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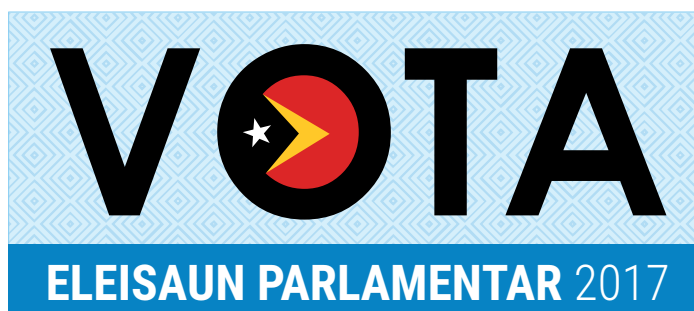
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Calendar for National Parliament Elections released

The president of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste on 2nd May announced the date for the National Parliament Elections. The elections will be held on 22nd July in 12 municipalities and Authority for Special Administrative Region of Oé-Cusse (RAEOA). Based on the decree, Technical Secretariat for Electoral Administration (STAE) published in the official gazette (Jornal da República) the operational calendar for the National Parliament Elections providing timeline for each activity as provisioned by law for pre-election, Election-Day and post-election.

The law on National Parliament Elections provides for the election of all 65 members in one single national constituency, through a closed and blocked-list proportional representation system. The law also requires a party to win at least 4% of the valid votes to gain representation in the Parliament. When political parties submit their closed-list of candidates, there should be at least one woman in every three places on

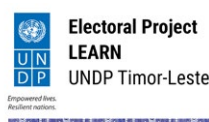


their candidate lists as provisioned by the law. For the allocation of seats, the D' Hondt highest average formula is used. The website link below provides the readers to understand the method by practicing individually. The demo is provided in the CNE website which is technically supported by the project in its development (<http://www.cne.tl/apuramento/dhondt-calculator>).

The project is supporting the Election Management Bodies in executing the operational calendar for National Parliament Elections.

EMB Commences the Preparation for National Parliament Elections

The preparation for the National Parliament Elections is underway. STAE is meticulously implementing activities based on the operational calendar. With the technical support from UNDP Electoral Project- LEARN, STAE conducted a two-days Master Training of Trainers (ToT) programme for the 13 Municipality Directors who will be performing the role of Voter Education Officers for the National Parliament Elections. Out of the total 40 participants, where 12 are female will also be deployed as Voter Education Officers from the National level in addition to the Municipality directors. The training was



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provided on electoral laws and regulations, voting, counting and other electoral processes for the National Parliament Elections to be held on 22nd July.

These participants will further cascade trainings at the municipality level for 11,210 polling officer and 850 Brigadas or president of voting centres in Timor-Leste as well as in abroad for out of country voting. The country for the first time introduced the out of country voting for the Presidential Elections back in March 2017 in Australia and Portugal. The training programme is conducted to enhance their capacity to become a professional election trainer for the future. The two-days training ended on 26th May 2017.



Voter Registration Campaign for the National Parliament Elections

Voter registration is one of the most complex activities of the electoral processes. It is important to have system that is effective so that it verifies legitimacy to the process. It is time-consuming and costly. In this regard, STAE commenced the voter registration campaign including update of voter information throughout the country. Banners, posters, billboard display in different parts of Dili and in municipalities for voter registration were some strategies to reach out to voters. The offices in the municipalities are encouraging citizens reaching 16 years of age to register in the voter's list.

The voter registration campaign started on 8th April was supposed to end on 26th May. However, based on the decision of Prime Minister, STAE extended the registration deadline until 10th June. This registration campaign is conducted in order to encourage eligible voters reaching 17 to vote for the National Parliament Elections to be held on 22nd July 2017.



VOTA

ELEISAUN PARLAMENTAR 2017

STAE LOKE FILA FALI RESENSEMENTU ELEITORAL NO ATUALIZASAUN BAZE DADUS BA ELEISAUN PARLAMENTAR 2017

Atendementu hahu iha Postu Administrativu, RAEOA no diaspora hahu husi loron,

08 Abril – 26 Maiu 2017

extende to'o loron
10 Juñu 2017

Resenseamentu Eleitoral ne'e ba sidadaun Timor oan ne'ebé:

- Kompleta ona tinan 16 ba leten no, seidak tuir Resenseamentu Eleitoral.

Dokumentu ne'ebé presiza atu lori :

- Deklarasaun rezidensia husi xefi suku
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- Sertidaun nasimentu RDTL orizinal ka kopia autentikada no kopia tahan ida. Ou,
- Billete indentidade RDTL orizinal ka kopia autentikada no kopia tahan ida.

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- Hadia data moris, hadia fatin moris, hadia naran.
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- Sertidaun batizmu ou sedula izlamiku orizinal ho kopia tahan ida. Ou, sedula husi konfisaun relijioza sira seluk original ho kopia tahan ida. Ou,
- Deklarasaun lakon husi PNTL ba kartaun eleitoral ne'ebé lakon.

Keta haluha, Resenseamentu Eleitoral ne'e obligatoriu, nuneé sidadaun hotu iha obrigasaun atu partisipa. Mai.....!!!! Promove ita-boot sira nia obrigasaun iha Resenseamentu Eleitoral no uja Direitu atu vota iha Eleisaun Parlamentar 2017.

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data ba Resensiamentu Eleitoral no Atualizasaun
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10 Juñu 2017

Ba sira ne'ebe seida'uk rejista,
STAE enkoraja atu rejista iha tempu hirak ne'e!



Capacity Building of Community Radio Journalists conducted

UNDP Electoral Project- LEARN has signed an agreement with Okinawa Peace Assistance Centre (OPAC) for encouraging political engagement and promoting voter education for the upcoming elections. It is supporting its partner OPAC in building the capacity of the journalists of community radio stations of Dili, Manatuto, Aireu and Liquica. Through a five-days training held from 22 to 27 May 2017 in Dili, journalists are expected to produce and broadcast news, drama, talk

shows and public service announcements in local dialects as part of voter education for the National Parliament Elections. Apart from training, the participants were oriented by National Commission for Elections (CNE) and Technical Secretariat for Electoral Administration (STAE) on what information should be provided to the voters and also how to deliver or communicate through radio giving more focus to the National Parliament Elections.



This training will help me to reach out to the community by providing information that are important to them in their own dialect. I have learned skills to develop a radio programme independently and I am able to produce news, package radio dramas and reports that are in the interest of the community.

Domingas de Conceição Alves
 Community Radio Journalist
 Radio Tokodede, Liquica Municipality
 23 years' old



International Conference on The Role of Press Council Towards a Democratic Society

UNDP Electoral Project- LEARN supported the Press Council to organize an international conference on “The Role of Press Council Towards a Democratic Society” in promoting press freedom and freedom of expression in South-East Asia and the Pacific. Media fraternity of the South-East Asia and Pacific Region participated in the conference held on 9-10 May, 2017 in Dili, Timor-Leste. H.E. Prime Minister Dr. Rui Araujo inaugurated the conference highlighting the importance of journalists’ contribution towards the independence of Timor-Leste and towards the achievement of SDG Goals, particularly

the Goal 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institution). A round table discussion on the roles of media, press freedom and obstacles for freedom of expression was convened by UNDP Country Director Mr. Claudio Providas. The conference concluded with the declaration in committing to establish a working body to help protect the local and regional journalists for full endorsement of due rights; promoting vital notions such as freedom of expression and right to information assimilated to every citizenry; and tackling hoax, fake news and other obstacles that is able to disrupt the free flow of information.



Global Conference on the 2030 Agenda

The Government of Timor-Leste organised the g7+ Global Conference on 2030 Agenda for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to consider A Roadmap for SDGs in Fragile and Conflict-Affected States. The conference was held in Dili on 22nd and 23rd of May. In these two days those participating in the conference discussed Peace as a Precursor to Sustainable Development, A Roadmap for Sustainable Development in Fragile and Conflict-affected States and Effective Partnerships for the 2030 Agenda ‘Leaving no one

behind’. They also developed a mechanism to achieve the goals of the Agenda 2030.

