The overall objective of the project is to contribute to Timor-Leste’s sustainable development. More specifically, it aims to support the deconcentration and Decentralization process, bringing governance, public administration, and services closer to people, for both women and men, giving special attention to the needs and priorities of people living in vulnerable situations.

**National Priorities**

**Project Main Activities**

**Quick Facts**

**Government Counterparts**
National Parliament, Ministry of State Administration, Municipal Authorities & Municipal Administrations

**Beneficiaries**
518 municipal staff
2 Relevant National Government Institutions.
65 Members of Parliament (Women 40%, Men 60%)
10 CSO & grass-roots citizen’s groups. Approximately 2,000 members from socially excluded & vulnerable groups

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**SDG alignment**
Key Development Challenges

- Almost 70% of Timor’s population live in rural areas with limited access to public services.
- Parliamentarians have limited technical support to review and promote informed debates for the approval of bills.
- Poverty rates in rural areas are at 47% - compared to 28% in urban areas.
- Municipal governments have limited capacity and human resources to conduct evidence-based local economic planning.

Key Results

E-Learning access by public servants in 12 municipalities

- Total participants signed up: 518
- Enrollments in courses: 1,512
- Total course completion: 400

Training on local development processes in 12 municipalities

- Total participants: 357
  - Women: 72.1%
  - Men: 24.7%
  - People with disabilities: 3.3%

Municipal Portal Usage:

- 1,022 Visitors from other countries (48.7%)
- 1,077 Visitors from Timor-Leste (51.3%)

Voices

“As a woman, I am now aware the processes particularly on the planning and development in my village and most specifically the ongoing development in my municipality”

Melisa Amaral, Center of Study for Development Viqueque

Project Map

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The project is designed to complement and support other ongoing decentralization/local government projects and programmes, this UNDP project will support the Ministry of State Administration by providing technical assistance, including long-term national experts and short-term international consultants, in the following 2 areas as requested by the DG Decentralization, Ministry of State Administration: 1) Enhancing the legal, policy, and institutional framework for decentralization, 2) ‘One-stop-shop (OSS)’ for selected public services at the municipal level.

**National Priorities**

**Project Main Activities**

- Review and update of the existing mapping and roadmap of Timor-Leste’s legal, policy, and institutional framework for Decentralization to be utilized to harmonize Laws, Regulations, and SOPs pertaining to political, fiscal, and administrative decentralization.
- Establish and operate 'Technical Assistance Coordination Unit (TACU)' for the MSA and the Municipal Administrations, providing support on legal advice, socialization of law/policy, SOP development, capacity building, enforcement and monitoring of the decentralization legal framework.
- Laws, Regulations, and SOPs developed or amended to accelerate the decentralization process and address gender and youth issues for both MSA and the Municipal Administrations.
- Feasibility study on OSS conducted and utilized to pilot OSS in a one-municipality.
- Inter-ministerial coordination and harmonization mechanisms developed at the national level as well as municipal levels to create enabling environment to operationalize the selected OSS model.
- Capacity developed for OSS staffs and mechanisms in place to monitor quality of service.

**Quick Facts**

- **Project Title**: Strengthening Integral Local Development by Building The Capacities of Municipal Authorities in Timor-Leste (MSA)
- **Duration**: January 2021-December 2022
- **Total Budget**: $1,167,000
- **Government Counterparts**: Ministry of State Administration
- **Beneficiaries**: Ministry of State Administration, Municipal Authorities, Municipal Administrations

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**SDG alignment**
Voices

“Today, citizens of Timor-Leste are more aware of their rights and have higher expectations of services provided by the public sector. The successful implementation of the OSS model will help meet those expectations.”

H. E. Mr. Joaquim Amaral, Coordinating Minister of Economic Affairs
To address the challenges of violence against women and girls (VAWG), the European Union (EU) and the United Nations have embarked on a new multi-year program - the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative. The Spotlight Initiative aims to support transformative change on the ground to end violence against women and girls and harmful practices, in numerous countries globally. The Spotlight Initiative in Timor-Leste is being implemented through five UN agencies (UN Women, UNFPA, UNDP, UNICEF, and ILO) with a focus on addressing intimate partner violence and domestic violence. The UNDP’s actions focus on strengthening evidence-based legislation to address violence against women and girls, capacity strengthening of institutions and municipal authorities to plan, fund, and deliver evidence-based programs that prevent and respond to gender-based violence (GBV), engaging with partners on GBV prevention and initiatives via media, and ensuring that survivors of GBV have access to quality essential and legal services.

