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'Ami nia Votu mak ami nia Lian'



A special programme 'Joven Vota' (Youth Vote) with the slogan 'Ami nia votu mak ami nia lian' (Our Vote is Our Voice) is launched to target and encourage youth and first-time voters to vote in the National Parliament Elections. As part of voter education, this awareness campaign is significant in Timor-Leste's context where 51% of the total registered voters are youth (aged 16-30). At present, the total number of eligible voters in the country is 760,907 and those reaching 17 years old on Election-Day are allowed to exercise their voting rights. This will also be the opportunity for Timorese who were born in the millennium year 2000 to vote for the first time.

Technical Secretariat for Electoral Administration (STAE) and UNDP Electoral Project- LEARN are jointly organizing an outreach programme in Dili for the young people. The programme is set to have different activities like interaction with youth, video on voting process especially for the first-time voters and some stage performances. The entire programme will be recorded by Radio Television of Timor-Leste (RTTL) and later broadcasted through the TV channel. It is important to

implement such activities because currently there are over 90,000 young voters in Dili. A video for the promotion of the event has been developed: <https://youtu.be/tc3mfOU7C7w>

In addition to the outreach programme, common platform like social media sites (facebook page and twitter account) are created to provide information on electoral processes to the first-time and young voters. This will also allow them to share their experiences and simultaneously make their voices heard. According to Hootsuite, it is estimated that there are more than 400,000 facebook users in Timor-Leste. Out of the total users, 40% are regular users using social media mostly on mobile phones. Apparently, Joven Vota facebook page has reached more than 4000 members and is continuously growing.

These initiatives will make it essential for the young people to take advantage of the rights given by the constitution and set precedence for future generations. Further encouraging them to vote through such initiatives will give them an opportunity for creating their future aligning with their fundamental beliefs.



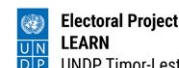
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Political Parties meet the Press

A platform for media (Radio and TV stations, print media) directly interacting with 20 political parties and one coalition contesting the National Parliament Elections was organized by the National Press Council with the support from UNDP Electoral Project- LEARN. The programme "Political Parties meet the Press" has given an opportunity to the media and journalists to interact and ask questions directly to the representatives of the parties that would be of public interest and concern. The programme was structured on three different dates dividing 21 political parties to each group of seven, in a chronological order as per the ballot paper.

The 1st and 2nd round ended on a high note with 14 political parties participating in the event. Journalists from TV, radio and print media asked the political parties' representatives in the Q&A session. The representatives were given the opportunity to present their parties' vision and agenda. The event which was broadcasted live through GMN TV received an overwhelming response from the audience. Project will conduct a feedback session with the journalists on the effectiveness of the activity and record lesson learnt for future references. 3rd round political parties numbering from 15-21 in the ballot paper structure will participate on 15th July broadcasted live from 20:30-22:30.



Minister briefs the International Community

Minister of State Administration H.E. Dionísio Babo briefed the international community and development partners of Timor-Leste on the government's preparation for the National Parliament Elections to be held on 22nd July 2017. The Minister on 6th June informed about the operational plan for the elections in the country as well as for out of country voting. UNDP Resident Representative a.i. Mr. Claudio Providas congratulated the Government on their preparation and vowed to continuously support the electoral processes of Timor-Leste through UNDP Election Project. The diplomatic community acknowledged the importance of this briefing and requested similar updates in the future.



Project embraces People with Disability in the Electoral Processes

An agreement between UNDP and Raes Hadomi Timor Oan (RHTO) has been signed to ascertain the participation of people with disabilities in the electoral processes and accessibility in the polling centers on Election-Day. UNDP Electoral Project- LEARN in collaboration with International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) established a partnership with RHTO for 2017 National Parliament Elections. RHTO is the largest organization for people with disabilities in Timor-Leste with members in 12 municipalities and Autonomous Region of Oe-Cusse. The organization which will monitor the participation of people with disabilities is expected to deliver key findings and recommendations about their accessibility to the overall electoral processes and polling centres on E-Day. The agreement was signed by United Nations Resident Coordinator Mr. Knut Ostby and RHTO Director Mr. Joaozito dos Santos.



Schedule for Political Campaign for National Parliament Elections 2017 published

The National Electoral Commission (CNE) has published the programme schedule for the political campaign of each 20 political parties and one coalition in its website. You can follow the link at www.cne.tl to access the information on the schedule of the campaign as provided by each political party to the CNE. These 20 political parties and 1 coalition are contesting the National Parliament Elections on 22nd July after the announcement by the Court of Appeal. The political campaign for the duration of one month started from 20th June to 19th July according to the operational calendar. UNDP Electoral Project- LEARN has been supporting the CNE in the development and maintenance of the website. It will further extend its support in the management of the results for the National Parliament Elections.



