



ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Together for Equality: Preventing and Responding to Gender-Based Violence in Timor-Leste

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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

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Key Development Challenges

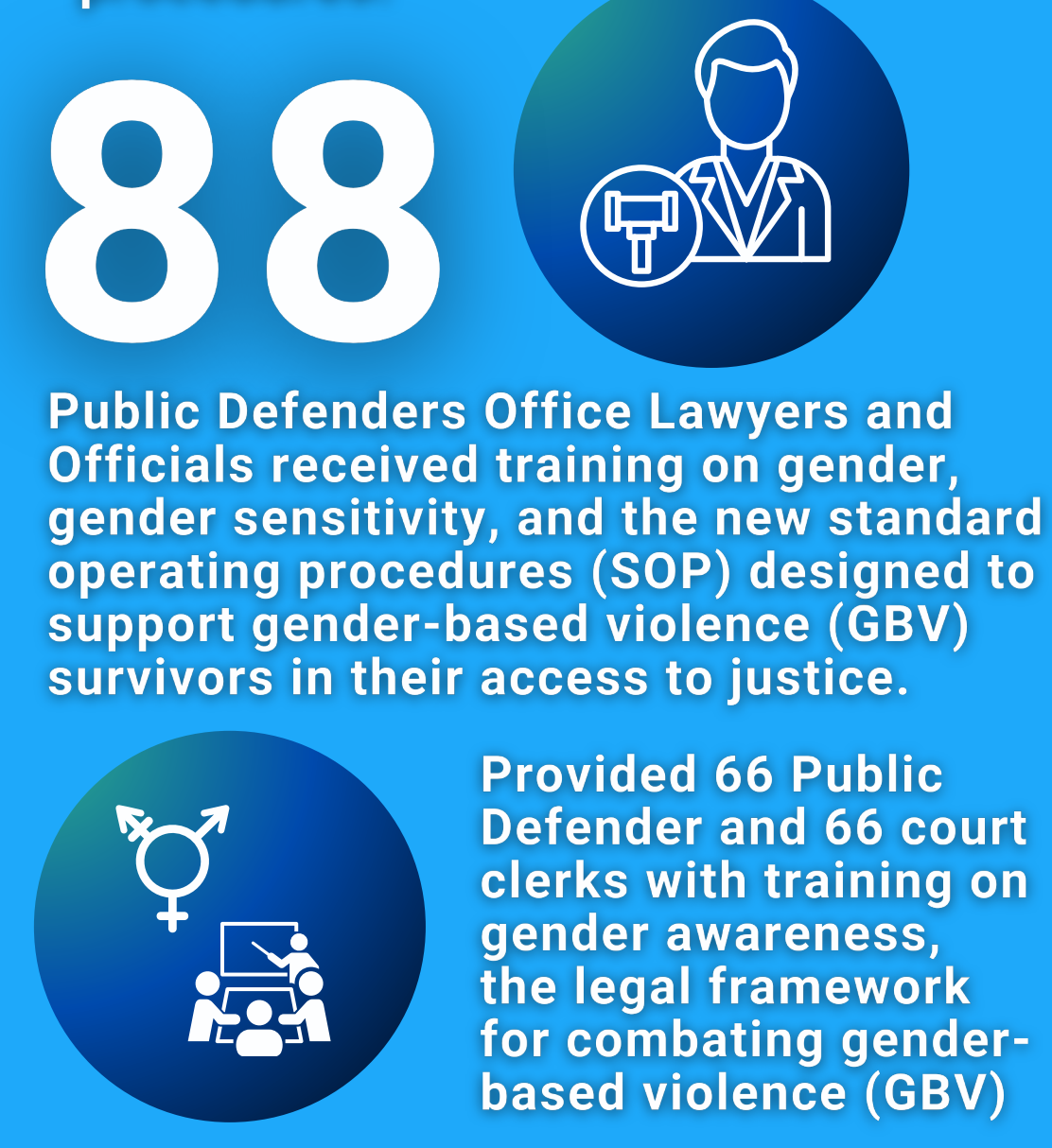
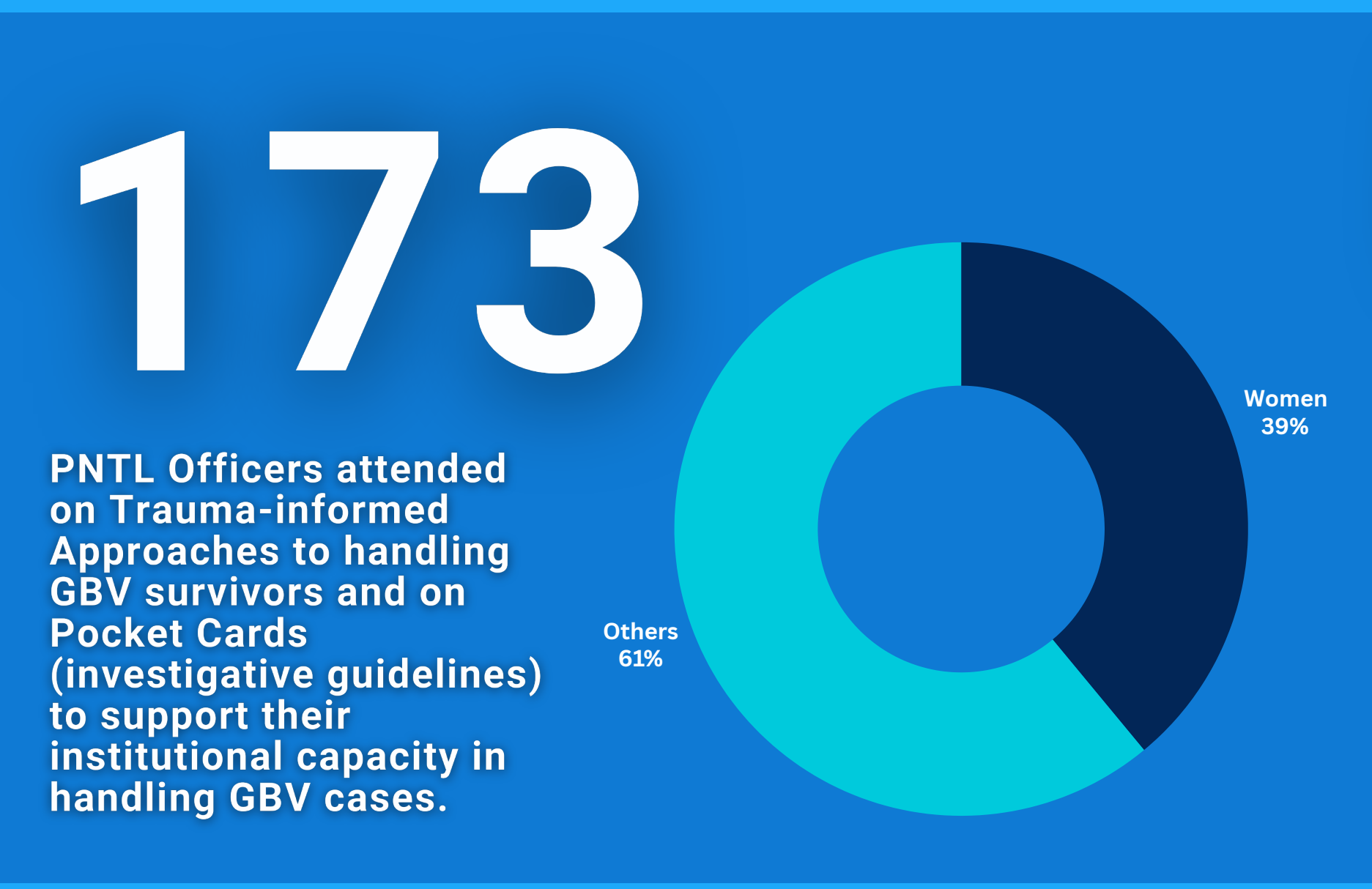
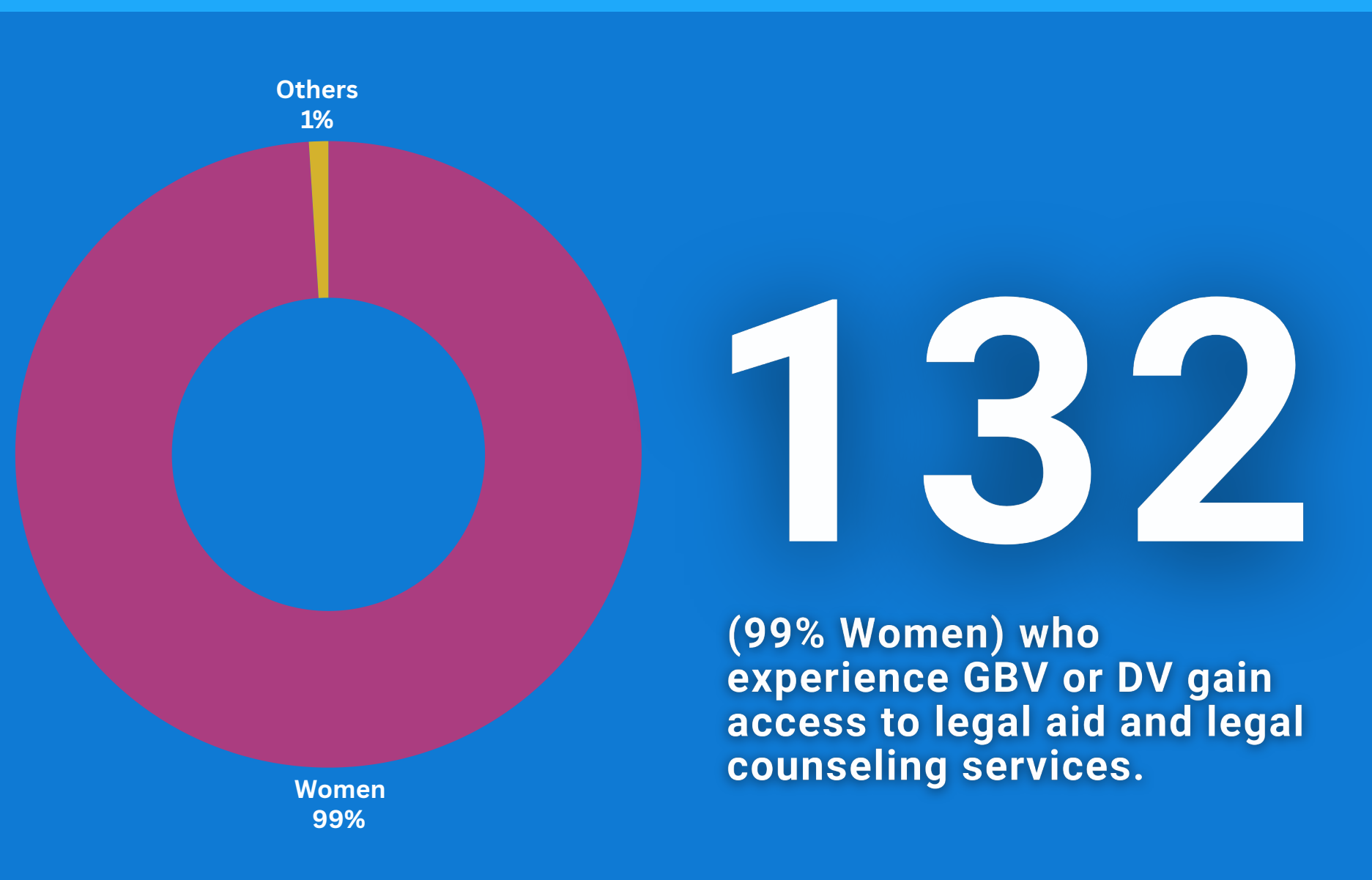


Gender-based violence (GBV) is widely recognized as **one of the most pervasive human rights concerns in Timor-Leste**, with almost 2 of every 3 Timorese women (15-49 years) reporting having experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime.

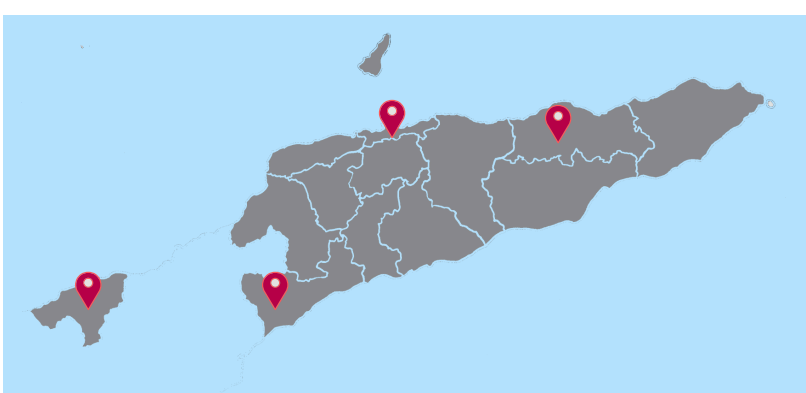


Gender-based violence occurs in many forms and across the life cycle. In addition to being a fundamental violation of human rights, it has enormous health, social and economic costs. These costs begin with the **severe physical, mental and emotional consequences** that not only impact individuals that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

Key Results



Project Map



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 Santana, CEF Director, Covalima

