

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Situation Report – 127

Timor-Leste



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Timor-Leste

*Data as reported on 23 November 2021

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

TIMOR-LESTE



Cumulative
19820 (8)



Recovered (new)
19691 (9)



Active cases
7



Deaths (new)
122 (0)

VACCINATION STATUS



1st dose
Coverage - **79.6%**



2nd dose
Coverage - **55.7%**

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

GLOBAL



Cases
257,469,528



Deaths
5,158,211

VACCINATION



7,408,870,760 doses

HIGHLIGHTS

- Since the last edition of the weekly situation report, the Ministry of Health (MoH) reported **8** new cases of COVID-19, **9** recoveries and **0** deaths. The number of new cases and deaths has been remaining low.
- Ten international consultants have been deployed to 10 municipalities to extend the support on the ground to the health workers to accelerate the COVID-19 vaccine in the country as well as routine immunization.
- With funding support from the European Union (EU), WHO Timor-Leste handed over several boxes of consumables for laboratory testing. These items will be used for conducting microbiology and molecular biology tests in the National Health Laboratory, including COVID-19 PCR tests.
- TLHIS- CIT database was launched on 7th April 2021 in Timor-Leste along with the COVID-19 vaccination campaign and it is being used successfully to monitor the progress of the COVID-19 vaccination campaign. However, with the introduction of Pfizer vaccine in October 2021, several changes were made to the system and refresher training are being conducted for

both HMIS and EPI staff in the field. The first refresher training was conducted in Viqueque municipality on 23rd November 2021 with the participation from the municipality health office and from all the sub-districts. In addition to data entry, participants were trained on data analytics and data quality assessment.

- As a part of the World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) celebration, WHO Timor-Leste, the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and Menzies School of Health Research organized an antimicrobial resistance awareness event on 20 November and lighting up Cristo Rei in blue to join the Go Blue for AMR campaign worldwide. More than 400 participants participated the event, who are from government ministries, NGOs and universities (medical, nursing and midwifery students), as well as the public.
- WHO Timor-Leste supported The Ministry of Health Department of Maternal and Child health under the aegis of the National Directorate of Saúde na Família conducted 3-days orientation on New-born Birth Defects online surveillance system to all 5 Referral Hospitals directors including HNGV, head of maternity and paediatric department from all 5 referral hospitals and HNGV. The orientation also provided the overall information on NBBBD, ICD 10 coding and the system SOP's.
- The National Directorate for Hospital Services, through financial support from the WHO Timor-Leste, conducted a two-day meeting to evaluate the activities implemented in 2021, including COVID-19 case management. The primary aim of the meeting is to assess the achievement made, challenges, identify priorities and better plan for 2022. Directors from the hospital support services and referral hospitals attended the meeting.
- WHO supported the Sanitary Vigilance and Environmental Health Department, MoH conducted training orientation to more than 119 health workers (sanitary focal points, cleaners, and nurses) on health care waste management including infection, prevention, and control (IPC) in six municipalities between October to 23rd November 2021.
- Pillar 2 team together with health inspectors, as per the Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan (SPRP), for COVID-19 response under the MOH continues to conduct regular community health inspections for COVID-19 prevention and other health measures in Dili municipality targeting health care facilities, schools, markets, worship places, shopping centers and other public spaces.
- WHO continues to support the MOH through one of its implementing partners, SABEH, to carry out medical outreach consultation and domiciliary visits in the municipalities. Within three weeks of November the medical outreach has reached a total of 1,403 patients. Of the 1,403, about 539 patients from Dili municipality in collaboration with Dili Municipality Health Services and 864 patients were benefitted from the services at three sub-districts from

Bobonaro and Covalima municipality. In addition to medical outreach, the team also supported the vaccination drive and reached 1,126 people in Lourba, Bobonaro municipality.

