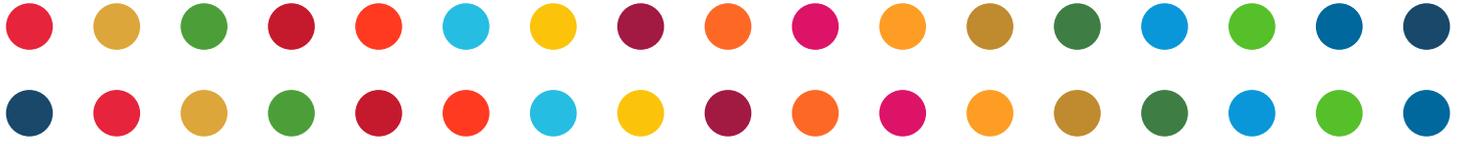




July 2020



"We have no choice but to address the health impacts and the economic and social consequences of the pandemic. The economy cannot recover unless we control the threats posed by the virus. Together with the health response, there is a need to support households to continue to function well and businesses to stay open."

- ROY TRIVEDY
UNITED NATIONS RESIDENT
COORDINATOR, TIMOR-LESTE



The COVID-19 pandemic continues to accelerate with nearly 15 million cases and 600 000 deaths reported worldwide. Everyone is at risk, and everyone has a role to play in fighting this pandemic. In Timor-Leste, it is vital for all of us to equip ourselves with the right information and use it to assess risks and make the best decisions to protect ourselves and others.

The United Nations Country Team, with support from other development partners, is supporting the Government and people in Timor-Leste on a three-pronged response: (1) delivery of coordinated and comprehensive health response guided by the WHO; (2) adoption of policies that address the devastating socio-economic, humanitarian, gender and human rights impacts of the pandemic; and (3) a recovery process that builds back better, leading to a more inclusive, more resilient and sustainable economy and society. The UN, so far, has to date mobilized USD \$17.6 million for the COVID-19 response in addition to over USD \$2.2 million worth of reprogramming.

With support from many partners, the United Nations system is working with the Government and communities by saving lives, controlling transmissions and easing the social and economic consequences of the pandemic. As of July 2020, we have supported Government's Economic Recovery Plan through dialogue led by the Resident Coordinator with Government Ministers; transported in 1,855 kg of humanitarian cargo through 4 WFP chartered flights from KUL-DIL-KUL since June 14, 2020; assisted the Government in completing the COVID-19 social cash transfer programme that supported more than 299,000 households; supported the on-going Back to School Campaign; completed data collection as part of a joint UN Socio-Economic Impact Assessment (SEIA); and are helping the government to collect data for the Timor-Leste Food Security & Nutrition Survey (TLFNS) 2020.



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The WHO provided 3250 COVID-19 test kits to the National Health Laboratory (NHL) bringing the total to date to 14250

- WHO, with financial assistance from Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), conducted monitoring & evaluation of all 70 CHC's. Six teams comprising WHO doctors, MoH officials and district surveillance officers assessed how prepared facilities and health workers were for a C-19 outbreak. The findings were shared with national, district and other CHC administrators. Gaps in C-19 procedures were addressed at district debriefings
- More than 1000 health professional working across the country were trained in C-19 case management. WHO along with partners USAID, JSI, St. John of God, Maluk Timor and HAI supported the MoH, National Hospital (HNGV), and Instituto Nacional Saude (INS) in conducting the training
- WHO provided three sets of noncommunicable diseases (NCD) kits to the MoH. The NCD kit is a set of essential medical supplies to meet priority health needs when health services are disrupted by a pandemic. These supplies should meet the needs of at least 30,000 people over a 3 month period
- UNDP facilitated the procurement of another batch of medical supplies which arrived earlier July. It included critical medical equipment like ventilators (5), infusion pumps (50), personal protective equipment (PPE) like surgical masks (200,000), face shields (10,000), safety goggles (10,000). In addition to these, UNDP also procured a number of essential medicines including antibiotics and generic drugs like paracetamol and oral rehydration salts (ORS)

