

# Timor-Leste



Majority of the population displaced

Physical infrastructure destroyed and rendered inoperable



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- Reconstruction began with support from UN, bilateral and international agencies and NGOs
- Substantial progress made in rehabilitating infrastructure
- Key elements of a sustainable political process and system established in an environment of internal peace



# Governance Structures

- President, Council of Ministers (Executive) Parliament and Judiciary
- 10 Ministries and 5 Secretaries of State
- 13 Districts with District Administrators
- 65 Sub-Districts with Sub-District Administrators
- 442 Sucos (villages) with Suco Chiefs
- About 2,335 Aldeias (hamlets)



# National Development Plan

- Formulated before independence (on 20 May 2002) with a 20-Year vision
- It provides a 5-year development framework and strategy
- Its main objectives are poverty reduction and promotion of economic growth that is equitable and sustainable, and improves the health, education and well-being of every Timorese.



# Planning Process for the NDP - 1

- 1 Poverty Assessment** comprising a
  - a) Suco Survey (census of all sucos)
  - b) Household Survey (representative sample of 1,800 households or more than 1% of total)
  - c) Participatory Potential Assessment (PPA) (48 aldeias in the 13 districts of the country)

The poverty assessment estimated that about two-in-five Timorese fall below the national Poverty Line of US\$0.55 per day.

- 2 Countrywide Consultation led by Xanana Gusmao**, which organized over 1,000 forums covering more than 38,000 Timorese citizens – men, women and students and youth – from all walks of life in all the sucos. They produced the 20-year national vision for the country; identified Education, Health and Employment as the top priorities; indicated what they can do for themselves, what NGOs and the Church should do; and what they expect from the Government.



# Planning Process for the NDP - 2

- 3 State of the Nation Report** prepared by Government taking stock of the position in which the nation finds itself prior to independence, and provides the backdrop for the Plan. The Report identified nine (9) major challenges faced by Timor-Leste.
- 4 Human Development Report** which contributed to understanding the challenges faced by the country and identified that Timor-Leste is ranked 152<sup>nd</sup> among 162 nations in terms of Human Development Index (HDI)
- 5 Draft NDP formulated** by eight working groups each chaired by a Minister and involved more than 125 senior officials; discussed with all stakeholders; finalized and adopted by Parliament.



# Millennium Development Goals

- Citizen Xanana attended the Millennium Assembly in September 2000
- As the newest independent country and the 191<sup>st</sup> member of the United Nations, MDGs are an integral part of the development road map of Timor-Leste
- Key development indicators in the National Development Plan explicitly draw on the global MDGs



One in Five Timorese live on less than the international poverty line of US\$1- a day

## Poverty and Hunger

MD Goal No.	1	1
MD Target No.	1	1
MD Indicator No.	1	3



Population  
below  
\$1-a-day

Share of  
poorest  
quintile in  
national  
consumption

Timor-Leste	21	7
East Asia & Pacific	14	--
Rank Timor-Leste	9	6



# Education



MD Goal No.  
MD Target No.  
MD Indicator No.

2	2	3	3
3	3	4	4
6	8	9	10

<b>Net enrollment ratio in primary education (%)</b>	<b>Literacy rate 15-24 (%)</b>	<b>Ratio of girls to boys in primary &amp; secondary education (%)</b>	<b>Ratio of literate females to males of 15-24 (%)</b>
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<b>Timor-Leste</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>East Asia &amp; Pacific</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Rank Timor-Leste</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Low Income Countries--</b>		<b>76</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>85</b>

# Health



MD Goal No.	4	4	4	6
MD Target No.	5	5	5	7
MD Indicator No.	13	14	15	19
	Under-five mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	1-year old children immunized against measles (%)	Contraceptive prevalence rate (%)
Timor-Leste	159	86	6	8
East Asia & Pacific	44	35	83	83
Rank Timor-Leste	20	19	21	10
Low Income Countries	114	76	57	--

