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STAE Launches Resource Centre for Parliamentary Elections



Eleições Parlamentares Timor-Leste 2018

CENTRO DE INFORMAÇÃO

Observadores Nacionais e Internacionais, Media e Fiscais dos Partidos Políticos e das Coligações Partidárias

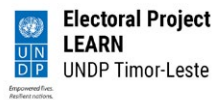


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The Technical Secretariat for Electoral Administration (STAE) has established a “Parliamentary Elections 2018 Resource Centre” (Centro de Informação) for the early parliamentary elections 2018. The Centre is supported by a joint partnership between the UNDP Electoral Programme and European Union. The objective is to provide assistance and access to election related information and materials like election procedures, updated legal framework, directives for observers, the election code of conduct etc available under a single platform. Additionally, the resource center will organize several training programmes using visual aids and learning materials to national and international observers, media and party agents of political parties and coalitions.

Having stakeholders access on updated official information plays an important role in the promotion and protection of the civil and political rights of participants in elections. The center work addresses error or weak practices before the election and even while an election process is still under way. In the hours and days following elections, reports and recommendations by observer groups can also lead to changes and improvements in national legislation and practice.

The European Union Electoral Experts Mission are collocated in the center, showing a strong commitment of Timor-Leste’s donors and development partners to implementing the principles of aid-effectiveness supporting the national priorities.



International Support to Parliamentary Elections

As Election-Day for the 2018 Parliamentary Elections is fast approaching, the two EMBs in Timor-Leste namely STAE and CNE have been organising and managing the electoral processes according to plan. The increased capacity in technical knowledge and skills in the management of elections, since the UN mission departed in 2012, was already visible recently during 2017 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections.

In addition, the EMBs have been receiving several important contributions to conduct the upcoming parliamentary elections especially in the areas of electoral legal framework, operations and logistics, operational training, voter and civic education and results management system. There are several donors and development partners supporting the electoral processes; Republic of Korea, Japan (through UNDP Electoral Project), European Union, Australia, New Zealand, China and among others. UNDP through its electoral project and other international organisations like IFES and IRI have collaborated to provide continuous assistance to the electoral processes.

UNDP in partnership with European Union Electoral Experts Mission which is co-located in the centre and

several Donors have joined forces in the establishment of an Observers Resources and Information Center, a good example of coordination and cooperation and in accordance with Timor-Leste policies regarding the application of principles of Aid Management and Effectiveness.



Government & EMBs Brief International Community on Electoral Preparation

Ministry of State Administration, CNE and STAE with the support from UNDP briefed the diplomatic community on the preparation for 2018 parliamentary elections. This briefing provided opportunity for members of the diplomatic community present in Timor-Leste to interact with the government counterparts. President of CNE, Dr. Alcino Baris presented the updates on their preparation for elections followed by electoral operational updates from Director-General of STAE-

Mr. Acilino Branco. Minister of State Administration Dr. Valentim Ximenes informed that the Government is providing every possible support to conduct this election in a peaceful and transparent manner. United Nations Resident Coordinator, Mr. Roy Trivedy thanked the EMBs for their updates on the preparation for elections and also diplomatic corps for attending this important briefing session.



FACTSHEET

Parliamentary Election 2018, Timor-Leste



Election Date 12 May 2018
Time 07:00 - 15:00



Municipalities 13



**Polling Centres/
Presiding Officers** 885



Polling Stations 1,160



Total Polling Staff 11,600



Mobile Voting 8 Locations

Hospital 6
Prison 2



Total Eligible Voters (17+) 784,286



406,295 (51.8%) Male



377,991 (48.2%) Female



Important Dates

Election Campaign Period 10 April - 9 May

Election Day 12 May

Municipal Tabulation 12 - 14 May

CNE National Tabulation 14 - 17 May

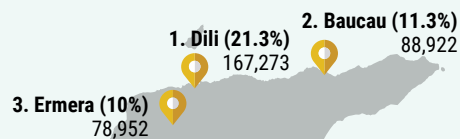
Announcement of Results 26 - 27 May



Out of Country Voting 9 Locations



Highest Number of Voters



Total Political Parties and Coalitions 8

1



Partido Esperança da Pátria (PEP)

2



Partido Democrático (PD)

3



Partidu Republikanu (PR)

4



Partidu Frente Revolucionário do Timor-Leste Independente (FRETILIN)

5



Movimento Social Democrata (MSD)

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Movimentu Dezenvolvimentu Nasional (MDN)

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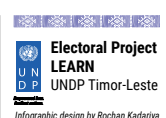


Frenti Dezenvolvimentu Demokratiku (FDD)

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Aliansa Mudansa ba Progresu (AMP)



Infographic design by Rochan Kadariya

Support to National Unity During Electoral Processes

As a symbol of national unity for the Parliamentary Elections, representatives from four coalitions and four political parties signed 'Peace and Unity Pact' in a programme co-organised by UNDP Electoral Project and National Electoral Commission (CNE). The coalitions and political parties pledged to keep peace and stability during the election campaign in the presence of the President of Republic, President of Court of Appeal, President of the National Parliament, President of CNE, Religious Leaders, Diplomatic Communities, Lia Nain (leaders and elders from municipalities), representatives from civil societies, and veterans. As the election campaign for the parliamentary elections commenced on 10th April, the parties have vowed to denounce violence and campaign peacefully during this one-month period.

