

Novel Coronavirus (2019 – nCoV)

Situation Report – 4

Timor-Leste



Data as reported by 6 February 2020

CURRENT SITUATION

- Currently, there are **NO** cases of Novel Coronavirus (2019 nCoV).

MEASURES TAKEN

Capacity Building

- Thirty-two officials of the National Medical Emergency team (including clinical directors of all five referral hospitals, doctors, nurses, mid-wives and senior officials from the Department of Ambulance and Medical Emergency) held technical discussions and participated in refresher training to manage potential nCoV cases. WHO technical experts conducted the training, which covered measures for prevention, clinical management, surveillance and the use of protective gear.
- Scores of public health officials from the Ministry of Health (MoH) underwent refresher training on nCoV and risk communication for nCoV.



GOVERNANCE

- The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation met with the United Nations Resident Coordinator and WHO Emergency focal point and updated him about the UN and WHO's support in particular as the specialised agency for health. The Minister was also briefed about the approach taken by UN/WHO at global level including: (i) not recommending restrictions on travel or trade at present; (ii) calling for increased international support targeted at fragile settings; (iii) emphasizing the need to accelerate the development of vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics; (iv) intensify action to combat misinformation; (v) review and strengthen national health emergency preparedness plans to counter the outbreak; (vi) share data, knowledge and experience about the virus; (vii) base efforts to defeat the outbreak with a spirit of solidarity and collaboration.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- A national media workshop is planned for 7 February 2020. More than 40 journalists from all over the country are expected to attend the workshop and from across platform; newspapers, radio,

TV, websites and community radios. The workshop aims to equip journalists with accurate information on nCoV and provide guidance on finding reliable sources to gather information on nCoV to prevent any misinformation and rumours. The workshop will comprise a technical presentation from WHO technical experts on nCoV which will be followed by a presentation by the Ministry of Health on busting myths surrounding nCoV, simple measures to take in everyday life to protect against nCoV among other things.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC

During previous outbreak due to other coronavirus (Middle-East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), human-to-human transmission occurred through droplets, contact and fomites, suggesting that the transmission mode of the 2019-nCoV can be similar. The basic principles to reduce the general risk of transmission of acute respiratory include the following:

- Avoiding close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections.
- Frequent hand-washing, especially after direct contact with ill people or their environment.
- Avoiding unprotected contact with farm or wild animals.
- People with symptoms of acute respiratory infection should practice cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover coughs, and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing, and wash hands).
- Within healthcare facilities, enhance standard infection prevention and control practices in hospitals, especially in emergency departments.

WHO does not recommend any specific health measures for travellers. In case of symptoms suggestive of respiratory illness either during or after travel, travellers are encouraged to seek medical attention and share their travel history with their healthcare provider.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS total and new cases in last 24 hours

Globally	China	Outside of China
24554 confirmed (3925 new)	24363 confirmed (3893 new)	191 confirmed (32 new)
	3219 severe (431 new)	25 countries (1 new)
	491 deaths (66 new)	1 death

WHO RISK ASSESSMENT

China	Very High
Regional Level	High
Global Level	High

Should you wear a mask?

YES, if you are experiencing uneasiness in breathing, cough

YES, while caring for persons with respiratory (breathing) symptoms

YES, all health workers should while attending to persons with respiratory symptoms

NOT required for general public without respiratory symptoms



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Protect yourself and others from getting sick

Wash your hands

- after coughing or sneezing
- when caring for the sick
- before, during and after you prepare food
- before eating
- after toilet use
- when hands are visibly dirty
- after handling animals or animal waste



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Wash your hands

Wash your hands with soap and running water when **hands are visibly dirty**



If your **hands are not visibly dirty**, wash them with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand cleanser



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