MoU Signed by UNDP and SEFOPE
On 5 February 2024

The Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) highlights the collaboration between the Secretariat of State for Vocational Training and Employment (SEFOPE) and UNDP’s two projects: Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship Skills (YEES) Project and Community Infrastructure for Resilience Project (CIReP). Together, SEFOPE and UNDP will conduct joint-programmes, such as soft skill training, career counseling, job fair, entrepreneurship training, vocational training, cash for work and on-the-job-training to leverage youth employment in Timor-Leste.

LoA Signed by UNDP and SEFOPE
On 13 February 2024

UNDP and SEFOPE signed the Letter of Agreement (LoA) to pledge the joint-activities of Cash for Work for the rural communities and on-the-job training for the SEFOPE’s vocational training graduates in the Municipality of Bobonaro, Ermera, Liquica, and RAEOA. In partnership with SEFOPE, UNDP promotes gender-equal employment and inclusion of vulnerable groups, such as women and youth in rural communities. This year, the project will create short-term employment for 1,200 community members, 50% of whom are to be women. These activities interlink with SDGs, particularly in the areas of Gender Equality (SDG 5), and Decent Work and Economic Growth (SDG 8).

Environmental Feasibility Study at 46 Sites
From 25 April to June 2024

An external consultant company, Karsa Buana Lestari, is conducting a feasibility study at all 46 sites. With the collected data, they will develop Environmental and Social Impact Assessment report, including management schemes (ESMF/ESMP, the Gender Action Plan, Stakeholder Engagement Plan, OHS Management Plan, Waste Management Plan, Grievances Redressal Mechanism, etc.) The company also prepares technical documents to obtain the Environmental certificate/license from ANLA.

Women's Empowerment Through Community Constructions

I am a Site Engineer at UNDP CIReP, working to improve community infrastructures in rural areas of Liquica Municipality. I pursue my career in Engineer despite the gender stereotypes embedded in our society. I truly believe in woman's economic power.

- Marta De Araujo Efi, CIReP Site Engineer in Liquica
**On-Site Assessments at 46 Construction Sites**

**Oe-cusse: 15 sites**
The field assessment was jointly conducted with a WASH engineer at UNDP ZEESM project. In rural communities, most of the water supply systems have been outdated and heavily damaged, which constrains access to clean water and sanitation in rural communities.

**Ermera: 4 sites**
The on-site assessment was conducted in cooperation with PNDS, PDIM, and Municipal administration staff, and analyzed that some community infrastructures didn’t function at all due to impact of natural hazard and lack of proper maintenance.

**Bobonaro/ Covalima: 10 sites**
Through the on-site assessment, the CIReP engineering team, found out site-overlapping between Bobonaro and Covalima. The areas around construction sites are vulnerable to heavy rains and easily get flooded.

**Liquica: 17 sites**
The CIReP Engineering Team revealed that the water resources are quite far from the rural communities, which makes more difficult to establish water system in the rural communities. The area is prone to flood and landslides.

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**Meet CIReP Staff**

Greeting from a new CIReP project office! We are a total of 15 people, composed of a Project Manager, 3 Civil Engineers, 4 Site Engineers (Ermera, Bobonaro, Liquica, Oecusse), Project Admin Officer, Procurement & Finance Specialist, M&E and Communication Analyst, 2 Consultants, and 2 Drivers. We look forward to working together with you.

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Funded by:  
US$ 5,008,196.82 (Japan)  
US$ 300,000 (UNDP)  
Implementing partner:  
MSA and SEFOPE  

Project sites: Bobonaro, Ermera, Liquica, Oe-cusse