



QUATERLY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS MEETING

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Ministry of Finance



COVID-19 HEALTH RESPONSE

Purpose: to share with Timor-Leste government what development partners have committed for:

- delivery of the government's vaccine plan
- ongoing COVID-19 health response efforts
- reaffirm development partners' support for Timor-Leste country leadership



COVID-19 RESPONSE: PILLARS



1. Country Coordination
2. Surveillance, RRT and Contact Tracing
3. Point(s) of Entry
4. Laboratory and Testing
5. Infection Prevention and Control
6. Case Management
7. Risk Communication and Community Engagement
8. Logistics, Procurement and Supply Chain
9. Maintain Essential Health Services
10. Vaccines

VACCINES (Pillar 10)

Development partners have made significant contributions to **COVAX** and the **COVAX Advanced Market Commitment** to ensure Timor-Leste receives doses for up to 20% of its total population

- **COVAX AMC** includes commitments from EU, USA, Japan, Australian, New Zealand and Korea
- First batch of AstraZeneca doses will start arriving from March, with allocations to be confirmed by GAVI on 22 February
- Council of Ministers endorsed WHO-approved **AstraZeneca** vaccine on Monday

Development partners will support Timor-Leste's **rollout** of the COVAX supplied vaccines

- **WHO** and **UNICEF** are leading support to MOH with own resources (funding from member countries) and additional funding from Australia, EU, GAVI and others
- Includes the development and implementation of the **National Vaccine Deployment Plan (NVDP)**

Achieving full vaccine coverage

- Australia has committed USD18.8 million for technical assistance, procurement of doses for 80% of the population, and delivery of vaccine campaigns
- Japan has expressed interest in providing vaccines in the future
- ADB has advised MOF that it established an approved COVID-19 vaccination support facility

[Specific partner support tabled in the following slide]

Pillar	Interventions planned
10. Vaccines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide national and subnational level technical assistance (6 international consultants and 3 national consultants) [WHO] • Provide national level technical assistance on vaccines to the Minister's office (1 international consultant) [Australia] • Development of technical guidelines, training materials and conducting training on deployment of COVID-19 vaccine at national and subnational levels [WHO] • Development of IT software for real-time recording, tracking and reporting of vaccine uptake using DHIS2 and implementation [WHO] • Development of advocacy and Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials and supporting the advocacy and IEC campaign [WHO, UNICEF, Australia] • Identification of target populations for COVID-19 vaccination and delivery of vaccine campaigns [WHO, Australia] • Establishing improved cold chain capability for the safe distribution and storage of vaccines [UNICEF, Japan, Australia] • Monitoring and supervision of campaign implementation (through international and national consultants) [WHO, Australia] • Development of expedited clearance processes and SOPs for importation of COVID-19 vaccines and associated equipment [USAID] • Procurement of doses for remaining 80% of Timor-Leste population (not covered by COVAX AMC) [Australia, Japan]

CONTRIBUTIONS BY COVID-19 CONTINGENCY PLAN PILLARS	
Pillar	Interventions planned
1 Co-ordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate efforts between Government of Timor-Leste, multilateral and bilateral donors, NGOs and civil society [WHO] • Provide technical advice to the 'Situation Room' of the Integrated Crisis Management Centre (CIGC) on the national COVID-19 response and vaccine deployment [WHO, Australia] • Improve capacities to prepare for, prevent, respond and mitigate the impact of epidemics on populations [World Bank, WHO]
2 Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide technical advice and accurate information on the evolving COVID-19 situation in Timor-Leste [WHO] • Technical, logistical and financial support for raising public awareness and community engagement on COVID-19 precautions and vaccine acceptance [WHO, IOM, UNICEF] • Strengthen the capacities of communities in their preparedness and response to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as for other health emergencies [World Bank, WHO]
3 Surveillance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical advice for strengthening surveillance systems [WHO, EU, Australia] • Training for surveillance officers and health workers [WHO, EU, Australia] • Logistical (e.g. transport) and financial (e.g. per diem) support for sample collection [WHO] • Simulation exercises and refresher training for Rapid Response Teams [EU, WHO]

No	Pillar	Interventions planned
4	Point(s) of Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveillance and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) training in border districts [WHO, EU] • Support for PNTL border posts to prevent illegal movement [Australia, IOM] • Support for PNTL (UPF) to monitor migration flows (WHO, IOM) • Operationalisation of the SOP for Frontline border officials at POE (WHO, IOM)
5	Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of lab. Technicians for COVID-19 testing [Australia, WHO] • Provision of consumables for testing [Australia, WHO, EU] • Provision of test kits [WHO, EU] • Technical assistance through Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) [Australia] • Technical support for laboratory testing [Australia, WHO] • Procurement of lab equipment for sample transportation and diagnosis [KOICA, IOM]
6	Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPC training for health workers, emergency responders and support staff [WHO, Australia] • Provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) [multiple development partners]

No	Pillar	Interventions planned
7	Case management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruit Intensive Care Specialists to train and build critical care management capacity for COVID-19 [WHO] • Technical, logistical and financial support to strengthen isolation and quarantine facilities [WHO] • Provision of an intensive care unit (ICU) to increase capacity for treatment of critically ill patients [USA]
8	Operations, Support and Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of medical supplies (Lab. Tests, PPE, medical equipment) [WHO, ADB, WFP] • Technical assistance to SAMES for supply chain management [Australia, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO, WFP] • Vaccine distribution support [Australia, Japan]
9	Maintaining essential health services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical support to maintain mother and child services (including immunization, Communicable and Non-Communicable diseases) [WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF] • Logistical and financial support to maintain essential health services [WHO, WFP] • Purchase of medical equipment, including 38 ambulances underway [Japan] • Potential upgrading of hospital facilities [Japan] • Support for family planning and sexual & reproductive health services [Australia, Japan, UNFPA, WHO] • Support for management of drugs and pharmaceuticals at SAMES [Australia] • Strengthening of health systems [multiple project from US, Australia, Japan, EU, World Bank, WHO] • Analytical work on the impact of COVID-19 on the health sector [World Bank, WHO]

KEY MESSAGES FROM DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

1. Continue government programs that support ECONOMIC RECOVERY and LIVELIHOODS, while continuing to STRENGTHEN GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS
2. Address the DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT of COVID-19 on vulnerable people
3. Support MONITORING and PARTICIPATION of civil society and communities in COVID-19 responses
4. Maintain CONNECTIVITY to facilitate the movement of critical freight and personnel
5. Development partners are ready to RESPOND TO ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT