

**Project Title**

Programme for Enhancing Women's Leadership and Participation in Nation Building in Timor-Leste (PERWL)

Total Budget

US\$727,634.58

European Commission Delegation: \$704,656.53

UNDP: \$22,977.95

Project Duration

3 Years, May 2004 to May 2007

Direct Beneficiaries

Women of East Timor, Women's NGOs, the Office of the Promotion of Equality (OPE) and

Women National Leaders

National Partners

Office for the Promotion of Equality (OPE), Ministry of State Administration (MSA), Caucus: Feto Iha Politica, REDE Feto

Executing Agency

UNIFEM

**Development Objective**

To facilitate women's participation in building a social, political and legal framework for an independent Timor-Leste that is rights-based, socially inclusive and gender-responsive.

Immediate Objectives

1. To promote transformative leadership, politics and communities through the active and reciprocal participation of women as members of constituencies and potential leaders in the political processes and governance at the local and community levels;

2. To enhance the understanding, contribution of and benefits for rural communities, in particular women, on gender mainstreaming the nation building process as a method to further promote the process of transformative leadership and citizenship; and

3. To contribute to government planning, programming, policy development and budget allocation is based on and responds to the socio-economic situation, needs and rights of rural women.

Partnership Strategy

UNIFEM cooperates with identified key partners:

1. Key government offices such as Office for the Promotion of Equality (OPE), the Ministry of State Administration (MSA) and the National Institute for Public Administration (INAP);
2. Local communities participating in the survey and implementation of the programme;
3. Support institutions and development agencies

such as NGOs and UN agencies; and
4. The European Commission (EC) for the provision of the financial support.

**Key Accomplishments to date**

- 1,072 potential women candidates and candidates trained

In collaboration with Caucus: Feto Iha Politica, a series of training on transformation: transformative leadership, politics and communities for potential women candidates were conducted in 10 districts (Oecussi, Bobonaro, Baucau, Lautem, Manatuto, Aileu, Same, Ainaro, Dili and Liquica) and with elected women officials in Ermera.

- Manual localized

A manual on "Transformative Leadership, Citizenship and Communities" has been adapted to conditions in Timor-Leste through training and Training of trainers (TOT) conducted by the Centre for Asia-Pacific Women In Politics (CAPWIP).



- A poster, banners and campaign leaflets developed and disseminated

A poster, banners and campaign leaflets have been produced to encourage women's participation by becoming candidates, to vote and serve their respective communities and districts. Copies of the poster and campaign leaflets were distributed by STAE, Caucus: Feto Iha Politica, INAP and other programme partners in all of the districts including the offices of World Bank, ADB, EC, the Office of the President, other NGOs, UN agencies and a library (Rosa Mukit) and the banners hanged in strategic places in Dili and Liquica.



- Other campaign activities conducted for elections in Dili and Liquica

Additional campaign activities were conducted for the forthcoming last phase of the village elections including radio and television talk shows, public service announcements over the radio, and a

luncheon meeting with representatives from the political parties, and a recording of a message from the President to encourage women to participate in the electoral processes.

- Debriefing with women candidates and TNA with elected women officials conducted

A debriefing with women candidates – those elected and did not make it to office was conducted in Oecussi in collaboration with OPE, INAP, the district administration office and OCAP. The women shared their feelings and lessons learned from their participation in the village elections and identified the structures existing in the district that could assist them in putting forward women's agenda in their community and the district in general.



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