



**Country Report & Action Plan  
Timor Leste  
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**Seminar on  
Gender Mainstreaming Policies  
for Government Officers  
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# Background Note: Timor-Leste

## OFFICIAL NAME:

Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

- **Geography**

Area: 14,609 sq. km

*Capital* Dili

- **Terrain:** Mountainous.

**Climate:** Tropical; rainy and dry seasons.

- **Location:**

Timor-Leste is situated at crossroads of South Asia and South Pacific. Between Indonesia and Australia.

- **Population:** 1,011,000 (49.7 % women)

# Situation Analysis

## National Gender Policies

- Constitution of Republic Democratic Of Timor Leste Part II Section 16 and Section 17
- The Secretary of State for Promotion of Equality (SEPE) built in the Prime Minister's Office is responsible for coordinating national implementation of gender mainstreaming
- SEPE's mission is to promote equality in constitution of Republic Democratic of Timor Leste; and to reduce poverty and discrimination against women

## Useful knowledge learned in the JICA training

- Concept and methods for gender mainstreaming
- Japan experience in the gender mainstreaming
- Experiences from other countries on gender mainstreaming

# Action Plan

## Title:

Technical Support to women farmers in home gardening and livestock technologies in order to promote a nutritious diet and Food security in the rural area.

## Objective :

- To build farmers households capacity in the implementation of the appropriate technology.
- To generate farmer household income
- To increase food availability and reduce malnutrition

# Reason of selecting the Project

## Food Security and Women

- The nutritional aspect of food security (availability, accessibility and effective utilization)
- Food shortage
- Malnutrition of pregnant women and children
- Engagement of 50 % women in agriculture activities

# Duration, Budget and Sources

- Duration : One fiscal Year January – December 2009,
- Budget and source funding  
Government annual budget (2% of the annual budget for Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries)

# Activities

- Capacity building of the District Agriculture Directors and gender focal Point.
- Gender needs assessment in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAP)
- Gender Action Plan

# My role in the Project

- Lead and coordinate Gender mainstreaming in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
- Coordinate gender responsibilities as the Unit Head of Gender Unit and supervise the National Gender Focal Point and Gender Advisor
- Incorporate/implement gender action plan as part of annual action plan of the Ministry, by mainstreaming in the organizational planning, budgeting and monitoring mechanism

## **Obstacles**

- Lack of gender equality awareness in the Ministry and community
- Lack of human resources
- Culture and costumes
- Dominion of man in decision making

## **Measure to tackle the Obstacles**

- Incentive Funding for small farmers households activities
- Subsidize inputs
- Provide basic infrastructure (irrigation, access roads, market, clinics, etc.)
- Technical assistance trough extension workers in the rural areas

# Output Indicators

- 13 District Agriculture Directors and gender focal point trained on gender mainstreaming by the end of March 2009.
- Gender needs assessment in 13 Districts reported by the end of June 2009 to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAP)
- Submission of the Districts proposal on Gender activities by the end of July 2009 to the National Directorate of Policy and Planning.

# Expected Outcomes

- 13 District Agriculture Directors and gender focal point aware and take action on gender mainstreaming.
- Follow up Gender needs assessment in 13 Districts to include critical activities in Annual Action Plan of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAP)
- Districts proposal on Gender activities particularly women farmers implemented in the rural areas.

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