



MOBILISING SOCIAL BUSINESS TO ACCELERATE ACHIEVEMENT OF MDGs

Promoting high impact social enterprises for private sector development

Timor-Leste

In support of the Government's objectives to explore innovative ways of mobilizing the private sector and cooperatives to contribute to MDG achievement, this project promotes high impact social enterprises for private sector development and the generation of rural employment and incomes.

Our aims:

- ◆ Improve the coordination and networking of investors, service providers, regulatory bodies, and Social Businesses.
- ◆ Create a rich environment to foster the growth of Social Business investments.
- ◆ Establish a Social Business Fund to finance viable business solutions.
- ◆ Conduct capacity building of service providers to better serve the technical needs of the Social Businesses.

The Government of Timor-Leste and **UNDP** are collaborating on innovative ways to mobilise the private sector to contribute proactively to **MDG progress** and **poverty reduction**. One such project is an effort to **develop a viable social business model** for the salt producers of Liquica, most of whom are women. The effort is a partnership with the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment, IADE and ILO, and funded by the ROK-UNDP MDG Trust Fund.



The ROK-UNDP MDG Trust Fund has contributed \$17.85 million towards nine country projects and two global projects that seek to improve livelihoods of the poor and vulnerable.

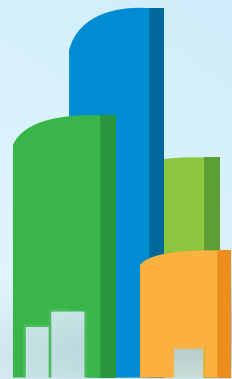
Objectives:

Increased income, particularly of women and youth in the rural areas, as well as persons with disabilities.

Increased access by the poor to affordable and good quality products and services, such as nutritious food products, health care services and sanitation facilities.

Our Progress:

Establishment of network database of **36 cooperatives** and micro, small, and medium enterprises, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Women's Business Association, **2 banks**, over **20 business** service providers and **25 development partners**.



Preliminary pilot of the concept of social business as a means to economically empower victims of domestic violence.



Production of a synthesis matrix of operating Social Businesses in the country, based on a national mapping exercise.



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