

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Situation Report – 83

Timor-Leste

Data as reported by 20 January 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Ministry of Health (MoH) reported 2 new cases of COVID-19 – bringing the total number of COVID-19 cases in Timor-Leste to **53**. The patients was in quarantine and are now admitted to the designated isolation and treatment facility at Vera Cruz. 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 Ministry of Health's (MoH) Facebook page, [Palacio das Cinzas](#).
- H.E Minister of Health Dr Odete Maria Freitas Belo, along with the European Union Ambassador to Timor-Leste and WHO officially launched the MoH-EU-WHO partnership to enhance COVID-19 response and to strengthen overall health system in Timor-Leste. The European Union and WHO, under the partnership, spread over 20 months period have committed nearly, USD 2.4 million.
- To make sure that there is no evidence of community transmission in the country, the MoH with the financial support from WHO is going to conduct a random community surveillance (mass swab test) in Dili and three border municipalities starting from the last week of January.
- Considering the reduced number of active COVID-19 cases and other epidemiological evidence of COVID-19 pandemic, the Government amended the provisions in the current State of Emergency. The new changes include some relaxations. Under the new Decree appeal, all citizens should continue to follow and promote preventive measures. The liturgical celebrations (only for Sunday mass) will resume per the Ministry of Health and WHO's health measures.
- Besides maintaining focus on COVID-19 prevention, the MoH is also committed to maintaining essential health services from immunization services, non-communicable diseases, TB services and other essential health services.
- The MoH and WHO are exploring ways to further augment the laboratory capacity for testing, and strengthening critical care capacity, especially at the regional level and in border municipalities.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

53 confirmed (2 new)
47 recovered (2 new)
6 isolation
0 deaths

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

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

GLOBAL SITUATION IN NUMBERS

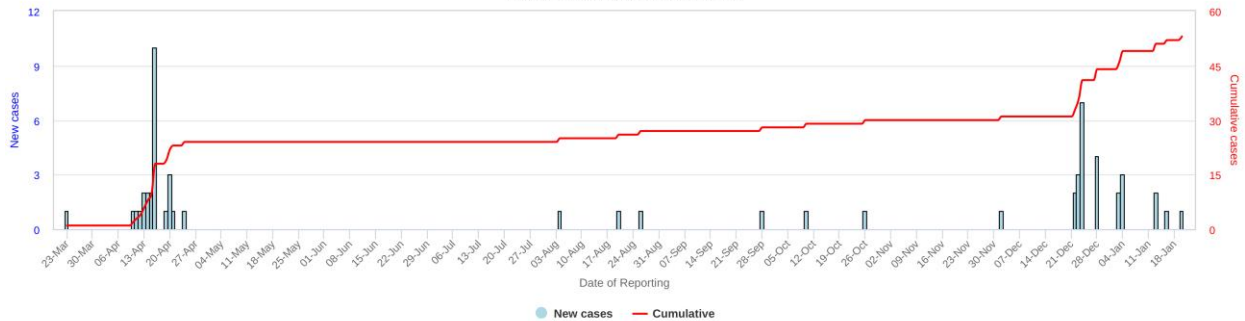
Total (new) cases in last seven days

Globally
93 217 287 confirmed (4 752 029)
2 014 957 deaths (93 882)



New and cumulative COVID-19 cases in Timor-Leste by date of reporting

(20-Jan-2021 : New cases-1 Cumulative-53)

