Social Strategic Sector

- There have been impressive gains in social services across Timor-Leste in the last ten years, but women and children and those living in rural areas are still not seeing enough material improvements in basic services and opportunities.

- The Social Strategic Sector may be the greatest challenge in Timor-Leste but effective education, health and nutrition are essential foundations for economic development and sustained growth.

Examples of effective joint work with Social Sector Ministries

Ministry of Health

- The rapid decline in child mortality and improved nutrition indicators
- Polio eradication, maternal and neonatal tetanus elimination and rapid malaria case reduction
- The scale-up of services reaching communities
- New strategies for Nutrition, Maternal Child Health, Laboratories and other critical areas
- Deployment of junior Cuban-trained doctors in health facilities in sub-districts and villages

Ministry of Education and SEPFOPE

- Significant improvement in net enrolment rates
- Development and approval of new curriculum for Preschool, Grades 1-6 and teacher training
- Focus on early childhood including National Policy on Preschool Education
- Building more schools with furniture and learning materials
- Effective vocational training linked to jobs

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Nutrition

- 2013 National Nutrition Survey shows some improvements
- Leadership on food security and nutrition under the banner of the Zero Hunger Action Plan and KONSSANTIL coordination

Gender

- Increased attention to gender equality in policy making, planning and budgeting

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Ministry of Social Solidarity, SEPI, all
- Protection of women and girls: implementation of National Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence Law
- Information systems for social assistance
- Focus on people with disability
- Disaster prevention along the Dili-Ainaro road corridor
- National youth development fund

Challenges
- Despite significant improvements, some human development indicators remain poor
- Providing tangible, sustainable results through better social services to rural, poor and vulnerable populations is challenging
- This is particularly challenging in Timor-Leste, due to geography and history – but there is strong and sustained international support to help Timor-Leste meet its goals

Challenges
- Improving the productivity of the labour force is crucial
- Linking DPCM with the planning and budgetary processes of ministries, especially operations and maintenance planning and budgeting
- Intra-sectoral and inter-sectoral coordination for effective implementation of DPCM particularly on youth and women
- Capacity development requires links with human resource performance management
- Evidence based policy making, planning and budgeting

The way forward
- The New Deal is all about focus and coordination
- Development Partners need to genuinely align behind strategies that set realistic targets with clear accountability
- Ministries need to devote time to discussing their goals and priorities with Development Partners, and agreeing our respective roles in helping deliver results

The way forward
- One Vision – One Plan (New Deal) Merge DPCM and internal planning and budgeting process of Ministries into a single process, setting realistic targets with clear accountability
- Operationalize institutional coordination with accountability mechanisms particularly at sub-sector level
- Establish long term human resources development strategy and performance management
- Effective use of data for evidence-based policy making, planning and budgeting

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