patients are admitted to the designated isolation and treatment facilities at Vera Cruz, Tasitolu, Tibar, and other government identified isolation hotels. The MoH has also granted permission in some cases for home isolation. For more details, please see the epidemiological update section.

The surveillance team, as per the national guideline, is working on further investigation and contact tracing. More details about the new cases can be found at the MoH's Facebook page, Palacio das Cinzas.

 The Pillar 2 team, as per the Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan (SPRP), for COVID-19 response under the MoH, continues to proactively conduct sensitization and advocacy to government, university students, and at the community level and the second phase of COVID-19 vaccination with support from WHO and UNICEF and several other partners in 13 municipalities.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

9222 confirmed (554 new) 8360 recovered (599 new) 839 active cases 23 deaths

(As per data released by the Ministry of Health)

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GLOBAL SITUATION IN NUMBERS
Total (new) cases in last seven
days

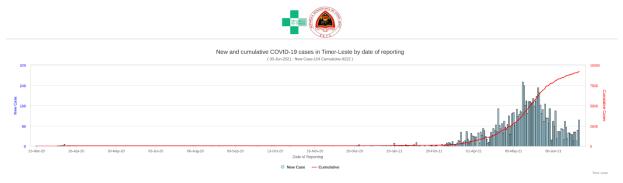
Globally 180 492 131 confirmed (2 600 313) 3 916 771 deaths (57 603)

• The MoH reported one additional COVID-19 death since the time of last reporting (09.06.2021). The COVID-19 death toll now stands at **23.**

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATES

• The number of COVID-19 cases had been surging since early March 2021. However, it is now showing signs of plateuing – with a downward trend nationally since early June 2021.

As of 30 June 2021, the country recorded 23 deaths and 9,222 cases of which 8,360 have recovered. Currently, there are 839 active cases in the isolation/treatment centres of Tasi Tolu, Vera Cruz and other facilities in Dili and the Municipalities or at home for isolation and follow up.



 Distribution of newly reported, recovered and active cases by municipalities, as of 30 June 2021.

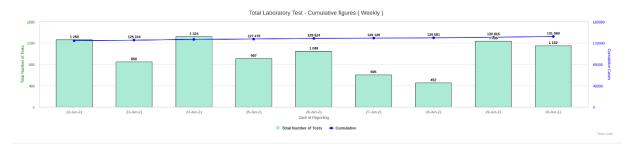
Municipality	New Case	Cumulative Case	New Recovered	Cumulative Recovered	New Deceased	Cumulative Deceased	Active Case
Aileu	0	36	0	29	0	0	7
Ainaro	0	51	0	34	0	0	17
Baucau	6	525	0	388	0	0	137
Bobonaro	2	242	2	204	0	3	35
Covalima	1	235	0	162	0	0	73
Dili	28	7488	46	7039	1	19	430
Ermera	60	176	0	96	0	0	80
Lautem	0	48	0	48	0	0	0
Liquiça	0	26	0	24	0	1	1
Manatuto	2	77	0	55	0	0	22
Manufahi	0	74	0	73	0	0	1
Oecusse	0	23	3	20	0	0	3
Viqueque	5	221	3	188	0	0	33
Total	104	9222	54	8360	1	23	839

• As shown in the above table, majority of the cases (82%) are reported from Dili, followed by Baucau, Covalima, Bobonaro, and Viqueque. Of the 23 deaths 19 were from Dili, one from Liquica and three from Bobonaro.

• The test positivity rate over the last 7 days stood at 5%, showing early signs of control over the current surge, while test positive rate in Baucau showed 6.5% (compared to 11.4% in previous reporting period). With low testing in the municipalities coupled with low vaccine coverage outside of Dili, the susceptible population in the districts can upend this early stabilization. Strict adherence to public health and social measures (masking, hand washing, physical distancing, and avoidance of mass gatherings) must continue while vaccine coverage is ramped up outside Dili.



• As of 30 June 2021, **130,816** PCR tests were done by the National Health Laboratory and referral hospital laboratories since the beginning of the response. The NHL now can return results within 24 hours of collecting the samples.



CASE MANAGEMENT

	22/06	23/06	24/06	25/06	26/06	27/06	28/06
Isolation Centers Dili	243	252	214	216	203	207	193
Home-isolation Dili	61	60	53	56	52	50	42
All isolation Municipalities	248	243	239	260	202	210	206
Grand total	552	555	506	532	457	467	441

The table shows that the number of cases in (1) Dili (2) home-isolation and 3) all isolation in the 12 other municipalities continue to decrease overtime. This is broadly in line with the testing results from the NHL. Since 1 June 2021 (grand total in isolation on 1 June: 1, 748 persons), this is approximately at 74% decrease for isolation throughout Timor-Leste

With support from HNGV, Pillar 7 coordinates the management of cases admitted to isolation facilities in Dili. Mild to moderate cases are also admitted for treatment to isolation facilities in the Districts. Critical care management capacity and capability across the 5 Referral Hospitals is being strengthened with support from WHO and other partners.

VACCINATION UPDATES

At the time of writing this report (afternoon of 30th June 2021), in total, 231,849 COVID-19 vaccine doses comprising 206,006, 1st doses and 25,843, 2nd doses have been administered in Timor-Leste. The breakdown of the number of doses administered by the first and second dose for priority population groups are given in Table 1.

