

PIP PC Implementation – WHO South-East Asia Region

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Timor Leste National Health Laboratory recognized as the 152nd NIC



- Substantial advances in strengthening influenza laboratory and surveillance capacities made through PIP –PC funds
- PIP-PC and other resources invested to establish the National Health Laboratory (NHL) and its influenza testing capabilities
- In 2021, the MoH requested WHO to designate the NHL as a National Influenza Centre (NIC).
- International (MS, WHO, WHO CC-Australia) and national experts conducted the NHL review
- Review identified key areas for strengthening (bio-risk management, quality control procedures, document management in the short-term, and equipment maintenance and calibration in the long term)
- MoH implemented recommendations of review under the mentorship of WHO CC (Australia)
- After satisfactory completion of the requirements, GIP recognized NHL-TLS as the 152nd NIC in the GISRS



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The regional workshop for planning for national access, allocation, and deployment of influenza pandemic MCMs conducted in Thailand

- WHO engaged with Nepal, Bhutan, Thailand, India & Timor Leste to adopt/develop national medical counter measure deployment plans for future respiratory viruses of pandemic potential.
- Workshop included a tabletop/simulation/gaming exercise, educational presentations and groupwork activities.
- Participants identified areas for improvement in national vaccine deployment plans.
- They outlined next steps in updating their national vaccine deployment plans and listed technical support needed from WHO



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Other significant activities

- SARI refresher trainings in Indonesia
- Biosafety and Risk Assessment Refresher and Practical Training in Nepal
- Influenza data management training in Maldives conducted by WHO.SEARO& CDC
- Orientation on Avian Influenza to National, District and Upazila Rapid Response Teams