### National Priorities

- **Timor-Leste’s National Strategic Plan 2011-2030**: Demonstrates the explicit commitment to tackling DV and promoting gender equality. It is also connected to Timor-Leste’s existing international gender equality and human rights obligations as they relate to VAWG.

- **Key national legal and policy frameworks to EVAWG**: Including the Law against Domestic Violence, the Penal Code, the National Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence 2017-2021, the National Action Plan for Children 2016-2020 and National Youth Policy.

### Project Main Activities

- **Legislation and Policy Support**
- **Service Provision**
- **Institutional Strengthening**
- **Data and Systems Availability**
- **Prevention of Gender-Based Violence (GVB)**

### Quick Facts

- **Project Title**: EU-UN Spotlight Initiative to Eliminate Violence Against Women and Girls
- **Duration**: May 2020 – 31 Dec 2023
- **Total Budget**: $2,554,603
- **Government Counterparts**: Ministry of State Administration, Ermera, Viqueque, & Bobonaro Municipal Authorities, National Parliament, Ministry of Justice, Court of Appeal, Public Defender’s Office, Legal & Judicial Training Center, PNTL, & the National Press Council
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Voices

"Domestic Violence Prevention, in my opinion starts from family. If we choose to solve problem with our partner by using violence, we are directly teaching our kids to continuously practice Violence in the Future.”

Jose Delima, Coordinator of Public Defender Baucau

Key Development Challenges

- 38% married women experienced physical or sexual violence by their husbands
- 59% Timorese women (15-49 years) reported having experienced physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime
- 75% women survivors of physical or sexual violence never told anyone nor sought help.
- More than 3 out of 4 women and men believe that a man is justified in physically beating his wife.

Key Results

Socialization campaign on Law Against Domestic Violence

- 1,970 participants
- Local authorities and communities (777 females; 1,193 males) from 60 Villages of the 3 targeted municipalities Bobonaro, Ermera, and Viqueque, have participated in the conducted socialization campaign on Law Against Domestic Violence

Training for Vulnerable Person Unit and Community Police

- 329 participants
- have increased their knowledge of the law against domestic violence, access to the formal Justice system, and referral network collaboration with CSO ALFELA

486 students and communities (124 females and 362 males) participated Seminar on the Do No Harm Approach

290 CPs members (30 women and 260 men) attended to the Community Police Training on First Response to Violence against women and girls

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The UNDP is working with the Regional Authority in Oé-Cusse to operationalize the Special Zones for Social Market Economy (ZEESM TL) to strengthen institutional capacity and ensure the delivery of quality services to Oé-Cusse’s population. The Project aims to create sustainable economic opportunities, promote resilience to climate change, and ensure quality public services. Ultimately, the project aims to contribute to the sustainable development of the region.

**National Priorities**

- Eradicate extreme poverty and establish a sustainable and diversified non-oil economy.
- Sustainably manage natural resources and access to clean water and improved sanitation.
- Development of a thriving agricultural sector to reduce poverty, provide food security and promote economic growth in rural areas.
- Development of the public sector to build trust in government.

**Project Main Activities**

- Provide material support and training to new entrepreneurs.
- Support marketing and capacity building for tourism.
- Introduce spice value chains (vanilla, pepper, and clove) to farmers.
- Develop water catchment areas and introduce new wood stoves to stop deforestation and increase water access.
- Construct water harvesting and supply systems for schools and clinics.
- Support the regional government in drafting the Dalan ba Futuru report and designing gender-responsive budgeting and monitoring tools.

