



# Poverty Reduction

## The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)



### Objective

The primary role of the MDG Secretariat is:

- Sensitize the Council of Ministers and, in particular, the key Ministries, on what each Ministry can do to contribute to the attainment of the MDG Targets pertaining to its jurisdiction,
- Provide a formal mechanism to enable the Council of Ministers to revise current MDG targets, taking into consideration Timor-Leste's context,

- Assist the Government in identifying areas where resources can be further invested to achieve the MDG targets and,
- Propose solutions to identified bottlenecks that can potentially impede the attainment of the MDG targets in Timor-Leste by 2015.

<b>Location</b> National	<b>Partner</b> UN Country Team and Ministry of Economy and Development	<b>Budget 2008-2011 (\$US)</b> \$593,528
<b>Duration:</b> 2008-2013		<b>Sources of Funding (\$US)</b> UNDP Core Resources



### Key Outputs

So far, Timor-Leste has published three MDG Reports; the first was launched in April 2004, the second in April 2009, and the third was presented at the Summit in September 2010. The latter summarized the progress of the last 3 years of the Fourth Constitutional Government, outlining the key advances made thus far and the challenges remaining in reaching each Goal by 2015. An MDG update was also published in 2010.

- Increasing public awareness of the impact and importance of achieving the MDGs through various public outreach and awareness activities.
- Assisting the Government in monitoring and reporting, including compiling and analysing data, reviewing data availability, developing indicators, building statistical capacity and preparing and launching MDG reports.

### Background

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) is the agreed overarching framework for the engagement of the United Nations (UN) system in Timor-Leste. Through the implementation of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), the agencies, funds and programs collectively support the achievement of the MDGs in the context of Timor-Leste's broader development objective. The UN system in Timor-Leste has largely focused its engagement on:

The Government has taken various steps to integrate the MDGs into its policy mechanisms and to establish a number of coordination, planning and technical support tools, including a National MDG Steering Committee and an MDG Secretariat established in October 2009, to further promote achieving the MDGs by 2015. The Census Fo-Fila-Fali is a wonderful example of how the Government is beginning to integrate the MDGs more systematically in national planning and priority setting, and an indication of its commitment in accelerating meeting the MDG targets

- Supporting the formulation and implementation of MDG sensitive national development plans, i.e. the National Priorities Process (2008-2011) and the Strategic Development Plan (2011-2030).
- Strengthening the capacity of national institutions and departments, including the Directorate of National Statistics and the MDG Secretariat in the Ministry of Finance, to effectively monitor MDG progress.

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