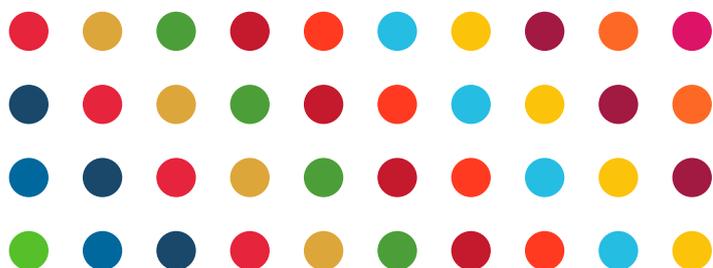


FOOD SECURITY



A nationwide Food Security and Nutrition Survey monitors health, protecting Timor's youngest and most vulnerable from malnutrition

- 25,000 in Oecusse, Covalima, Baucau, Bobonaro and Dili received emergency food distribution. UNDP in partnership with the Ministry of Finance (MoF) and Ministry of Agriculture and Fishery (MAF) provide a \$1 million package funded by MoF, Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Government of Japan
- FAO provided a two-month supply of emergency food assistance to 60 households facing food insecurity in Mape, Covalima. The locally bought maize and beans will also help support the local economy
- WFP has completed the initial assessment for Home-Growth School Feeding (HGSF) to be piloted in 5 schools in Dili
- The Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP) was reactivated to improve nutrient intake for children under 5, pregnant and lactating women



NUTRITION

- UNICEF Supported the Nutrition Department and the Ministry of Health to prepare therapeutic supply scenarios for waste management
- UNICEF has integrated breastfeeding and complementary feeding messaging for distribution to households during the cash transfer to 279,332 households countrywide
- UNICEF and WFP continued their technical support and field monitoring of the data collection under Timor-Leste Food Security & Nutrition Survey (TLFNS) 2020 along with the Ministry of Health in six Municipalities

EDUCATION



UNICEF and partners provided materials for school reopening, including buckets, masks and hygiene equipment

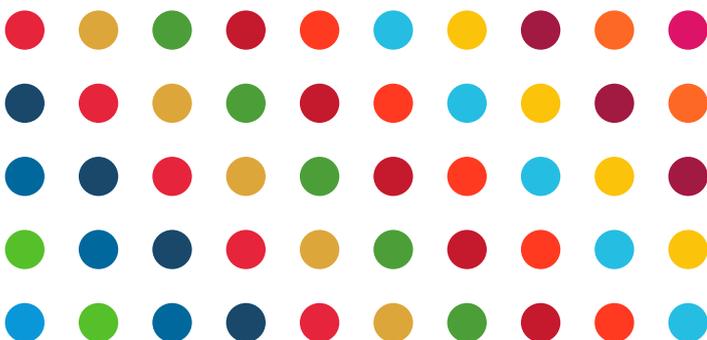
- Preparations are ongoing for the Back to School Campaign, including IEC materials, videos etc. Procurement of hygiene kits, WASH materials (buckets with taps and water tanks) is also underway
- 13,000 teachers completed online COVID-19 training before school reopening
- 74 Eskola ba Uma programs have been aired

WASH



Border Safety. To improve hygiene and infection prevention UNICEF installed toilets and handwashing facilities

- To safely facilitate the Indonesian border reopening, 8 temporary toilets with handwashing stations were installed at two points of entry
- Government and Partners are working together at points of entry, quarantine and isolation sites to keep Timor-Leste safe
- 21 1,100 Litre capacity handwashing stations were installed in five municipalities



PROTECTION



Keeping the people of Oecussi socially distanced and safe when collecting financial aid

