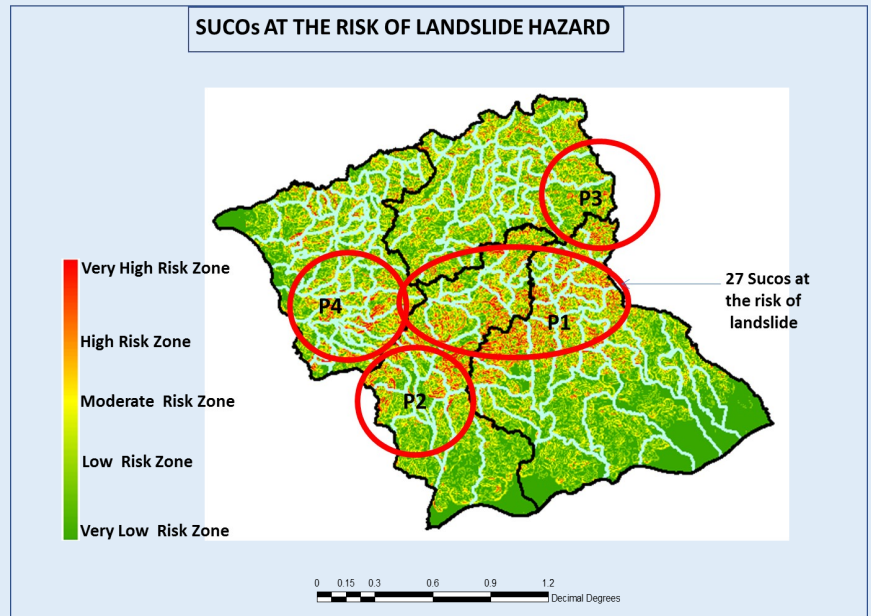


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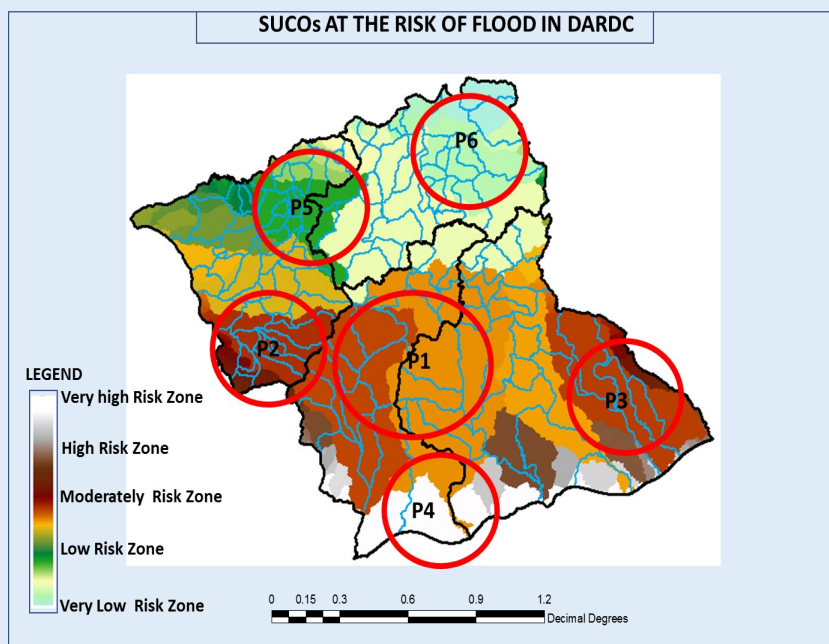
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Spatial Analysis of Hazards in Dili-Ainaro Corridor



The villages that are at risk of landslide hazard in DARDC area



The villages that are at risk of flood hazard in DARDC area

The DARDC project has completed the mapping of the potential natural hazards along the Dili-Ainaro Corridor.

The main objective of the mapping is to characterize the conditions of the sub-catchment areas impacted by climate-induced hazards such as flood, drought, landslide, fire and wind including their impacts to livelihoods, investments and natural environments.

The mapping includes the main 4 watershed areas covering 72 sub-catchments in 35 sucos within the Municipalities of Ermera, Aileu, Ainaro and Manufahi.

The hazard maps will be displayed as posters in 35 sucos to raise awareness of local communities.

Minister of Social Solidarity leads Joint Monitoring of Project Activities

Ainaro, 4 May 2017 - The Minister of Social Solidarity (MSS) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) together with Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, Ministry of State Administration, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment and Ministry of Interior conducted a joint monitoring of the Dili to Ainaro Road Development Corridor (DARDC) project activities in Aileu and Ainaro on 4 May, 2017.

The purpose of the joint monitoring was to observe the progress of the project, which was implemented in 2017 and to provide feedback for the future implementation.

The team led by H.E. Ms. Isabel Amaral Guterres, the Minister of Social Solidarity observed the forest nursery in Aileu and reforestation activities in Aituto, Ainaro. During the visit, H.E. Minister Guterres suggested local communities to actively engage in the project activities as owner and beneficiaries of the project.

The project has been collaborating with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) for implementing various watershed management activities. In 2017, the project assisted MAF for demo plantation in 16 hectares of community lands.

"This project can benefit us in the short term by generating income from the sale of vegetables, sweet potatoes, corn and other crops and in the long run we can get benefits from trees," said Mr.



Minister of Social Solidarity, H.E. Ms. Isabel Amaral Guterres, launching the reforestation activity at Aituto-Ainaro.

Joaquim da Silva, owner and beneficiary of the agroforestry demonstration site at Lahae, Aileu.

