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**

**INDUCED OUTPUT 1:** Improved deconcentration and decentralization policy, institutional and legal framework, and inclusion of gender balance and women empowerment.

**INDUCED OUTPUT 3:** Mechanism for improving local governance (e-procurement) and public services delivery (‘loja do cidadão – Uma Sídadaun’) established.

**Project Main Activities**

- Enhancing capacity of Commission A and C at the National Parliament to perform informed discussions and increase awareness of the Timorese population about the deconcentration process.

- Improving capacity of the local authorities to deliver public services including, the development and implementation of computer-based modular courses for public servants.

- Supporting local authorities to improve access to municipal data for planning, monitoring, and better service delivery by using information and communication technology (ICT) tools.

**Quick Facts**

**Project Title**
Strengthening Integral Local Development by Building the Capacities of the Municipal Authorities in TL

**Duration**
March 2020 - March 2023

**Total Budget:** $3,986,050
- European Union: 3,586,050
- UNDP: 400,000

**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
- 2,000 members from socially excluded & vulnerable groups

**Co-Funded by**
European Union
UNDP

**SDG alignment**

- SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions
- SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities
- SDG 5: Gender Equality
- SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

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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: 541
  - Women 73.8%
  - Men 23.2%
  - People with disabilities: 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" 

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