- UNDP provided logistics and monitoring for the distribution of the stimulus package to 18,477 households in Oecussi
- 279,332 households receiving financial support from the GOTL's C-19 social cash transfer programme. Implementation was facilitated by UN and other development partners
- Collection and verification of beneficiary data and monitoring of payment processes in the remote areas of Nitibe, Oesilo and Pasabe benefited 8,454 households
- Implementing flow monitoring at 30 key transit points captured more than 175 movements since starting in July 2020
- IOM distributed 541 hygiene kits to health posts, quarantine and isolation facilities, village offices and border patrols in Bobonaro and Covalima



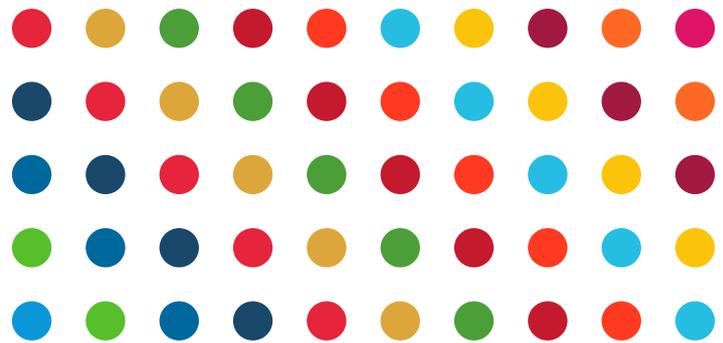
LOGISTICS



Humanitarian flights keep Timor-Leste connected to the rest of the world

- WFP has chartered 5 flights connecting Dili to Kuala Lumpur on 14, 21, 28 June, 8 and 22 July. 137 passengers have been transported along with 2,023 kgs of light cargos
- WFP, in coordination with GIZ, is tracking incoming shipments of food items into Timor-Leste to ensure food security

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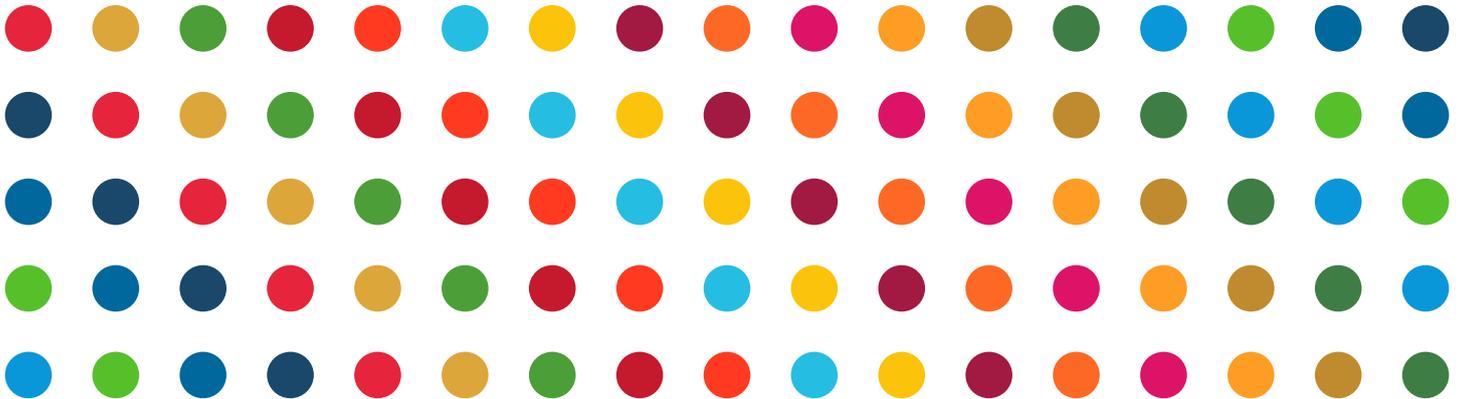
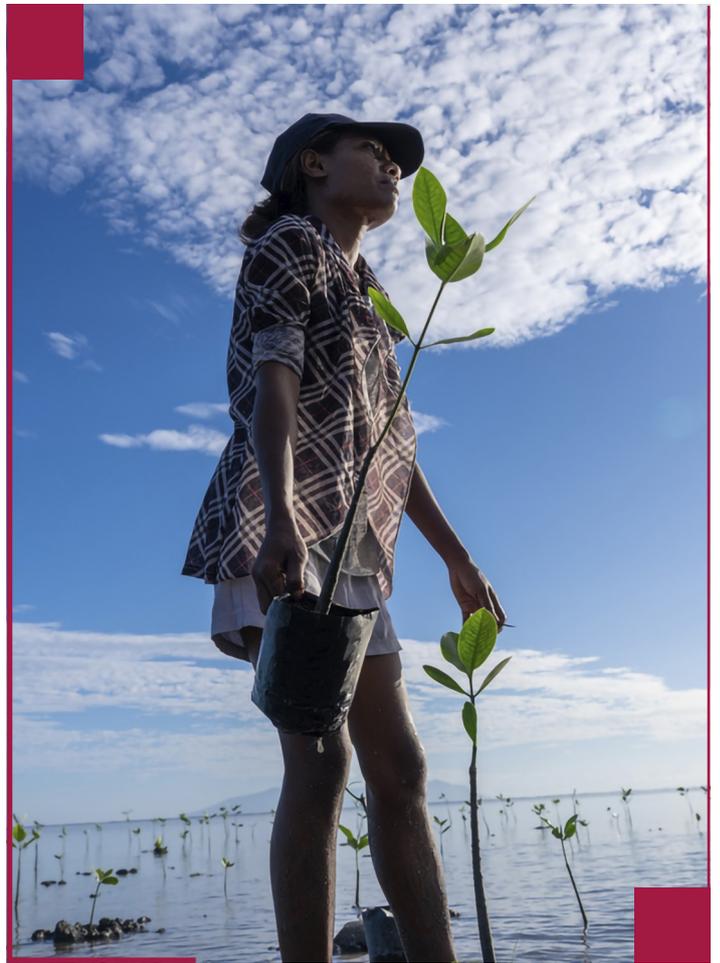