In addition, CNE with the support from UNDP Electoral Support has developed series of PSAs to encourage and promote National Unity in the run up to May 2018 parliamentary elections.



PSA Link: <https://youtu.be/wRshWCsRVXc>



PSA Link: <https://youtu.be/jASob9Xlx-4>

One of the PSAs highlight the art of democracy as a metaphor to Pottery. Pottery is a symbol of Timor-Leste showing how delicate it is to make wares and if not handled carefully can shatter into pieces at once. Similarly, like pottery, it is important for encouraging

citizens to maintain National Unity and participate in the electoral processes keeping democracy intact.

Another PSA shows, weaving of Tais (traditional Timorese textile) is a symbol of Timor-Leste that represents Timorese culture and tradition consolidated with sense of pride. Tais is woven with different colours of strings ultimately created into a nice piece of fabric. Similarly, Tais is a reflection of people belonging to different background or region following principles and inclination to one or other political parties but most importantly coming together in the National Parliament for national unity.



PSA Link: <https://youtu.be/QLzwFb-2xIE>

Project Encouraging Women Participation in Political Process

UNDP Electoral Project in partnership with two women organisations- Movimentu Feto Foinsa'e Timor-Leste (MOFFE-TL) and CAUCUS organised "Promoting Participation of Women in Political Parties" programme on 3rd April to promote participation of women in the political party for the run up to 12 May Parliamentary Elections. First Lady of Timor-Leste Mrs. Cidália Lopes Nobre Mouzinho Guterres inaugurated the programme. More than 150 women participated in the programme who are given the opportunity to get involve in a political party as candidates and party agents during elections. A separate programme for young women

was also organised to increase their participation and understanding of the political process.

Talks on Women Politics Debate

As part of the same activity a live TV debate programme "Talks on Women Politics" was organised to increase women's participation in political processes. The debate that was conducted with the representatives of political parties and coalitions running for the parliamentary elections, informed viewers and citizens of Timor-Leste about their priorities on increasing the participation of women especially young women in politics.



Project Equips Press Council for Accrediting Journalists

UNDP Electoral Project handed over an equipment for accreditation of journalists practicing in the country to the Press Council of Timor-Leste which will further enhance protecting the rights of journalists while performing their duties. Ambassador of Japan H.E. Hiroshi Minami and Resident Coordinator of United Nations, Mr. Roy Trivedy witnessed the handover ceremony. The Project has been enhancing the capacity of journalists for political reporting.



PSA produced to Denounce Illegal Political Campaign



A Public Service Announcement (PSA) on nature of electoral crimes during the electoral campaign for parliamentary elections has been produced by the project as part of support to CNE. This short video informs political parties and cadres to refrain from certain campaign activities like avoiding children in political campaign and rallies that are considered as election crimes (Ilícitos eleitorais). The PSA has been continuously broadcasted in National TV- RTTL and other private TV channels.

PSA Link: <https://youtu.be/tMkr0yafEcE>

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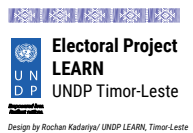
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Inclusion of People with Disabilities in Electoral Processes

The National Electoral Commission (CNE) with the support from UNDP Electoral Project and AGAPE (school for the deaf) have developed a Public Service announcement (PSA) to promote the rights and increase participation of people with hearing disability in the electoral processes. The PSA which is developed in sign language, Tetun, English and Portuguese languages is to create an awareness amongst the people of Timor-Leste in order to secure the rights of people with hearing disability and providing them opportunity to participate in democratic processes. UNDP project has also developed TV programmes inserting sign languages, which is broadcasted every week through national TV channel- RTTL, giving people with hearing disability equal opportunity as per the Constitution.



Ra'és Hadomi Timor Oan (RHTO) in collaboration with UNDP Electoral Project and IFES will conduct Disability Access Monitoring in the upcoming parliamentary elections. In this regard, training to monitors are provided that will be deployed for the elections to monitor the accessibility of people with disabilities in political campaigns and Election-Day. The monitors will be deployed in 12 municipalities and autonomous region of Oe-Cusse. The two-days training was provided to the monitors on electoral processes and technical information on the questionnaire to be filled while monitoring the activities. After the election, RHTO will present the findings and recommendations on the accessibility of people with disabilities in the political and electoral process.



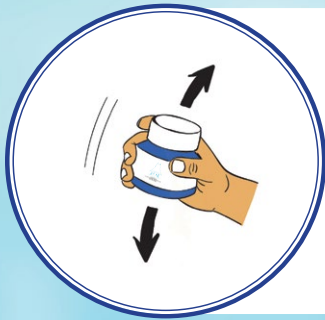
Timorese Journalists Capacitated with International Experience

Over 80 journalists including senior editors and university students from media faculty participated in a training session facilitated by Senior journalist Mr. Robert Howarth on "Social Media Forum- Encouraging Balanced, Disciplined and Fact Checking Reporting". Mr. Howarth during the session provided analysis on risk of social media, balanced coverage during elections and insights on the warning signs of fake news. He also



encouraged journalists the importance of fact checking before publishing any news, articles or reports. Press Council and UNDP Electoral Project has been organising several training programmes to build the capacities of journalists through its political journalism component.

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Vota dala rua ne'e krime !

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