

Technical Cooperation in the Maritime Transport Sector

Context

As an island state Timor-Leste is dependent on an efficient maritime commerce regime. 95% of all imported and exported goods are required to be transported by sea. The Timorese maritime transport and port management is still at an early stage of supporting the international commerce and transport logistic of the country efficiently.

Objective

Development of the maritime sector should foremost address the challenges of fragile institutions and the lack of qualified human resources in Timor-Leste. The German Cooperation supports its partners towards providing solutions in these fields, i.e. drafting of the maritime legal framework, supporting institutional development and improving qualifications of maritime (and related) personnel.

Approach

GIZ technical cooperation aims to improve the performance of both state and private actors in the maritime sector. This includes improvement of maritime safety, security and protection of the marine environment, as well as facilitation of the maritime transport. The impact will be a better organized maritime business environment, higher accountability and performance of the public servants, more working possibilities for Timorese nationals, and more efficient maritime transport services. Altogether living conditions for those Timorese that are settled in remote areas will improve significantly.

Current Achievements

Qualified support was given to the Technical Working Group (consisting of executives from APORTIL and the Harbour Master) on the drafting of the main legal documents for the establishment of the national Maritime Authority and on the accession process to the International Maritime Organization's main International Conventions.

Regarding vocational training, several maritime courses have been delivered at the Maritime Training Unit at the National Center for Vocational Training (CNEFP) including the training of crew members for the ferry "Berlin-Nakroma" and Maritime Authority staff.

Organizational structures for the future Maritime and Port Authority were designed, complemented by a Manual of Basic Functions. A proper port planning process is currently on trial in order to improve managing procedures.

Future prospects

Currently a new programme for advice and training in the maritime sector is up and running. Now the focus is on the maritime administration and the improvement of safety, security, health and environment in the ports of Timor-Leste. Moreover, maritime governance will be strengthened. The need for training and further qualification of young Timorese for the maritime related industries will be tackled by an adjusted TVET approach.



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