



Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Situation Report – 145

Timor-Leste

*Data as reported on 29 March 2022

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

TIMOR-LESTE



Cumulative
22,827 (17)



Recovered (new)
22,680 (15)



Active cases
17



Deaths (new)
130 (0)

VACCINATION STATUS



1st dose - **722,404**
Coverage - **85.5%****



2nd dose - **582,616**
Coverage - **72.7%****

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

**For adult population 18 years and above

GLOBAL



Cases
480,170,572



Deaths
6,124,396

VACCINATION



11,054,362,790 doses

HIGHLIGHTS

- Since the last edition of the weekly situation report, the Ministry of Health (MoH) reported **17** new cases of COVID-19, **15** recoveries and **0** death. The number of incident cases has increased by 13% as compared with the previous reporting period.
- Ministry of Health – the National TB Programme and WHO organized the World TB day event in Atauro Island. The theme for this year is “Invest to End TB. Save Lives” – conveys the urgent need to invest resources to increase the fight against TB and preventing more deaths. Participated in this event – H.E Vice Minister of Health, Director General of Health Service Delivery, WHO Representative, KOICA team, Administrator of Atauro Administrative post and the Ministry of Health, and Communicable Diseases Department team.
- The Codex Trust Fund project launch and orientation workshop was conducted on 28 March, which was participated by relevant officers from ministries of health, agriculture and fishery, trade, as well agencies including AIFAESA, Customer Protection Association, etc. The goal of the project is to establish a functional National Codex Committee through different capacity building activities. DG Health Service MOH Dr Odete Viegas and WHO Representative Dr

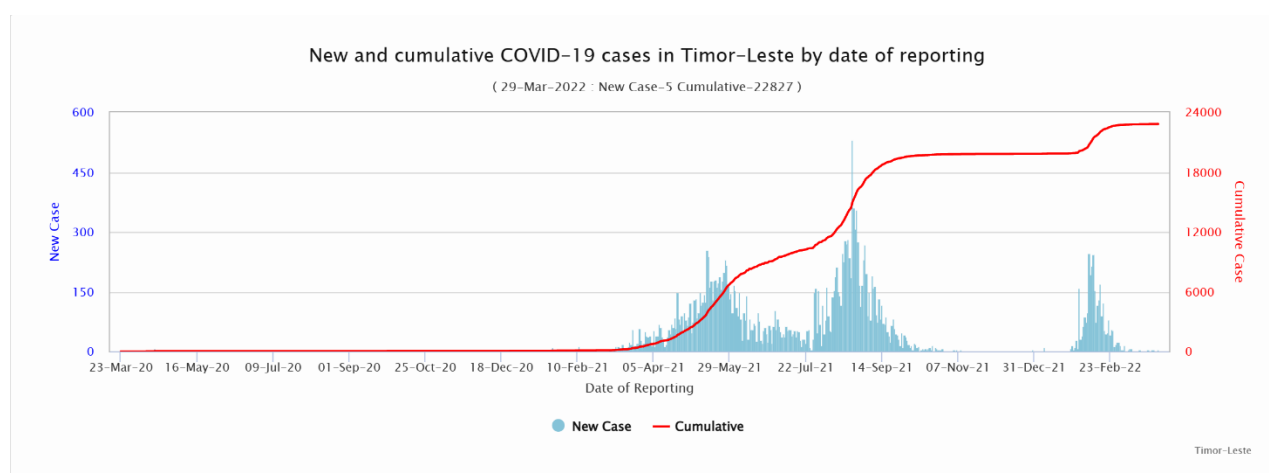
Arvind Mathur delivered the opening remarks, along with representatives from Ministry of Agriculture and Fishery and FAO country office.