The project supported the graphic designs for the conference including logo of the conference, banners for backdrop, website homepage as well as the production of video showing a transition from conflict to development in the past 15 years of independence. Also, the project supported the session on elections and produced a video on Timorese Electoral System.



Video Link: https://youtu.be/OBtyM_FFvu0

CALENDAR FOR THE PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS 2017

Event	Legal Basis Law No. 7/2006	Date	Remarks	
SCHEDULING OF ELECTIONS				
1	The President schedules by decree the election date.	Art. 17, No. 1	2nd May 2017	80 days from the election
2	STAE publicizes the Calendar for Electoral Operations in <i>Jornal da República</i>	Art. 13	From 17 to 24/01/2017	Within 8 (eight) days from the publication of the decree announcing the date of election.
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDACIES AND APPEALS				
3	Formation of coalitions of political parties	Art. 20, No. 2	22nd May 2017	Within 20 days from the publication of the presidential decree
4	STAE publishes notice in <i>Jornal da República</i> on existing Party coalitions	Art. 20, No. 3	-	Depends on the date of communication
5	Submission of the list of candidacies to the President of the Supreme Court of Justice – STJ	Art. 22	1st June 2017	Within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of the presidential decree.
6	The STJ verifies the legitimacy of the process as well as the authenticity of the documents and the eligibility of the candidates.	Art. 23	Within 11th June 2017	Within ten days after the deadline of receiving the documents
7	The STJ decides on the admission of candidacies.	Art. 24, No. 1	12th June 2017	Within one day after the publication of the decision of candidates' admission
8	Deadline for giving the decision on appeals concerning the admission of candidates	Art. 24, No. 3	Within 14th June 2017	The appeals are decided by the STJ / Court of Appeal no later than two days after the deadline of submission
9	Draw of political parties submitted for ordering on ballot papers	Art. 25, No. 1	13th-15th June 2017	Depending on the presentation or not of appeals on the decision of admission of candidacies. The result of the draw affixed at the door of the STJ and sent to CNE and STAE.
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POLLING CENTRES AND POLLING STATIONS				
10	STAE announces the number, list and location of polling stations and polling centers	Art. 32, No. 4	22nd June 2017	Within 30 days before the election date
11	Identification of polling centers in the voter's ID card where a voter should exercise his/her rights		From 10th to 20th July 2017	

Event		Legal Basis Law No. 7/2006	Date	Remarks
ELECTION CAMPAIGN				
12	Election Campaign period	Art. 28	From 20th June to 19 July 2017	Duration 30 days and ends 2 days before the election day
ELECTION AND RESULT TABULATION				
13	Election Day (07:00 hours to 15:00 hours)	Art. 33	22nd July 2017	
14	Beginning of counting of votes and sending ballot boxes to municipal / regional tabulation centre	Art. 46	22nd July 2017	To begin right after the closure of voting process
15	Municipal/regional tabulation of results and dispatch of the electoral roll and other elements (claimed and complaints ballots) for CNE	Art. 47	From 22nd July to 24th July 2017	Sending to CNE up to 2 days from the date of election, with a copy to STAE
16	Final tabulation of national results (CNE)	Art. 48	From 24th to 27th July 2017	72 hours
17	The CNE releases the minutes of the provisional national results	Art. 48	From 27th to 30th July 2017	With a copy to STAE and the information agencies
18	Time limit for bringing an appeal against the provisional national results to the court of appeal	Art. 49	Within 1st August 2017	To be filed within 48 hours of the publication of the provisional minutes of the results
19	The STJ decides on the appeals	Art. 49	Within 3rd August 2017	Decides in 48 hours
20	The CNE will report the results to the STJ if there is no appeal	Art. 49	Within 2nd August 2017	After expiry of the period for appeal
21	The STJ examines the documentation sent by the CNE, validates the results and proclaims the results		6th August 2017	Documentation
22	Publication of the result on Jornal da Republica based on the STJ's decision	Art. 50	7th August 2017	