- WHO with partners (Maluk Timor and Menzies School of Health Research) supported the International Annual Health Scientific Conference in Timor-Leste (16-17 November 2021) covering clinical management, laboratory support and epidemiology and public health topics including COVID-19 pandemic policy and strategy, risk communication, prevention, control, laboratory testing and clinical care.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATES

1. Distribution of cases and deaths by municipalities

Distribution of newly reported, recovered, and active cases by municipalities, as of 23 November 2021)

Municipality	New case (17 – 23 Nov. 2021)	Last 7-day % change (case)*	Cumulative case	New recovered (17 – 23 Nov. 2021)	Cumulative recovered	New death (17 - 23 Nov. 2021)	Cumulative death	Active Cases (23 Nov. 2021)
Aileu	0	0	126	0	125	0	1	0
Ainaro	0	0	227	0	224	0	3	0
Baucau	0	-200	1540	2	1533	0	7	0
Bobonaro	2	100	605	3	596	0	9	0
Covalima	1	100	788	1	785	0	3	0
Dili	5	0	13733	3	13645	0	81	7
Ermera	0	0	1113	0	1111	0	2	0
Lautem	0	0	183	0	178	0	5	0
Liquica	0	0	125	0	124	0	1	0
Manatuto	0	0	203	0	201	0	2	0
Manufahi	0	0	265	0	265	0	0	0
RAEOA	0	0	393	0	390	0	3	0
Viqueque	0	0	519	0	514	0	5	0
TOTAL	8	0	19820	9	19691	0	122	7

*Change in new COVID-19 cases as compared with the previous 7 days

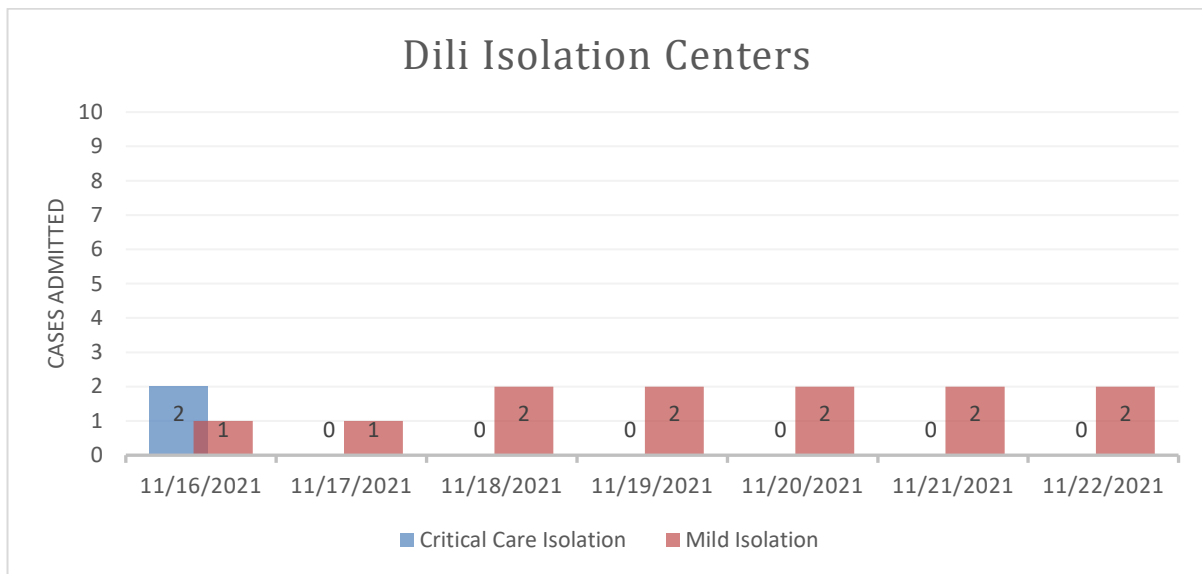
- There are 8 new cases reported during the current reporting period (17 – 23 Nov 2021). The number of new cases has remained the same as compared with the previous reporting period (10-16 Nov 2021). Incident cases are reported from Dili, Bobonaro and Covalima municipalities.
- No death has been reported from Timor-Leste during this reporting period, which is the third consecutive reporting period with no death reported.