- WHO-TLS conducted a workshop on importance of health information and a refresher training of National Health Information System – Timor-Leste Health Information System on 28th March 2022. Expanded Programme of Immunization and Maternal and Child Health information were mainly focused. Over 100 participants were participated in the workshop from all the municipalities and national programmes.
- UNICEF is supporting the distribution and utilization of vehicles, that have already been handed over to MOH, to all municipalities to strengthen the logistic capacity and support the ongoing vaccination campaign and routine health service delivery.
- UNICEF and WHO continue to support community mobilization in all 13 municipalities to help raise awareness on COVID-19 prevention, vaccine uptake, promotion of routine health and nutrition services. This is supported through daily messaging on community radio, national television (RTTL) and social media.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATES

1. New and cumulative cases, as of 29 March 2022

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



2. Distribution of cases and deaths by municipalities

Distribution of newly reported, recovered, and active cases by municipalities, as of 29 March 2022)

| Municipality | New case (23-29 Mar. 2022) | Last 7-day % change (case)* | Cumulative case | New recovered (23 – 29 Mar. 2022) | Cumulative recovered | New death (23-29 Mar. 2022) | Cumulative death | Active Cases (29 Mar. 2022) |
|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Aileu | 0 | 0 | 136 | 0 | 135 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Ainaro | 0 | 0 | 303 | 1 | 300 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Baucau | 0 | 0 | 1626 | 0 | 1619 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Bobonaro | 3 | 100 | 741 | 1 | 729 | 0 | 10 | 2 |
| Covalima | 0 | 0 | 838 | 4 | 835 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Dili | 7 | -22 | 16272 | 7 | 16178 | 0 | 88 | 6 |
| 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 | 7 | 17 | 441 | 2 | 429 | 0 | 3 | 9 |
| Viqueque | 0 | 0 | 519 | 0 | 514 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 17 | 13 | 22827 | 15 | 22680 | 0 | 130 | 17 |

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

- A total of 17 new cases are reported during the current reporting period (23-29 Mar. 2022), with a 13% increase as compared with the previous reporting period. Cases are reported from Dili, Oecusse and Bobonaro municipalities.
- No COVID-19 related death has been reported from Timor-Leste during this reporting period.
- The number of active cases has been 17 as of 22 Mar. 2022.

3. Number of test and test positivity rates

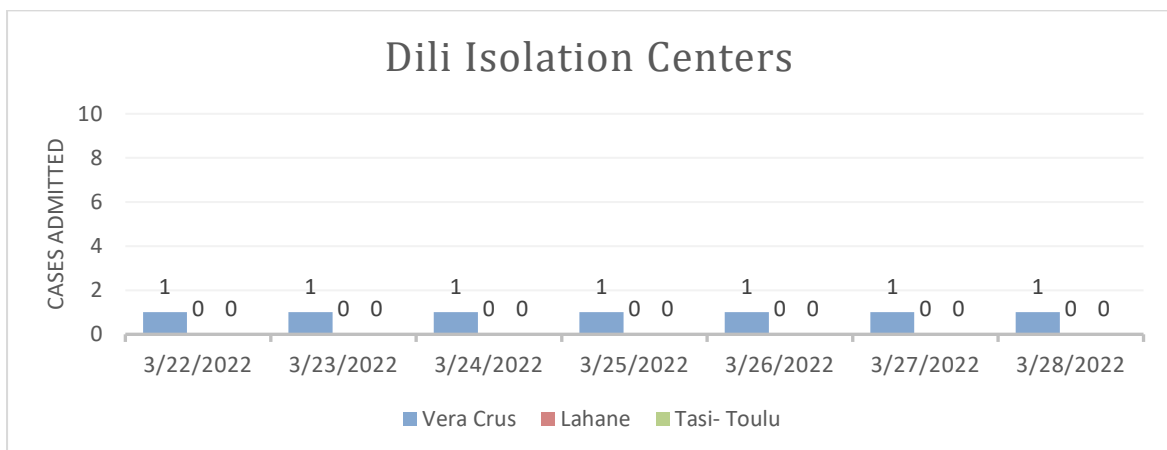
During the current reporting period from 23-29 Mar. 2022, 1,462 tests were conducted, similar as 1,561 tests in the previous 7 days.

The test positive rate of this reporting period is averaged as 1.2% (as compared with 1.0% of the previous 7 days).

