

Progress in Timor-Leste country in 2022

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By 2025, institutions and people throughout Timor-Leste in all their diversity, especially women and youth, benefit from sustainable economic opportunities and decent work to reduce poverty.

UN Women in Timor-Leste is facilitating opportunities and advocating for mitigating impact of fuel crisis and enabling environment that women, especially youth, rural women, and women with disabilities to benefit from economic opportunities and decent work to reduce poverty. 304 Self-employed women and women-owned MSMEs have enhanced understanding and capacity in entrepreneurship skills through learning sessions UN Women delivered in partnership Chamber of Commerce Timor Leste, Timor Aid and Alola Foundation and Baucau Municipal Authority and solar-energy food carts and equipment provided in partnership with UNDP. 121 women owned enterprises in food related business were identified in 3 municipalities Dili, Liquica, and Manatuto and assessed on capacity building and equipment needs to support their business. The Responsible Party is contracted to develop a tailored curriculum and delivery trainings on financial literacy, business plan, and marketing. 36 selected women entrepreneurs completed the training will be provided with equipment and solar panel. 9 selected women through challenge competition will be provided with solar-energy food carts to support their business. 147 weavers (144 women and 3 men) from Baucau, Viqueque and Covalima municipalities have increased their understanding on tais product diversification, use of natural dye, leadership, gender-based violence by participating in the training provided by TAFA. 78 market vendors (39 women and 39 men) in Baucau municipality benefitted from training on financial literacy, GBV and leadership. In addition, UN Women contributed to creating enabling environment for decent work and women's economic autonomy through strengthening gender-responsive governance for rural women. In 2022, through the support from UN Women Ministry of Public Works and Baucau Municipal Authority have increased their gender-responsive budget in financing their commitments in gender responsive public infrastructure and safety in public spaces.

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-Through the Joint UN Project Together for Equality: Preventing and Responding to Gender-Based Violence in Timor-Leste (2020-2024), the United Nations has a goal for women and girls in Timor-Leste to be empowered to enjoy their right to live free of sexual harassment and other forms of violence in public and private spaces and to access quality essential services. The focus in 2022 is on the efforts to prevent violence before it begins, interventions addressing Women Economic Empowerment (WEE) in 2022, the project reached xxx individuals (including young people and groups often facing discrimination), and support families and communities to gain the knowledge and skills to be agents of change and stand up against sexual harassment and other forms of GBV. In 2022, the project has established partnership to provide technical supports with Ministry of Education for implementing whole school prevention of gender based violence, Ministry of Public Works in enhancing urban planning and gender responsive infrastructure, Covalima Municipal Authority and Special Administrative Region Oecusse-Ambeno on gender-responsive

budgeting for enhancing safety in public spaces and continued its partnership with Universidade Nacional Timor Lorosa'e (UNTL) on Safe Campus Initiative, Baucau Municipal Authority (BMA) on gender responsive governance through Safe Baucau and Safe Market Initiative.

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WPS (UNSDCF Outcome 5) By 2025, the most excluded people of Timor-Leste are empowered to claim their rights, including freedom from violence, through accessible, accountable and gender responsive governance systems, institutions and services at national and subnational levels

In comparison to one of the most recent national elections – the Parliamentary Election in 2018, the voter turnout of women increased from 308,288 to 322,482 in the Presidential Election in 2022. With the generous support from the Government of Japan and the UNDP, UN Women's programme interventions in this project, which include 16 capacity development workshops targeting emerging women and men leaders in the community level, as well as current leaders in the local governance structure including Suco Chief and Aldeia Chief from 8 municipalities, have resulted in the change of attitude amongst the participants towards women's participation in leadership and decision-making roles. The programme also promoted an increase of knowledge amongst training participants and general public around how to participate in different levels of elections as voters and as candidates through workshops and theater shows. This contributes to the increase of voter turn-out of women in the Presidential Elections and increased motivation of women (voters) to participate in other elections in the next few years in general. Some participants shared that after the workshops they were motivated to take actions to encourage and mobilize other women in their communities to take part in elections at national and sub-national levels. Meanwhile, some leaders from the target sucos and aldeias shared that after the training they would reach out and communicate election information with the local communities, and target women voters in the outreach, as well as disseminate information on how to participate in the Presidential Election as voters. This contributes as a segment of a larger effort of the Government, international development partners and civil society to promote the increase of women voter turn-out in the Presidential Election and other elections in Timor-Leste in the coming years. Additionally, 250 current and emerging women leaders who participated in the training and dialogues have increased knowledge on equal rights of women and men in participating in elections at national and sub-national levels as voters and candidates, including Presidential and Parliamentary Elections, and Municipality and Suco Elections, as well as the processes of participating in elections. Additionally, UN Women Timor-Leste has been providing substantial technical support to Ministry of Interior's National Directorate on Community Conflict Prevention (DNPCC) to promote gender-responsive community conflict prevention and resolution through the dialogue and mediation efforts across all municipalities. 40 mediators (19 women; 21 men) and 11 coordinators (11 men) trained by UN Women supported prevention and resolution of community conflicts through dialogues and mediation, and integrated gender perspectives in the processes to address gender discriminatory attitudes and stereotyped behaviors towards women. The DNPCC has been promoting women's participation as mediators, and the number of women mediators increased from 15% in 2016 to 46% to 2022. Furthermore, the DNPCC has improved capacity in facilitating large-scale community dialogues, security meetings and 'Palku Dame' with all the ethnic leaders, youth leaders and martial arts leaders to discuss and seek solutions for peace.

