

Data as reported by 23 June 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Ministry of Health (MoH) reported **365** new cases of COVID-19 since the last time of reporting (**16.06.2021**) – this takes the total tally of COVID-19 cases to **8,843**. All patients are admitted to the designated isolation and treatment facilities at Vera Cruz, Tasitolu, Tibar, and other government identified isolation hotels. The MoH has also granted permission to some cases for home isolation. For more details, please see the epidemiological update section.

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 MoH's Facebook page, [Palacio das Cinzas](#).

- Pillar 2 team, as per the Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan (SPRP), for COVID-19 response under the MoH, continues to proactively conduct sensitization and advocacy to government, university students, and at the community level and the second phase of COVID-19 vaccination with support from WHO and UNICEF and several other partners in 13 municipalities.

- The MoH reported one additional COVID-19 death since the time of last reporting (09.06.2021). The COVID-19 death toll now stands at **19**.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

8843 confirmed (**365** new)
7838 recovered (**1198** new)
986 active cases
19 deaths

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

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WHO regarding the current COVID-
19 outbreak can be found [here](#).

GLOBAL SITUATION IN NUMBERS

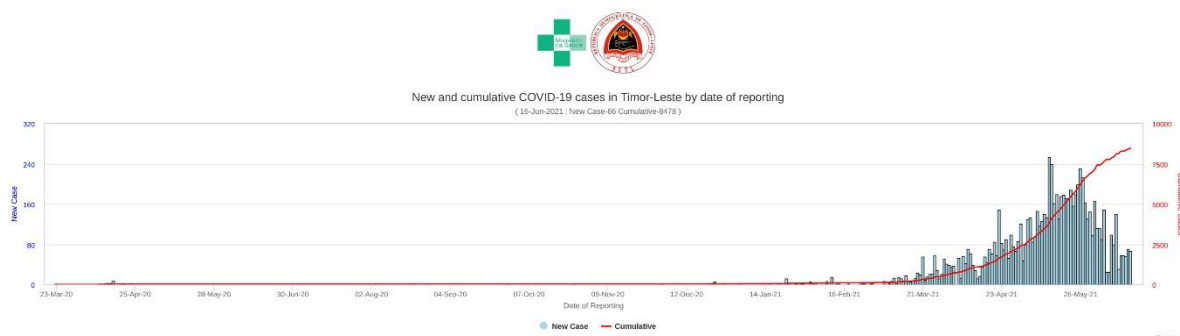
Total (new) cases in last seven
days

Globally

177 866 160 confirmed (**2 520 684**)
3 857 974 deaths (**64 075**)

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATES

- The number of COVID-19 cases had been surging since early March 2021; but has been showing signs of stabilizing – with a downward trend nationally – since early June 2021.
- As of 23 June 2021, 8,843 cases and 19 deaths were reported. Of the 8,843 cases, 7,838 have recovered. Currently, there are 986 active cases in the isolation/treatment centres of Tasi Tolu, Vera Cruz and other facilities in Dili and the Municipalities or at home for isolation and follow up.

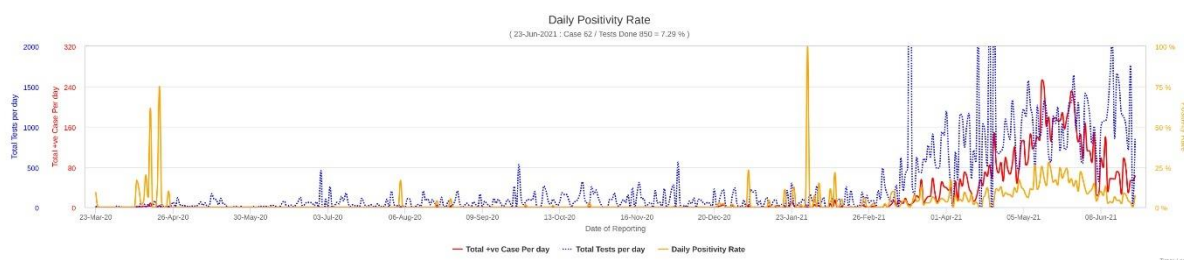


- Distribution of newly reported, recovered and active cases by municipalities, as of 23 June 2021.