# Environment

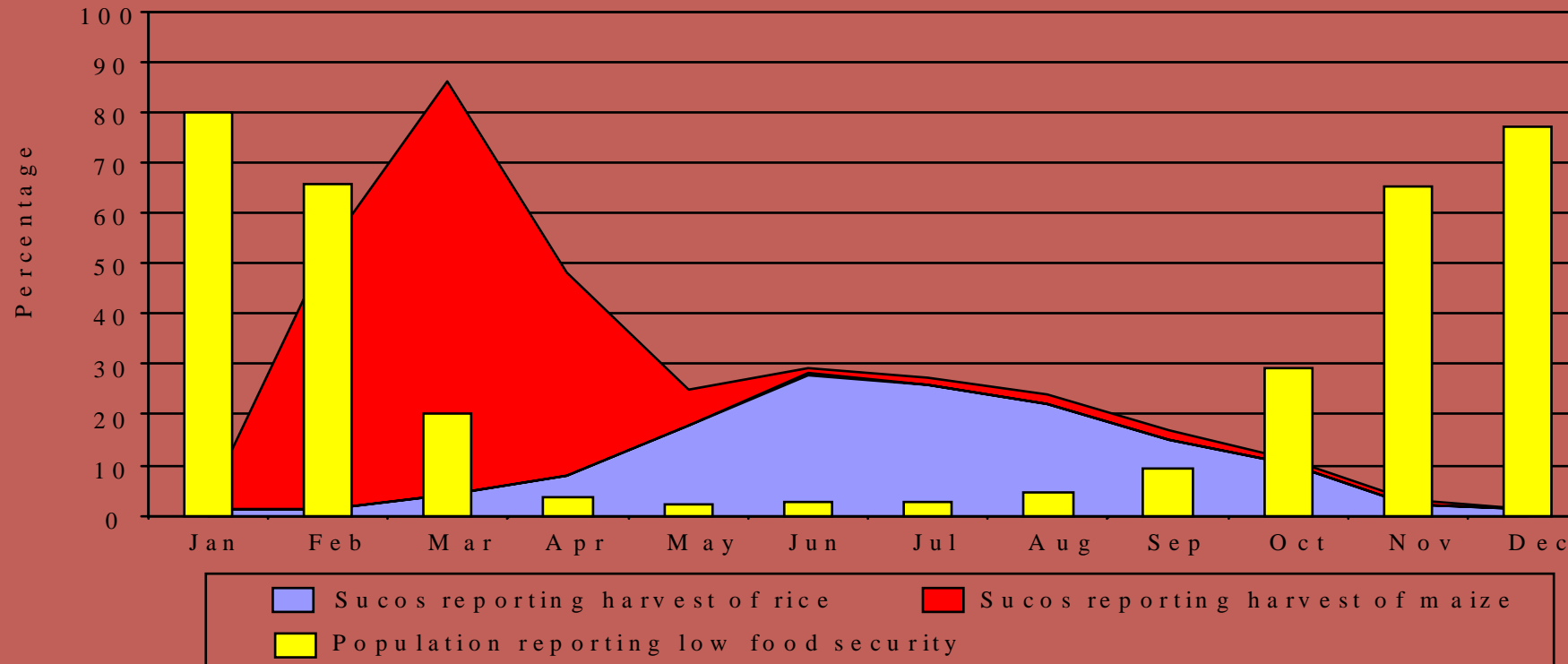


MD Goal No.	7	7	7
MD Target No.	9	10	11
MD Indicator No.	25	29	30
	Land area covered by forest (%)	Population with sustainable access to an improved water source (%)	Population with access to improved sanitation (%)
Timor-Leste	58	63	42
East Asia & Pacific	27	75	47
Rank Timor-Leste	8	14	14
Low Income Countries	27	76	45



# Seasonal Food Security

## Household Food Security by Month



Source: 2001 TLSS.

Food security is closely tied to having enough rice and maize while food availability is aligned with the maize and rice harvest cycles

# The Government of Timor-Leste and the UN will hold a workshop on 24-26 March 2003 to further internalize MDGs



# A massive countrywide information drive will follow





# Can Timor-Leste meet the MDGs?

