Timor-Leste

National Human Development Report 2018

Planning the Opportunities for a Youthful Population

Infographic Summary

15th

YOUNGEST NATION IN THE WORLD

74%

POPULATION BELOW AGE 35





133

RANK IN 2016 GLOBAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Flinders

SEIZE THE DEMOGRAPHIC OPPORTUNITY NOW

Others have done it!

From 1960 to 2017, demographic dividend accounted for 42% of economic growth in developed countries & 39% in developing countries.

Timor-Leste's Context

The changing population structure will soon lead to an opening of a **30–40 year** demographic **window of opportunity**.



WELL-BEING IS A MEANS TO ACHIEVE YOUTH DIVIDENDS

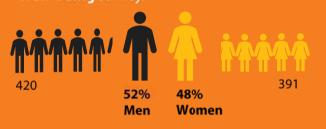
What is well-being?

Well-being is about people and richness of human life.

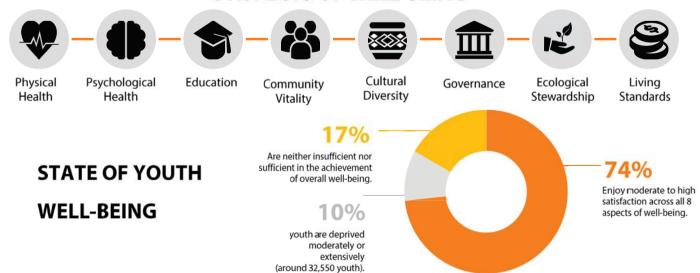
It is the quality of life, prosperity, positive physical & mental health, sustainable thriving communities.

Timor-Leste National Youth Well-being Survey (2016)

Youth aged 15-34 in 13 municipalities completed a perception based subjective well-being survey.

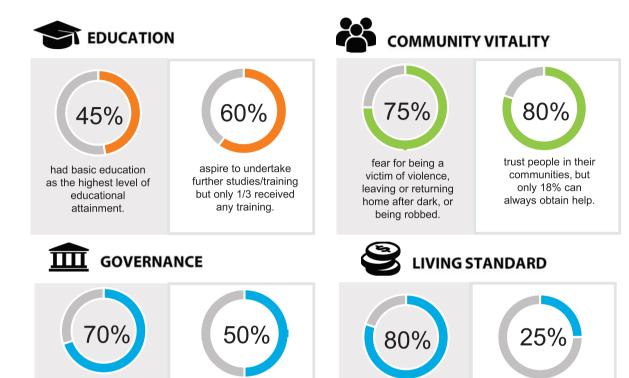


8 ASPECTS OF WELL-BEING



KEY AREAS FOR PRO-YOUTH POLICIES & INVESTMENTS

Every challenge yields an opportunity



UNLEASH TIMOR-LESTE'S DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL

feel they are able to talk

openly and freely about

political & government-

related issues.

Opportunity

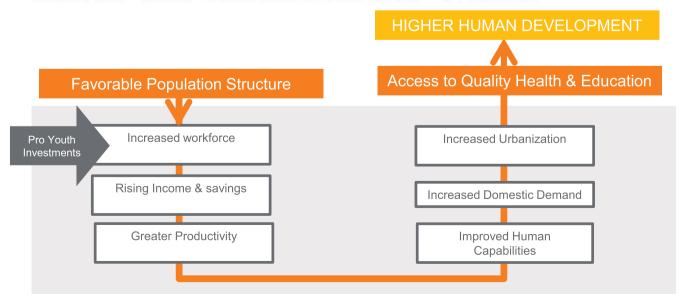
are not satisfied with

the number & variety of

livelihood opportunities

available.

Challenge



said they are not

formally employed.

While 43% are looking

for work, the rest are

inactive.

are not looking because

they are discouraged

by the difficulty of

finding work.

FOR A PROSPEROUS & SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

SEIZE THE DEMORAPHIC OPPORTUNITY NOW

With targeted, quality investments in health, education & economy,

Timor-Leste can potentially enjoy a 6 fold growth in GDP per capita in 15 years,
an increase of GDP to \$15,275 by 2030 &
move from Medium to High Human Development,
to a Human Development Index of 0.71.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS



For policy makers

- Allocate 25% of the government budget to education & training.
- Raise school completion rates up to grade 12 among all men & women by 2030.
- Invest in teacher training, well-balanced curriculums, good facilities & ICT.
- Eliminate gender gap in education and employment.
- Create decent work opportunities in industries with development potential.
- Provide incentives for social enterprise development in community health, eco-tourism, rural livelihoods & food security.
- Widen access to primary health care, particularly access to family planning.



For development partners

- Support efforts to improve health, education & economy.
- Invest in pro-youth, 21st century skills training programs for better school to work transitions.
- Provide youth work placements, mentorship, ICT & financial literacy training, career advice & access to capital.
- Enter strategic partnerships to stimulate job creation & social enterprise development.



For youth

- Be a responsible & active citizen.
- Work in solidarity with your peers towards goals that enhances national interest above your own.
- Benefit from training & skills development opportunities to become better at planning & management, financial record-keeping, using electronic tools and being able to work in teams, speak in public & resolve conflict.
- Volunteer or enroll in internships programs before graduating from school.
- Explore opportunities to create your own small business in agriculture, tourism, fishing, waste management or community health.