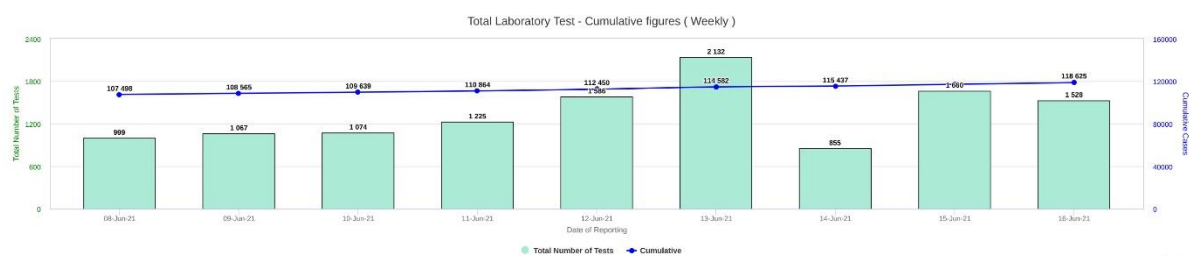
Municipality	New Case	Cumulative Case	New Recovered	Cumulative Recovered	New Deceased	Cumulative Deceased	Active Case
Aileu	0	35	0	29	0	0	6
Ainaro	0	50	0	34	0	0	16
Baucau	13	482	0	303	0	0	179
Bobonaro	0	233	2	185	0	2	46
Covalima	0	209	7	160	0	0	49
Dili	37	7282	61	6687	0	16	579
Ermera	0	115	0	96	0	0	19
Lautem	0	48	0	35	0	0	13
Liquiça	0	26	0	24	0	1	1
Manatuto	7	68	0	36	0	0	32
Manufahi	0	73	0	56	0	0	17
Oecusse	0	20	2	14	0	0	6
Viqueque	5	202	4	179	0	0	23
Total	62	8843	76	7838	0	19	986

- As demonstrated in the above table, majority of the cases (83%) are reported from Dili, followed by Baucau, Covalima, Bobonaro, and Viqueque. In all, 19 deaths have been reported, of which 15 are from Dili, one from Liquica and one from Bobonaro.

- The test positivity rate from the last seven days showed 4% (compare to 5 % from the previous week), showing early signs of control over this current surge. However, the test positivity rate in Baucau showed 11,4% (96 out of 845 were tested positive over the last week). With low testing in the municipalities coupled with low vaccine coverage outside of Dili, the largely susceptible population in the districts could quickly upend this early stabilization. Strict adherence to public health and social measures (masking, hand washing, physical distancing and avoidance of mass gatherings) must continue as vaccine coverage is ramped up.



- As of 23 June 2021, **124,394** PCR tests were done by the National Health Laboratory and referral hospital laboratories since the beginning of the response. The NHL now can return results within 24 hours of collecting the samples.



CASE MANAGEMENT

	15/06	16/06	17/06	18/06	19/06	20/06	21/06
Isolation Centers Dili	463	412	373	347	334	322	290
Home-isolation Dili	89	89	74	74	68	66	66
All isolation Municipalities	184	180	173	208	197	207	202
Grand total	736	681	620	629	599	595	558

- The table shows that the number of cases in (1) Dili, (2) home isolation continue to decrease over time, and 3) all isolation in the 12 other municipalities. This is broadly in line with the testing results from the National Laboratory. Since 1 June 2021 (total in isolation on 1 June: 1,748 persons), this is approximately at 68% decrease for isolation throughout Timor-Leste.

- Pillar 7 and HNGV team have continued to prepare for the treatment and care of mild to critical patients, including in all 5 Referral Hospitals. Training has been completed in Baucau and Maliana thus far and will continue with Suai, Maubisse and Oecusse Referral Hospitals.

VACCINATION UPDATES

At the time of writing this report (afternoon of 23 June 2021) in total 186,114 COVID-19 vaccine doses comprising 163,150, 1st doses and 22,964, 2nd doses have been administered. The breakdown of the number of doses administered by the first and second dose for priority population groups is given in Table 1.

Table 1: COVID-19 vaccine doses administered to different priority groups by first and second doses.

Priority Group	Male			Female			Total
	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Sub Total	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Sub Total	
Health care staff	4710	2756	7466	4138	2177	6315	13781
Other front-line staff	26015	10866	36881	11256	4427	15683	52564
Persons 60 years and above	5277	148	5425	5162	108	5270	10695
Persons 18-59y with comorbidity	9004	248	9252	8198	117	8315	17567
Persons 18-59y with no comorbidity	48858	1247	50105	40532	870	41402	91507
Total	93864	15265	109129	69286	7699	76985	186114

- With the use of available 295,800 doses COVID-19 vaccine doses in the country, it is possible to vaccinate 333,425 persons in total. The expected COVID-19 vaccination coverage when the existing vaccine stocks are fully utilized, towards the end of June 2021 is given in Table 2.
- The first dose coverage in Dili municipality will reach around 70 % and the second dose coverage may reach 30% for the 18 above population. In the same manner, the coverage in the other 12 municipalities may reach 20% for the first dose and 3% for the second dose. However, to reach the herd immunity threshold to have an impact on transmission, a minimum of 70% vaccination coverage with two doses must be reached. Timor-Leste is long way from achieving this threshold. It is, therefore, important that adherence to appropriate public health and social measures are observed till the second dose coverage reach optimal levels throughout the country.

- With the recent acceleration of the COVID-19 vaccination programme in Dili Municipality and other 12 municipalities, with the H.E Prime Minister's directive, it is promising to note that on 22nd June 2021, in total, over 20,000 doses of vaccines were administered throughout the country. This is a good indication of health system readiness to deliver vaccines doses in high numbers and community readiness to accept the vaccine.
- For the 18-above target population, the numbers of the first and second dose of COVID-19 vaccination and coverage in municipalities is provided in Table 3.