Table 1: COVID-19 vaccine doses administered among priority groups by first and second doses

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Priority Group	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Sub Total	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Sub Total	Total	
Health care staff	4,800	3,053	7,853	4,252	2,496	6,748	14,601	
Other front-line staff	28,091	12,034	40,125	12,197	4,961	17,158	57,283	
Persons 60 years and above	9,983	179	10,162	10,342	142	10,484	20,646	
Persons 18-59y with comorbidity	11,482	307	11,789	10,746	149	10,895	22,684	
Persons 18-59y with no comorbidity	62,472	1,481	63,953	51,641	1,041	52,682	116,635	
Total	116,828	17,054	133,882	89,178	8,789	97,967	231,849	

The over 18 years target population, the numbers of 1st and 2nd dose Covid 19 vaccination and coverage by municipality is provided in Table 2.

Table 2: Total number vaccinated and coverage by priority group and municipalities as of 16.00 hr 30th June 2021 reported in TLHIS Covid-19 Immunization Tracker.

Number Vaccinated and Coverage as of 30/06/2021 16.00hr among Eligible Population (18y and above)*

	Eli	gible Populati	on	Number vaccinated & Coverage											
Municipality					First Dose Second Dose										
	High Risk Groups (20% Pop.)	18-59y no 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	44,489	148.4%	67,878	36.9%	112,367	52.6%	12,278	40.95%	1,865	1.01%	14,143	6.62%
Aileu	6,292	24,943	31,235	1,904	30.3%	1,762	7.06%	3,666	11.7%	658	10.46%	15	0.06%	673	2.15%
Ainaro	7,410	27,726	35,136	1,826	24.6%	2,507	9.04%	4,333	12.3%	718	9.69%	26	0.09%	744	2.12%
Baucau	18,141	55,175	73,316	6,705	37.0%	8,260	14.97%	14,965	20.4%	1,721	9.49%	69	0.13%	1790	2.44%
Bobonaro	13,268	43,476	56,744	5,963	44.9%	3,951	9.09%	9,914	17.5%	1,119	8.43%	16	0.04%	1135	2.00%
Covalima	8,725	31,503	40,228	5,247	60.1%	2,652	8.42%	7,899	19.6%	1,079	12.37%	1	0.00%	1080	2.68%
Ermera	14,350	60,793	75,143	3,805	26.5%	4,446	7.31%	8,251	11.0%	807	5.62%	81	0.13%	888	1.18%
Lautem	8,455	27,963	36,418	3,344	39.6%	4,900	17.52%	8,244	22.6%	692	8.18%	126	0.45%	818	2.25%
Liquica	9,588	35,597	45,185	2,303	24.0%	5,553	15.60%	7,856	17.4%	609	6.35%	78	0.22%	687	1.52%
Manatuto	6,701	21,718	28,419	2,843	42.4%	3,296	15.18%	6,139	21.6%	625	9.33%	93	0.43%	718	2.53%
Manufahi	7,595	25,766	33,361	3,464	45.6%	2,693	10.45%	6,157	18.5%	565	7.44%	78	0.30%	643	1.93%
Viqueque	9,408	32,534	41,942	4,322	45.9%	4,660	14.32%	8,982	21.4%	1,017	10.81%	42	0.13%	1059	2.52%
ZEEMS (Oecusse)	11,034	32,905	43,939	5,678	51.5%	1,555	4.73%	7,233	16.5%	1,433	12.99%	32	0.10%	1,465	3.33%
Total (without Dili)	120,967	420,098	541,065	47,404	39.2%	46,235	11.01%	93,639	17.3%	11,043	9.13%	657	0.00%	11,700	2.16%
Total (Timor-Leste)	150,947	603,920	754,867	91,893	60.9%	114,113	18.90%	206,006	27.3%	23,321	15.45%	2,522	0.42%	25,843	3.42%

^{*}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

Total Vaccinated (both doses) 231,849

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

Table 3 provides the data indicating progress and performance of Phase II of the Covid 19 vaccination campaign (vaccination of persons age between 18 and 59 years of age) in Dili Municipality and remaining 12 Municipalities by type of vaccine administered.

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	A	straZenec	а		Sinovac		Total	Coverage	
	1 st Dose 2 nd Dose Total		1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Total	Vaccinated	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	
Timor-Leste	189,001	25,841	214,842	17,005	2	17,007	231,849	27.3%	3.4%
Dili Municipality	95,362	14,141	109,503	17,005	2	17,007	126,510	52.6%	6.6%
Other Municipalities	93,639	11,700	105,339	-	-	-	105,339		

- The key observations are:
 - 1. In Dili municipality, only 17,007 doses out of 100,000 Sinovac vaccine doses has utilized.
 - 2. Progress of utilization of Sinovac in Dili is comparatively slow and need strategy to use this vaccine at earliest.
 - 3. Utilization of 105,339 doses of AZ vaccine provided to 12 municipalities is satisfactory.
 - 4. Out of 12,602 1st doses vaccinated in the Phase 1 of the campaign, 2nd doses has received by 11,700 (93 %) persons.

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.

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.

Use face mask when physical distancing is not possible

Why? If when you're in a setting where maintaining the physical distance of 1 meter or more is not possible due to the space constraint, then it is imperative that you use a face mask as it can help in stopping the transmission of COVID-19

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.

Protect ourselves and our loved ones against #COVID19:

- Wash your hands frequently
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your face
- Avoid crowded places and limit time in enclosed spaces
- Keep a distance of at least 1 metre from others
- Use of mask is imperative when physical-distancing is not possible.

- Regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Isolate yourself from others if feeling unwell and seek care, if needed

More guidance on preventive measures is available <u>here</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>