CASE MANAGEMENT

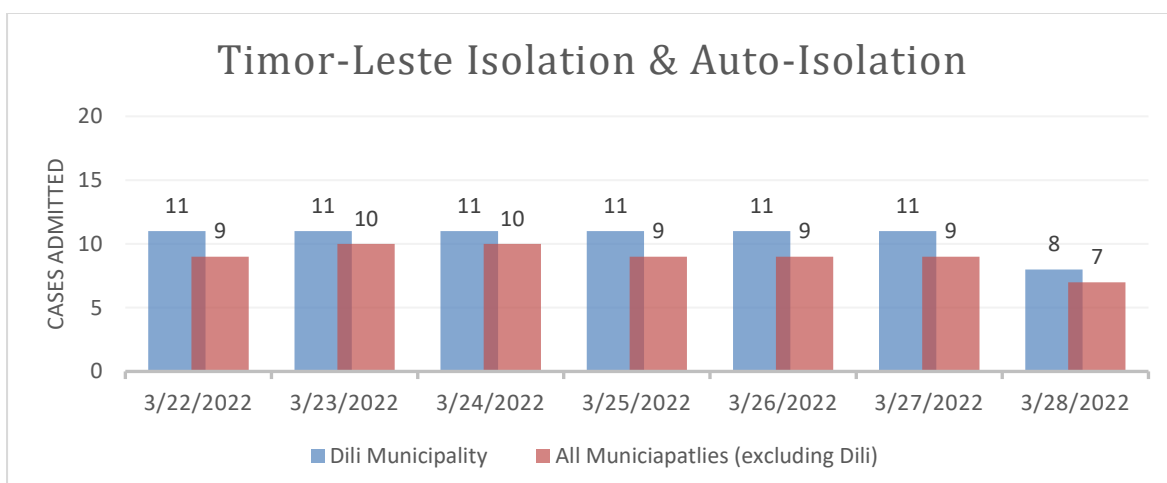
Lahane and Vera Cruz Isolation Center have been treating moderate patients with risk factors and critical cases, while part of the Tasi-Tolu Center admits mild and moderate cases with risk factors. From the figure below, it shows number of patients admitted to isolation centers is minimal.

As of 28 March 2022, Lahane Isolation Center will be treating TB patients and Vera Cruz will continue to provide treatment for COVID-19.



The current bed occupancy % for Lahane Isolation center is 0%.
 The current bed occupancy % for Tasi Tolu Isolation center is 0%
 The current bed occupancy % for Vera Cruz Isolation Center is 0.5%

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 admitted to isolation centres have steadily decreased.



VACCINATION

At the time of writing this report (29/03/2022 morning), in total, 1,327,513 COVID-19 vaccine doses comprising 722,404 first doses (coverage 85.5% among population aged 18 years and above and 42.3% among the population aged 12 years to <18 years), 582,616 second doses (coverage 72.7% among population aged 18 years and above and 18.5% among the population aged 12 years to <18 years), 22,482 (coverage 3.0% 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 29/03/2022