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Government and non-governmental stakeholders' capacities strengthened to assess and report on progress on the 2030 Agenda and other global normative and policy frameworks for GEWE and government accountability is strengthened

(Contributes to UNSDCF Outcome 5)

The capacity of the Government of Timor-Leste (including the Ministry of Interior and the Secretariat of State for Equality and Inclusion) in planning, implementing and monitoring and reporting its national commitment on GEWE in global normative framework has been strengthened. With the support of the UN and development partners, the SEII led the M&R and produced National Action Plan on GBV's monitoring reports in 2021 and 2022, and coordinated the development of the third National Action Plan on Gender Based Violence for period of 2022 – 2032. The third NAP GBV was approved by Council of Ministries on 28 September 2022, and will be launched in November 2022. With the technical and advisory support of UN Women, the Ministry of Interior and the NAP 1325 Secretariat have demonstrated increased capacity in evaluating the results and reviewing the lessons learnt of the first National Action Plan on the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security (NAP 1325) through consultations and validation workshops in 2021-2022, which later informed the drafting of second NAP. The MoI and line ministries have demonstrated increased national ownership of the WPS agenda with the government-led NAP development process, and implementation and monitoring mechanism in the second NAP 1325 framework. 13 line ministries (MoI, MEJD, MoJ, SEACLN, MSSl, MNEC, SEJD, SEPC, F-FDTL, MAE, MoD, SEII, PNTL) and 8 civil society organizations (ACbit, Rede Feto Secretariate, HAK Association, Fundasaun Alola, NGO Belun and ALFeLa) were involved in the planning and development of the second NAP 1325. The second NAP 1325 will be presented to Prime Minister and Council of Ministers in 2023, followed by the official launch.

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Increased engagement of diverse partners in support of UN-Women's mandate in Timor-Leste

UNW through Spotlight Project has established and increased a solid and productive engagement with Faith-Based Organization, Particularly the catholic parish church of Gleno. - In 16 days activism campaign 2022, the Catholic Parish church of Gleno and its 11 category groups organized the event in Gleno church. The event supported by UNW-SI and participated by at around 100 members of Gleno church. Some results have been achieved, such as the participants have enhanced knowledge on Prevention RESPECT framework, Prevention Social ecological model, and referral network mechanism (how to address and refer the case comprehensively and systematically). - The church is now keen to include the prevention advocacy works as one of its annual apostolic activities/agendas, with close coordination and support from UNW-Spotlight and SEII.

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Enhanced quality of programmes through knowledge, innovation, RBM & evaluation

Timor Leste country office conducted a session to all UN Women staff focusing more on RBM during a 3-day retreat. The objectives of the learning include the rational and mechanism of using the system, the definition, and its principles of the UN Development Group. This interactive session triggered some positive reaction/response from all staff indicating their improved understanding and awareness of the importance of the system and enhancing their confidence to provide more accurate inputs for reporting with more quality. Following the capacity building conducted during the country office 3-day retreat, the Monitoring and Reporting Analyst has closely liaised with programme, communication, and operation teams to plan, revise, and submit every quarterly reports with correct supporting documents in a timely manner. The liaison included timeline (schedules) for the reporting, starting from the final draft provided by each team under DRRF and OEEF, revision by M&R Analyst and HoO, and the submission to RMS by each responsible person from each programme team.

Improved management of financial and human resources in pursuit of results

The TLCO demonstrated improved management of the CO, illustrated by increased delivery from 76% in 2021 to 79% in 2022 (retaining 99% utilization on a budget of USD 3.16 million, compared to 98% of USD 2,8 million in 2021), timely submission of high-quality quarterly monitoring reports, donor reports; compliance with safety and security, month-end closure and related processes; and successful mobilization of US 1.4 million to be implemented for 18 months, securing the RM target under the second phase of EU-UN Spotlight Initiative. The CO has maintained strong partnerships with external partners incl. contributing to the Government Aid transparency portal.

Advancing business transformation

As part of BOS implementation, UN Women is continuedly engaged in the HACT, HR and ICT working groups and has facilitated sharing of LTAs and consultancy lists across the UN agencies, funds and programmes. The CO has also closely aligned its programmes within the UN Cooperation Framework and developed a draft model for better allocation of Direct Project Management Costs in the design of joint programmes, which represent over 33% of the CO's programme in 2022