

CONSTRUCTION INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES TO SUPPORT SUAI AIRPORT PROJECT – TASI MANE



On 20<sup>TH</sup> February, Mr. Joao Camara, Infrastructure Manager from B&D Unit on behalf of TIMOR GAP presented to H.E. Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resource, Mr. Alfredo Pires and H.E. Vice Minister of Public Work, Transports and Communications, Mr. Inacio Moreira and his team formed by the General Director Mr. Joanico Goncalves, Civil Aviation Director Mr. Ramualdo Silva, and others involving with the construction of infrastructure facilities to support Suai Airport Project.

The project identified by the government to rehabilitate Suai Airport for the purpose to allow the safe operation of light aircraft and helicopters to support petroleum activities including also helicopter maintenance services.

Suai Airport has been foreseen to launch on May 2016. However, the project of rehabilitation of Suai Airport, it has become clear that its implementation requires the use of community or private immovable property. In certain cases, there is a need to resettle the affected community by building a new residential area "Bairro Foun- Aldeia Lohorai".

During the meeting held in TIMOR GAP head office, the two Ministries have been discussing about the project / Suai Airport Project which is ongoing. There has been suggestions and considerations for the creation of a Project Management Unit (PMU) to accelerate the process of the Suai airport project.

On the agenda for the next meeting there are plans for both Ministries to have a site visit/field trip together during the next week to monitorize the progress in Suai and take actions if necessary.

