

ELECTION PROJECT



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Suco elections in numbers



442

Sucos



2,225

Aldeias



Over **3,000**
ballot boxes



Up to **700,000**
Registered voters



319

Female candidates



1,752

Male candidates



2,071

Total candidates



Approx. **6,675**
Staff at polling stations



29.10.2016

Voting day



7:00 - 15:00

Voting hours



312

Second rounds



Over **3,000**

Police officers deployed

Voices from voters



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"I came to vote to contribute to the development of democracy and choose the leader in our community to develop this Suco. I expect our leaders to take care of our community."

[Left] Mr. Arrindo Alves Mendosa at Dili

"I left my home in a mountain at 5 am and walked for 5 hours to get here. I wanted to be directly part of selecting our village chief."

[Right] A woman in her 60s at Tibar



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UNDP's support during the election day

Logistics Support

Overall the logistics on the Suco Election Day carried smoothly. However, there was a problem in two sucos in Liquiça with erroneous ballot paper. STAE and the Ministry of State Adminis-



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tration requested urgent support to UNDP's Electoral Project to reprint the ballot papers for these two

communities. The project supported these requests. The ballots were printed and distributed to these two remote sucos in the mountains of Liquiça by Vice Minister Tomas Cabral in the presence of UNDP's Electoral Team. In an interview to TVTL Mr. Cabral thanked UNDP's timely assistance and the support of the governments of Japan and Korea as donors of this project. The project team remained until 10 PM in the Joint Operation Center of STAE to follow the electoral processes and to provide urgent assistance when needed.

Media Support

The media team of UNDP's Electoral Project, in coordination with STAE's media department and TVTL, filmed and photographed the electoral processes throughout the day (8:00 AM to 10:00 PM) in Dili and Liquiça.

Violence-free Elections

These were the first elections in the history of post-independence Timor-Leste which were held without significant international support. As per police reports, the elections were mostly conducted peacefully without major incidence of violence.

Scope for improvement and Lessons Learnt

Nevertheless several logistical and procedural issues were experienced, such as long queues of voters in the hot sun and changes in electoral procedures compared to previous elections. There is room for improvement in these aspects and the lessons learnt provide opportunities for enhancing the organization of future elections.

Ambassadors' visit to Polling Centres



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On the day of the Suco Elections, Ambassador of Japan to Timor-Leste, H.E. Mr. Eiji Yamamoto and Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, H.E. Mr. Kim Ki-nam visited the Polling Centres in the sucos of Motael, Kampung Alor, Fatuhada, Comoro and Tibar in Dili and Liquiça. They expressed their positive impression of the process.



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2nd Round of Suco Elections: 13.11.2016

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