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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 APORTEIL 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.
Financial Cooperation in the Maritime Transport Sector

Context
Timor-Leste is made up of three parts, namely the main territory in the east of the island of Timor, the island Atauro in the north and the enclave Oecussi. These three regions need to be connected by means of sea transport, since only to Oecussi there is an existing road connection crossing the Indonesian territory and passing the border. Travelling to the capital, to markets, hospitals and education facilities has been an imposition and difficult for the inhabitants of the enclave and the island. For the economic and social development of the island state Timor-Leste, the maritime transport sector is therefore crucial. A regular service between the three parts of the country contributes to local trade, and improves access to health, education and administration in the capital. It also makes a contribution to the nation and peace building of the country, since regular exchange and better access to employment and services helps prevent conflicts.

Objective
The projects under German Financial Cooperation, implemented by KfW Development Bank, intend to improve the living conditions of the population by establishing a regular maritime passenger and goods transport connection.

Approach
After chartering a vessel for the first years, the newly constructed passenger vessel “NAKROMA”, financed by KfW Development Bank, set up regular service between the capital Dili, Oecussi and Atauro. As part of the project, landing facilities in Oecussi and Dili have also been upgraded to improve service. German Financial Cooperation is being implemented in close cooperation with technical cooperation projects in the maritime transport sector, implemented by the German International Cooperation (GIZ).

Current Achievements
Out of gratitude for the engagement of German Development Cooperation, the Government of Timor-Leste decided to rename the ship in 2009. It is now called “BERLIN-NAKROMA”. Since its start of operation in 2006, the ferry has provided reliable passenger and goods service and thereby made an important contribution to the economic and social development of Timor-Leste.

Future prospects
Over the past years, Germany has made significant contributions to the growth of the transport infrastructure. With a further contribution of in total 6 million Euros, German Financial Cooperation will further help to increase people’s mobility and strengthen the country’s peaceful and economically successful development.
Rural Development Programme IV
Component 1: Strengthening Public Agricultural Extension Services

Context
More than 70% of the Timorese population live in rural areas, the contribution of the agricultural sector to non-oil GDP remains around 30%. Food shortages, lack of employment for young people and low income from agricultural production are the main problems. The existing agricultural extension service is not capable to support the agricultural sector due to weak technical and managerial capacities and to lack of harmonised structures at both central and district levels.

Objective
Sustainable increases in nutrition and food security for farm households and rural communities through strengthening of agricultural extension services.

Approach
The EU has delegated the implementation of the programme to Camões and GIZ (the Portuguese and the German agencies for international cooperation). A joint management team comprises the National Directorate for Agricultural Community Development, the National Directorate for Agricultural Education, GIZ and Camões. The implementation is taking place in all Districts. The main focus is capacity building of Extension and technical staff, strengthening the Agricultural Extension Management System, assisting in the execution of agricultural campaigns as well as rehabilitation, provision of equipment and curricula improvements of agricultural secondary schools.

Current achievements
The National Agricultural Extension Handbook was handed over countrywide to extension and technical staff as well as NGOs. Two campaigns (maize and coffee) are supported through training, input supply for demonstration plots and campaigning. A field training centre at the Agricultural High School in Nartabora was constructed, the curriculum development is on-going. A one year professional course for graduates of agriculture high schools is held with UNTL and SEFOPE support.

Future prospects
Training and coaching of extension staff will continue nationwide together with six new campaigns. Planning, reporting and monitoring are the first priorities to strengthen Extension Management system.

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The Peace Fund

Context
Timor-Leste is a post-conflict country with a high percentage of young people. Unemployment, little capacity for self-help, and weak integration in state and social structures give rise to frustration and a feeling of limited perspectives, which leaves many young people open to radicalisation and instrumentalisation. At the same time, there is little professionalism in the field of peace and youth promotion.

Objective
State and non-state structures in the youth sector implement gender-differentiated and peace-promoting policies and measures nationwide at both national and decentralized level.

Approach
In cooperation with the State Secretariat for Youth and Sports and the civil society, the project adopted a two-pronged strategy: (1) The Peace Fund finances and supports measures and initiatives by and for young people geared to violence prevention, conflict resolution and peace-building. (2) It supports capacity development for youth-relevant state and non-state actors at national and district level. With this strategy, the fund supports the implementation of the national youth strategy, promotes professionalization and structural development in the youth sector, while contributing to the social inclusion of young people.

