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The Dili-Ainaro Road Development Corridor (DARDC) Project aims at strengthening the resilience of communities living in the Dili-Ainaro Road Development Corridor to Climate-Induced disaster such as floods, erosion, fire, destructive winds and landslide to reduce the risk of damage to road infrastructure and communities.



Group discussion on Disaster Responses

Information dissemination and disaster response exercise in Ainaro

Hatobuilico, 20 July 2018, The National Directorate for Disaster Risk Management (NDMD) in partnership with UNDP Timor-Leste conducted information dissemination and disaster response exercise in Hatobuilico Post Administrative Ainaro Municipality. The simulation helped communities to be ready to respond to disaster, which is extremely important for the vulnerable communities.

The simulation aimed to increase the self-awareness and skills of Post Administrative, village heads, Suco Council and community members to

contribute to disaster risk management. It also helps to reduce the impact of natural disasters and to prevent loss of lives and properties.

At the inaugural session, the National Director for Social Solidarity and Inclusion of Ainaro Municipality, Mr. Jaime Agostinho Hanjam urged the local authorities to collaborate and improve their understanding of recurring disaster issues.

“When disaster occur most of the affected people are elderly, children and disabled people,” said Mr. Hanjam. “I extend my request to all of you to collaborate and better understand the subject and hopefully each of you will transmitt this information with vulnerable people,”

In the training, facilitators presented and shared tips and techniques that how the communities act and respond to before, during and after disasters.

The participants participated actively in the simulation session on natural disaster training action and response.

“UNDP continues to extend support to the government together with the Ministry of Social Solidarity and Inclusion to capacitating and sharing of information related to disaster risk management” said Ms. Ana Maria de Carvalho, the DARDC National Project Coordinator.

At the end of the session, Hatobuilico Post Administrator, Mr. Armando de Araújo thanked MSSI and requested UNDP to continue the support. Speaking on behalf of the participants, a training participant Mr. Bento Alves vowed to replicate it into their villages.

Early warning system set up in Dili-Ainaro

The Early Warning equipment has been installed in the Dili-Ainaro road development corridor. The installed devices will automatically detect the disasters such as strong winds, landslide and floods and help save lives.



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“I appreciate UNDP and thanks for the support and ask UNDP to continue collaborate with the Government of Timor-Leste”, said H.E. José Agostinho da Silva, Ministry of Transport and Communications.

The Sendai framework for Disaster Risk Management recognizes Early Warning System as

one of the priorities. It helps in disaster monitoring and alert vulnerable communities living along the Dili-Ainaro road corridor.

“ Early Warning System is important for disaster preparation to minimize the damage and losses. This system will help vulnerable communities when disaster occurs”, said Mr. Claudio Providas, the UNDP Country Director.

The equipment installed included: 6 Automatic Weather



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Installation of Automatic Weather Station (AWS) at Suco Casa, Ainaro

Stations for detection of strong winds and precipitation, 2 Extensometers for landslide detection and 2 Automatic Water Level monitoring equipment for flood warning.

“The local people were severely suffered by strong wind in 2017 and 2018. In 2017, 18 houses were damaged,” stated Mr. Longuinhos de Araujo, Chief of Village Casa-Ainaro. He highlighted, “We hope that the installed equipment helps us out in providing early warning so that we can be safe during the disaster”.

The system was designed and supported by UNDP’s DARDC project in collaboration with the National Directorate of Meteorology and Geophysics (MTC), Hydrology, NDMD (MSSI), IPG (Ministry of Petroleum) and BMKG Indonesia. 5000 people living along the corridor are expected to be benefitted.

