

TIMOR LESTE

Supporting Gender Equality and Women's Human Rights in Timor-Leste (MDGF- 1703)



Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

Total Budget:

USD 4,955,000

Budget by Agency:

UNICEF: 465,450
UNFPA: 918, 445
UN WOMEN: 1,657,394

IOM: 1,283,716
UNDP: 629,995

Participating Gov. Entities:

Minister of Economy and Development

Start Date:

15 December 2008

End Date:

15 December 2011

Extension:

15 June 2012

Disbursements:

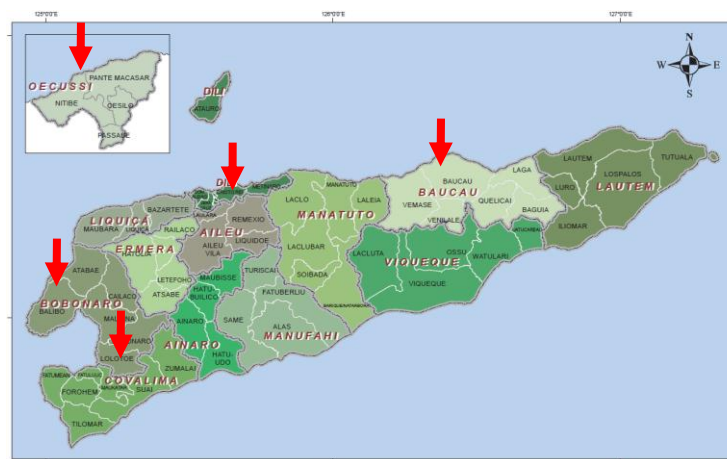
First Disbursement:	15 December 2008	USD 1,733,740*
Second Disbursement:	16 June 2010	USD 1,489,230
Third Disbursement:	26 May 2011	USD 1,732,030

In Brief:

The programme supports the Government of Timor-Leste (GoTL) to enhance gender equality and justice for women and girls through protecting women and girls from domestic violence, sexual abuse, economic hardship and deprivation. This will be done by addressing violence against women and girls and ensuring access to justice and protection through the adoption and effective implementation of the Law Against Domestic Violence and National Action Plan on Gender Based Violence; providing effective mechanisms to prevent human trafficking through strengthening the capacity of the Government and other stakeholders; and improving support services for victims and reducing the economic hardship and deprivation of women. The programme is addressing discrimination against women's access to resources, services and ownership of assets by promoting and implementing gender responsive budgeting, social protection to women-headed households through conditional cash transfer and support to Suco Councils to prioritise the needs of women and girls.

Outcomes:

- Improved protection of women and girls through the establishment of legal frameworks and mechanisms to uphold their rights;
- Reduced vulnerability of women and girls through improved outreach mechanisms and services and the establishment of a social protection scheme; and
- Improved social and economic situation of women and girls through a fair allocation of resources using gender-responsive budgeting.



Regions of Intervention:

National level, and Dili, Baucau, Bobonaro, Covalima, and Oecussi

MDGs

MDG2 T2.A, MDG3 T3.A

Beneficiaries to date

Direct

Indirect

- **No. Institutions** 219 (193 local, 26 national)
- **No. Women** 5,277
- **No. Men** 4,355
- **No. Ethnic groups** N/A

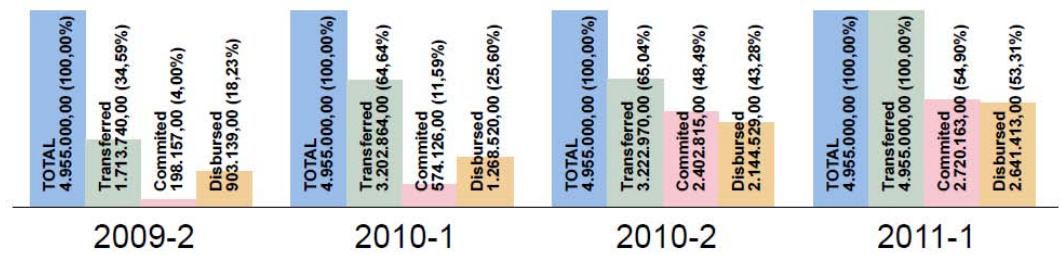
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- 6,601
- 6,776
- N/A

Programme Coordinator: Md Rafiqul Haider

RCO Focal Point: Nadia Hadi

Status Overall progress in achieving the expected JP results is on track with the six months no cost extension. However, JP has numerous issues with staffing of the PMU and remains understaffed. Implementation of some planned activities, particularly those related to gender responsive budgeting and training/capacity building have been delayed.

Estimated financial execution status as of 30 June 2011 biannual report:



Main Achievements:

Outcome 1: The Law Against Domestic Violence was approved by the National Parliament on 3 May 2010 and promulgated by the President on 21 June 2010. The JP is helping the GoTL to develop and adopt National Action Plans on Gender Based Violence and Human Trafficking. After a number of trainings and support provided by the JP, Suco councils are implementing 13 local level anti-trafficking projects. Suco Councils have also received awareness-raising on the Law Against Domestic Violence and Gender-Based Violence. The issues of awareness and service capacity of the GoTL agencies is being addressed by Information, Education & Communication activities and overall training and capacity-building interventions inherent in the programme.