- The number of active cases dropped to 7.

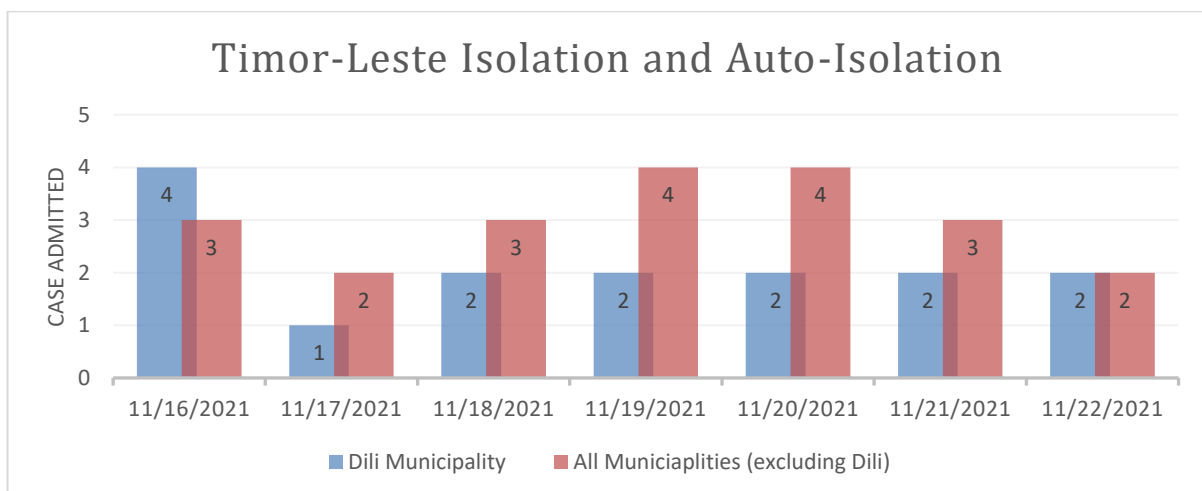
2. Number of test and test positivity rates

- During the current reporting period from 17 to 23 November, 1,262 tests were conducted, as compared to 1,118 tests in the previous 7 days.
- The test positive rates of this reporting period averaged to 0.6%, a 11% reduction as compared with the previous reporting period.

CASE MANAGEMENT



The isolation centre admissions in Dili continued to decrease steadily throughout November 2021. The numbers admitted to critical care isolation centres (Lahane and Vera Cruz) have been between 0-2. Since late August 2021, there has been an overall decrease of 99.9% in admissions in Dili isolation centres.



This chart shows the total number of people admitted to isolation centres and auto-isolation (at home) in 12 municipalities compared to Dili. Throughout Timor-Leste, patients admitted to isolation centres have steadily decreased.

VACCINATION

At the time of writing this report (23/11/2021 morning), in total, 1,061,523 COVID-19 vaccine doses comprising 634,575 first doses (coverage 79.7% among population aged 18 years and above and 18.4% among the population aged 12 years to <18 years) and 427,083 second doses (coverage 55.7% among population aged 18 years and above) were administered in Timor-Leste. The breakdown of the number of doses administered and coverage by vaccine product and vaccine dose is illustrated in Table 1.