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Project promotes Women's Participation for the National Parliament Elections

A seminar 'Promoting Women's Participation in the National Parliament Elections 2017' has been jointly organized by CAUCUS, PATRIA, MOFFE and FETO DISTRTU DILI ASSOCIATION on 6th July in Dili. One of the key speakers of the programme, Maria Domingas F. Alves (Mikato) of Komisária Funsau Públika emphasized that "We (women) represent 50% of the electorates and we should get 50% of power sharing in the government and its institutions". Similarly, United Nations Resident Coordinator Knut Ostby encouraged women to participate in the electoral and political process

by empowering women and girls as they have the obligation to fulfill the agenda "Planet 50-50" by 2030 in addition to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The programme supported by UNDP Electoral Project- LEARN, CNE and STAE was attended by more than 200 women including women suco chiefs, women aldeia chiefs and women representation from different organizations. As a follow up, such seminar is going to be organized in Manatuto and Ermera municipalities on 12th and 14th July respectively.



STAE supported with Visible Communication Materials

UNDP Electoral Project- LEARN supported The Technical Secretariat for Electoral Administration (STAE) with different information materials for the National Parliament Elections. Information materials like posters and banners that was designed for targeting young, women, people with disability and elder voters was developed for encouraging them to vote. Similarly, booklets with the information about number of electorates, polling centers with maps of each 13 municipality were developed which will be used by observers.



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Civic and Voter Education video PSAs developed

Project has produced several videos as part of support to the Election Management Bodies regarding civic and voter education. Videos which are in the form of public service announcements (PSA) gives key messages of sustaining democracy and establishing social harmony and national unity.

One of such videos highlights unity of Timor-Leste comparing it with weaving of Tais (traditional Timorese textile) whereby different colours of strings is ultimately created into a nice piece of art. This is a reflection of people belonging to different parties, background or region, coming together in the national parliament hence creating a harmonized nation. Please follow the link for the video-



<https://youtu.be/mHm96S7k03g>

Another short video highlights the fragility of democracy in relation to pottery. Pottery is an amazing art however requires lot of time, dedication and passion. It needs to be carefully handled or else it can shatter into pieces. Similarly, in order to keep democracy intact it is very important that the people choose their representative by participating in elections. Please follow the link for the video-



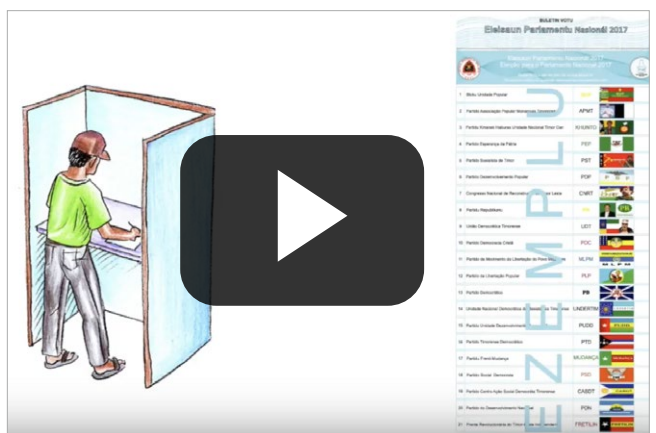
<https://youtu.be/a0MUb6LyMdl>

This video promotes peaceful elections for the National Parliament on 22nd July. It informs political parties and its workers to refrain from certain campaign activities that are forbidden by law and are considered as election crimes (Ilícitos eleitorais).



<https://youtu.be/OzPpcv49jm8>

The project as part of support to STAE has produced a short animated video to encourage the voters to cast their vote by marking correctly in the ballot paper. This short video will allow the voters to understand the ballot paper structure and voting for their party on Election-Day based on the number allotted to them. There are 20 political parties and one coalition contesting the elections on 22nd July as the country follows closed and blocked-list proportional representation system.



<https://youtu.be/PSzvcACxWH8>

Journalists capacitated on Electoral Processes Reporting



A two-day training programme for journalists and senior editors of Timor-Leste was conducted by the project on 19th and 20th June. The activity was part of political journalism component to support the National Press Council. The training enhanced the capacity of the journalists and knowledge on the coverage and editing of news on electoral processes and procedures especially for the National Parliament Elections. More than 80 journalists and senior editors participated in this two-day training.



Project provides Technical Assistance to CNE

UNDP Electoral Project- LEARN is funding two National Advisors Sertoriana Cabral Abel and Beatriz Martins Belo, who will provide legal assistance and technical support on internal governance and protocol matters to CNE Directorates in compliance with the current legislation. The National Advisors will also contribute to enhance the capacity of CNE by raising public awareness on the electoral legal framework for the upcoming National Parliament Elections 2017. This legal technical assistance is supported by the project as part of output 3: Enhanced institutional capacity of CNE and STAE to manage and implement national and local elections through an electoral cycle approach.



Trained Community Radio Journalists produces Radio Programmes



Journalists from different radio stations were trained in producing radio programmes in local dialects. These journalists from community radio stations of Dili, Manatuto, Aireu and Liquica produced radio programmes on encouraging political engagement and promoting voter education for National Parliament Elections. For more you can follow the link as provided below. The information provided through the programme is based on the orientation provided by STAE and CNE during the five-days training programme held in May. More radio programmes will be produced and broadcasted closer to elections. The project has partnered Okinawa Peace Assistance Centre (OPAC) to implement this activity and built the capacity of the journalists.

Please follow the link to listen the radio programme:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B9u5m8qXts52cnEyb3FwNIRIWW8>

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