**Quick Facts**

- **Project Title**: SAR and ZEESM Project
- **Duration**: 1 June 2022–31 December 2025
- **Total Budget**: US$ 2,921,674

**Government Counterparts**

- Regional Government of Oé-Cusse
- Ambeno (RAEOA- ZEESM TL)
- Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI)

**Beneficiaries**

- 400 farmers, 38 youth entrepreneurs

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Anita Eto, Coffee Farmer

Now I'm happy because there is water, and we can grow 10,000 and more coffee trees every year. Previously, we only planted just over 1000. Our water sources are very far. Even a cup of coffee is difficult to offer to visitors because there is no water. With UNDP support, we have access to water near our homes and cooperatives, and now we can offer Lakufoan coffee to our visitors.

Sustainable Agriculture
New policies in forest conservation

5,903 households’ awareness of new policies in forest conservation was raised.

- 39,397 plants planted
- 4 water catchment areas constructed
- 21 hectares restored and reforested

158 farmers experienced improvements in productivity and income with technical support from UNDP. 104 farmers participated in new value chains, and 10,533 spice plants have been supplied to them.

75 new enterprises and 5 community tourism groups were established in support of UNDP.

- Tourism marketing strategy was developed.

12 schools
16 rainwater harvesting systems were constructed in 12 schools and 4 clinics to provide clean water to students and patients.

Key Development Challenges

1%
Agribusiness is unproductive yet vulnerable to climate change, thus not contributing to poverty reduction. Less than 1% of households produce for selling in the market.

37%
The Special Administration’s budget execution rate remains low and inconsistent: 37% in 2021. This has impacted the delivery of basic public services to the population.

50%
Over 50% of the forested area in the region is degraded due to harmful cultivation methods (slash and burn), uncontrolled grazing, and inefficient method of firewood collection.

60%
The SAR Oé-Cusse ranked as the poorest region in Timor-Leste in 2014, with over 60% of the population living under the national poverty line.

Key Results
Women and girls in Timor-Leste are empowered to enjoy their right to live free of sexual harassment and other forms of violence against women and girls in public and private spaces and can access quality essential services.

**National Priorities**

- **Enhance capacity of the justice and law enforcement institutions** to provide survivor centered access to justice for women, including survivors of gender-based violence.
- **Empower women and girls in Timor-Leste** to enjoy their right to live free of sexual harassment and other forms of violence in public and private spaces and can access quality essential services in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Project Main Activities**

- **Provide technical assistance to the PDO and CSOs’ in-house lawyers** to enhance their knowledge, skills, and systems to handle GBV cases.
- **Conduct monitoring on GBV cases in trials in the permanent and mobile courts and support advocacy**.
- **Provide legal outreach and consultations on GBV and existing systems, institutions and procedures in place through PDO’s Access to Justice Clinics in the Dili, Baucau, Suai, and Oecusse Judicial Districts**.
- **Provide technical assistance to the PNTL and Office of Prosecutor-General in developing the institutional capacity in the GBV case management and protocols**.

**Quick Facts**

- **Project Title**: Hamutuk ba Igualdade (Together for Equality: Preventing and Responding to Gender-Based Violence in Timor-Leste)
- **Duration**: November 2020-November 2024
- **Total Budget**: US$ 1.9 million
- **Government Counterparts**
  - Public Defenders Office, Office of the Prosecutor General, National Police, Court of Appeal, Ministry of Justice, Scientific Police (PCIC).
- **Beneficiaries**
  - Rule of law professionals, local community members, GBV survivors, law graduates, inmates, prison guards, and pre-trial detainees
- **Funded by**
  - KOICA, UNDP
- **SDG alignment**

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Key Development Challenges

Gender-based violence (GBV) is widely recognized as one of the most pervasive human rights concerns in Timor-Leste, with almost 2 of every 3 Timorese women (15-49 years) reporting having experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime.

Gender-based violence occurs in many forms and across the life cycle. In addition to being a fundamental violation of human rights, it has enormous health, social and economic costs. These costs begin with the severe physical, mental and emotional consequences that not only impact individuals that experience abuse, but also those who witness abuse, most often children.

Key Results

563 Gender-Based Violence survivors received legal aid and legal counseling from partner CSOs support.

1,122 People received legal outreach and consultations on GBV and existing systems, institutions and procedures.