Table 1: Number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered and coverage in Dili and Timor-Leste by vaccine brand and doses as of 10:00hrs 23/11/2021

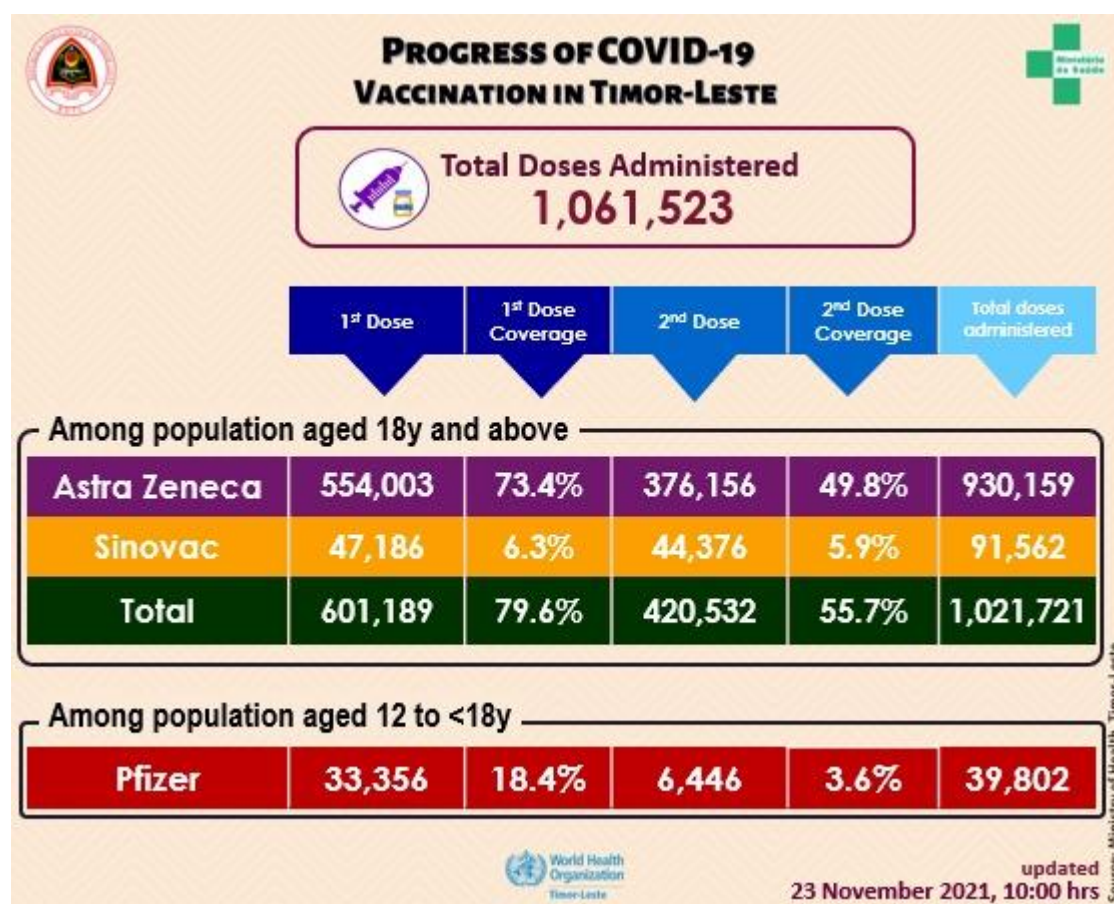


Figure 1: Coverage of COVID-19 vaccination by municipality in Timor-Leste as of 10:00hrs 23/11/2021

