



# Democratic Governance Unit

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The Democratic Governance Unit (DGU) is one of the three pillars of the UNDP’s strategic involvement in Timor-Leste and supports human resource development initiatives as well as initiatives designed to strengthen the capacity of national government institutions.

The Democratic Governance Unit newsletter provides up-to-date information on the DGU’s five programmes -- Sub-National Governance and Development Programme (SNGDP), Justice System Programme (JSP), Capacity Building Support to the Policia Nacional de Timor-Leste Project (PNTL), Support for the Institutional Development of Oe-cusse Regional Administration and Special Zones for Social Market Economy (ZEESM) and Leveraging Electoral Assistance for Regionalized Nation-Building (LEARN) -- and recognizes the generous support and meaningful contributions provided by all donors and stakeholders.

## SUB-NATIONAL GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (SNGDP)

### Capacity Development for MPSI Staff

UNDP has been supporting the capacity development training for the staff of the Ministry of Planning and Strategic Investment (MPSI) through field visits and training overseas. In July, MPSI staff went to Japan to exchange views on the use of National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) and other technologies for project management. During the visit to the headquarters of JICA and Kokusai, participants had opportunities to share knowledge on topics such as: the use of spatial data to support better project planning, monitoring and evaluation; supporting better resource management in line with government by providing a comprehensive information system; better data sharing within the government, academia, NGOs and private sector; and reducing the cost of data collection by avoiding duplicity in the investment of data collection.



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1 MPSI staff travelled to Japan for field visit in July.



# ELECTORAL PROJECT-LEARN

## Parliamentary Election Ended Alongside a Complete Success

On July 22, Democratic Republic of TimorLeste successfully held the 3rd National Parliamentary Election since achieving its independence in 2002. The elections were held in peaceful manner without reports of violence. The election was administered for 65 members' unicameral parliament in one single national constituency through a closed and blocked list proportional representation system.



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The election took place in 12 municipalities and 1 autonomous region in the country and six places for out of country voting. Out of the total registered voters of 760,907, women voters accounted for 48.34% and 51% as young and first-time voters aged 17-30. There were 843 polling centers altogether including 9 mobile voting places in hospitals and prisons. This parliamentary election witnessed a voter turnout of 76.74% higher than that of the Presidential Elections held in last March. For the first-time sex-disaggregated voter turnout data was collected recording 48.58% as women voters. Invalid votes of 1.99% was recorded in the election which is below the international standard.

From the 20 political parties and one coalition contesting the election, only four parties could secure seats in the parliament as per the constitutional provision of 4% threshold. There will be 32.3% of women representation in the parliament subject to change after the formation of government and the first seating in the parliament.



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1 The Indelible ink is widely used for elections.

UNDP Election Project- “Leveraging Electoral Assistance for Regionalized Nation-Building (LEARN)” technically provided support to the Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs) of Timor-Leste for the parliamentary election. The project implemented outreach activities for youth, women and elder to increase their participation before the elections. A disability organization was also mobilized on Election-Day to monitor the accessibility in the polling centers for people with disabilities.

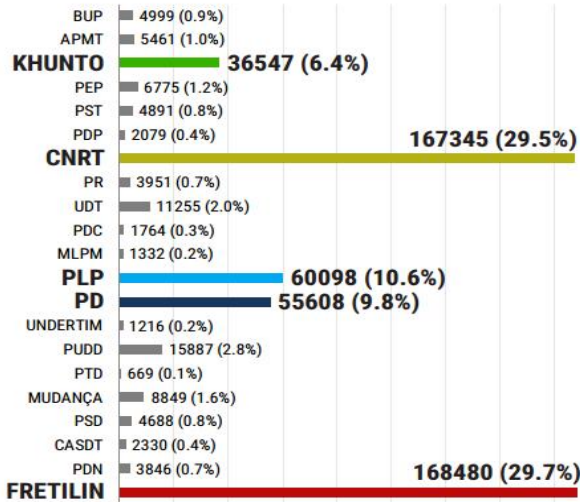
As part of an ongoing support to strengthen the capacities of EMBs through an electoral cycle approach, the project has supported this parliamentary election in the areas of electoral legal framework, role of media in elections, voter education, capacity building, procurement process for sensitive materials and national tabulation process.



## FACTSHEET

### Parliamentary Election Results 2017, Timor-Leste

#### FINAL RESULTS



#### WOMEN REPRESENTATION IN PARLIAMENT IN ASIA



TOTAL SEATS 65



Women Representation in Parliament  
32.3%

Party	Seats	Men	Women
<b>FRETILIN</b>	<b>23 Seats</b>	15	8
<b>CNRT</b>	<b>22 Seats</b>	15	7
<b>PLP</b>	<b>8 Seats</b>	6	2
<b>PD</b>	<b>7 Seats</b>	5	2
<b>KHUNTO</b>	<b>5 Seats</b>	3	2

Women representation in the National Parliament is based on results announced by the Supreme Court of Justice and might change after the formation of government and first session of the elected parliament.



1. The Prime Minister shall be designated by the political party or alliance of political parties with parliamentary majority and shall be appointed by the President of the Republic, after consultation with the political parties sitting in the National Parliament.
2. The remaining members of the Government shall be appointed by the President of the Republic following proposal by the Prime Minister.

