

# Timor Leste Country Office

## COVID-19 Situation Report

**SitRep No: #10**

**Date: 8 June 2020**

### 1. Situation in Numbers

Total Confirmed Cases in Country	Total Confirmed new cases in Country (since last SitRep)	Total deaths in Country
24	0	0

Please refer to WHO Sit Reps to populate this table. Available [here](#).

### 2. Key Issues

Include a brief statement on each of the following:

- Key government updates, including mitigation and response measures.
- Brief contextual analysis of the situation, including impact on health, education and other essential services.
- Impact on children and families in ChildFund operational areas.
- Impact and effects on ChildFund team.
- The work of other agencies and ChildFund’s relationship with them.

Timor-Leste has 0 active cases of COVID-19 and no new cases have been registered during the last 6 weeks. The State of Emergency has been extended until 27 June 2020. Border closures, mandatory quarantine remain in place. Other restrictions will be relaxed gradually. After weeks of political turmoil, a new government coalition has been formed with a majority in parliament. Despite earlier concerns, the security situation in the Dili is calm. A new timeline has been drafted for submission of the state budget (after the political impasse started last January in which the state budget was voted against by part of the government coalition parties). However, the CNRT party is no longer part of the coalition and all CNRT ministers have resigned. Some new ministers have been identified and installed. Other positions, such as Ministers for Education and Foreign Affairs, are still pending. This situation impacts the expected clarity by government on guidelines for the 3<sup>rd</sup> extension of state of emergency and reopening of schools for example. ChildFund reopened the office on 8 June 2020 while reminding staff on COVID-19 prevention guidelines. Project activities, eg, around gatherings and activities with children, will remain on hold til further govt guidance is available. The economic stimulus package has not yet materialized, but distribution is announced to start this week. Other measures, such as support to employers, have not begun. The Ministry of agriculture and development partners have done a rapid assessment re food security and results are expected to be shared this week.

### 3. Operations Update

#### 3.1 People and Organisational Development

Include a brief statement on each of the following:

- Number of staff affected by COVID-19, including the number of staff in self-isolation.
- International arrivals and departures of staff since COVID crisis.

- WFH arrangements, including any related challenges.

Our Office in Dili reopened on 8 June. Refresher training will be organized by Maluk Timor for field staff on continuation of COVID-19 risk prevention measure, application during activities in the community (June 12).

### 3.2 Finance, IT and Administration

Include a brief statement on each of the following:

- Challenges that relate to registration, MoU's, contracts, cash transfers and general banking.
- IT situation.

No changes

### 3.3 Security

Include a brief statement on each of the following:

- Update on general security level in ChildFund operational areas and security incidents impacting ChildFund since the last situation report. Please include *analysis* where necessary/possible.
- Any changes/updates to the security guidelines/evacuation plans.

Regular security level with reminders to travel at night due to active martial arts groups. Most security checkpoints have been withdrawn, however we respect the extended state of emergency and continue travel based on official permission of our activities by municipality taskforces. WFP is establishing an air bridge connecting Dili to Kuala Lumpur from 21 June on a weekly service (any passengers leaving need special permissions etc, and no people are allowed to enter the country unless they have special permission of the president).

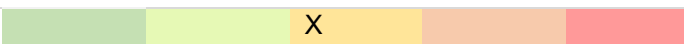
### 3.4 Office Status

OFFICE	OFFICE STATUS			
	Open, Fully Operational	Majority of staff working from home	100% Working from Home	Shutdown, non-operational
Dili Office	X			

## 4. Programs Update

### 4.1 Programs Activity Level (indicator of current programming level)

Project		PROGRAM OPERATIONS				
		75 - 100%	50 - 74%	25 - 49%	< 25%	0%
EDUCATION	EDIC (TIM16)			X		
	Every Child A Reader (TIM-8)		X			
	HAKAS(Tim 17)		X			
	C4C (TIM-14)				X	
HEALTH	LFA		X			
	Nutrition (TIM-11)		X			
	MCH (TIM-7)		X			
YOUTH	IYC (TIM-12)		X			
	CFPICB (RO-06)					X

<b>DRR</b>	Disaster ready (AHP3)/PPF	
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#### 4.2 Overview of ChildFund Activities (with a focus on COVID work)

<b>Summary:</b>	ChildFund has been supporting the MoH in COVID-19 response in the areas of risk communication and community engagement as well as essential services (such as MCH, family planning, immunization, etc). INGOs set up a coordination mechanism. ChildFund is the lead for Lautem municipality and supporting in Liquica. Pivot plans for projects have been approved, and we have permission to go to the municipalities for activities; implementation has started.
<b>Education:</b>	Continuation of the Box libraries where parents can get books for their children. Distribution of education packs and hygiene materials to households with children under EDIC program has been completed. Re-print existing MoE primary school learning materials and distribute to students.
<b>Child Protection:</b>	IEC materials on child development and wellbeing, parenting support and COVID-19 has been included in packages to EDIC beneficiaries. TIM-014 implementing partner has been planning child protection TV campaign as part of pivoting.
<b>DRR/ ER:</b>	DRR coordinator based in Lautem 3 weeks a month and providing support to Municipal COVID-19 taskforce as needed. Implementing partners has been rolling out the implementation of GESI and women leadership training targeting 54 sub-villages and working through GESI Focal point at Sub-district level. The partner has been also coordinating with municipality agriculture department and mobilising target communities in the implementation of DRR small scale activities (tree planting, home garden and terracing). AHP and PPF1 pivot/adjustment activities in progressing with procurement of humanitarian assistance supplies.
<b>Health:</b>	Distribution of food packages and NERS menu to families in the Nutrition program has been completed and follow up monitoring has been done.
<b>SEL:</b>	Ba Futuru successfully launched the music video, and is working on remaining short films for a social media blast and through Youth Change makers targeting TIM-012 locations in Tetum and different local languages.

#### 4.3 Partnerships

*Include a brief statement on each of the following:*

- The status of partner organisations and to what extent they have been able to continue operations during the reporting period.
- What, if any, support, monitoring, information sharing and/or collaboration has taken place with local partners during the reporting period?

Conversation with Alola ongoing on the implication on budgets new financial year. Close out visits to Local partners planned end of the month.

#### 4.4 Child Sponsorship

Number of children (sponsored and/enrolled) affected by COVID-19: All (indirectly)  
 DFC distribution will resume this week in Lospalos and Manatutu, followed by Balibo and Liquisha. However due to 3 month delay not all DFC distribution can be completed.

## 5. Communications

- Local media, particularly news regarding ChildFund/partner activities or relevant child wellbeing issues.

The Music video made as part of the Youth Changemakers program is getting viral with more than 42.000 views, 1,000 reshares and still going!

<https://web.facebook.com/watch/?v=296311538049465>