IOM'S (RCCE) training reached over 32,566 including remote and isolated communities

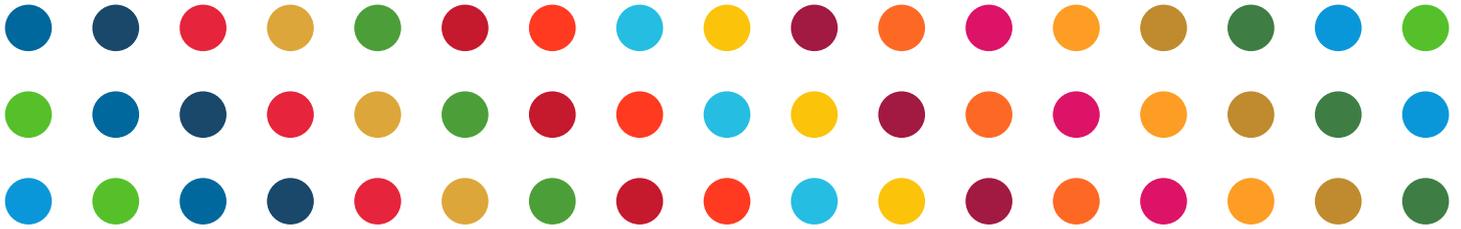
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UNDP's Coastal Resilience Building Project is protecting Timor's shoreline communities into the future

- 199 people received funding to create mangrove nurseries and construct protective fencing through the UNDP Coastal Resilience Building Project
- The UN joint SEIA quantitative data collection led by UNDP has been completed with 419 interviews with households, 75 interviews with Medium, Small and Microenterprises, 27 key-informant interviews and 4 in-depth interviews. Data evaluation and analysis is ongoing with technical support from UNFPA



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