



The MDG-F in Timor Leste	
Joint Programmes: 2	Total Budget: USD 8,455,000
National Steering Committee Members: Originally Minister of Economy and Development, the Acting Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Integrated Mission To Timor-Leste (UNMIT) and UN Resident Coordinator and AECID.	
Joint Programmes Information	
Joint Programme	<i>“Supporting Gender Equality and Women’s Human Rights in Timor-Leste”</i>
Thematic Window	Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment
Budget	USD 4,955,000
Participating Agencies	UNICEF, IOM, UNDP, UNFPA, UNWOMEN.
Participating Government Agencies	Minister of Economy and Development.
Dates	12 December 2008 – 31 August 2012
Regions of Intervention	National level, and Dili, Baucau, Bobonaro, Covalima, and Oecussi.
Programme 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.	

Main Achievements¹	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The JP played a key role in moving forward the process of consultation, drafting and approval of the Law against Domestic Violence, the costing of its National Action Plan (NAP) and its monitoring framework. The JP was also the force behind the consultation and drafting process for the proposed Law against Human trafficking, which is pending approval. The highly participatory drafting process for the law on Domestic Violence is perceived as a best practice which should be further documented for possible replication. • Reduced vulnerability of women and girls through the establishment of a social protection scheme¹ was achieved through the support provided to the Bolsa da Mae scheme. The JP also supported outreach mechanisms to victims through existing referral networks, leading to increased coordination of services and better practices, in the form of agreed SOPs or protocols, also providing direct support to outreach services, such as shelters, safe houses, orphanages or NGOs in charge of providing legal support. The development of standard operating procedures (SOPs) for national police, gender based violence and human trafficking, was widely perceived as one of the JP's strengths. 	
More information	http://www.mdgfund.org/program/supportinggenderequalityandwomen%E2%80%99shumanrightsnationbuildingtimorleste
Joint Programme	<i>“Joint programme on promoting sustainable food and nutrition security in Timor Leste”</i>
Thematic Window	Children, Food Security and Nutrition
Budget	USD 3,500,000
Participating Agencies	UNICEF, WHO, FAO, WFP.
Participating Government Agencies	Ministry of Health (MoH), Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF), Ministry of Education (MoE), Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry (MTCI), Ministry of Social Solidarity (MSS).
CSOs	Alola Foundation, Pastoral da Crianca, Kailalo, Caritas, Moris Foun, Hamordade, Fundassaun Hadomi Progresu and Y-ACTS
Dates	13 November 2009 – 31 March 2013
Regions of Intervention	Aileu, Baucau, Manatuto and Oecusse.
Programme in Brief: The main objective of the joint programme (JP) was to strengthen institutional capacity and service delivery mechanisms to improve and manage the nutritional status of women of reproductive age and under-five children. The implementation strategy of the JP aimed to achieve the following objectives: Improved health and nutritional status of pregnant and lactating women and	

¹ Arbulu, A. (2012) Independent Final Evaluation of the MDG-F Joint Programme in Timor-Leste: *Joint programme on promoting sustainable food and nutrition security in Timor Leste*

under-five children in four districts; 20% more children gained access, and 25% more children completed compulsory quality basic education in 4 selected districts; and Food security and nutrition surveillance system established and functioning at all sub-districts in 4 selected districts.

Main achievements²

- The joint programme contributed in improving the health and nutrition status of under-five children and pregnant and lactating mothers through strengthening the institutional capacity of MoH in implementation of the CMAM programme to treat malnourished children through distribution of therapeutic foods and micronutrient-rich supplementary food to the malnourished children and mothers, and promotion of food production and consumption with focus to improved infant and young child feeding practices.
- Based on the available data at the Health Management Information System (HMIS), it is indicated that the prevalence of underweight under-five children was 45.7% in 2009 which is reduced to 28.9% in 2012.
- The joint programme contributed in strengthening the food security and nutrition surveillance system through capacity building of the central and field level Government officials on data collection, compilation and analysis and establishment of the database for the Food Security Information and Early Warning System (FSIEWS) not only in four districts but in all 13 districts of Timor-Leste and at the central level. Provided training to the District Food Security Officers at the district level, Agriculture Extension Workers at the Suco level and members of the Inter Ministerial Taskforce for Food and Nutrition Security at the central level. The Inter Ministerial Food and Nutrition Security Taskforce produced the fifth “Quarterly Situation Analysis Report” in September 2012 based on the data and information provided by the Agriculture Extension Workers through the District Food Security Officers. The Inter Ministerial Taskforce submits the Situation Analysis Reports to the Council of Ministers in a quarterly basis, based on which Government decide necessary actions required to ensure food security.

More information

<http://mdgfund.org/program/unicefwfpjointprojectchildrenfoodsecurityandnutritiontimorleste>

² Lenci, S. (2012), Independent Final Evaluation of the MDG-F Joint Programme in Timor-Leste: *Joint programme on Children, food security and nutrition*.