



# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Situation Report – 143

## Timor-Leste

\*Data as reported on 15 March 2022

### SITUATION IN NUMBERS

#### TIMOR-LESTE



Cumulative  
(new)  
**22,795 (27)**



Recovered (new)  
**22,619 (99)**



Active cases  
**47**



Deaths (new)  
**129 (0)**

#### VACCINATION STATUS



1<sup>st</sup> dose (no.) - **691,292**  
Coverage - **85.1%\*\***



2<sup>nd</sup> dose (no.) - **577,119**  
Coverage - **72.3%\*\***

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

\*\*For adult population 18 years and above

#### GLOBAL



Cases  
**456,797,217**



Deaths  
**6,043,094**

#### VACCINATION



**10,712,423,741** doses

### HIGHLIGHTS

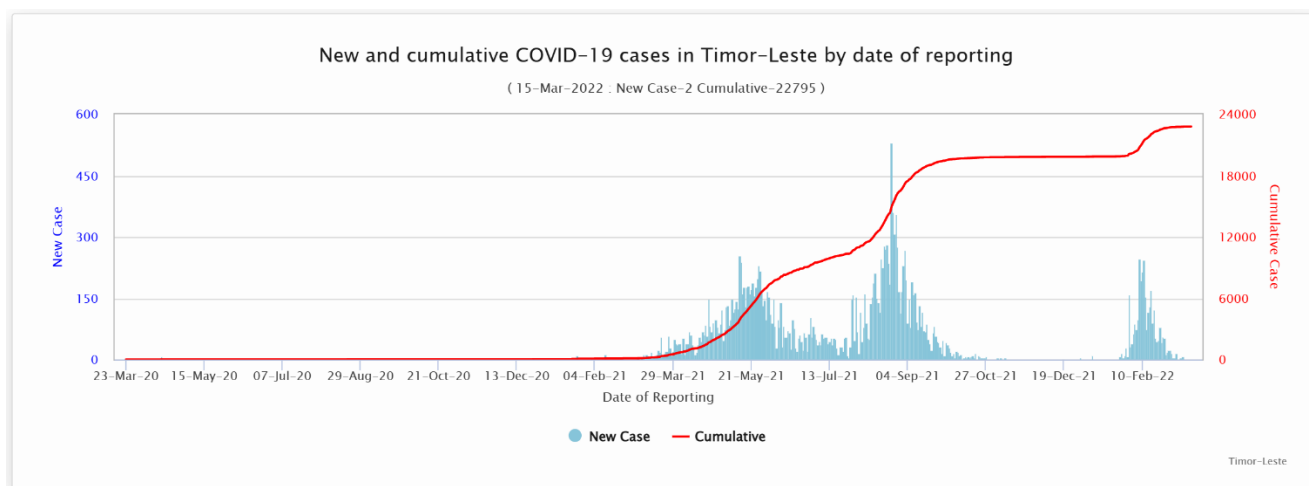
- Since the last edition of the weekly situation report, the Ministry of Health (MoH) reported **27** new cases of COVID-19, **99** recoveries and **0** deaths. The number of incident cases has reduced by 48% as compared with the previous reporting period.
- The three WHO dengue international experts continue their technical support missions for dengue prevention and case management in Timor-Leste, including the case management trainings to doctors and nurses in HNGV and Baucau, Ainaro, Covalima, Bobonaro and Maubisse Referral Hospitals, as well as mosquito larvae breeding site mapping and training in the above areas.
- Orientation of 'One Impact' mobile application and dashboard has been conducted by Division of Global Fund and MoH Team. One Impact is a platform of digital solutions, developed for Timor-Leste to enhance community empowerment, engagement and support towards TB, HIV, Malaria and COVID-19. The application is developed as part of C19RM strategic intervention, developed with WHO technical assistance.

