

The Handover Ceremony of the Blood Bank Equipment and Supplies to the Ministry of Health

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Location: Guido Valadares National Hospital (HNGV), Dili, Timor-Leste

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Your excellency, Sr. Bonifácio Mau Coli dos Reis, The Vice Minister of Health
Ambassador of Australia or DFAT Representative to Timor-Leste
Director Executive of National Hospital Guido Valadares
Director of the Blood Bank Unit

National Director from the MoH, Hospital National and other Autonomous Health Institutions

Representatives from the media,

Excellencies, ladies, and gentlemen

Bom dia and A very good morning

1. It is a pleasure for me to participate in the handover ceremony of the Blood Bank Equipment and Supplies to the Ministry of Health. I recognise and respect the esteemed presence of His Excellency Vice Health Minister, Sr. Bonifacio Mau Coli dos Reis and Your Excellency, the First Secretary for Health and Nutrition with Government of Australia, Ms. Deidre Ballinger

I am honored to be at this occasion to handover Blood Bank equipment and Supplies to the National Hospital, Guido Valadares. This consignment will help to ensure that Timor-Leste has quality service of the blood bank units to support health care services to the patients when the need arises.

2. The equipment and supplies to be handed over today are:
 1. Platelet Incubator: 2 units
 2. Centrigue BT20A: 7 units
 3. Haemoglobin Test Complete: 10 units
 4. Terumo Wafer TSCD SC*W017: 50 units
 5. Ultra-low temperature freezer: 1 unit
3. These supplies are a part of our greater commitment to support the Ministry of Health in building the appropriate logistics capacity at the national and sub national level and to ensure that there is human capacity development of health workers, technicians and monitoring teams. This includes supporting efforts to ensure that health facilities have appropriate vaccine storage capacity and that distribution channels are efficient and effective to reach even the people in the most remote part of the country.



4. A huge thank you goes to the Government of Australia, for their ongoing generous financial contributions towards the strengthening of the Health Care System in Timor-Leste. For example, in 2020, the Government of Australia was at the forefront of rolling out huge operational support initiatives to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. It was also through the support of the Government of Australia that work to build the capacity of health workers was intensified, particularly to support the rollout of the integration COVID-19 vaccination into routine essential health services and immunisation programmes. Support to the national integrated immunization campaign which took place in January 2023, is also acknowledged.
5. Today's donation of this equipment is yet another support investment by the Government of Australia through UNICEF. These supplies and equipment are examples of our continued support to build local resilient health systems and strengthened capacity to effectively save the lives of Timorese people

6. I take this opportunity to congratulate Ministry of Health under the leadership of Her Excellency Dr. Odete Maria Freitas Belo, the Minister of Health and your honorable the Vice Health Minister, Sr. Bonifacio Mau Coli dos Reis. Under your guidance, Timor-Leste has achieved remarkable milestones with COVID-19 response particularly with vaccination, health system building and scaling up routine immunization services for children.



7. My sincere appreciation to all health professional at the national and sub national level for your excellent performance to achieve both the national target of the COVID-19 vaccination and a recent national integrated immunization campaign reaching over national targeted of 95%. Congratulations and well done to you all. This will certainly fill the immunity gab in children under five years.

8. Obrigada barak.

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Tetun:

Bom dia

1. Hau haksolok tebes hodi partisipa iha Serimónia Entrega Ekipamentu no Suprimentus Banku Sanguenian ba Ministeriu Saúde. Hau rekoñese no respeita ba estimada prezensa Vise-Ministru Saúde, Sr. Bonifacio Mau Coli dos Reis no Sua Exelensia Primeiru Sekretariu ba Saúde no Nutrisaun husi Governu Australia

Hau sente onradu tebes atu entrega ekipamentu no suprimentu Banku Sanguenian ba Ospital Nasionál, Guido Valadares. Remesa ida-ne'e sei tulun atu asegura katak Timor-Leste iha servisu ne'ebé ho kualidade iha unidade banku sangue hodi suporta atendimentu saúde ba paciente sira wainhira iha nesesidade.

2. Ekipamentu no suprimentu sira atu entrega ohin loron mak:
 9. Platelet Incubator: Unidade rua (2)
 10. Centrigue BT20A: Unidade hitu (7)
 11. Haemoglobin Test Complete: Unidade sanulu (10)
 12. Terumo Wafer TSCD SC*W017: Unidade Lima-nulu (50)
 13. Ultra-low temperature freezer: Unidade ida (1)
3. Fornesimentu hirak-ne'e nu'udar parte ida husi kompromisu boot ida-ne'ebé UNICEF iha atu apoia Ministeriu Saúde hodi harii kapasidade lojística ne'ebé apropiadu iha nivel nasional no sub-nasional no atu asegura katak iha dezvoltamentu kapasidade umana ba pesoál saúde sira, tékniku no ekipa monitorizasaun sira. Ida ne'e inklui apoiu ba esforsu sira hodi asegura katak

fasilidade saúde sira iha kapasidade armazenamentu vasina ne'ebé apropiadu no kanál distribuisaun sira efisiente no efetivu atu to'o ba ema sira iha parte remota iha país ne'e.

4. Agradesimentu boot ba Governu Australia, ba sira-nia jeneroza kontribuisaun finanseira ba hametin Sistema Kuidadu Saúde iha Timor-Leste. Hanesan ezemplu, iha tinan rihun rua, rua-nulu (2020), Governu Australia iha ona oin hodi halo inisiativa apoiu operasionál boot hodi kombate pandemia COVID-19. Liu husi apoiu husi Governu Australia mak servisu atu harii kapasidade ba pesoál saúde sira aumenta liu tan, liu-liu atu apoia papél importante husi integrasaun vasinasaun COVID-19 nian ba servisu saúde esensiál rutina no programa imunizasaun sira. Apoiu ba kampaña nasional integradu imunizasaun iha fulan Janeiru foin lalais ne'e mós rekoñesidu.
5. Doasaun ba ekiomentu sira ne'e mak apoiu investimentu ida tan husi Governu Australia liu husi UNICEF. Ekipamentu no suprimentu sira ne'e ezemplu sira husi ita nia apoiu ba harii reziliensia sistema saúde lokal no fortalese kapasidade hodi salva efektivamente Timor-oan sira-nia vida.
6. Hau aproveita oportunidade ne'e hodi kongratula Ministeriu Saúde iha lideransa Sua Exelensia Ministra Saúde Dr. Odete Maria Freitas Bele, no Ilustre Vise Ministru Saúde, Señor Bonifacio Mau Coli dos Reis. Liu husi ita boot nain-rua nia orientasaun, Timor-Leste alkansa ona marku notavel sira hodi hatan ba COVID-19 partikularmente ho vasinasaun, harii sistema saúde no espansaun servisu imunizasaun rutina ba labarik sira.

7. Hau nia sinseru agradesimentu ba profesinal saúde sira iha nivel nasional no sub-nasional ba sira-nia dezempeñu exelente hodi atinji meta nasional ba vasinasaun kontra COVID-19 no kampaña nasional imunizasaun integradu resente mak atinji liu tarjetu nasional ba pursentu sia-nulu resin-lima (95%). Parabens no halo buat diak ba imi hotu. Ne'e prienxe ona lakuna imunidade ba labarik sira tinan lima mai kraik.

Obrigada barak.