Outcome 2: The programme is particularly providing technical assistance to the Ministry of Social Solidarity for the strengthening of the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) scheme called Bolsa Mãe. The JP helped in the definition and endorsement of 'vulnerability' by the Government that will help the CCT in identifying the appropriate beneficiaries. In addition, the process of managing gender based violence and human trafficking cases are being strengthened through the development of the minimum guidelines for operating shelters and standard operating procedures for the referrals of victims. The JP has supported the establishment and/or operation of 6 shelters/ referral centers through NGOs and provided emergency shelter and psycho-social supports to 585 victims of gender based violence and 31 victims of human trafficking.

Outcome 3: Technical assistance provided by the JP enabled SEPI to advocate for increased budget to reduce gender based violence. As a result in 2010, the National Parliament approved over US\$400,000 for the implementation of the Law against Domestic Violence. 20% budget of the Ministry of Health and Education targeted women and children and 30% of budget is using gender disaggregated target.

Does the JP incorporate gender considerations in the **activities/outputs/outcomes**?:
 The programme is fully focused on the protection of women and girls, both from domestic violence and human trafficking. The programme involves comprehensive trainings/awareness component with civil servants, men, and women.

Observations

Paris Declaration

Leadership of national and local governmental institutions:
 NSC and PMC are functional; and co-chaired by the Government (MED and SEPI respectively). The JP works together with the Government in the drafting of key policies and implementation both at national and local level.

Involvement of CSOs and citizens:
 NGOs participate actively in the PMC; citizens groups are involved in some outputs of the programme. The draft National Action Plans have been consulted with citizens as they are the ultimate beneficiaries. Also, a significant number of advocacy and communication events have been conducted for the community on gender based violence, child protection and human trafficking.

Alignment and Harmonization:
 JP is well aligned with development priorities and national objectives; it also makes use of and works on strengthening existing national institutions and systems. The programme also ensures that activities are aligned with Government cycles (i.e. piloting of the GRB & CCT)

Innovative elements in mutual accountability:

	A significant amount of funds has been channelled through Government and NGOs partners for implementation of some key planned activities which strengthen national ownership and mutual accountability.	
Delivering as One	Innovative elements in harmonization of procedures and managerial practices: MDG-F Gender JP actively participated and contributed in UNDAF Annual Review that was held in February 2010.	
	Role of the RCO and synergies with other MDG-F JPs: MDG-F two joint programmes (Gender and Nutrition) are sharing information regularly (as and when needed). Both JPs are contributing in implementation of the MDG-F M&E and Advocacy and Communication initiatives as well as benefiting from these two initiatives. MDG M&E working group, MDG Advocacy working group, inter-agency meetings on JPs and joint meetings with the Government and stakeholders also enabling effective coordination. The RC encourages coordination among the MDG-F joint programmes as well as others joint programmes in Timor-Leste. For example, there is an attempt to link up the JP on Gender with COMPASIS (Community Mobilization for Poverty & Social Inclusion) funded by the UN Trust Fund for Human Security as both programmes work in the Oecussi district.	
	Inter-agency coordination: Inter-agency coordination is overall good, and several components of the programme are designed in a complementary and in a joint manner. However, different paces of implementation and capacity on the ground have created some difficulties, which the JP team is working on to overcome.	
Sustainability (concrete actions and strategic partnerships)	Sustainability Plan in place? Yes Sustainability of the JP's results is inbuilt by the way of strengthening the capacity of the Government and NGOs and institutionalizing the programme results through the adoption of favorable policies and legal frameworks. The strategic development plan of the Government contains specific targets on gender. Training/workshops and technical assistance to the Government and NGOs as well as ongoing social mobilization/awareness-raising campaign are expected to strengthen the JP interventions. Linking of the shelter services for the victims of gender based violence and human trafficking (currently being operated by the NGOs under JP funding) with the Government and other potential donors need to be further strengthened in the remaining programme period.	
Innovation and Scale-up	Government of Timor-Leste established the National MDG Secretariat in the second half of 2009. The MDG-F Advocacy and Communication, and M&E initiatives are collaborating closely with the National MDG Secretariat. The UN through the MDG-F JPs is capitalizing on this interest to encourage ownership, alignment and mutual accountability on the MDGs. This JP is mostly supporting the Government in establishing legal frameworks and action plans and capacity building of the Government and NGOs.	
External Factors and Mitigation	Approval of the Law Against Domestic Violence by the Government of Timor-Leste took longer than initially expected which resulted in delayed implementation of subsequent interlinked activities. This has been overcome through a six months no cost extension of the programme period	
Communication and Advocacy	C&A plan in place? Yes Extensive advocacy and consultation was conducted targeting senior government policy makers, NGOs and community for the adoption of the Law Against Domestic Violence and National Action Plans on Gender Based Violence and Human Trafficking. Advocacy and community awareness campaigns have been conducted to improve general awareness in the community of gender based violence, women's rights, child rights and human trafficking. Communication campaigns use social mobilization, media, meetings, seminars and events, as well as IEC materials in the five target districts.	
M&E	The JP will be conducting an internal review of progress to date in September / October 2011, based on which recommendations to move forward will be made to the PMC.	
Missions from MDG-F Secretariat:	Dates: September 2009 March 2011	Members: Sophie de Caen, Paula Pelaez, Layla Saad Members: Layla Saad

Mid Term Evaluation:

Evaluator: Joel Beasca

Period: September - December 2010

<http://www.mdgfund.org/sites/default/files/Timor%20Leste-Gender-Mid-Term%20Evaluation%20Report-Final-en%20UPDATED.pdf>