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.
- Increase the representational roles and engage the citizens and the civil society through better channels of communication.
- Build more digital capacity through a Digital Transformation – for better data processing public transparency and networking.
- 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, develop a strategy of digital transformation and provide the Parliament with the 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**

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**Key Development Challenges**

- Lack of technical knowledge and systematic training
- Low digital capacity
- Absence of an effective engagement with the citizens
- Reinforce Parliament’s capacity to promote gender equality

**Key Results**

- 3,314 youth engaged for overall activities
- g7+

- Successfully delivered the quarterly budget analysis of based on gender marker
- The National Parliament has a stronger capacity in international relations by establishing the g7+ Parliamentary Assembly, and effective aid coordination.

- 93,307 people were outreached through the Social Media
- MPs and parliamentary staff have enhanced knowledge and technical capacity, which improves how the National Parliament performs its oversight, legislative and representational roles.

**Project Map**

**Voices**

“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

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