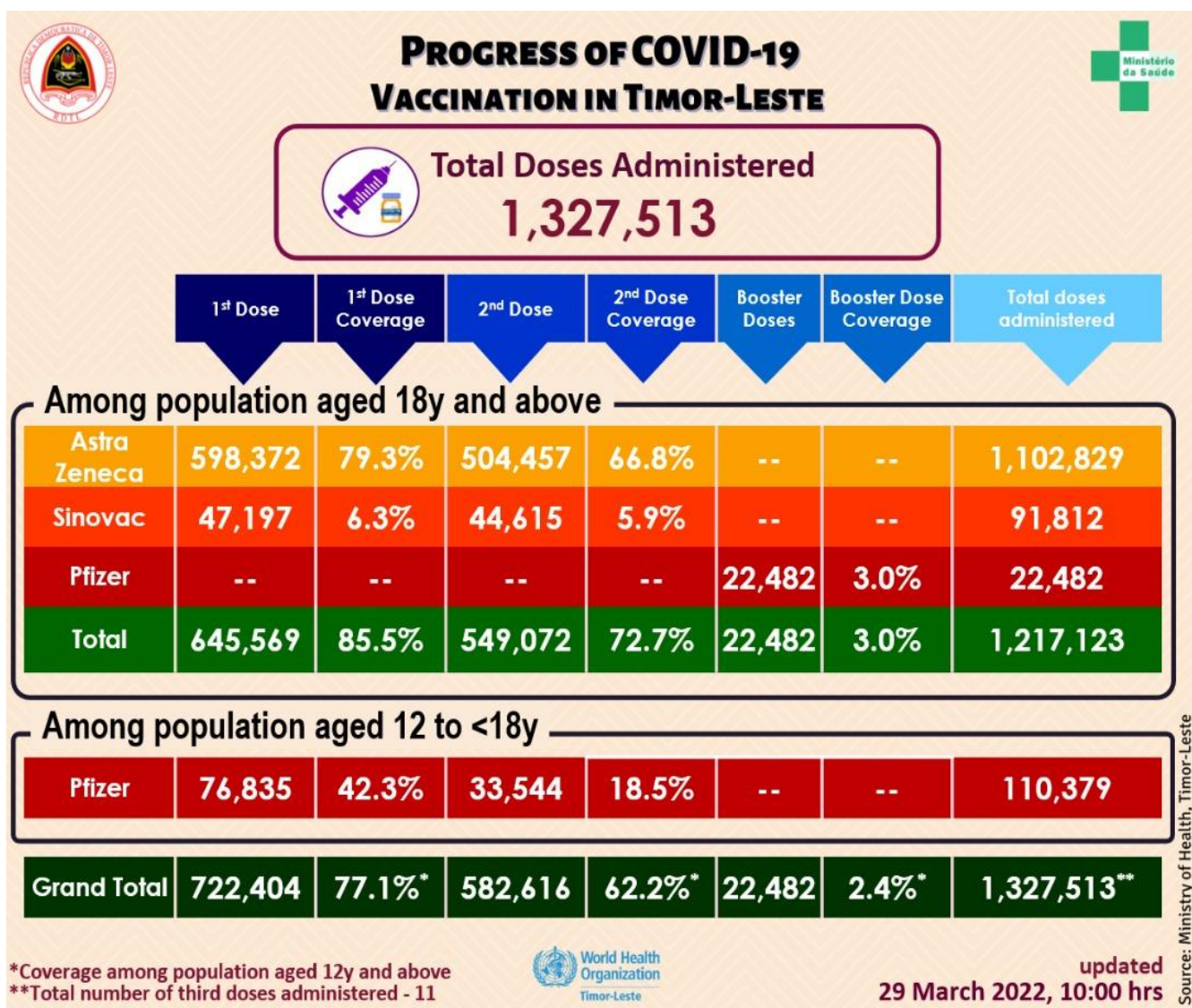
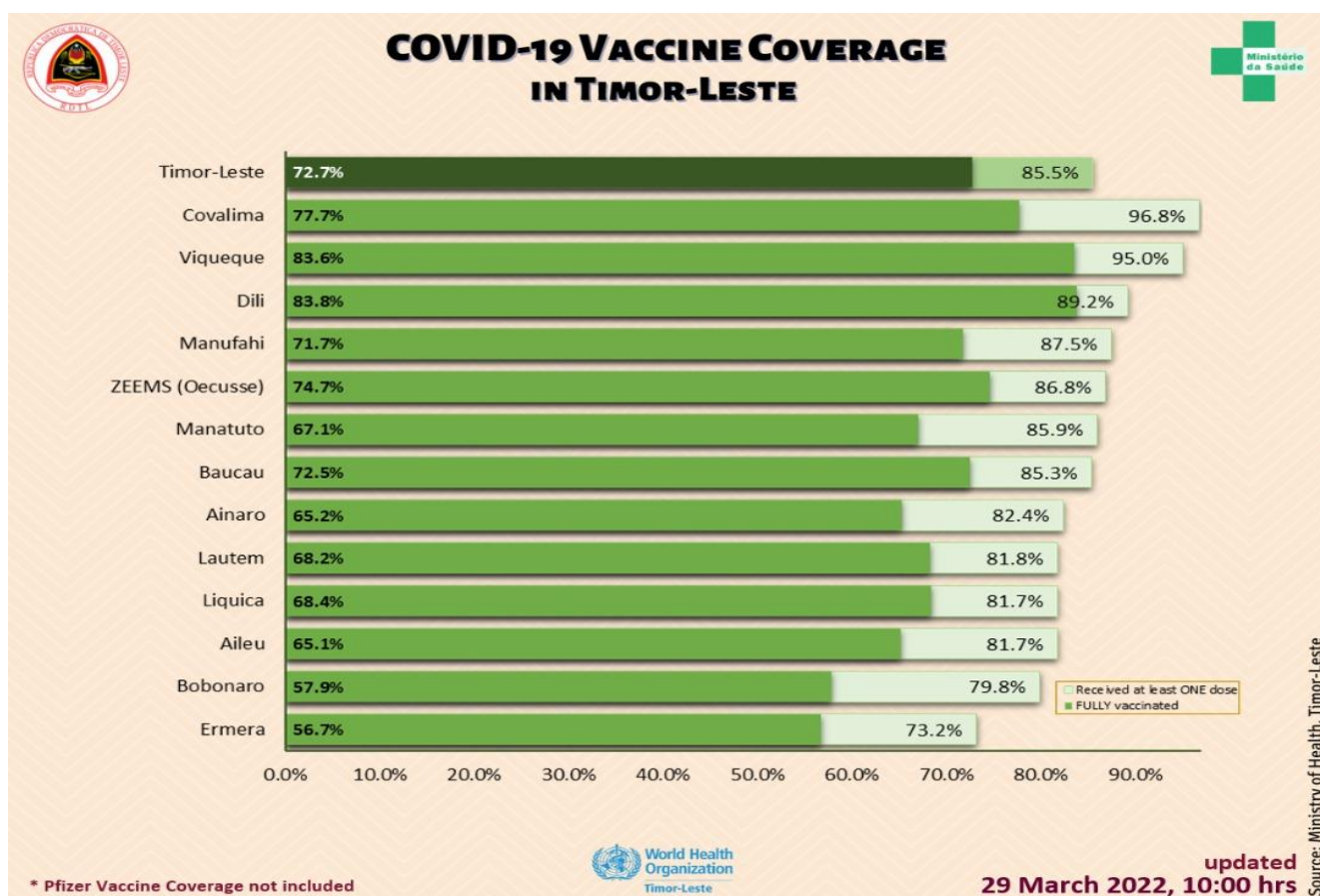


Figure 1: Coverage of COVID-19 vaccination among population aged 18 years and above by municipality in Timor-Leste as of 10:00hrs 29/03/2022



POLICY UPDATE

Meeting of the Council of Ministers of 16 March 2022

The Council of Ministers met at the Government Palace in Dili and approved the draft Decree-Law, presented by the Prime Minister, Taur Matan Ruak, for the first amendment to Decree-Law No. 26/2021 of 26 November on the exceptional and temporary measures of health surveillance in response to the pandemic of the disease COVID-19.

With this change:

1. entry into national territory shall be subject only to the presentation of a full vaccination certificate or as an alternative to quarantine; and
2. there is no longer a limitation of the hours of operation of the land border posts, which return to their normal daily operation.

SITUATION ANALYSIS

- Timor-Leste remains at a low level of transmissions of COVID-19. Cases continue to be reported from Dili and the two border municipalities with Indonesia, i.e., Oecusse and Bobonaro. It is noted seven cases reported from Oecusse during this reporting period. For understandable reasons, surveillance and testing should continue to be strengthened, particularly in these areas with large number of population movements, and at the land crossings between Timor-Leste and Indonesia province of NTT.

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