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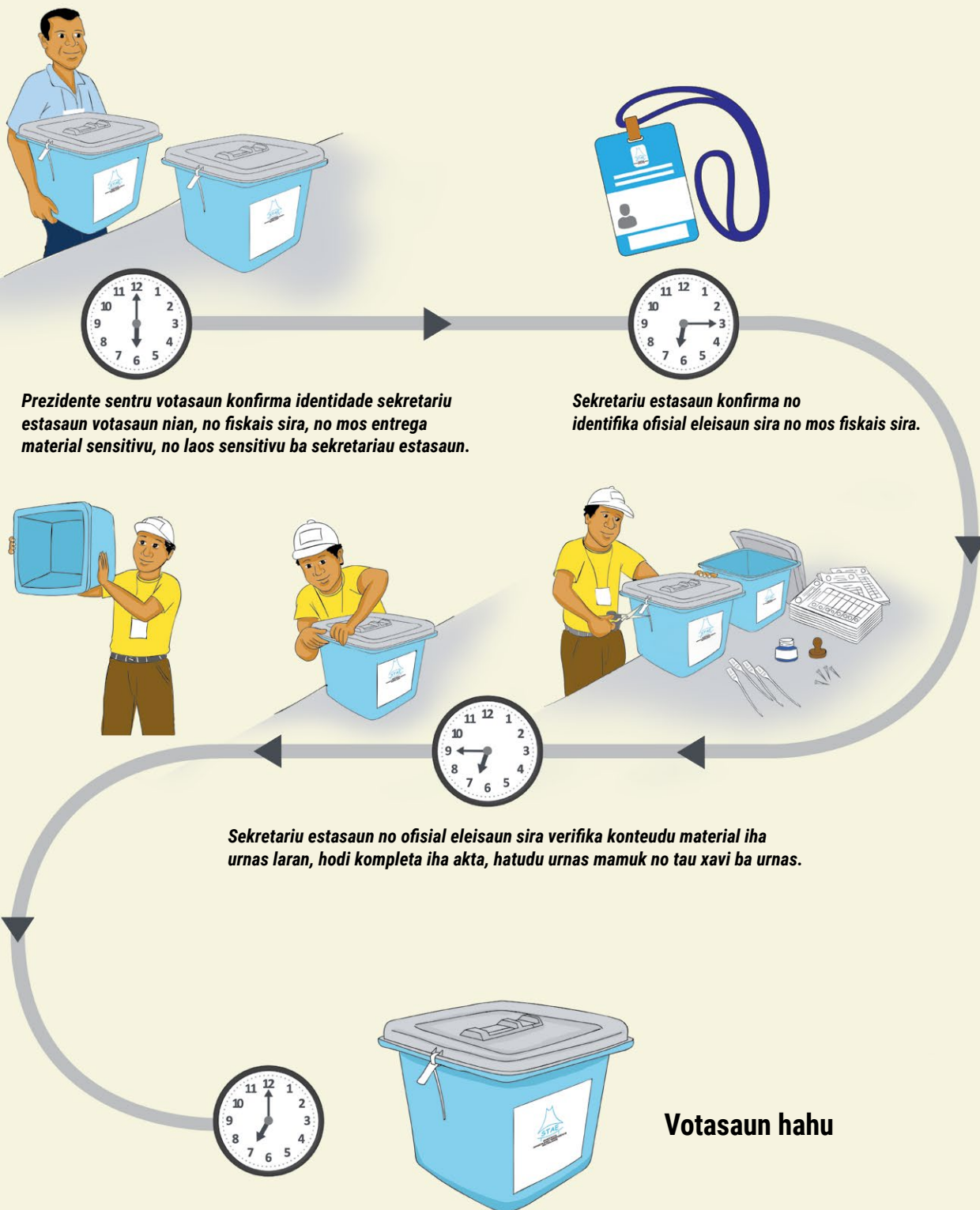
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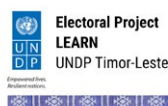