Current achievements
Up to now, a big number of Timorese NGOs have been funded and supported in conducting country-wide activities with a focus on youth and peace, and with funding of more than 20,000 USD each (central funding scheme). Apart from that, the Peace Fund has also supported numerous local youth-oriented and peace-building initiatives, particularly in selected district youth centers (decentralized funding scheme). The activities have been chosen and monitored by a joint steering committee, which includes the SSYS, the NGO umbrella organization FONGTIL, the women umbrella organization Rede Feto, and the National Youth Council as implementing or cooperating partners to the project. By these means and through increased capacity-building and networking among the various actors in the youth and peace sector, the project has successfully contributed to measures that sensitize young people in Timor-Leste for non-violent behavior and constructive peace-promoting attitudes in their daily lives, with the overall aim of supporting Timor-Leste’s peaceful and democratic development at large.

Prospects
In accordance with the 5th Governmental Programme, the Peace Fund has been asked to give support in the following areas: 1) continuation of funding schemes for youth initiatives and NGOs; 2) support and advice for the establishment of a national youth fund; 3) support for capacity building of youth associations in Timor-Leste; 4) support for the establishment of national multipurpose youth centres in all districts; and 5) support for the implementation of a Timor-Leste youth and sport strategic plan.

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Support to Peaceful Development through Innovative Employment Promotion

Context
Roughly 70% of the Timorese population live in multidimensional poverty, while wealth and employment opportunities are distributed unevenly between the main cities and rural areas. A projected population growth of 2.4% in the next years will aggravate the problem, especially for young people. The economy which is mainly based on the oil sector and subsistence farming does not provide sufficient employment opportunities. On top of that there are few vocational training facilities and especially women have low education levels and thus even less chances to find employment.

There are various conflict lines and generally little conflict management skills among the population, which the government of Timor-Leste so far does not address in a direct manner. It is counting instead on the levelling effects of a strong, socially just economic growth. Meanwhile considerable levels of migration to urban areas worsen the problems in cities jobwise, but also in terms of peace and security.

Objective
Employment opportunities in specific fields in the private sector in Baucau and Suai areas increase along selected value chains. The amount of vocational training graduates in these areas is raised considerably (among women at least as much as among men). Participants adopt a cooperative working style and apply conflict mediating skills.

Approach
The project will draw on cooperatives as they offer the best institutional approach in rural areas, and encourage and support the adoption of cooperative behaviour and democratic decision making. Additionally value-added chains will be promoted, thus creating more employment opportunities and potentially linking rural to urban areas. Experiences and results of previous GC projects about Employment Promotion for Young People and Rural Development supplement the process. The project will closely cooperate with the Directorate for the Promotion of Cooperatives, including its district level offices.

Future prospects
70 agricultural production groups resulted from the GC “Employment Promotion for Young People” project, which partly have good perspectives to develop further into cooperatives. Potentially, the agricultural sector can provide more employment opportunities and added value, as well as substitute imports.
Trilateral Cooperation with Indonesia

Context
Within the framework of Technical Cooperation (TC) measures to promote regional solidarity, and based on the Joint Declaration of Intent signed by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Indonesia, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, dated May 3, 2007, cooperative measures are to be implemented for trilateral cooperation between Indonesia and Timor-Leste.

Objective
Activities aim to jointly consolidate efficient and effective Development Cooperation (DC), in particular, projects which promote democracy, respect for human rights, good governance and environmental protection.

Approach
Cooperation primarily targets areas in which trilateral DC can help efficiently deal with development/policy challenges. Project funds are being used to promote joint cooperation activities on specific development measures that have been agreed upon by all sides: to support trilateral DC projects and programmes, within the framework of the relevant side's capacities and to generate synergy around bilateral TC programmes in both Indonesia and Timor-Leste.

Current achievements
Along with the establishment of a taskforce consisting of all three parties, cooperation with five reputable public universities in Indonesia has been set up, enabling the project to make commitments for 52 scholarships for Timorese officials. At the present time, about 41 scholarship awardees have successfully graduated with Diplomas, Bachelor or Masters degrees.

