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GOVERNMENT ALLOCATES \$ 3.5 MILLION TO THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Dili, 28 February 2011 - The Minister for State Administration and Territorial Management, Dr. Arcângelo Leite, announced today that 3.5 million US \$ have been allocated in 2011 for the Local Development Fund (LDF).

The budget, which has been approved by the Council of Ministers and the Parliament early this year, will cover the implementation of small scale development projects mostly in the area of infrastructure, education and health care services, in all the 13 Districts of the country. All the districts have been allocated 3,62 US \$ per capita, with the exception of Dili and Liquiça which will receive 2,40 US \$ per capita since they started participating in the planning process only in 2010.

"The renewed Government's commitment has two primary objectives: - Minister Leite stated - reduce poverty through better services and infrastructures, and accelerate the promotion of the decentralization process."

The 2011 budget has been increased from the 2 million budget allocated in 2010, showing the consistent and strong commitment of the Government towards the implementation of the decentralization process and local governance.

In 2011 the ministry will launch a new integrated approach in close collaboration with other line ministries at the central and local level, in order to harmonize the Local Development Fund approach into the new framework of the Decentralization Development Package (DDP).

This is intended to substantially simplify planning procedures

for the local development projects.

Started in 2004 as Pilot Project in the Bobonaro District, the Local Development Program has progressively been extended to all the 13 Districts until 2010. As a result, Local Assemblies and Sub District Development Committees have been established in order to promote an inclusive, bottom-up and transparent participation of the communities in the development fund allocation.



Minister Leite announces the LDF allocation for 2011 in Gleno, 3 March 2011

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUND ALLOCATION FOR 2011

District	Population (Census 2010)	Total Allocation 2011
Aileu	45,512	\$ 165,000
Ainaro	59,382	\$ 216,000
Baucau	111,484	\$ 405,000
Bobonaro	89,787	\$ 324,000
Covalima	60,063	\$ 218,000
Dili	234,331	\$ 565,000
Ermera	114,635	\$ 414,000
Lautem	60,218	\$ 225,000
Liquiça	63,329	\$ 152,000
Manatutu	43,246	\$ 157,000
Manufahi	48,894	\$ 183,000
Oecusse	65,524	\$ 236,000
Viqueque	70,177	\$ 240,000
Total	1,066,582	\$ 3,500,000



THE “PDID” WILL OPEN A NEW SEASON FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT IN TIMOR LESTE

In Brief

- Finalization of the Minimum Condition Evaluation with the Local Assemblies
- Finalization of the PDID Integrated Regulations



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Dili, 9 March 2011 – The Minister of State Administration and Territorial Management (MSATM), Dr. Arcânello Leite, announced to have proposed a new Government led integrated programme on local development for the upcoming years.

Minister Leite communicated that the new **Integrated District Development Plan (PDID)** will be launched this year, aimed at expanding and simplifying the current framework, to better respond to the local communities needs mostly in the areas of infrastructure and social services projects. Following the launch of the Local Development Programme in 2003, which was extended to the 13 Districts last year, and the introduction of the Decentralized Development Package by the Prime Minister Xanana Gusmão in 2010, the PDID will now represent the new harmonized policy on local development and local governance of the Government of Timor Leste. The PDID implementation mechanism will build on the Local Development Programme principles and piloted processes in terms of transparency, accountability, procurement and participatory planning. LGSP will assist in the PDID implementation, with the support of Irish Aid, Norway, UNCDF and UNDP.

“We are now moving toward a new more ambitious and upscaled phase aimed at strengthening local governance and increasing local infrastructures and services in the country, - said Minister Leite – since this will soon be translated into more health care centers,

schools, roads and water and sanitation facilities for our people”. The new framework will indeed register a major budget increase compared to its predecessors, the Local Development Programme (LDP) and the Decentralized Development Package (DDP).

The combined budget for 2011 of LDP and DDP I, which is administered by MSATM, will be of \$19 million, fully funded by the Government.

“UNDP and UNCDF welcome the MSATM leadership in the process and will continue to play a strong supporting role through the UNDP-UNCDF joint LGSP. – stated Ms. Mikiko Tanaka, UNDP Country Director in Timor Leste- The new policy indicates the renewed will of the Government to accelerate investments at the local level, building on good practices of local participation and transparent procedures developed through the support from the Local Governance Support Programme.”

The Irish Aid Representatives, Mr. Eoghan Walsh, also welcomed the initiative saying that “The Government of Ireland will continue to strongly support the promotion of local development and local governance in Timor Leste, and we agree that the PDID will better reflect the priorities of communities to improve local infrastructure and services, and ensure value for money”.

The new integrated approach will soon be formally presented to the Council of Ministers, and possibly converted into a Decree Law.

MSATM AND LGSP - BRIEF HISTORY

- 2003: Government starts the LGOS (Local Governance Option Study) with UNCDF
- 2004: The Local Development Programme (LDP) starts as a pilot in the Bobonaro District
- 2007: Creation of the Local Governance Support Programme in Timor Leste (LGSP), supported by UNDP-UNCDF, Irish Aid and Government of Norway to begin implementing a nation-wide decentralization reform
- 2009: The National Parliament approves the up-scaling of the LDP to all 13 districts
- 2010: Government extends LDP to all 13 Districts
Government launches the Decentralized Development Package (DDP)
- 2011: The Government led PDID is launched by MSATM with the LGSP support to harmonize DDP and LDP scope and procedures

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