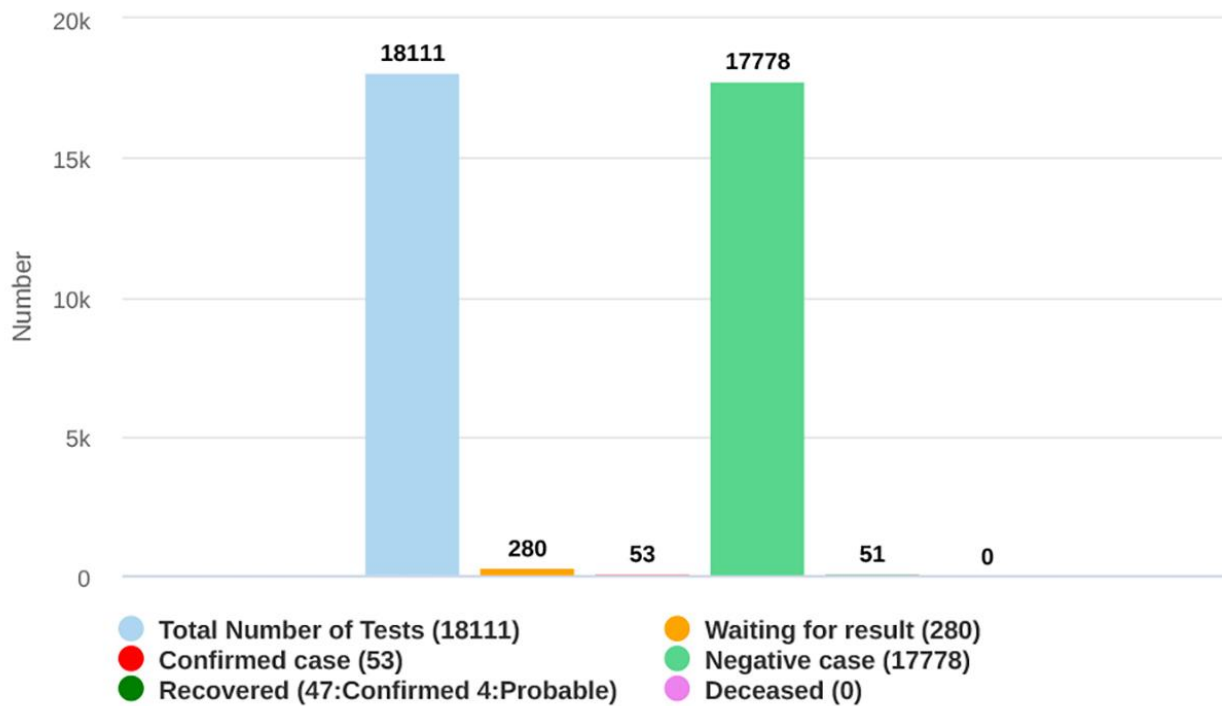


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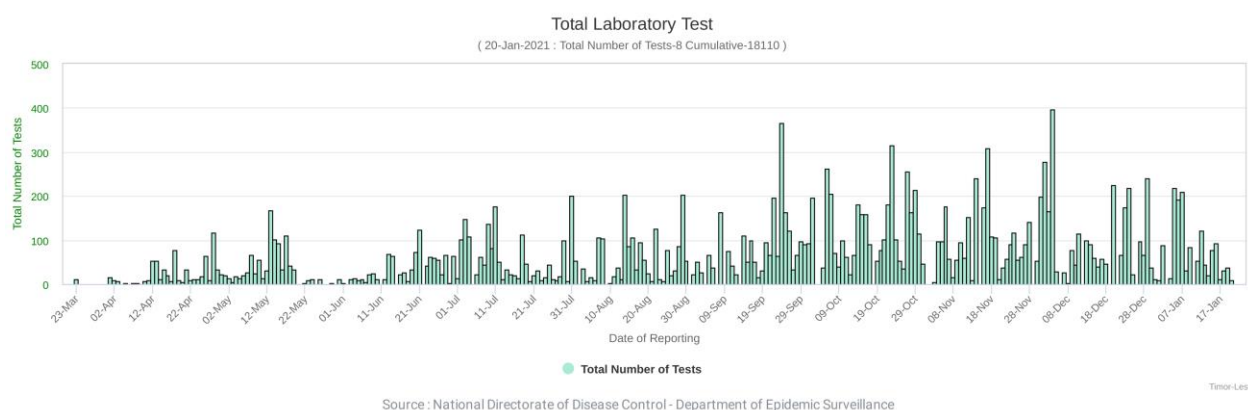
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Current Situation : COVID-19 Timor-Leste

(20-Jan-2021 : Cumulative figures)

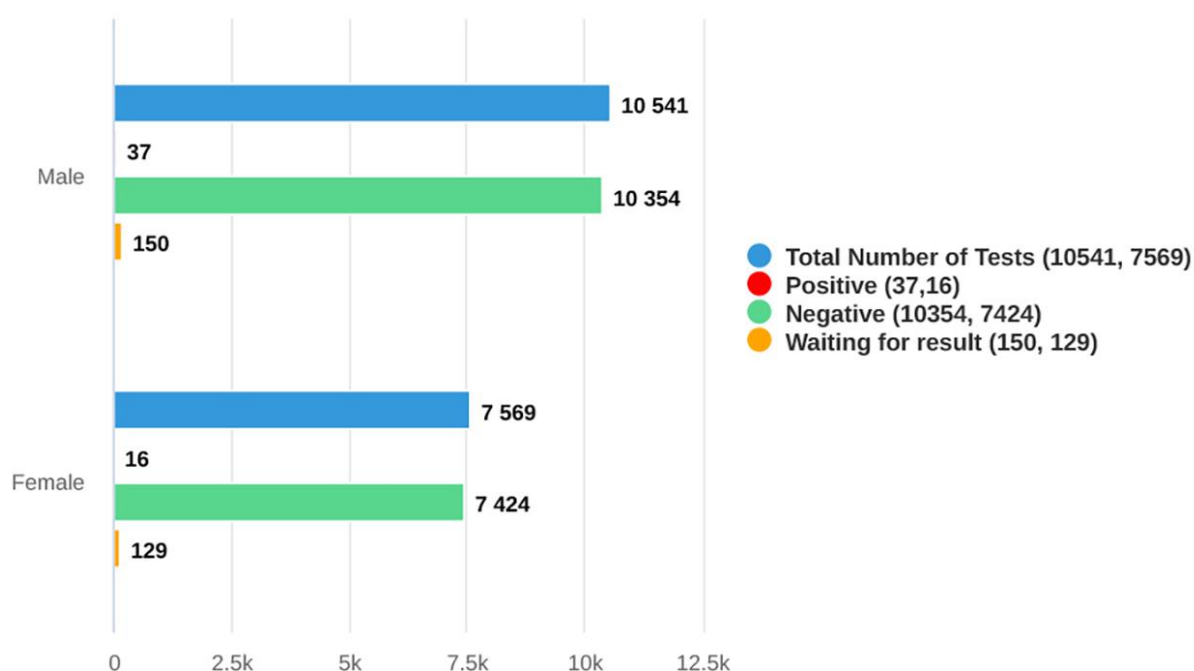


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Laboratory Test Results : COVID-19 Timor-Leste

(20-Jan-2021 : Cumulative figures)



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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.

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 [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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