- World Health Organization Timor-Leste officially handed over 30 sets of open-air gym equipment to the Ministry of Health as part of the Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) programme to promote healthy lifestyle through physical activity. Regular physical activity of sufficient duration and intensity has multiple benefits. It reduces the risk of getting hypertension, heart disease, stroke, cancers, and diabetes, as well as with other health benefits.
- WHO, UNICEF, PARTISIPA and other development partners supported the Ministry of Health for the launch of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations in Ermera municipality to adolescents age 12 to under 18 years as well as a booster for eligible population 18 years and above. UNICEF and WHO continue to support the 13 Municipalities for social behaviour change, vaccine uptake, as well as uptake of essential health services.
- UNICEF continues to work with WHO and DFAT to support the Ministry of Health to ensure utilization of remaining AstraZeneca vaccine stock and scale up Pfizer vaccination campaign across the country.
- UNICEF with WHO facilitated the monthly EPI technical working group meeting in which it was recommended to introduce the Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) vaccine in October 2022 and postpone the measles supplementary **immunization** activity (SIA) vaccination campaign to 2023. UNICEF is in communication with its Supply Division to bring in the PCV vaccine one month prior to the introduction date.

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATES

### 1. New and cumulative cases, as of 15 March 2022

As shown by the epi curve below, number of new cases reported continues to decline for the fifth consecutive reporting period.



## 2. Distribution of cases and deaths by municipalities

Distribution of newly reported, recovered, and active cases by municipalities, as of 15 March 2022)

Municipality	New case (9-15 Mar. 2022)	Last 7-day % change (case)*	Cumulative case	New recovered (9-15 Mar. 2022)	Cumulative recovered	New death (9-15 Mar. 2022)	Cumulative death	Active Cases (15 Mar. 2022)
Aileu	0	0	136	0	135	0	1	0
Ainaro	1	100	303	0	299	0	3	1
Baucau	3	0	1626	0	1599	0	7	20
Bobonaro	3	100	738	1	726	0	10	2
Covalima	6	-14	838	6	829	0	3	6
Dili	10	-76	16256	89	16154	0	87	15
Ermera	0	0	1120	0	1118	0	2	0
Lautem	0	0	187	0	182	0	5	0
Liquica	0	0	132	0	131	0	1	0
Manatuto	0	0	240	0	238	0	2	0
Manufahi	0	0	272	0	272	0	0	0
RAEOA	4	300	428	3	422	0	3	3
Viqueque	0	0	519	0	514	0	5	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>-48</b>	<b>22795</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>22619</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>47</b>

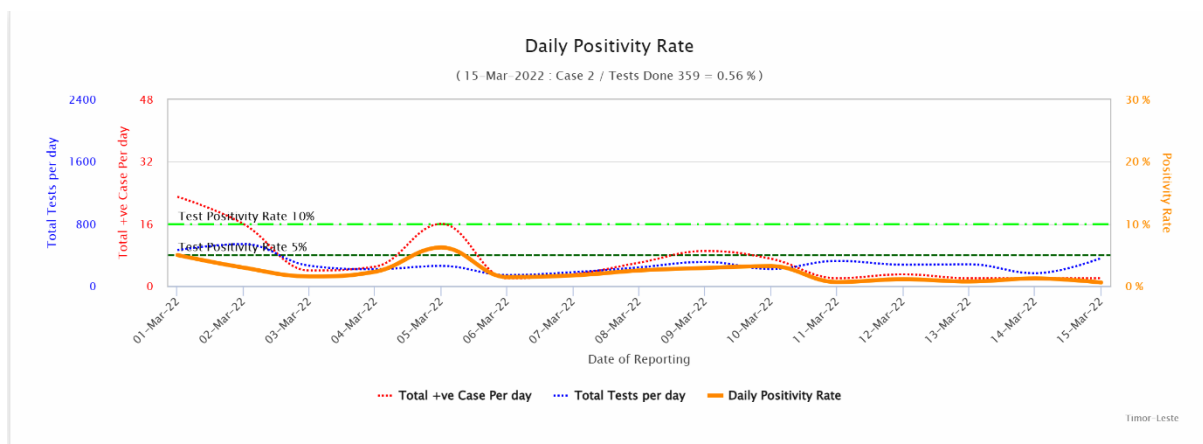
\*Change in new COVID-19 cases as compared with the previous 7 days

- A total of 27 new cases have been reported during the current reporting period (9-15 Mar. 2022), as compared 52 cases reported during the previous reporting period (2-8 Mar. 2022), with a 48% reduction. Cases are reported from Dili, Covalima, Baucau, Bobonaro and Oecusse municipalities.
- No COVID-19 related death has been reported from Timor-Leste during this reporting period; there was one death during the last reporting period.
- The number of active cases is 52 as of 15 Mar. 2022.

