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ELECTORAL PROJECT - LEARN

Supporting the International Day for the
Elimination of Violence against Women

With this year's theme "Leave No one Behind": End Violence Against Women and Girls, the UNDP LEARN Project is celebrating the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Through this 16 days campaign the project aims to raise public awareness and mobilize people to end discrimination against women and girls and increasing their participation in the electoral and political processes. The project is reinforcing the UNITE Campaign's commitment to a world free from violence for all women and girls in Timor-Leste. Responding to the campaign action "Orange the World" the project has been able to stand in solidarity to symbolize a brighter future without violence.

UNDP LEARN and Okinawa Peace Assistance Center (OPAC) conducted a media forum focusing on coverage during the parliamentary elections 2017 to raise the awareness of the roles of each media sector and to promote civic engagement. Journalists from various outlets such as community radio, television, print and online media as well as students from media departments participated in the forum to discuss their experience on successes and challenges related to the media's coverage during the 2017 elections. The journalists submitted recommendations to electoral actors on the role of media during elections.



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Disability Access Monitoring Report Launches

This monitoring report was produced by UNDP LEARN and IFES in partnership with Ra'es Hadomi Timor Oan (RHTO) to assess the status of the level of accessibility - in line with physical and political rights - of people with disabilities to participate in electoral and political processes within Timor-Leste.

Strengthening Women's Political Empowerment

Through partnering with two national NGOs CAUCUS and MOFE to promote women's involvement in the political process and create an enabling environment for gender equality and gender mainstreaming; to assist political parties to perform their own capacity-building activities for female politicians including strengthening analytical skills and critical thinking; and to ensure women's equal participation in all levels of decision-making.



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SUB-NATIONAL GOVERNANCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (SNGDP)

During November and December 2017, UNDP provided professional assistance to the Major Project Secretariat (MPS) in Feasibility Study preparation for Infrastructure Fund pilot projects in infrastructure development. The MPS in cooperation with the Water Department and Road Department of the Ministry of Development and Institutional Reform created two working groups for Feasibility Study (FS). Also, a training was conducted for MPS staff regarding preparation of the project concept based on standards and FS Guideline for the Infrastructure Fund.

JUSTICE SYSTEM PROGRAMME (JSP)




Continuing Legal Education

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To increase the legal knowledge of the legal professionals, the Legal Judicial Training Center (LJTC) together with the Justice System Programme of UNDP conducting a two-day training on the law of combating drug trafficking in December this year.

The JSP of UNDP held its Project Management Board Meeting (PMB) in the beginning of December to present on the progress of the JSP in 2017 and to discuss the proposed work plan for 2018. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Ministry of Justice, Dra. Maria Ângela Guterres Viegas Carrascalão and Mr. Claudio Providas, UNDP Country Director. Other participants of the meeting included the Public Defender General, the Deputy Prosecutor General, representatives from the Court of Appeal, the Legal and Judicial Training Centre, as well as the Embassy Representatives from Japan, Korea and Brazil.



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PMB Meeting

our year in review.

Improved of Access to Justice

(Last update by November 2017)

Access to Justice Clinics



Justice System Programme (JSP) is piloting two Access to Justice Clinics (AJCs) in Baucau and Suai under the Public Defender's Office (PDO) this year to provide extra-judicial services such as legal consultations, referrals and alternative dispute resolutions alongside the existing criminal and civil functions of the PDO.



AJCs seminars held in 7 municipalities across the country



AJCs
17 cases resolved by AJCs out of 85 registered cases



2253 citizens (46% female) in Baucau and Suai Judicial districts participated awareness-raising seminars organized by the AJCs' partnering NGOs.



MOBILE COURTS
Mobile Courts cover 9 municipalities where without fixed courts



MOBILE COURTS
371 Cases were resolved while 187 were Gender-Based Violence cases



806 Beneficiaries 32% are female

PNTL Project



Fleet Management

A fleet management software training was conducted by UNDP's PNTL Project and the PNTL logistic office on 10 November 2017 after UNDP had sent 5 PNTL workshop mechanics to Indonesia to attend a 2-week training on engine and wire arms in the last quarter this year. Participants from the administration and logistic office had the opportunity to learn about tracking vehicle movement, maintenance and fuel management.

Information Technology Support

UNDP has supported PNTL to maintain the IT infrastructure of the PNTL network in Losplaos Command, Atauro and Metinaro Antenna. UNDP and the PNTL IT section also successfully conducted dashboard management and IT management training in Alleu, Ermera, Liquica, Baucau, Lospalos, Viqueque and Manatuto during September-November 2017, which was attended by 12 staff from the administrative and logistical department in every municipal command.



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Regional Planning

In November this year, the methodology for the preparation of the Regional Strategic Plan for Oé-Cusse has been launched. The development of the Regional Strategic Plan for Oé-Cusse (2018-2028) represents an effort of the Special Zones of Social Market Economy (ZEESM TL) and the RAEOA to promote a common vision of the region, while establishing priorities and outcomes for its future investment.



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The regional plan will be developed with the broad participation of representatives of regional organizations and the local population. The plan will focus on, and address, the most pressing human development needs in the region while laying down priorities for future investments plans and projects in the region. The five key sectors have been pre-identified for this planning process: **Social Sector, Economic Sector, Infrastructure for Development, Urban Planning and Governance and Institutional Modernization**. Within these five sectors we expect to determine pillars and priorities aligned with our current and upcoming investments.



Oe-Cusse Business Incubator

Entrepreneurs from Oé-Cusse competed for technical and financial support

The business Incubator in Oé-Cusse (OBI) is a workspace created to offer entrepreneurs access to the resources they need, all under one roof, the Secretariat of Community Tourism.

With the slogan, “Oe-cusse promove Negosiu sira ne’ebe Inovativu”, 24 groups (65 female out of 103 entrepreneurs) presented their business ideas for evaluation. Among the businesses represented are tais transformation, palm sugar, handicraft, pottery, coconut oil and other local products. The business ideas must demonstrate quality in different aspects: innovative idea, existing market, women and youth participation, and Sustainability among others. After the groups pass the final selection, they will receive equipment and technical training to improve the quality and design of their products and modernize and scale up their production.



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A JOYFUL AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2018

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