

# PROJECT FACT SHEET

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## SITUATION

The Government of Timor-Leste established the Department of Peacebuilding and Social Cohesion (DPBSC) in 2010 as part of conflict prevention and peacebuilding portfolio within the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MSS). With support from UNDP (2011-2013), DPBSC has developed essential institutional structures, capacities and processes to carry out its mandate. However, Timor-Leste continues to plan and implement large development and reform projects which requires deepened understanding across government offices on how to strengthen social cohesion throughout government programmes in order to reinforce the resilience that Timor-Leste demonstrated in the post-conflict years.



*Japanese Ambassador to Timor-Leste, Mr. Eiji Yamamoto handing over Motorbikes to eight DPBSC's focal points.*

## ACTION

The Timor-Leste Resilience and Social Cohesion (TLRSC) project aims to strengthen government's capacity for peacebuilding and social cohesion both at the national and community levels. Moreover, the project supports to develop policies, plans and programmes through capacity development and greater participation in peacebuilding and social cohesion activities and conflict sensitive analysis.

### Project Snapshot:

**Project Title:** Project Title: Timor-Leste Resilience and Social Cohesion (TL-RSC) Project

**Timeframe:** April 2014 – April 2017

**Implementing Partner:** Department of Peace Building and Social Cohesion, Ministry of Social Solidarity.

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The activities include training for community leaders, district outreach activities/forum theatre, district coordination/community security meetings, and providing small grants for peacebuilding NGOs in 4 districts.

## IMPACT

With increased use of dialogues and mediations for conflict resolution, the project has played an important role in supporting the GoTL to have a more peaceful environment. The project has also contributed to the improved capacities, knowledge, and local ownership as a result of the various trainings and capacity building activities provided to local leaders, women and youth groups as well as local authorities. Moreover, knowledge and self-confidence acquired by DPBSC/MSS staff has been improved as result of various trainings at field level.

## Key Results:

- 8 focal points has been deployed and trained in 8 municipalities of Ainaro, Bobonaro, Covalima, Lautem, Manatuto, Manufahi, Viqueque and Regional Oecussi.
- 300 community leaders, from which 107 women participated in 10 training on conflict resolution to local leaders such as village council members, representatives of youth and women groups and most of them shown increased knowledge on conflict resolution.
- 835 people, of which which 301 participants were female have seen one of the 15 interactive forum theatre performance titled “our family, our future” which aims to promote dialogue for conflict prevention on issues such as land disputes, harassment, education & domestic violence. Some of audience even experienced facing conflict and solving conflict without violence through their participation and acting in the forum theatre.
- 281 people, of which 147 are female participated in the 15 community security meetings/Municipality coordination meetings to discuss issues they are facing and identify solutions to solve these issues.
- A great partnership has been established with National Institutional for Public Administration (INAP) for joint development of a formal training curriculum on conflict sensitivity and Do No Harm for Civil and Public Servants in Timor-Leste.
- Training on conflict sensitivity planning and implementation has been conducted for MSS Directorates and Departments
- Communication materials for awareness raising has been produced and distributed.
- Small grants to four local NGO’s provided to improve women’s participation in peace-building in rural areas.



*One of the community participated in the Forum Theatre to act out his opinion on how to solve problem without violence. The Forum Theatre held after Community Security Meeting in Laclubar-Alas on 23-24 September 2015.*



*Conflict Resolution held Umabocu village, Manatuto to raise knowledge and awareness of local leaders, youth, and women representatives on conflict resolution.*