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# CORE-TL | COVID-RESILIENT ELECTIONS IN TIMOR-LESTE



**“**I hope young people use properly their right to participate in the *festa demokrasia* and for the future we expect that each of us decide through the vote and contribute to the development of Timor-Leste.”

Marvi, Timorese Music Artist and Social Media Influencer



## 210 youth made part of the *Festa Demokrasia* at the Joven Vota Event

March 5th @ Timor Plaza, Dili

Two hundred ten first-time voters from universities and secondary schools, at the age of 17 to 25 years, joined the UNDP CORE-TL event Joven Vota that promotes participation and representation of youth, women, and people with disabilities for the Presidential Election on March 19th.

The event, broadcast Live on TV Edukasaun, had the participation of the Timorese influencers Bepi and Marvi, who facilitated the youth engagement with their inspiring speeches about the upcoming elections. Joven Vota's agenda included music performances and activities to enhance youth voter education, such as a mock election drama and a trivia quiz.

Moreover, Roy Trivedy, UN Resident Coordinator; Munkhtuya Altangerel, UNDP Resident Representative; Ms. Kazumi Yamada, Deputy of the Embassy of Japan to Timor-Leste; Mr. Alcino Manuel Branco, DG STAE; Mr. Jose Belo, President of CNE, and international election observers attended the event.



**210**  
first-time voters  
attended the event

 **2,8K**  
viewers on YouTube

# Election Briefing to National and International Observers

**March 9th @ Hotel Timor, Dili**

The Election Observer Briefing session *Atribuição de Funções para os Diferentes Intervenientes no Processo Eleitoral*, organized by STAE with support from UNDP, was conducted by the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) to national and international observers. The electoral information materials provided by the UNDP CORE-TL project at the session are available on this QR code.



## The CORE-TL Project Board Meeting

**March 10th @ United Nations, Dili**

The CORE-TL Project Board Meeting was held with representatives from the Government of Japan, UNDP, STAE and CNE. The CORE-TL project is funded USD 4 million from the Government of Japan, USD 360K from the Government of Timor-Leste, and USD 30K from UNDP.



## Election Reporting Guideline for Journalists and Media Bus Launch Event

**March 14th @ National Press Council, Dili**

The handbook manual *National Guidelines for Journalists and Media on Election Reporting*, developed by the UNDP CORE-TL project in cooperation with the National Press Council, was handed over to national journalists to ensure that citizens have access to accurate and fair information about the forthcoming elections and COVID-19 prevention measures. In addition, at the event, a Media bus journey for journalists was announced to operate from March 18th to 20th to support the coverage of electoral operations in the municipalities.



## Electoral education lecture to 101 First-time Voters

**March 15th @ Timor Plaza, Dili**

The educational seminar *Seminario ba JOVEN VOTA* was completed by 101 first-time voters to increase their knowledge on the electoral process and promote the participation of youth, women, and people with disabilities (PwD) in the upcoming elections. The students, including 20 PwD, from the departments of Communication and Inclusion at the National University of Timor-Leste received a lecture by the CNE Digital Transformation Specialist, Mr. Paulo Amaral, and held an online discussion on democratic elections with Professor Mitsuru Yamada from Waseda University in Japan.