Future prospects
Upon successful conclusion of the studies, the project endorses the reintegration of the officials into the workplace in the respective ministries in Timor-Leste. The capacity enhancement through studies results in better qualifications of the selected government officials and enhances their expertise in the fields studied.

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Managing Agro-Biodiversity for Sustainable Livelihood

Context
Timor-Leste’s agro-biodiversity (ABD) is increasingly under threat due to human exploitation, soil degradation, monocultures and invasive alien species. The diversity in agriculture, contributing to food security, resilience to climate change and bearing genetic resources for the future, might be lost. ABD is not anchored institutionally and general awareness on ABD is low.

Objective
The project aims at building institutional and human capacities for protecting and sustainably managing ABD and thus contributes to improved livelihoods, food security and provision of ecosystem-services. The project thereby contributes to the implementation of Timor-Leste’s National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) in the agricultural sector.

Approach
The two components of the project are jointly implemented by staff of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) and technical staff of the German implementing agencies. Based on the assessment of ABD in pilot villages, component 1 (mainly implemented by AMBERO Consulting) focuses on the sustainable use of ABD through capacity building of intermediaries, extension workers and farmers as well as through promoting biodiversity-friendly farm practices. Component 2 supports the development and dissemination of innovative approaches for improving food-security through sustainable cocoa production. By intercropping with food crops and use of shade trees farmers are supported in establishing and maintaining new commodities for a more secure and environment-friendly income generation.

Current achievements
Component 1 of the project was officially launched in October 2012 and has identified governmental and non-governmental partners and stakeholders since. In addition, 30 sucos in five districts (Bobonaro, Manatuto, Viqueque, Baucau, Lautem) have been identified and selected for pilot activities. Sensitization meetings have been conducted at national, district and suco (village) level. Component 2 has focused on supporting 170 farm households in planting 45 hectares of cocoa in Viqueque and Manatuto, assisted by the Agricultural High School in Nartabora.

Future prospects
By the end of 2014, 750 farmers will have established 150 hectares of cocoa plantations. By the end of 2015, 75% of the trained extension workers will disseminate messages on biodiversity-friendly farm practices, and farmers in 30 sucos will participate in their implementation. A national implementation guideline as well as a monitoring and evaluation system (M&E) for ABD will be developed and used.
German Cooperation in Timor-Leste

CIM - Integrated Experts in Timor-Leste

Introduction
The Centre for International Migration und Development (CIM) is the human resources placement organisation for the German Development Cooperation. The Experts Programme places highly qualified experts from Germany and other EU countries with companies and organisations in developing and transition countries like Timor-Leste. Currently three international experts support the Timorese Government in the following sectors:

Ministry of Transport and Communication (MTC)
With over 20 years of experience as a consultant in harbor logistics and maritime transport in places like China, Poland, Netherlands, Lebanon as well as Dubai, in Timor-Leste Mr. Reiner Quiel is currently responsible for the implementation and supervision of Maintenance & Repair (M&R) for port installations, the operation of the RoPax ferry ‘BERLIN-NAKROMA’, and the technical equipment of the port APORTIL. Furthermore he assists in preparing cost estimates for the yearly budget of operations, services and maintenance. To strengthen capacity of the Port Authorities he trains local graduates ‘on-the-job’ during his daily business.

The Secretariat of State for Youth and Sport (SSYS)
As a German football trainer, FIFA instructor and Sport-for-Development expert, Mr. Guenter Zittel has been project leader of numerous short and long term football- and sports-related activities as part of development projects in 11 countries on 4 continents. Peace building and crisis prevention were focal areas of his work in Uganda and in Macedonia. His assignment with the SSYS focuses on assisting the Director of Sports in developing the National Policy on Physical Education and Sports. He aims at supporting the promotion of sports and physical education as tools to overcome discrimination, build friendships, develop fair play, improve health and promote gender equality. In cooperation with other GIZ projects, Mr. Zittel helps to identify promising local activities for further technical assistance and funding.

Secretariat of State for the Environment (SEMA)
Dr. Peter Pechacek, associated professor for Conservation Biology at the University of Freiburg, Germany, is an internationally known expert for application of scientific knowledge in management of habitats and species. He advises the SEMA on safeguarding biodiversity, for example by developing an information and management system for maintaining ecosystem services, and building capacities for implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity. His strategic position is also tailored to bridge the GIZ Agro-Biodiversity project executed at the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries with the environmental sector.