- Section 106 (Appointment)



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# JUSTICE SYSTEM PROGRAMME (JSP)

## Training Support to National Legal Professionals

Through cooperation with the Governments of Brazil and Timor-Leste, UNDP has supported the provision of an international advisor for the Public Defender's Office (PDO). Ms. Alessandra Quines has supported the work of the PDO as well as the Legal and Judicial Training Centre through capacity building initiatives over the past several months. In particular, she has provided legal training for local public defenders, assisted in the resolution of complex cases, and drafted the statute for the Access to Justice Clinics. She has also taken up teaching duties at the Legal and Judicial Training Centre which is currently running the sixth initial course for judges, prosecutors and public defenders.



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2 Ms. Alessandra Quines was presenting her works in the seminar.

## Legal Education Delivered to Citizens in Ainaro



3 Participants from villages of Ainaro Municipality engaged in the session.

JSP has allocated resources to a local CSO, JNJ Advokasia to carry out the dissemination of legal information to remote communities in Timor-Leste. This partnership has operated since April, 2017. The objective is to strengthen the legal knowledge of the communities and guarantee that everyone is entitled to access to justice. In August, the information sessions are being held in villages of Ainaro Municipality during the second phase of the programme. The citizens attending the sessions have been actively engaged in discussions identifying the differences between criminal and civil cases amongst other legal matters.

## Seminar of Access to Justice Clinics in Baucau

On the 29th of August, the Justice System Programme of UNDP hosted a workshop in Baucau to inform participants of the work of the Access to Justice Clinics. Participants at the seminar included xefe de sucos and community police officer of the Baucau PNTL. Participants heard from a range of speakers such as the UNDP's Head of Governance Unit, Public Defender General, President of Baucau Municipality, Public Defender Coordinator, PDO Advisers and representatives from partners NGOs Belun and the Justice and Peace Commission on the functions of the Access to Justice Clinics. The Access to Justice Clinics will provide extra-judicial services such as legal consultations, mediation, referrals and alternative dispute resolution alongside the existing criminal and civil functions of the PDO. A lively question and answer session also allowed participants to discuss the role of the Access to Justice Clinics within Timor-lesste's broader judicial system.



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4 Mr. Mariano D.Q. Carmo, the Head of Governance Unit UNDP was delivering speech in AICs seminar in Baucau.



# PNTL PROJECT

## Peace March for the Parliamentary Election in Baucau

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of July, the Peace march was held in Baucau which was organized by UNDP in cooperation with PNTL, the Municipal Government and civil society organizations and individuals of Baucau. By promoting the key message of the event: "Together we can ensure stability, tranquility and peace to achieve the goal of national unity during the 2017 parliamentary elections", hundreds of citizens gathered and partook the march through the streets of Baucau. Participants in attendance were fourteen political parties, youth representatives, veterans, civil security officers, the fire brigade, community leaders, church representatives, students and members of the PNTL, FFDTL, municipal government and the Justice and Peace Commission. This event was great opportunity to unite people of Baucau's civil society to support and uphold the vision of non-violence and unity in order to achieve national development and democracy of Timor-Leste.



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1 UNDP's Head of Governance Unit, Mariano D. Q. Carmo participated the march with PNTL and citizens.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of August, the PNTL and UNDP conducted the first workshop in Dili. Participants in attendance were, police officers of Dili, PNTL Municipality commanders and members, heads of the suco from Dili including Fatuhada, Mascarinhas, Kuluhun and, also youth representatives from various secondary schools. Participants heard from the Dili PNTL Commander about the Martial Arts Law that forbids specific weapons and violence. During the workshop, the heads of the sucos from Dili also presented their opinions and suggestions on recent violence-related such as the Martial Arts and other safety concerns to the PNTL Commanders.

## Strengthening Security Workshop after 2017 Election

Alongside the successful ending of the Presidential and Parliamentary elections held earlier this year, the PNTL, with coordination from UNDP, has begun a series of workshops on strengthening the cooperation of post-election security in 12 municipalities and 1 Special Administrative Region across Timor-Leste from August to October 2017.



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2 Secondary students from various schools participated in the workshop.



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3 The head of suco from Dili presented his safety concerns.



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## Sustainable Tourism Development

Over 100 representatives from local communities have actively participated in tourism workshops organized by ZEESM in collaboration with UNDP to promote community based tourism in the region. This work constitutes the first phase of an ambitious project that will develop two travel packages in Fonte Sagrada and Oesilo areas. UNDP is supporting the Secretary of Tourism in Oé-cusse to implement participative, bottom-up methodology to promote community based tourism. Two working groups have been created to promote tourism attraction in Fonte Sagrada and Oesilo, that allows tourists to discover local habitats and wildlife, and celebrates and respects traditional cultures. Development of Community Based Tourism is integrated with Oé-Cusse Business Incubator OBI program as a way to encourage local people to engage in the development of their Suco's.



Credit: © Anne Kennedy/UNDP

1 Women presented her hand-made rattan products in the workshop.

## Encouraging Youth Development in Oé-Cusse

UNDP is working with authorities on the initiative of youth development. An event on promoting creativeness and creating networks of youth was organized by the Regional Youth Centre of Oé-Cusse and supporting by the National Secretary of Youth and Sport in collaboration with ZEESM, had gathered nearly 150 youth people from various districts in July. The participants had actively taken part in the five-days fair and promoted the local products such as Tais, traditional pottery or food. In addition, the Atoni youth was given opportunity to present their talents and skills especially in arts and Information Technology. The event was a great success for the first time that gathered the entire Atoni youth on focusing about regional youth development. The initiative is able to provide a new empowerment space for young people in Oé-Cusse.



Credit: © Anne Kennedy/UNDP

2 A young man showed his painting during the fair.



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