

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Situation Report – 27

Timor-Leste

Data as reported by 21 April 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- UNICEF handed over a number of essential hospital supplies – patient beds & trolleys, infrared thermometers, wheelchairs, hand washing supplies among other items – to the MoH as a part of the ongoing support to the national COVID-19 response.
- WHO technical experts are working closely with MoH to identify, project and quantify the anticipated health workforce needs for Covid-19 over the next six months. This includes clinical and support staff for Isolation and quarantine facilities and also for activities such as surveillance and laboratory testing.
- The MoH and Hospital Nacional Guido Valadares (HNGV) with support from WHO, St John of God, Menzies School of Health Research and Maluk Timor are conducting a two-day "Covid-19 Case Management Training" for clinical staff of the isolation and treatment facilities. About 70 clinical health care workers have been trained over the course of two days in areas like oxygen administration, fluid balance, and safe use of personal protective equipment among other things.

Global Highlights

- The urgent need for a COVID-19 vaccine underscores the pivotal role immunizations play in protecting lives and economies. Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge, WHO Regional Director for Europe, marking the European Immunization Week 2020, stressed '[we must not, especially now, let down our guard on immunizations](#)'. WHO and UNICEF have released a joint statement to mark European Immunization Week 2020, which is available [here](#).

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

23 confirmed (1 new)

0 deaths

1 Recovered

(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

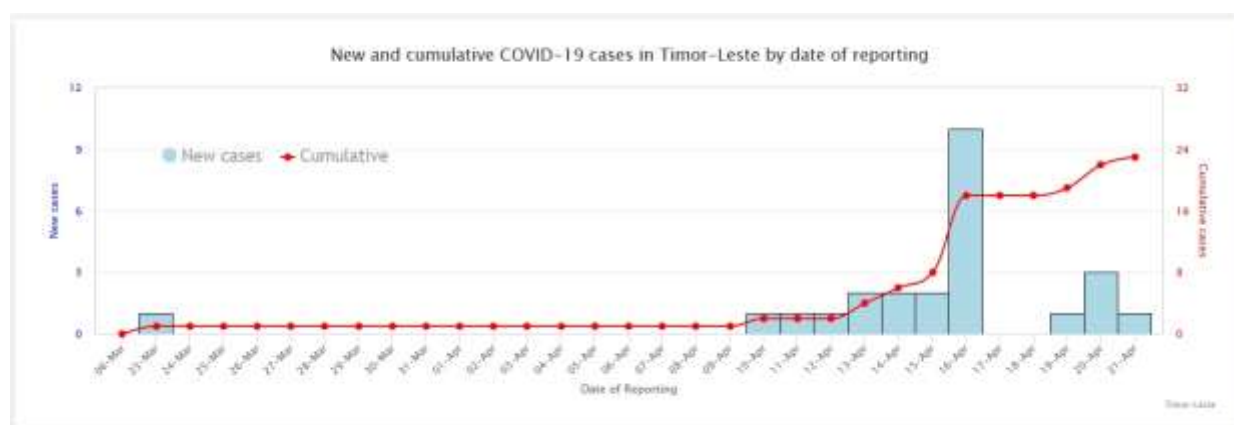
Globally

2 314 621 confirmed (72 846)

157 847 deaths (5296)

WHO RISK ASSESSMENT

Global Level Very High



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

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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