

Community Needs Baseline Survey in Municipality of Lautem, Baucau, Manatuto and Manufahi

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The Autoridade Nacional dos Minerais (ANM, I.P.) through its Local Content Department under the Directorate of Local Content and Title Administration, has successfully undertaken the community needs baseline survey in the municipality of Lautem, Baucau, Mantuto and Manufahi.

These municipalities are the initial target locations where most of the Concession Areas (CA) are located, and the Mineral Rights Holders who are currently progressing with Exploration and Evaluation activity across these CAs are Estrella Resources Limited R.P., SIIC (Singapore Infrastructure Investment and Construction) Unip. Lda, Peak Evarest Mining Lda, Elegant Marble Group-Murak Rai Timor Ilimanu, Lda, Taishengts Timor, Lda, Tivan Limited, among others.

The objective of the survey is to facilitate ANM, I.P. in gathering the critical information pertaining to the community's present conditions and their challenges, as well as identifying the potential opportunities aimed at enhancing the strategic planning for community investment initiatives in alignment with their needs and priorities in the Concession Areas in which these Mineral Right Holders operate.

Should future Exploration and Evaluation activities yield positive results which advance any of these CAs toward a development phase, hence, the baseline data will serve as a critical reference which can potentially support these Mineral Right Holders in committing to invest on community development programs in accordance with the interest of the communities, as required under the Law. No. 12/2021 of 30th June, on the Mining Code. In doing so, the programs in which the Mineral Right Holders invested in would contribute added value to Timor-Leste's economy, in addition to creating job opportunities and supporting local procurement.

The Local authority and community leaders from Administrative-Post, Villages and sub-villages level from each of the Exploration and Evaluation's CAs over the four municipalities mentioned above became the main target respondents of the survey which approximately accounted at 292 participants. Of this number, 53 respondents were expected from Lautem's CA, while from Baucau's CA it was expected to have 114 respondents, followed by 47 respondents from Manatuto's CA and 78 respondents from Manufahi's CA.

The baseline survey began to conduct in Municipality of Lautem on Wednesday, 5th November 2025 and concluded on the 14th of November 2025 in Municipality of Manufahi.

As aftermath of the survey, a report would be produced by the ANM Local Content team to be utilized as internal reference and be shared with current and future Mineral Rights Holders as a guide in implementing their upcoming Community Development Programs.

The ANM Board of Directors, Management and staff would like to thank all relevant stakeholders for their contributions to make this Community Baseline Survey a great success.

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