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Kolping International

As a Non-Governmental Organisation, KOLPING INTERNATIONAL (Social and Development Aid Organization of the Kolping Society, assn.) belongs to the Social Improvement Network in Germany. In Timor-Leste, it is the partner of the two regional Kolping associations in Baucau and Dili (including an extension of the Kolping approach in Bobonaro), with the legal entity Kolping Nacional Timor-Leste.

The common goal is to set up self-help groups and to establish a network among them to contribute to sustainable combat against poverty. The first Kolping self-help groups in Timor-Leste were created 14 years ago (1999). To date there are 29 groups with about 488 members.

The National Kolping Society “Obra Kolping do Timor-Leste” is scheduled to be founded in August 2013. Since July 2008, Kolping in Timor-Leste has been promoted under the auspices of the BMZ. The focus is on implementing domestic economy courses in corresponding institutions, setting up crafts guilds, training executives and project personnel, as well consolidating the Kolping organisation. The project focus of the current funding phase 2011 to 2013 is on vocational training for young women, men and housewives; the organisation of trained craftsmen, farmers and fishermen into self-help groups; as well as the development of a micro-finance programme.

MISEREOR (German Catholic Bishops’ Development Organisation)

MISEREOR has supported development initiatives in Timor-Leste already since 1977 and has responded to the challenges of building the new nation of Timor-Leste from the year 2000 onwards.

A key element for sustained development is the availability of qualified personnel. The support of human resource development initiatives of partner organisations is one of the priorities of the work in Timor-Leste. In response to this acute and urgent issue, MISEREOR continuously supports initiatives in upgrading the qualifications of youths in the form of a teacher’s training college in Baucau and two vocational training centers for girls in Baucau and Lospalos. All three centers are initiatives of Catholic Church organisations.

In order to promote awareness of a common history and culture, MISEREOR also supports the local production of TV series focusing on the challenges of building a democratic and peaceful society. In this context, MISEREOR sees the necessity to also support civil society organisations taking up issues of peace and conflict resolution, democratisation, and human rights work. With the understanding of development as a long term process, MISEREOR is committed to continue its support for Timor Leste, on the road towards a society where the Timorese people themselves decide on their own future.

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Civil Peace Service / Ziviler Friedensdienst (ZFD)

Introduction

The Civil Peace Service (CPS) is a development programme designed for post conflict countries and funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. It is implemented worldwide by seven non-governmental organizations and the Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ). In Timor-Leste, AGEH has been working since 2003 and, in close partnership with church-based and other local organisations, has contributed to the psycho-social and economic rehabilitation of the young nation.

Although there has been significant consolidation of the democratic institutions and the security in the country, wounds suffered from destruction during the retreat of the Indonesian occupation army in 1999 and the crisis in 2006 have not yet healed. The psychological consequences can be observed individually, but also in the general societal life, in a culture of mistrust and violence.

The contribution of the Civil Peace Service to the country’s development is focused on strengthening societal consciousness of human rights and individual capability for peacefully living together. The projects in the field of peace education target the largest group of the population, the youth, and are located in different spheres of their lives: school, vocational training and community.

Seven CPS projects have been successfully finished; four others are in the implementation phase at the moment.

Ongoing activities

In the Human Rights field, one expert is giving support to both the Human Rights and Legal Aid Program and the Youth Development Program of the Justice and Peace Commission, Diocese of Dili.

With the vocational training projects for young farmers, CPS is supporting an integral approach of combining community oriented social education with practical skills: The ADM Sisters in Lospalos maintain a training center for female school drop outs, the community center of the Maryknoll Sisters in Aileu is working with community groups in the field of nutrition and food production.

With the Canossa Foundation in Dili, the CPS expert has developed peace education programmes for students and teachers in schools, participants of vocational training institutions as well as members of youth groups in the community. This project will be extended for another three years.

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The Chamber and Association Partnership Project (KVP)

Context
Timor-Leste is one of the poorest and least-developed countries in Asia; a country struggling with poverty, corruption, a fast population growth, a low educational level and a very weak private sector. In Timor-Leste, roughly 80% of the population practices subsistence agriculture. To ensure the economic and political stability of the country, the government of TL has approved the National Development Plan 2011-2030, which focuses on improvement of education, employment creation and development of the private sector.