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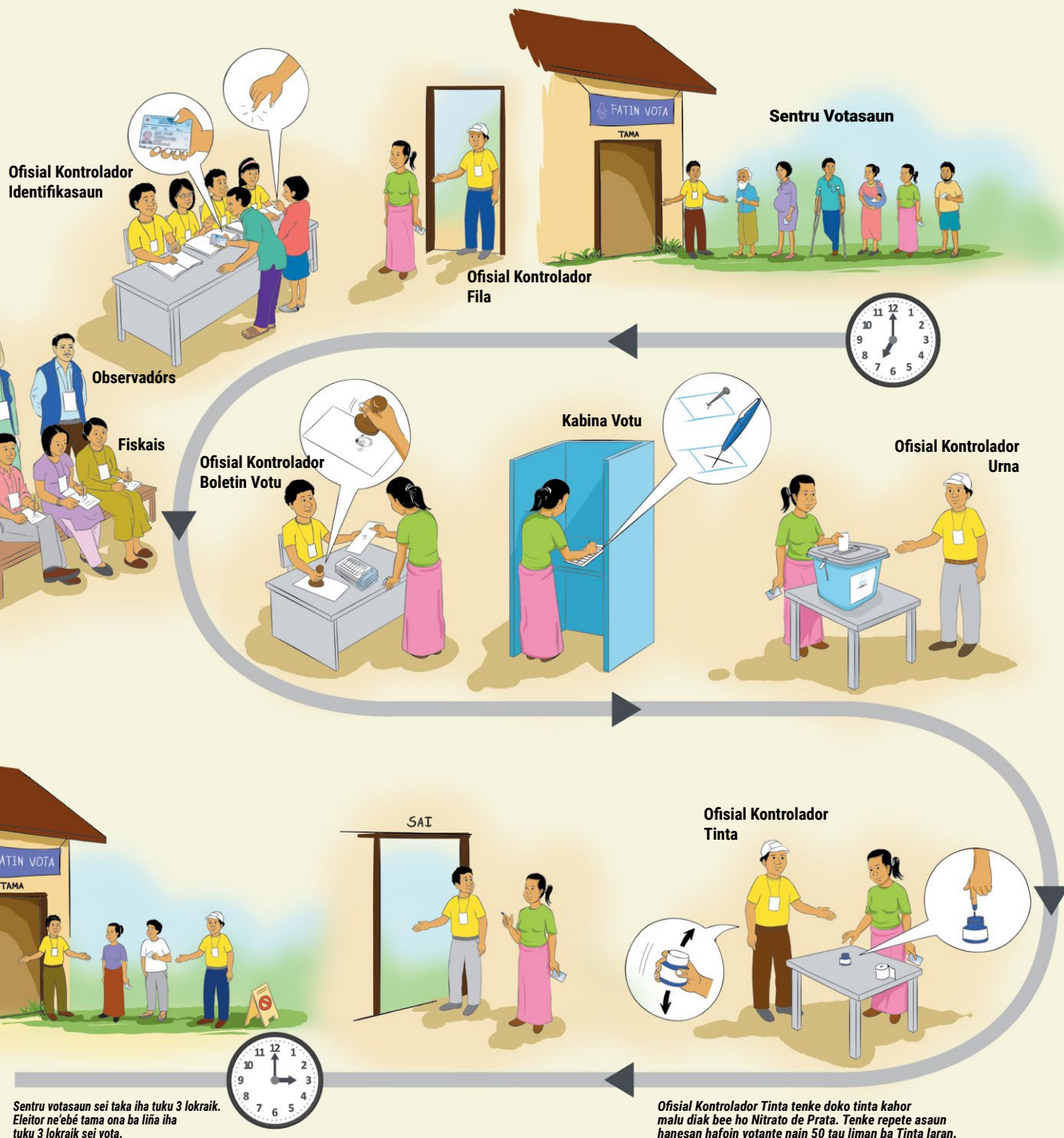


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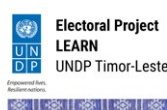


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