## 3. Number of tests and test positivity rates

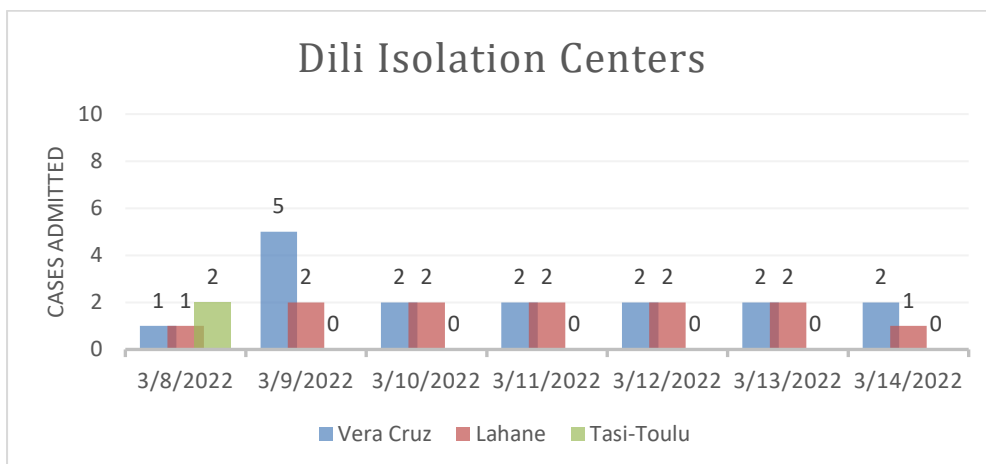
During the current reporting period from 9-15 Mar. 2022, 1,838 tests were conducted, almost the same as the 1,835 tests in the previous 7 days.

The test positive rate of this reporting period is averaged as 1.5% (as compared with 2.8% of the previous 7 days). The figure below illustrates the daily number of test, cases and test positivity proportion, which demonstrates a further downward trend.



## CASE MANAGEMENT

Lahane and Vera Cruz Isolation Centers are treating moderate patients with risk factors and critical cases, while part of the Tasi-Tolu Center admits mild and moderate cases with risk factors. From the figure below, it shows there are currently no patients admitted to Tasi-Tolu isolation center and minimal patients at Lahane and Vera Cruz.

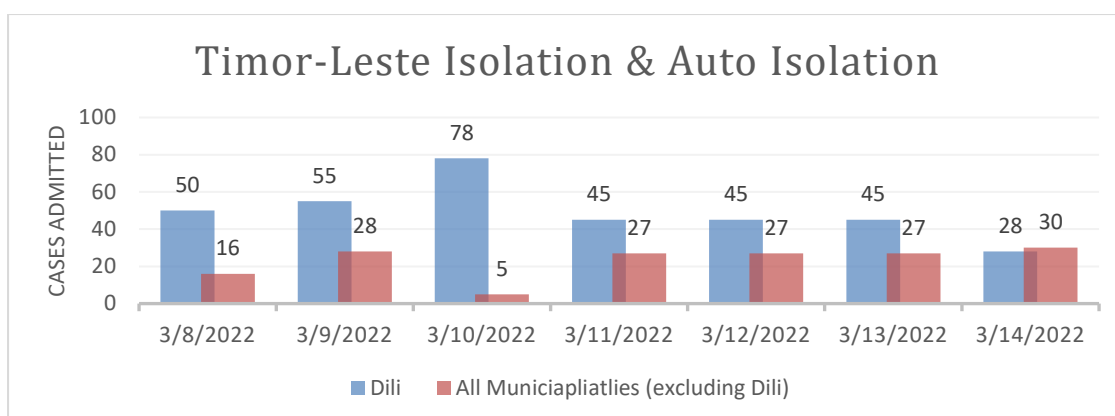


The current bed occupancy % for Lahane Isolation center is 4.5%.