Table 2: Number of COVID-19 vaccine doses will use and expected COVID-19 vaccination coverage after utilisation of current COVID-19 vaccine stocks.

Number of Doses and Expected Coverage After Fully Utilization of Current Stocks

Municipality	Eligible Population			Vaccine Number of Doses distributed	Number Vaccinated and Expected Coverage after fully utilization of current stock				
	High Risk Groups (20% Pop.)	18-59y no comorbidity (80% Pop.)	Total		First Dose	Coverage	Second Dose	Coverage	Total
Dili	29,980	183,822	213,802	216,663	150,800	70.53%	65,863	30.81%	216,663
Aileu	6,292	24,943	31,235	6,586	5,880	18.83%	706	2.26%	6,586
Ainaro	7,410	27,726	35,136	6,884	6,084	17.32%	800	2.28%	6,884
Baucau	18,141	55,175	73,316	17,882	15,864	21.64%	2,018	2.75%	17,882
Bobonaro	13,268	43,476	56,744	12,694	11,460	20.20%	1,234	2.17%	12,694
Covalima	8,725	31,503	40,228	8,814	7,716	19.18%	1,098	2.73%	8,814
Ermera	14,350	60,793	75,143	11,495	10,464	13.93%	1,031	1.37%	11,495
Lautem	8,455	27,963	36,418	9,279	8,376	23.00%	903	2.48%	9,279
Liquica	9,588	35,597	45,185	9,249	8,520	18.86%	729	1.61%	9,249
Manatuto	6,701	21,718	28,419	6,914	6,216	21.87%	698	2.46%	6,914
Manufahi	7,595	25,766	33,361	7,212	6,432	19.28%	780	2.34%	7,212
Viqueque	9,408	32,534	41,942	8,965	7,872	18.77%	1,093	2.61%	8,965
ZEEMS (Oecusse)	11,034	32,905	43,939	10,788	9,276	21.11%	1,512	3.44%	10,788
Total (without Dili)	120,967	420,098	541,065	116,762	104,160	19.25%	12,602	2.33%	116,762
Total (Timor-Leste)	150,947	603,920	754,867	333,425	254,960	33.78%	78,465	10.39%	333,425

Table 3: Total number vaccinated and coverage by priority group and municipalities as of 1600 hrs 23rd June 2021 reported in TLHIS COVID-19 Immunization Tracker.

Number Vaccinated and Coverage as of 23/06/2021 16.00hr among Eligible Population (18y and above)*

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	42,268	141.0%	62,539	34.0%	104,807	49.0%	11,419	38.09%	1,592	0.87%	13,011	6.09%
Aileu	6,292	24,943	31,235	1,548	24.6%	1,179	4.73%	2,727	8.7%	631	10.03%	15	0.06%	646	2.07%
Ainaro	7,410	27,726	35,136	1,375	18.6%	1,472	5.31%	2,847	8.1%	592	7.99%	19	0.07%	611	1.74%
Baucau	18,141	55,175	73,316	4,151	22.9%	3,496	6.34%	7,647	10.4%	1,671	9.21%	62	0.11%	1733	2.36%
Bobonaro	13,268	43,476	56,744	4,398	33.1%	2,669	6.14%	7,067	12.5%	1,070	8.06%	13	0.03%	1083	1.91%
Covalima	8,725	31,503	40,228	3,632	41.6%	1,881	5.97%	5,513	13.7%	1,041	11.93%	1	0.00%	1042	2.59%
Ermera	14,350	60,793	75,143	3,130	21.8%	3,314	5.45%	6,444	8.6%	695	4.84%	54	0.09%	749	1.00%
Lautem	8,455	27,963	36,418	2,546	30.1%	3,435	12.28%	5,981	16.4%	591	6.99%	106	0.38%	697	1.91%
Liquica	9,588	35,597	45,185	1,708	17.8%	3,430	9.64%	5,138	11.4%	546	5.69%	77	0.22%	623	1.38%
Manatuto	6,701	21,718	28,419	1,663	24.8%	1,267	5.83%	2,930	10.3%	488	7.28%	72	0.33%	560	1.97%
Manufahi	7,595	25,766	33,361	2,354	31.0%	1,447	5.62%	3,801	11.4%	487	6.41%	72	0.28%	559	1.68%
Viqueque	9,408	32,534	41,942	3,092	32.9%	3,231	9.93%	6,323	15.1%	993	10.55%	31	0.10%	1024	2.44%
ZEEMS (Oecusse)	11,034	32,905	43,939	1,895	17.2%	30	0.09%	1,925	4.4%	623	5.65%	3	0.01%	626	1.42%
Total (without Dili)	120,967	420,098	541,065	31,492	26.0%	26,851	6.39%	58,343	10.8%	9,428	7.79%	525	0.00%	9,953	1.84%
Total (Timor-Leste)	150,947	603,920	754,867	73,760	48.9%	89,390	14.80%	163,150	21.6%	20,847	13.81%	2,117	0.35%	22,964	3.04%

*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)

Total Vaccinated (both doses) 186,114

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.

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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