Mr. Claudio Providas, UNDP Country Director said that the project should provide the short and long-term benefits to the local communities for their livelihoods.

The project will also support MAF to carry out afforestation and agroforestry in 50,000 hectares of degraded areas and community lands along the corridor during the project period, and is expected to benefit at least 5,000 households.



The trees were ready for planted at the reforestation site at Aituto.



UNDP Country Director, Mr. Claudio Providas plant trees at the reforestation area at Aituto-Ainaro.

Government officials consulted for the improvement of Disaster Risk Management training manual

Dili, 24 March 2017 – Knowledge and capacity are important in managing disaster risks as well as adapting to climate change. Therefore, a training manual has been developed to be used by the National Institute of Public Administration (INAP) for building the capacity of civil servants at national and municipality level.

This training manual was presented and reviewed at the National Consultation Workshop, which was held from 23rd to 24th March 2017 in Dili by UNDP in partnership with the National Directorate for Disaster Management (NDMD-MSS) and the Center for Climate Change and Biodiversity (CCCB-UNTIL).

Around 25 national and municipal government officials who are mainly from INAP, NDMD, MCIE, MSS, and Municipality Administrators of Ainaro and Aileu participated and provided their inputs and feedbacks for the improvement of the training manual. (DRR), Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and Climate Change.



National Consultation on DRM Manual training revision facilitated by UNDP –DARDC & CCCB-UNTIL

The manual includes Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA).

The final manual will be handed over to INAP and will become one of the INAP Curricula for further trainings to all levels within the current institutional framework of NDMD, and to mid-level government officials at the national, municipalities and community level.

Training of Trainers on Disaster Risk Management (DRM)

Dili, 5th June 2017 – 20 government officials attended a 3-days long Training of Trainers (ToT) course on DRM from June 2 to 5, 2017 in Dili. The ToT was organized by UNDP DARDC Project in collaboration with CCCB, INAP, World Bank and NDMD.

The objective of the training was to build the capacity of INAP and NDMD trainers on technical aspects of disaster risks management and training

facilitation skills.

The contents and process of the training were evaluated by the participants by using “before and after method” to make necessary adjustments on the manual before rolling out the trainings at regional level by the INAP trainers.

The ToT is to be followed by four regional level trainings starting from the fourth week of June, 2017.



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Top-Up Grants for Resilient Community Infrastructure

The DARDC project has supported the Ministry of State Administration (MSA) to develop and implement “Top-up Grant” mechanism. The main objective of this top up grant is to mainstream Disaster Risk Reduction and Adaptation to Climate Change into the Integrated Municipal Development Planning (PDIM) process and its Municipal Investment Plan (PIM) through complementing an assigned public investment budget at local level and to correct, improve, strengthen, protect and ensure the sustainable adaptation to climate change in public investment assets.

One of the main components of the DARDC project is to strengthen planning, budgeting and investment for disaster risk reduction and management at local level and link them to protect critical economic infrastructure and assets in the Dili to Ainaro development corridor. The Top-up grant mechanism is one of the project strategies to build resilient community infrastructures and assets in the corridor.

To make the mechanism effective, the MSA and UNDP Timor-Leste signed a Letter of Agreement on August 12, 2016 with the Municipalities of Aileu, Ainaro, Manufahi and Ermera at the MSA office. During the ceremony, Vice-Minister of State Administration, Mr. Tomás do Rosário Cabral acknowledged UNDP for providing supports in solving community problems and appreciated that though the grant amount is small, it has potential to directly benefit local communities. Similarly, Mr. Claudio Providas, UNDP country director, congratulated the recipient municipalities and said that these grants are for the protection of infrastructures that are at risks to climate induced natural disasters. The Top-Up grants will be mainstreamed into Municipality Integrated Development Plan (PDIM) and will finance seven projects in Aileu, Ainaro, Manufahi and Ermera municipalities in the first phase as shown in the table below.



Vice-Minister of MSA, H.E. Mr. Tomás do Rosário Cabral and UNDP Country Director, Mr. Claudio Providas signed LoA to implement Top up Grants mechanism in 4 municipalities.

No. of project	Name of the project	Main objective	Location	Budget
2	Strengthening Community Resilience through Ensuring Community Access to Clean Water.	To assure community access to clean water and strengths community resilience on climate change and prevention the risk of natural disaster	Suco Madabenu, Aldeia Manehalo and Suco Malere, Aldeia Hularema,	\$ 50,000
1	Strengthen Community Resilience and Ensure Community Access to Safe and Sustainable Drinking Water.		Municipality of Ermera, Suco Poetete – Aldeia Berbetulo	\$ 20,000
2	Strengths Community Resilience to Assure Community Access to Clean Water		Suco Ainaro Villa, Aldeia Sabago and Aldeia Bullico	\$ 50,000
1	Strengths Community Resilience to Assure Community Access to Clean Water		Suco Holarua, Aldeia Carbulau Municipality Manufahi	\$ 30,000
1	Reduce and strengthen resilience against disaster risk in the community through construction of trapezium and reforestation for climate chane adaptation.	Reduce risk of disaster for community and protect public infrastructure including community farm-lands in Suco Talimoro Aldeia Nunusua	Ermera Municipality, Suco Talimoro - Aldeia Nunusua	\$ 32,000

Table: Seven projects to be financed by Top-Up grants in the first phase



Vice-Minister of MSA, H.E. Mr. Tomás do Rosário Cabral signing MoU with Municipality Administrators of Aileu, Ainaro, Manufahi and President Authority of Ermera on 4th May, 2017.

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