

CONCEPT NOTE

Quarterly Development Partners Meeting Ministry of Finance (Auditorium), Aitarak Laran 9:00am – 12.30pm, Wednesday 17 May 2017

The Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation will co-host the Quarterly Development Partners Meeting for 2017 on 17 May 2017.

Timor-Leste's Quarterly Development Partners Meeting provides a regular forum for open dialogue and discussion to improve coordination and cooperation between Development Partners and the Government.

Background

On 4 and 5 July 2016, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation co-hosted the Annual Timor-Leste Development Partners Meeting (TLDPM) under the theme "Financing for Sustainable Development".

On 28 October 2016, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation co-hosted the last Quarterly Development Partners Meeting (QDPM) for 2016. The discussion included: informed about proposed Government Budget 2017, SDG Working Group and Consultations on Draft Aid Policy (version 2).

Focus of the Meeting

Building on the previous meeting's discussion, this QDPM will provide:

- **Presentation on the Aid Management Effectiveness Policy:** development partners were provided with a draft version of the Aid Policy document and were encouraged to provide feedback. The resulting document incorporates many of the comments and concerns that were raised and improves upon the work already conducted thus far.
- **Implementation of Aid Management Effectiveness Policy: i) Presentation on Technical Assistance Coordination; ii) Presentation on Census Fo Fila Fali 2015; iii) 2nd Fragility Assessment 2015:** This process is in an attempt to bring Development Partners and Government relationships closer to achieving development that is in line with the principles of the New Deal, which emphasizes country-owned and country-led development.

Expected Outcomes of the Meeting

This meeting will act as a knowledge-sharing platform for development partners and Government in several ways. This includes clarification:

- Aid Management Effectiveness Policy procedures
- Highlighting main findings of Census Fo Fila Fali 2015 and how Development Partners leverage the findings in their programs;

- Underlining the importance of keeping the government's Aid Transparency Portal up to date and accurate.

Proposed Agenda

- 08:30 Registration (Self-serve Coffee)
- 9:00 Welcoming Remarks
- 09:15 Updates from the MNEC on Issues of Interest
- 9:30 Aid Management Effectiveness Policy
- 10:30 Technical Assistance Coordination Office
- 11:15 Census Fo Fila Fali 2015 and update on ATP
- 12:15 2nd Fragility Assessment 2015
- 12:30 Close of Meeting

Participants:

Minister/ Vice-Minister
Director Generals and Directors
Development Partners (Ambassadors and Head of Agencies)
Representatives from CSO and Private Sector

Background Documents

1. Aid Management Effectiveness Policy
2. 2nd Fragility Assessment 2015
3. Development Cooperation Report 2015
4. Census Fo Fila Fali 2015
5. Technical Assistance Coordination Office (TACO) materials