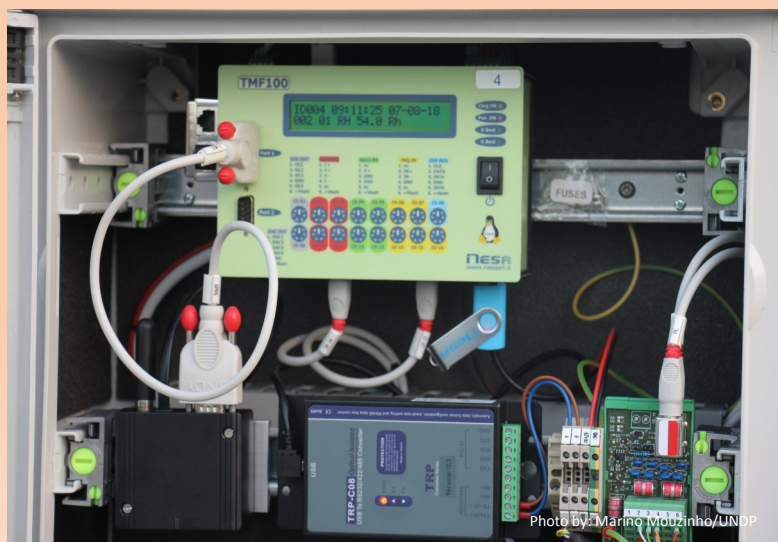


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Installation of Automatic Weather Station (AWS) at Suco Liurai-Aileu



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Training on Automatic Weather Station monitoring by BMKG Indonesia to technical team from DNMG, Hydrology, NDMD and IPG

Community Grants to enhance rural livelihoods and community resilience



UNDP DARDC Project in partnership with Ministry of State Administration has launched community grant programme to implement community action to build their resilience.

The main objective of the small grants is to enhance community resilience by improving and expanding livelihoods opportunities for rural communities living in high risk areas of natural disasters to promote participation of men and women in disaster risk management activities.

“The community grant is one of the ways to support vulnerable communities. We suggest to well utilize these grants because good results of these grants will help to generate other funds in the future ,” said Dr. Shyam K. Paudel, Chief Technical Adviser/



Project Manager UNDP-DARDC.

“Thank you to UNDP for helping our community. I ask to all community to utilize this fund carefully to benefit your life’s”, said Interim Minister and Vice Minister of State Administration, H.E. Abilio José Caetano.

39 community groups have been benefitted from community grants in Aileu, Ermera, Ainaro and Manufahi.



The activities under community grants include a variety of livelihoods development measures including agro-forestry, community activities including vegetation production, bamboo pre-processing, livestock, horticulture, handicraft making etc.

The initial results of the community grants are highly impressive. The local communities are already benefitted from community grants to improve and diversify their household incomes.

Bamboo Institute now well-equipped with processing machines



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Minister of MAF tested a machine that was handed over to main processing center of Instituto of Bamboo Tibar

The development of bamboo sector will contribute for environmental protection and livelihood security of local people in the country with the improved and efficient value chain of bamboo products. The UNDP Timor-Leste is currently supporting the Government of Timor-Leste in crafting a national strategy for bamboo, which is expected to be a guideline for the development and promotion of bamboo industry in the country.

“UNDP has committed to continue support for the development of bamboo industry in Timor-Leste. Beside machinery, UNDP is pleased to support the government in drafting a national strategy for bamboo in Timor-Leste”, said Ms. Diana Lina Bernado, the UNDP Operations Manager.

The machineries handed over included four bamboo side-planing machines and slicing, knot removing, width sizing, planing and carbonizing machines, as well as five sets of pre-processing machines for five different community groups.

Representing bamboo groups Mr. Januario Soares stated: “We are happy with these machines and we believe that the machines will help us to increase bamboo production”.

Director of Bamboo institute, Mr. Sabino Rua thanked UNDP for the support and asked the Government of Timor-Leste and other institutions for the bamboo promotion with using bamboo furniture in their office.

The launching ceremony at the Bamboo Institute in Tibar was attended by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, H.E. Joaquim José Gusmão dos Reis Martins; Vice-Minister of Public Works, H.E. Nicolau Lino Freitas Belo; the State Secretary of SEFOPE, H.E. Julião da Silva; Ms. Diana Lina Bernardo from the UNDP Country Office, the General Director of Industry, General Director of Environment, National Directors, line ministries and staff from the Bamboo Institute.

UNDP together with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries handed over a set of bamboo processing machines to the Instituto of bamboo on 11 October 2018.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, H.E. Joaquim José Gusmão dos Reis Martins felt proud of bamboo group and all staff who developed this institute and thanks the UNDP for the support to this bamboo institute.

“I am proud to bamboo group and all staff at the Bamboo Institute for all of your effort. Sincere thank goes to UNDP for the support”, said H.E. Joaquim.



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