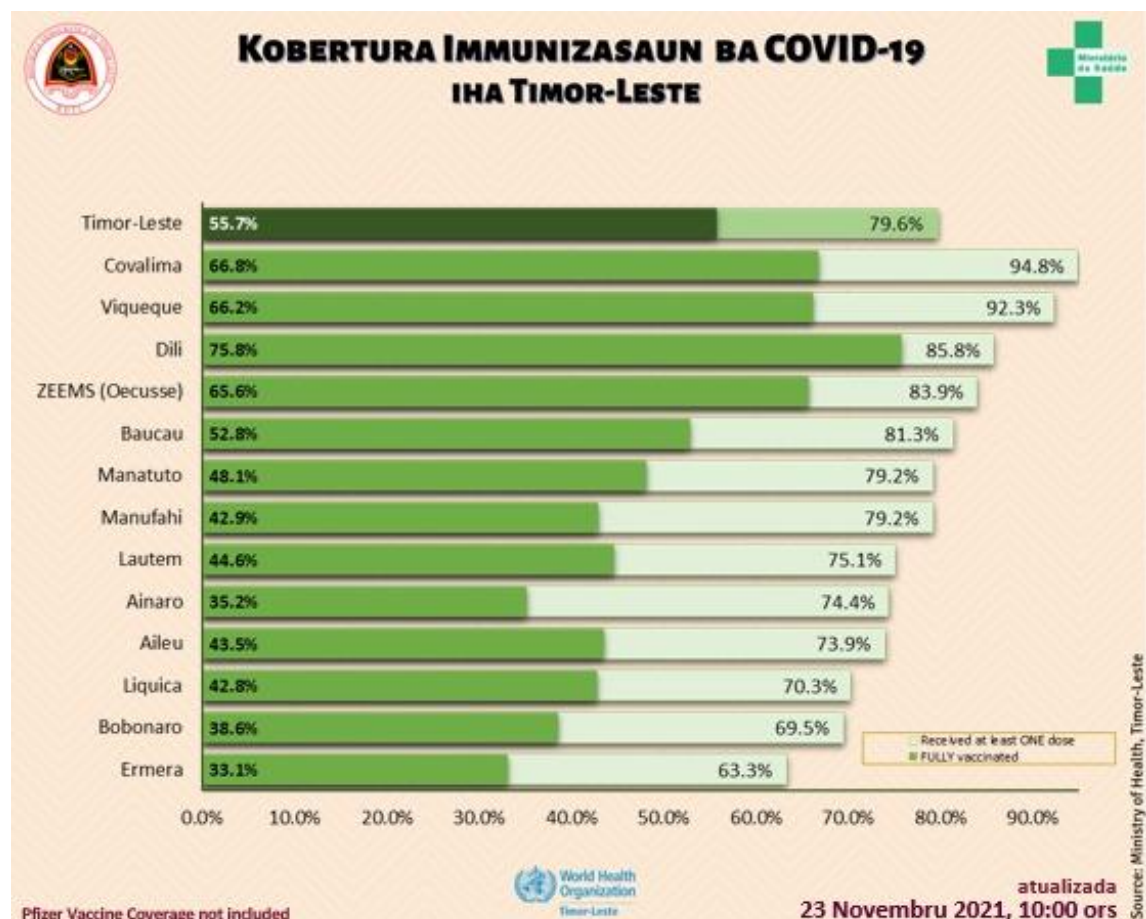


Table 2: Total number of individuals vaccinated with all the vaccine products (AstraZeneca, Sinovac, and Pfizer) and AEFI by sex by district in Timor-Leste as of 10:00 hrs 23/11/2021

Municipality	Number Vaccinated						AEFI		
	First Dose			Second Dose			Male	Female	Total
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total			
Dili	117,645	99,155	216,800	92,792	75,729	168,521	13	25	38
Aileu	12,041	11,054	23,095	7,451	6,150	13,601	1	1	2
Ainaro	13,443	12,682	26,125	6,768	5,584	12,352	0	0	0
Baucau	29,772	29,867	59,639	20,690	18,050	38,740	0	0	0
Bobonaro	20,222	19,198	39,420	12,065	9,810	21,875	4	6	10
Covalima	19,079	19,061	38,140	13,984	12,869	26,853	7	6	13
Ermera	25,176	22,381	47,557	14,058	10,782	24,840	0	0	0
Lautem	13,244	14,103	27,347	8,185	8,068	16,253	2	0	2
Liquica	16,061	15,692	31,753	10,218	9,100	19,318	0	1	1
Manatuto	11,725	10,771	22,496	7,407	6,266	13,673	2	0	2
Manufahi	13,756	12,656	26,412	7,997	6,326	14,323	1	2	3
Viqueque	19,836	20,721	40,557	14,576	14,522	29,098	6	0	6
ZEEMS (Oecusse)	17,257	17,947	35,204	13,759	13,772	27,531	0	0	0
Total (without Dili)	211,612	206,133	417,745	137,158	121,299	258,457	23	16	39
Total (Timor-Leste)	329,257	305,288	634,545	229,950	197,028	426,978	36	41	77