171 PNTL Officers attended on Trauma-informed Approaches to handling GBV survivors and on Pocket Cards (investigative guidelines) to support their institutional capacity in handling GBV cases.

Voices

"UNDP has helped and supported us to share information to local authorities and the communities. Thus, we can guide our women and girls, that are subjected to violence, to referral services."

Madre Santina, CEF Director, Covalima

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ADR project aims to increase access to justice for the most marginalized groups in Timor-Leste, predominantly women and other excluded groups. The project intends to enhance the alternative dispute resolution practices already taking part in the community. This will be done through the enhancement of community leaders to increase their awareness on issues such as impartiality, human rights and discriminatory practices as well as enhancing the community-based ADR practices through the establishment of a paralegal programme. The project also intends to strengthen the newly formed State institution, Land and Property Commission, in the development of their SOPs/guidelines, associated training, and mentorship programme.

National Priorities

Justice Sector Strategic Plan for Timor-Leste 2011-2030

GOAL 7
By 2030, all justice sector personnel are provided with the necessary competencies, skills and knowledge, including on applicable ethical standards to adequately perform their functions.

GOAL 13
Within 5 years (2015), the principle of non-discrimination, the awareness regarding issues of gender and the protection of vulnerable groups and human rights will be guaranteed in the justice sector.

GOAL 14
Within 3 to 5 years (2012/2015), the customary law and community justice mechanisms will be regulated, and the systematic monitoring of their conformity to human rights will be implemented.

Project Main Activities

- Vulnerability Analysis
- Development of Manual and Code of Ethics for Paralegals
- Development of the training manual and case record book for Aldeia Chiefs and other local leaders (CSO and consultant)
- Development of SOP/Guidelines and Code of Ethics for the Land and Property Commission

Quick Facts

Project Title
Strengthening Alternative Dispute Resolution to increase access to justice for Excluded Groups and Women (ADR for Access to Justice)

Duration
January 2023–December 2023

Total Budget
US$200,000

Government Counterparts
Ministry of Justice and the Land and Property Commission

Beneficiaries
women and other excluded groups, Land and Property Commission, Women Jurists Association of Timor-Leste (AFJTL), Aldeia Chiefs and other local leaders (CSO and consultant)

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**Key Development Challenges**

**Judicial presence**

Limited judicial presence in municipalities, lengthy proceedings, poor road conditions, lack of accessible and affordable public transport, economic constraints, and linguistic barriers limit access to the formal justice system.

**Service access**

There are significant limiting factors that affect people’s access to essential services and competent officials capable of providing access to justice, especially in rural and remote areas.

**Human rights**

Informal justice system often operates based on patriarchal traditions, where the human rights of women and other vulnerable individuals tend to be dismissed.

**Gender equality**

Gender equality is one of the crucial focuses of the project as women are reported to have lower attendance at community-based ADR and feel as if they are not heard, resulting in less confidence in dispute resolution services that are conducted at the community level.

**Key Results**

11 legal professionals were equipped with skills in Monitoring, evaluation, and communication during the training to support the newly established Women Jurists Association of Timor-Leste (AFJTL).

17 Working closely with the newly established Land and Property Commission to enhance their capacity and promote their mandate.

Supporting the Paralegal Programme that consists of 17 young women legal professionals and enhancing their alternative dispute practices in 7 different municipalities.

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**Voices**

“I would like to express our sincere acknowledgment to UNDP for the extensive support provided to the development of Timor-Leste since the restoration of independence to date. We believe the commission will become a strong institution with integrity now and in the future to bring justice to the people and build public trust through the land dispute resolution.”

Celito Cardoso, Executive Secretary of the Land and Property Commission
Since its inauguration in 2002, the National Parliament has successfully fulfilled its constitutional mandates – legislative, oversight, and representational functions - which led to the political, economic, and social development in Timor-Leste. Despite the considerable progress, the National Parliament is facing several challenges in terms of its institutional capacity which constrain it to perform its mandates the best. The project focuses on the National Parliament’s further institutional development, particularly in training and capacity building, technical expertise, regulatory impact analysis, digital transformation, citizen engagement, communication, and international relations. The project also ensures that all the support is mainstreaming gender, human rights, environment, and SDGs.