The current bed occupancy % for Vera Cruz Isolation Center is 3%.

The current bed occupancy % for Tasi Toulu Isolation center is 0%

The chart below 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 at home isolation or admitted to isolation centres have steadily decreased.



## VACCINATION

At the time of writing this report (15/03/2022), in total, 1,283,948 COVID-19 vaccine doses comprising 691,292 first doses (coverage 85.1% among population aged 18 years and above and 27.0% among the population aged 12 years to <18 years), 577,119 second doses (coverage 72.3% among population aged 18 years and above and 17.2% among the population aged 12 years to <18 years), 15,526 (coverage 2.1% among population aged 18 years) booster doses 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 Timor-Leste by vaccine product and dose as of 10:00hrs 15/03/2022**

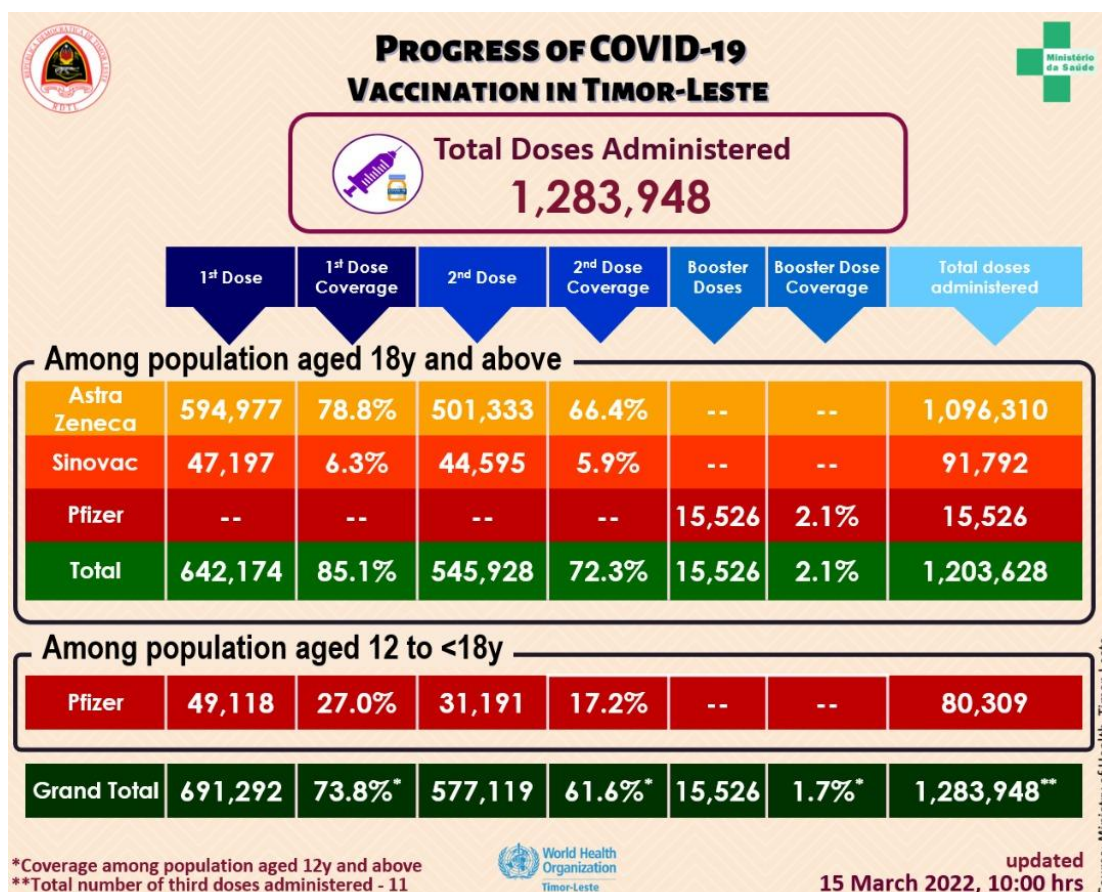
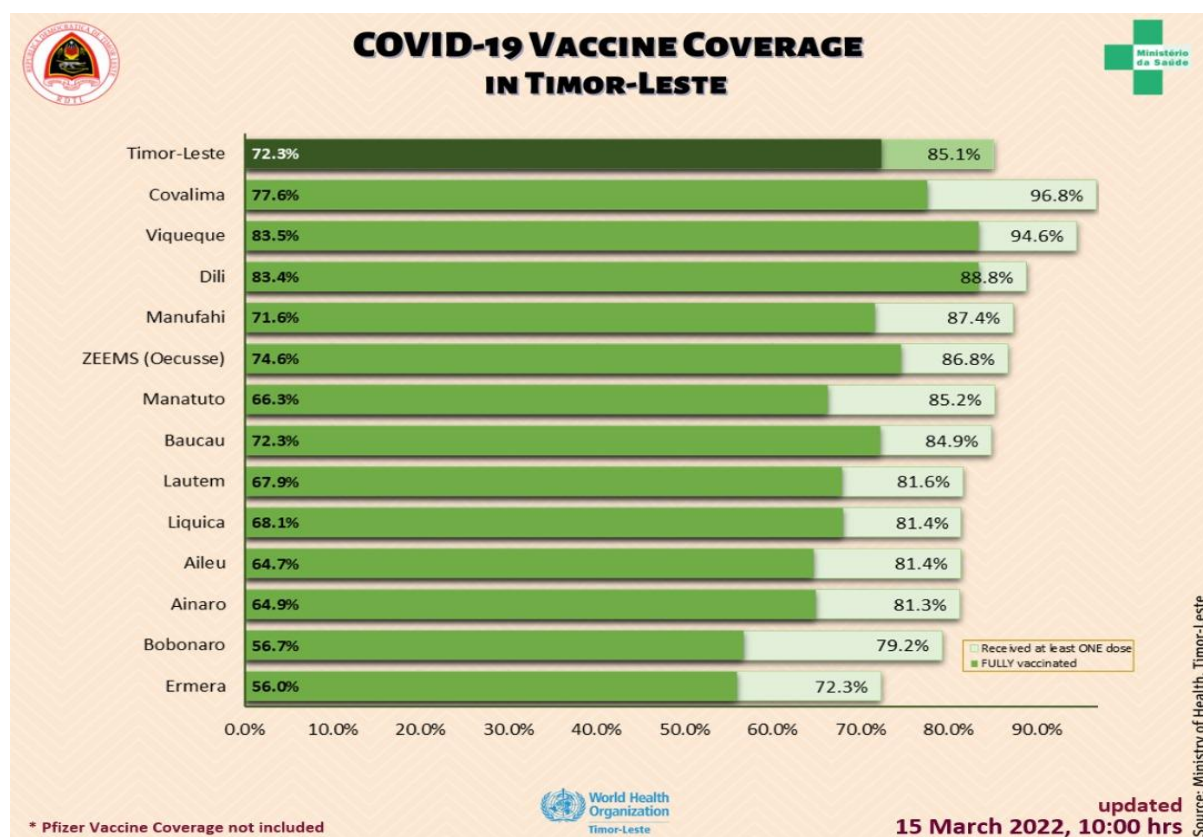


Figure 1: Coverage of COVID-19 vaccination among population aged 18 years and above by municipality in Timor-Leste as of 10:00hrs 15/03/2022



## SITUATION ANALYSIS

- The number of new cases and test positivity rates continue to decline further. During most days recently, only a couple of new cases have been reported. No death has been reported during the current seven days. There are only a couple of mild or moderate cases in the isolation and treatment centers in Dili. Social economic life has largely returned to normal in the country, except some restrictions that still apply for international travelling.
- The ongoing campaigns and mass gatherings for the presidential election at the weekend pose some risks for virus transmission. The guidelines for COVID-19 prevention should be followed by all election workers and the public.

## 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](mailto:hasane@who.int)