



## Supporting Entrepreneurship and Employment for Women and Youth

Timor-Leste has 74% of its population under 35, and 36% of the youth population aged 15-24 is not employed. There is a significant percentage of youth not in employment, education or training for various reasons. And studies have shown that even among the university graduates, there is lack of soft skills that are in demand in the job market. With the impact of COVID-19, on the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), further job loss has happened. This project aims to address some of these issues by i) supporting micro, small and medium enterprises to be better prepared to recover from the impact of covid-19; (ii) strengthening the capacities of women, people with disability, poor and unemployed youth to become entrepreneurs and also increase their employment opportunities; (iii) conducting a follow up Covid-19 Socio-Economic Impact Assessment that is country-wide including also a survey of the enterprises to understand the impact of COVID on them.

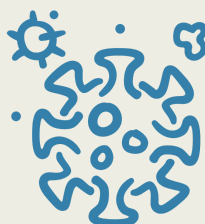
### Development Challenges



Timor-Leste has 30% of the population living below the national poverty line and 46% living in multidimensional deprivation and poverty.



According to UNFPA, 78% of the people between the age of 15 to 64 were not employed (or economically active), of which around 36% were youth aged 15 to 24 years



Impact of COVID-19 on MSMEs has been destructive in the last few months. According to the SEIA, 81 % of MSMEs reported a loss of income during the lockdown

### Quick Facts

**Project Title**  
Supporting Entrepreneurship and Employment for Women and Youth (SEEWAY)

**Duration**  
January 2021 – June 2022

**Government Counterparts**  
MTCI, SEFOPE, IADE

**Total Budget**  
\$ 642,700

**Target Beneficiaries**  
Women, youth and people with disability, MSMEs, and fresh university graduates.

**Funded by**



### What we have achieved

- 66 interns (39 women) freshly graduated students are recruited** and placed in 24 host institutions in the private, public, and NGO's from the Youth Internship Programme with SEFOPE. 23 (13 women) interns have been employed by the host institutions to become permanent staff, and 4 interns(1 woman) have decided to become entrepreneurs.
- From 80 applicants (women 35) MSMEs registered at MTCI, 43 MSME's proposals** are eligible for the soft loan guarantee scheme, 42 ( 20 women) proposals assessed by the steering committee,15 proposals been approved by BNCTL and 15 MSMEs has created a job for 111 (60 women) people.
- 507 (205 women) youth attended youth entrepreneurial data collections.** The supported 8 youth groups have employed 58 (18 women) people.
- Launched Business Innovation Challenges competition with the MTCI, together IADE.** 29 (5 women) youth groups were awarded access to government grant subsidies. The 29 awarded youth groups have employed 159 (55 women) people.

### Project Map



*"To build a strong economy a country must ensure Business Competitiveness and fostering innovation for MSME."*

**H.E. Domingos Lopes Antunes,**  
The Vice Minister of Commerce and Industry  
Social Business Initiator from Government of Timor-Leste



# Apoiu Empreendedorizmu no Empregu ba Feto no Juventude

Timor-Leste iha 74% husi nia populasaun ho idade tinan 35 ba kraik, no 36% husi populasaun juventude ho idade tinan 15-24 la serbisu. Iha persentajen signifikante ida husi foin-sae sira ne'ebé la-iah servisu, edukasaun ka treinamentu ba sira ho razaun oi-oin. Estudu sira mós hatudu ona katak maske graduadu universitariu sira seidak iha abilidade interpesoais ne'ebé prrsiza iha merkadu serbisu nian. Ho impaktu husi COVID-19, ba mikro, empreza ki'ik no médiu sira (MSMEs), lakon tan serbisu. Projetu ne'e ninia objetivu mak atu hatán ba kestaun hirak ne'e balun, liuhosi i) fó apoiu ba empreza mikro, ki'ik no média sira, atu bele preparadu di'ak liu atu rekupera impaktu husi COVID-19 nian; (ii) hametin kapasidade feto sira nian, ema sira ne'ebé iha defisiénsia, ema ki'ak no foin-sa' e sira ne'ebé la iha servisu atu sai empededor, no hasa'e mós sira-nia oportunidade empregu nian sira; (iii) hala'o tur avaliaun kona-ba Impaktu Sosioekonómiku COVID-19 ba país tomak inklui mós peskiza ida kona-ba empreza sira atu kompriende impaktu husi COVID ba sira.

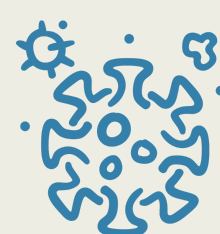
## Dezafiu Dezenvolvimentu



Timor-Leste iha 30% hosi populasaun ne'ebé moris iha liña pobreza nasonal nia okos no 46% moris iha privasaun multidimensionál no ki'ak



Tuir UNFPA, 78% husi populasaun ho idade entre tinan 15 to 'o 64 la empregadu (ka ekonomikamente ativu), iha ne'ebé maizumenus 36% mak joven ho idade tinan 15 to 'o 24



Impaktu husi COVID-19 ba MSMEs destrutivu ona iha fulan hirak ikus ne'e. Tuir SEIA, 81 % husi MSMEs relata katak lakon rendimentu durante lockdown

## Faktu badak

### Titulu Projetu

Apoia Empreendedorizmu no Empregu ba Feto no Juventude (SEEWAY)

### Durasaun

Janeiru 2021 – Juñu 2022

**Kontraparte Governu**  
SEFOPE, MTCI

**Total Orsamentu**  
\$ 642,700

**Benefisiariu**  
Feto, juventude no ema ho defisiénsia, MSMEs, no resente

### Fundada husi



### Aliñamentu SDG



## Saida mak ita halo ona

- 1 Rekruta ona estajiaru na'in 66, (feto na'in 39)** ne'ebé mak foin graduadu no tau iha instituisaun 24 iha programa estájiu ba foin-sa'e ho SEFOPE. 23 (feto 13) estajiaru sira ne'ebé instituisaun sira empreza ona atu sai funsionáriu permanente, no estajiaru na'in 4 (feto 1) deside atu sai empedor.
- 2 Husi 80 aplikante (feto 35) MSME rejista ona iha MTCI, 43 MSME** nia proposta sira elijivel ba eskema garantia empréstimu, 42 (20 feto) ne'ebé avalia husi Komisaun diretiva, 15 propozal hetan aprova husi BNCTL no MSME kria ona servisu ba ema na'in 111 (feto 60).
- 3 Foin-sa'e 507 (205 feto) atende kolesaun dadus empededorizmu Juventude.** Grupu foin-sa'e na'in 8 mak empreza ona ema na'in 58 (feto 18).
- 4 Lansa ona kompetisaun dezafiu inovasaun Negósiu ho MTCI, hamutuk IADE.** 29 (feto 5) grupu Juventude hetan asesu ba Governu nia subsidiu. Grupu 29 fó servisu ba foin-sa'e sira hamutuk 159 (55 feto).

## Mapa Projetu



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"Atu hari'i ekonomia ida-ne'ebé forte, nasaun ida tenke asegura kompetitividade Negósiu no promove inovasaun ba Ekonomia Makro, Ki'ik no Medío (MSME)."

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