Figure 2: Weekly progress of vaccination in Timor-Leste during as of 10:00 hrs 21/11/2021

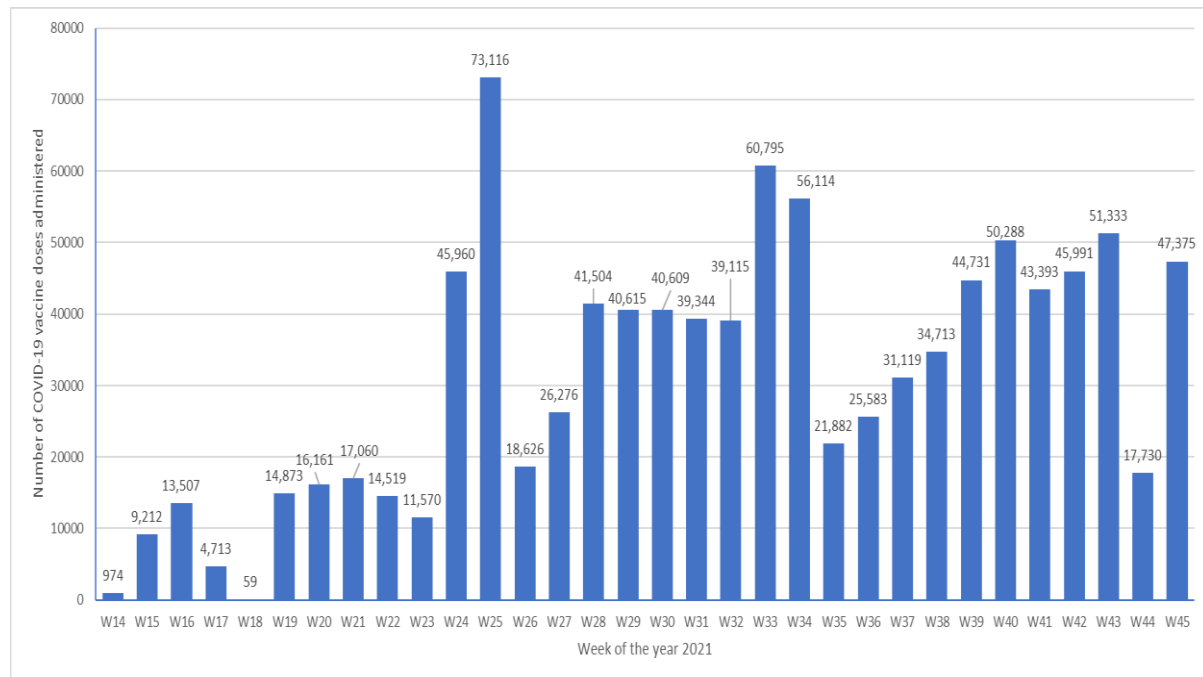


Table 3. Number of individuals among population aged 12 years to <18 years and above* vaccinated with Pfizer vaccine and coverage by district in Timor-Leste as of 10:00hrs 23/11/2021