**National Priorities**

- **Strengthen capacities** in the performance of legislative, representational and oversight functions to MPs and parliamentary staff through increasing their technical knowledge and systematic training mechanisms.

- **Build more digital capacity through a Digital Transformation** – for better data processing, public transparency, and networking.

- **Increase the representational roles and engage the citizens and the civil society** through better channels of communication.

- **Coordinate development partners** and develop capacities to manage international relations.

**Project Main Activities**

- **Support the Parliament Training Centre**

- **Provide technical support to the MPs** in their legislative work in the scope of the reform of the justice sector and in the legislative and oversight functions.

- **Assess the digital needs of the Parliament** and develop a strategy of digital transformation and provide the Parliament with digital tools.

- **Promote the gender equality** by strengthening the Parliament’s (mainly in Committee F and GMPTL) capacity.

- **Strengthen the Parliament’s communication capacity** through engaging the citizens, especially the youth, in developing activities such as surveys and others.

- **Establish a system of effective coordination with international partners**.

**Quick Facts**

**Project Title**
Strengthening the National Parliament for Inclusive Democracy, Participatory Development and Civic Engagement (2020–2023)

**Duration**
1 September 2020 - 31 December 2023

**Government Counterparts**
National Parliament

**Total Budget:**
$4,121,936

**Beneficiaries**
Parlamento Nacional de Timor Leste, CSO’s, Women organization, Member of Parliament, Citizens specially women and Youth

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**SDG alignment**
Antoninho Bianco, MP, Representative from Committee D

“I’ve been working in the Parliament for many years. This is the first time that I was surrounded by young people who are volunteering in nature conservation and are also willing to protect the nature even without asking for a return.”

Antoninho Bianco, MP, Representative from Committee D
Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship Skills (YEES Project) is a joint initiative between Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Government of Timor-Leste, and UNDP to tackle the unemployment and job creation issues among young men and women. The project supports the economic diversification of the country by fostering MSMEs development, promoting the investment and job creation in the productive sectors, as well as strengthening the employability skills of youth to get better employment access.

**National Priorities**

- **Job creation for youth**: The government has set the job creation for youth as the number one priority in the socio-economic aspect.
- **Skills development for youth**: The government has envisioned to promote skills development of youth, including entrepreneurship and soft skills.
- **Economic diversification**: The government aims to create all possible conditions to leverage economic diversification in productive areas, such as agriculture, livestock, fisheries, forests and tourism, in addition to the industry sector.
- **Strengthening business enabling environment**: The government plans to improve the business enabling environment, both in technical and policy levels.

**Project Main Activities**

- Internship and soft skills training for university fresh graduates
- Job fair and career counselling for youth
- Entrepreneurship training for youth and returnee migrants
- Soft loan and access to finance to MSMEs
- Business competition and entrepreneurship expo
- Information on market access, value chain, and access to jobs for youths

**Quick Facts**

- **Project Title**: Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship Skills (YEES)
- **Total Budget**: US$8,120,947.00
- **Duration**: July 2022 - December 2027
- **Government Counterparts**: MCI, SEFOPE, IADE, The Bridge
- **Beneficiaries**: Young women and men, people with disability, returnee migrants

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Key Development Challenges

9.6% of youth aged 15-24 was unemployed. 30.5% of youth aged 15-24 were not engaged in employment, education or training (NEET).

15% of firms have a bank loan or a line of credit. Only 3% of investments in fixed assets were financed by bank lending.

50,000 Timorese are living abroad with potentially half of these being temporary migrant workers. Migrant workers find it difficult to find employment and transfer their knowledge upon their return.

Key Results

Youth internship

171 youth obtained internship and 50 people secured full-time employment after the internship.

Host institutions

Business training

312 youth participated in entrepreneurship training

Soft loans

23 people received soft loans to develop their business. A total of 14 male received US$227,245.29 and 9 female received US$139,050.00.

Business Grants from BIC 3

102 people received Business grants to advance their business in 7 sectors below.

