

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Situation Report – 41

Timor-Leste

Data as reported by 09 June 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- The MoH and WHO jointly launched a monitoring and evaluation project for the COVID-19 response in community health centres (CHCs), supported by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). The findings of the CHC visits are shared with national, district and other CHC administrators, and gaps are discussed through a district debriefing meeting mechanism. Six teams comprising WHO medical doctors, MoH officials and district surveillance officers are assessing the preparedness of the facilities and health workers in CHCs for COVID-19. In addition to the M&E activity, WHO, with financial support from KOICA is also providing essential health and cleaning supplies, such as detergent, soap, hand sanitizer, and bleach to each CHC in response to surging demand. The field activity will continue until June 19 and will reach all 70 CHCs in 13 municipalities.
- WHO provided another batch of primers and probes to the National Health Laboratory (NHL), which will help the NHL conduct another 2,500 tests. Earlier in March WHO had provided primer and probes to the NHL for 1000 tests.
- Risk communication and community engagement activities by the MoH and partners reached the special region of Oecusse, thereby covering all 13 municipalities in the country. Efforts are underway to launch new rounds of outreach to communities that have not been reached previously, and continue awareness for those already reached.
- UNICEF provided over 150 speakers and related communication equipment to the Ministry of Health for use by 70 community health centers across the country and nine municipal health services for ongoing efforts to reach communities across Timor-Leste with COVID-19 prevention messages.
- The MoH, with support from WHO and UNICEF has developed the national response plan for maintaining routine services for immunization and maternal and child health. The MoH will hold orientation of the guideline in all the 13 municipalities.
- The MoH and UNICEF released a song with all of the key messages on prevention of COVID-19. This was produced by two of Timor-Leste's top singers and is based on a popular song by one of the singers.
- UNICEF supported the MoH in restoration of cold chain equipment and remote temperature monitoring at SAMES. Additionally, UNICEF supported the MoH by providing internet packages for remote temperature monitoring of cold chain equipment for 12 months in all 13 municipalities.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

24 confirmed (0 new)

0 deaths

(As per data released by [Centro Integrado Gestao de Crise](#))

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More information and guidance by WHO regarding the current COVID-19 outbreak can be found [here](#).

GLOBAL SITUATION IN NUMBERS Total (new) cases in last 24 hours

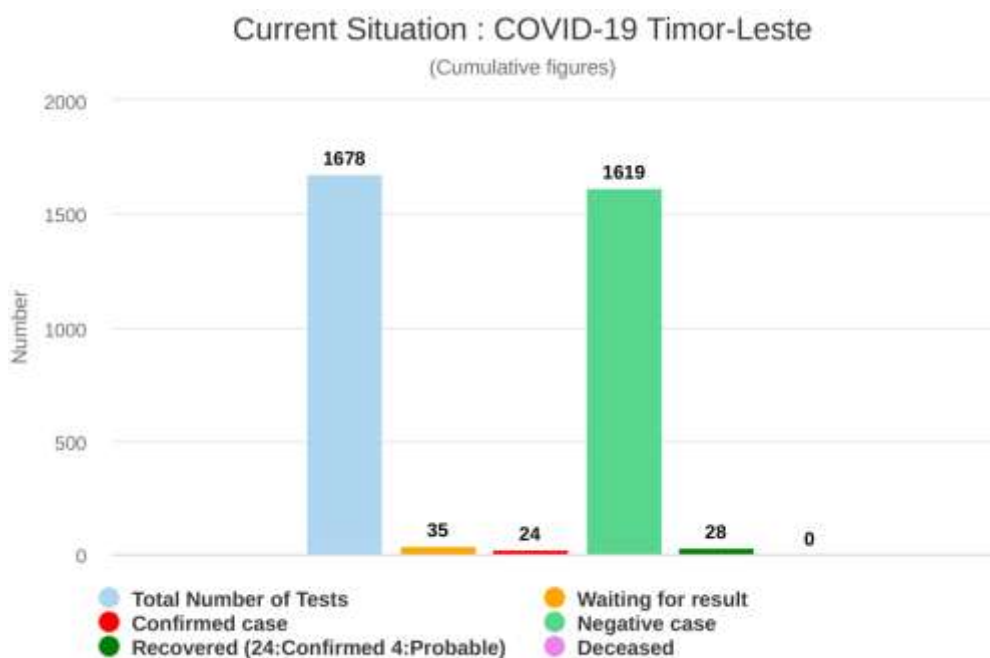
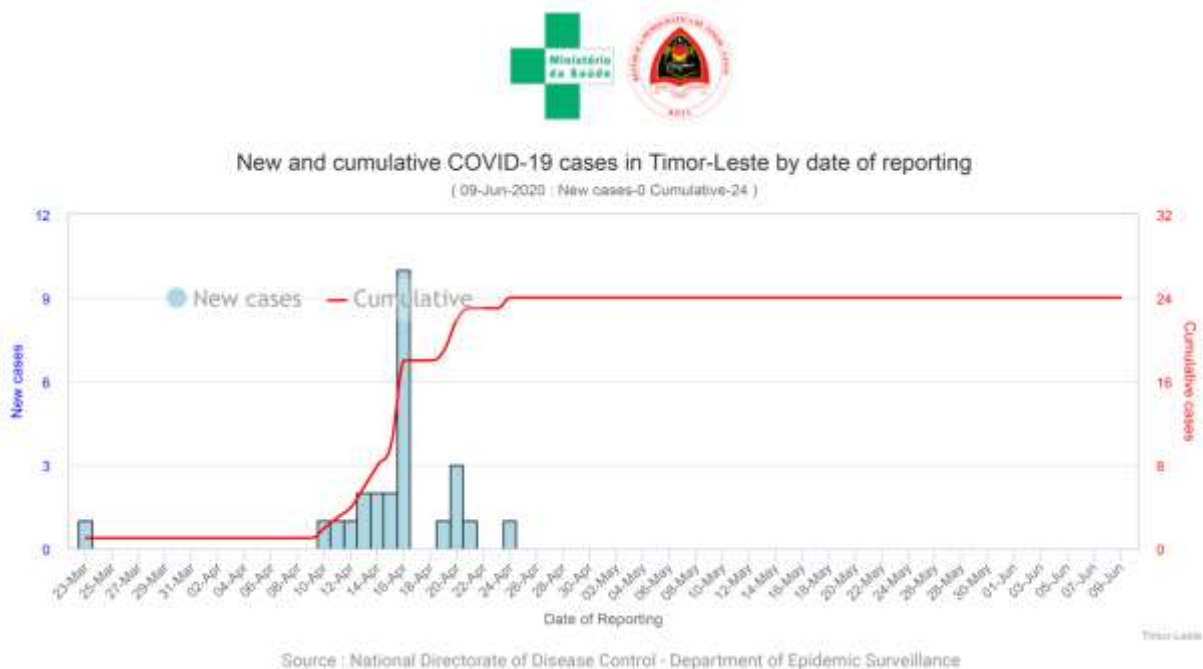
Globally

6 931 000 confirmed (131 296)
400 857 deaths (3 469)

WHO RISK ASSESSMENT

Global Level **Very High**

- UNICEF provided WiFi dongle and internet package (3 months) to all essential health programmes at national and municipality level to facilitate communication and to maintain routine services including routine immunization and nutrition services.



Source : National Directorate of Disease Control - Department of Epidemic Surveillance

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.
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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.

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.

More guidance on preventive measures is available [here](#).

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 singhsho@who.int and hasane@who.int
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