Municipality	12to <18y Population	First Dose				Second Dose			
		12 to <18y Students	12 to <18y Non-students	Total	Coverage	12 to <18y Students	12 to <18y Non-students	Total	Coverage
Dili	41,822	33,349	7	33,356	79.8%	6,446	-	6,446	15.4%
Aileu	7,770	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Ainaro	10,253	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Baucau	18,189	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Bobonaro	14,466	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Covalima	9,729	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Ermera	20,564	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Lautem	10,447	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Liquica	11,137	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Manatuto	7,108	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Manufahi	8,267	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Viqueque	11,490	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
ZEEMS (Oecusse)	10,565	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Total (without Dili)	139,985	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
Total (Timor-Leste)	181,807	33,349	7	33,356	18.3%	6,446	-	6,446	3.5%

*Based on 2021 population projections

Table 4. Number of individuals among eligible population (18 years and above*) vaccinated with AstraZeneca and Sinovac in Timor-Leste with COVID-19 vaccine and coverage as of 10:00hrs 23/11/2021

Municipality	Eligible Population			Number vaccinated & Coverage											
	High Risk Groups (20% Pop.)	18-59y no comorbidity (80% Pop.)	Total	First Dose						Second Dose					
				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	53,178	177.4%	130,266	70.9%	183,444	85.8%	33,358	111.3%	128,717	70.0%	162,075	75.8%
Aileu	6,292	24,943	31,235	11,561	183.7%	11,534	46.2%	23,095	73.9%	6,893	109.6%	6,708	26.9%	13601	43.5%
Ainaro	7,410	27,726	35,136	6,252	84.4%	19,873	71.7%	26,125	74.4%	3,101	41.8%	9,251	33.4%	12352	35.2%
Baucau	18,141	55,175	73,316	16,990	93.7%	42,649	77.3%	59,639	81.3%	10,184	56.1%	28,556	51.8%	38740	52.8%
Bobonaro	13,268	43,476	56,744	10,338	77.9%	29,082	66.9%	39,420	69.5%	5,992	45.2%	15,883	36.5%	21875	38.6%
Covalima	8,725	31,503	40,228	9,978	114.4%	28,162	89.4%	38,140	94.8%	6,592	75.6%	20,261	64.3%	26853	66.8%
Ermera	14,350	60,793	75,143	10,223	71.2%	37,334	61.4%	47,557	63.3%	4,417	30.8%	20,423	33.6%	24840	33.1%
Lautem	8,455	27,963	36,418	8,068	95.4%	19,279	68.9%	27,347	75.1%	5,024	59.4%	11,229	40.2%	16253	44.6%
Liquica	9,588	35,597	45,185	8,163	85.1%	23,590	66.3%	31,753	70.3%	4,540	47.4%	14,778	41.5%	19318	42.8%
Manatuto	6,701	21,718	28,419	6,463	96.4%	16,033	73.8%	22,496	79.2%	3,520	52.5%	10,153	46.8%	13673	48.1%
Manufahi	7,595	25,766	33,361	9,077	119.5%	17,335	67.3%	26,412	79.2%	6,206	81.7%	8,117	31.5%	14323	42.9%
Viqueque	11,034	32,905	43,939	12,292	111.4%	28,265	85.9%	40,557	92.3%	8,677	78.6%	20,421	62.1%	29098	66.2%
ZEEMS (Oecusse)	9,408	32,534	41,942	11,477	122.0%	23,727	72.9%	35,204	83.9%	7,600	80.8%	19,931	61.3%	27,531	65.6%
Total (without Dili)	120,967	420,098	541,065	120,882	99.9%	296,863	70.7%	417,745	77.2%	72,746	60.1%	185,711	44.2%	258,457	47.8%
Total (Timor-Leste)	150,947	603,920	754,867	174,060	115.3%	427,129	70.73%	601,189	79.6%	106,104	70.3%	314,428	52.1%	420,532	55.7%

* Based on 2021 population projections. Population with Comorbidity 12.5% among 30-59y based on 2016 DHS data

High Risk Groups (20% of the population) - Healthcare staff, other front line staff, aged 60y and above, and 18-59y with comorbidity