Objective
SEQUA's Chamber and Association Partnership Programme is an instrument used to contribute to sustainable economic development by supporting business membership organizations (BMOs) in the partner countries. BMOs in Timor-Leste are young organizations. They lack skills and financial resources to develop and deliver needs-oriented services to entrepreneurs. Therefore, the project’s specific goal is the creation of sustainable structures that ensure a better access to services and improved advocacy for Timorese MSMEs.

Approach
KVP-Projects are implemented by German Business Associations. In TL the German Training and Development Centers of the Bavarian Employers' Associations (Berufliche Fortbildungscentren der Bayerischen Wirtschaft/ bfz) are cooperating with the recently founded Timorese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCITL) and 7 of its member associations. The project focuses on the improvement of internal structure and management of the partner organizations, the establishment of new services for member enterprises and the development of a systematic interest representation for SMEs. One of the main instruments for the mobilization of entrepreneurial and community resources is the creation of sector units (“focus groups”).

Current achievements
Representatives from the national confederation of the Timorese Chamber, from 5 district chambers and two sectoral associations participated in several trainings on chamber structure, advocacy and service delivery. Some of the major weaknesses still are the oversized structure of the chamber organization itself and the very low economic strength of the majority of the Timorese companies who cannot afford to pay for their membership. At company level 21 sector groups in 5 districts have been founded and are supported by local coordinators. The first synergistic benefits are emerging.

Future prospects
In February/March 2013 a project progress control is taking place in order to evaluate the results of the first phase and plan a possible second phase.
Promotion of the rights of Persons with Disabilities

Context
Based on the 2010 Census, amongst a population of 1,066,409 people, there are 48,243 people with disabilities and 33,133 people over the age of five years with a disability who have never attended any school. The Strategic Development Plan of Timor-Leste from 2011 to 2030 recognizes the importance of developing actions and programs to promote effective family, social, economic and cultural inclusion and a better quality of life of people with disabilities. Though the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is not ratified yet, the government of Timor-Leste has established and approved the National Policy for Inclusion and Promotion of the Rights of People with Disabilities.

In order to respond to this context and support the fulfillment of the fundamental rights of persons with disabilities, Handicap International is implementing the BMZ funded “Advocating for Change” project at national level in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Solidarity since January 2013.

Objective
The project supports the effective implementation of the National Disability Policy of Timor-Leste. It involves 9 ministries and civil society actors that work with and for people with disabilities in the development of a National Action Plan and the establishment of advocacy and oversight mechanisms of the implementation of the National Disability Policy. Finally good practices on national disability action planning and oversight shall effectively be shared within the disability movement and relevant stakeholders at regional and national level.

Main Activities
HI provides technical support to the Ministry of Social Solidarity in order to design a National Disability Action Plan, to set up a multi-stakeholder task force and a disability council overseeing and monitoring the Action Plan and to promote the UNCRPD signature and ratification. Furthermore it provides disability related trainings and small grants to DPO and CSO in order to raise their advocacy skills and oversight roles.

In order to synergize all actors concerned (institutional and from civil society) HI also undertakes consultation workshops during the action plan process.

Current Achievements
So far four interministerial coordination and planning workshops have been conducted including the task force disability focal points and representatives of people with disabilities.

Draft action plans have been submitted to nine ministries and representatives of disabled people’s organisations, and NGOs working for people with disabilities have been trained in media and communication as well as the Making It Work advocacy tools.

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Locations of the German Cooperation in Timor-Leste

Projects of German Cooperation in Timor-Leste:

- **RDP 4**: Rural Development Programme (EU, GIZ)
- **ABD**: Agro-Biodiversity for Sustainable Livelihoods (EU, GIZ)
- **PF**: The Peace Fund (GIZ)
- **YE**: Youth Employment (GIZ)
- **MTSD**: Maritime Transport Sector Development (GIZ, KfW)

**Acronyms**:
- **GIZ**: Joint Administration Office for all GIZ-projects
- **CPS**: Civil Peace Service
- **KLPG**: Kooperation International
- **MIS**: Misereor
- **KVP**: Chamber and Association Partnership Programme (Sekta)