

## Project Background

The Project Document “Strengthening Community Resilience to Climate-induced disasters in the Dili to Ainaro Road Development Corridor” was signed by UNDP and the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MSS) in October 2014. The main objective of the project is to protect critical economic infrastructure for sustained human development from climate induced natural hazards (flooding, landslides, wind damage) through better policies, strengthened local Disaster Risk Management (DRM) institutions and investments in risk reduction measures within the Dili to Ainaro development corridor.

The project aims to achieve above objective by i) enhancing integration of climate change into national DRM policy; ii) providing access to knowledge and training on DRM; iii) strengthening institutional capacity for planning, budgeting and delivering investments into DRM, particularly at sub-national level; iv) developing early warning systems to reduce risks posed by climate-induced disasters; and v) reducing vulnerabilities of communities along the DARDC by reducing damage to infrastructure through implementing climate-resilient and ecosystem based approaches to DRM.

## Project Snapshot:

**Project Title:** Strengthening Community Resilience to Climate-induced disasters in the Dili to Ainaro Road Development Corridor

**Project Duration:** 2014-2018

**Project Counterparts:** Ministry of Social Solidarity - National Directorate for Disaster Management

## Project Outcomes:

**Outcome 1:** Knowledge and understanding of local drivers of climate induced natural disasters enhanced, and consequent impacts on economic infrastructure better understood and available to policy makers, planners and technical staff.

**Outcome 2:** Subnational DRM institutions able to assess, plan, budget and deliver investments in climate change related disaster prevention, linked to critical economic infrastructure and assets in the Dili to Ainaro development corridor.

**Outcome 3:** Community driven investments implemented to reduce climate change and disaster induced losses to critical infrastructure assets and the wider economy.

## Project Budget:

### Total Budget:

Total resources required	: 42,616,780
Total allocated resources	: 42,616,780
GEF - LDCF	: 5,250,000
Co-financing (In-kind contributions)	: 37,366,780

### Annual Budget 2017:

Total resources required	: \$2,210,764
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### Expenditures 2017:

Total expenditures	: ± \$ 1.1 million (including commitments and advanced payments)
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**Location:** Timor-Leste, National Level, Municipality (Aileu, Ainaro, Ermera, Manufahi)

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Minister of Social Solidarity, H.E. Isabel Amaral Guterres leads Project Management Board meeting with UNDP, World Bank, relevant Ministries and stakeholder about the progress of project implementation every sixth months. Photo: Marino Mouzinho/UNDP

## Achievements up to date:

- DRR/DRM/CCA Training Manual and Disaster Loss and Damage Database have been launched. DRM trainings were conducted in Baucau, Manufahi, RAEOA Oecusse and Bobonaro from June to August 2017 in collaboration with INAP, MSS and CCCB.
- The final report on “Capacity Development Strategy for Gender Mainstreaming in Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation” is available.
- The Mid Term Review (MTR) of the DARDC project has been completed.
- The capacity assessment of MSS, INAP, MAF, and Line Ministries on DRM has started in August 2017. The final report will be available soon.
- Eight events of trainings were conducted to build the capacity of more than 100 farmers and MAF staffs on Fukuoka technique to promote organic cultivation in Aileu, Ermera, Ainaro and Manufahi.
- The Top Up Grants mechanism to support the construction and maintenance of resilient infrastructures is ongoing. US\$ 200,000 has been transferred to Ministry of State Administration (MSA) to support 7 projects this year, which will be implemented in collaboration with the municipal governments.
- The project has also been closely working with Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) to promote community based reforestation and infrastructures along the road to reduce the vulnerability of local communities. The project has established four nurseries, planted 16 hectares and constructed a check dam land along the project corridor.
- The project has completed the GIS mapping of 26 sub-watersheds in the project. National capacity building on advanced monitoring system by using GIS and Drone is in the process.
- The project has designed “Early Warning System” based on the risks assessment in the project areas. The project is in the process of procuring and installing the necessary early warning equipment. The project has already recruited 3 focal points for the operation of the early warning system.
- Development of standards for watershed management, land use planning is ongoing.
- The project has working with MAHARU (local NGO) to implement various activities including reforestation, community mobilization and awareness campaign in Ainaro.



Community is working on terracing at Suco Aituto, Administrative Post Maubisse, Municipality Ainaro. Photo: Leonel Bere/UNDP



Minister of Social Solidarity, H.E. Isabel Amaral Guterres, launched reforestation with planted trees at Suco Aituto, Maubisse, Municipality Ainaro. Photo: Harun Boavida/UNDP