Agriculture
Commerce
Fisheries
Food tech & Innovation
Industry
Technology
Tourism

Micro $293,395.29
Small $72,900.00

Voices

“I managed to increase my production capacity after receiving grants from Business Innovation Challenge. My products are also now available in over 16 retailers in the country. Thank you UNDP and MCI.”

Martinho Gorety, Beneficiary of Business Innovation Challenge

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The UNDP Timor-Leste in partnership with the Government of Timor-Leste and funding from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) is implementing the project “Safeguarding Rural Communities and their Physical Assets from Climate Induced Disasters in Timor-Leste”. The main objective of the project is to safeguard vulnerable communities and their physical assets from climate-induced disasters mainly floods, landslides, erosion, and droughts. It aims to address existing institutional, financial, and legislative barriers, increasing the climate resilience of vulnerable small-scale rural infrastructure. The main activities of the project include climate risk information system development, construction/rehabilitation of 130 units of climate-smart small-scale rural infrastructure (rural roads, irrigation systems, water supply and flood protection) and catchment management through an eco-based approach.

**National Priorities**

- National priorities from Timor-Leste Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030
- Timor-Leste’s National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA)-2010

- Environment and Climate Change
- Infrastructure Development
- Economic Development
- Climate disaster risk reduction

**Project Main Activities**

**Output 1:** Climate risk information is developed, monitored and integrated into policies, regulations and institutions to inform climate resilient small-scale rural infrastructure planning and management.

- Develop and deliver climate risk information services and vulnerability mapping to all sectoral institutions
- Establish a database system for monitoring, recording and accounting climate induced damages in order to inform climate risk reduction planning and budgeting.
- Refine ordinances, regulations, and associated codes and standard to enable climate proofing small-scale rural infrastructure.

**Output 2:** Climate risk reduction and climate-proofing measures for small-scale rural infrastructure are implemented to build the resilience of vulnerable communities in six priority districts.

- Climate risk reduction measures for small-scale rural infrastructure are fully integrated into the planning and budgeting cycles of village and municipal development plans.
- Implementation of climate proofing measures for 130 units of small-scale rural infrastructure.
- Supporting catchment management and rehabilitation measures to enhance climate resilient infrastructure and communities through plantation of 1500 Hectares.

**Quick Facts**

- **Project Title:** Safeguarding Rural Communities and Their Physical Assets from Climate Induced Disaster in Timor-Leste
- **Duration:** March 2020- March 2026
- **Beneficiaries:** 175,840 direct beneficiaries
- **Total Budget:** US$59,443,867
- **Government Counterparts:** SEA, MSA, MI-SSCP, MAF, Ministry of Public Works
- **Project Municipality:** Liquica, Aileu, Ermera, Baucau, Lautem and Viqueque.

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SDG alignment

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**Key Development Challenges**

- Incomplete policies, standards and regulations that limit the implementation of infrastructure.
- Weak capacity of municipal and village level institutions to plan, implement, and maintain network rural infrastructure.
- Limited technical capacity to engineer climate proofing measures to infrastructure.
- Limited options for financing climate resilient decentralized small-scale rural infrastructure at sub-national level.

**Key Results**

**Climate risk information system development**

- Timor Emergency Response System (TERS) has been established.
- Developed 4 sets of national hazard maps covering Timor-Leste for floods, landslide, erosion, and drought.
- Established Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) Laboratory in Civil Protection Authority department of Secretary state of Civil Protection.

**Capacity building**

350 Government staff received training in climate and disaster proofing of small-scale infrastructure, catchment management, drone, hazard mapping, and engineering.

**Climate risk reduction & proofing measures for small scale rural infrastructure**

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**Supporting catchment management and rehabilitation**

Land Covered in Hectares (ha)

- GCF: 58/300 ha covered
- Co-Finance: 432/1200 ha covered

**Voices**

“The knowledge and skills I gained from this training showed that civil engineering is not only for men but also for women. As a woman engineer, I believe that I can contribute to my municipality by providing better supervision to improve infrastructure and rural roads”.

Felizita da Conceição Mendonça, Engineer in the Ministry of Public Works

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