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

Table 5: COVID-19 Coverage among TOTAL POPULATION by District as of 10:00 hrs 23/11/2021

Municipality	Total Population *	Number Vaccinated & Coverage			
		First Dose		Second Dose	
		Number Vaccinated	Coverage	Number Vaccinated	Coverage
Dili	352,553	216,800	61.5%	168,521	47.8%
Aileu	56,242	23,095	41.1%	13,601	24.2%
Ainaro	65,509	26,125	39.9%	12,352	18.9%
Baucau	126,996	59,639	47.0%	38,740	30.5%
Bobonaro	99,932	39,420	39.4%	21,875	21.9%
Covalima	70,194	38,140	54.3%	26,853	38.3%
Ermera	139,692	47,557	34.0%	24,840	17.8%
Lautem	66,938	27,347	40.9%	16,253	24.3%
Liquica	81,293	31,753	39.1%	19,318	23.8%
Manatuto	49,417	22,496	45.5%	13,673	27.7%
Manufahi	57,831	26,412	45.7%	14,323	24.8%
Viqueque	72,042	40,557	56.3%	29,098	40.4%
ZEEMS (Oecusse)	79,141	35,204	44.5%	27,531	34.8%
Total (without Dili)	965,227	417,745	43.3%	258,457	26.8%
Total (Timor-Leste)	1,317,780	634,545	48.2%	426,978	32.4%

* Based on 2021 population projections

Table 6: Number of individuals TO BE VACCINATED by District as of 10:00 hrs 23/11/2021

Municipality	Total Population *	Number TO BE VACCINATED and Percentage			
		First Dose		Second Dose	
		Number to be Vaccinated	Percentage	Number to be Vaccinated	Percentage
Dili	352,553	135,753	38.5%	184,032	52.2%
Aileu	56,242	33,147	58.9%	42,641	75.8%
Ainaro	65,509	39,384	60.1%	53,157	81.1%
Baucau	126,996	67,357	53.0%	88,256	69.5%
Bobonaro	99,932	60,512	60.6%	78,057	78.1%
Covalima	70,194	32,054	45.7%	43,341	61.7%
Ermera	139,692	92,135	66.0%	114,852	82.2%
Lautem	66,938	39,591	59.1%	50,685	75.7%
Liquica	81,293	49,540	60.9%	61,975	76.2%
Manatuto	49,417	26,921	54.5%	35,744	72.3%
Manufahi	57,831	31,419	54.3%	43,508	75.2%
Viqueque	72,042	31,485	43.7%	42,944	59.6%
ZEEMS (Oecusse)	79,141	43,937	55.5%	51,610	65.2%
Total (without Dili)	965,227	547,482	56.7%	706,770	73.2%
Total (Timor-Leste)	1,317,780	683,235	51.8%	890,802	67.6%

* Based on 2021 population projections

SITUATION ANALYSIS

- The transmission of COVID-19 continues to remain at a low level in Timor-Leste, as evidenced by the record low level of incident cases, test positivity rates and zero deaths (for three consecutive reporting periods).
- The state of emergency is unlikely to be extended beyond the current expiry date according to the news report. However, a government decree law to enforce public health measures during the public health emergency has been passed and will be implemented. This will guarantee the continuing implementation of quarantine and surveillance measures. It is expected that the movements of people will be increased, while the use of masks and hand washing decreased. The public should continue to take these measures as part of the “new normal” and get the vaccination if they haven’t done so. At the same time, policies and procedures should be updated on entering the territory, testing, quarantine and isolations to accommodate the new developments.
- Remember: the pandemic is not yet over, and the cases are surging in some parts of the world. We should continue to be vigilant!

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- [For public and professionals on prevention, treatment, and vaccination etc.](#)
- [WHO Recommendations for COVID-19 Related Decisions](#)
- WHO Free Courses in Tetum – [OpenWHO.org](#)

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 hasane@who.int