2016 Timor-Leste & Development Partners Meeting (TLDPM)

Financing for Sustainable Development in Timor-Leste

SDG II - End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

a Donor Perspective

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SDG Status in Timor-Leste

- **Progress**
  - Agricultural modernisation & commercialisation
  - Reductions in stunting & increase in multisectoral collaboration on nutrition

- **Key Challenges**
  - Policies to promote Private Sector Investment
  - Malnutrition remains high with an emerging double burden
Prevalence of STUNTING in children (aged 0 - 59 months) in 2013

Nationally, 50% of children (aged 0-59 months) were stunted!

Public Health Significance (WHO, 2010)
- LOW (< 20%)
- MEDIUM (20% - 29.9%)
- HIGH (30% - 39.9%)
- VERY HIGH (≥ 40%)

TLFNS (2013)
Prevalence of children (aged 6 - 23 months) consuming a **MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE DIET** in 2013

Nationally, **18%** of children (aged 6-23 months) were consuming a minimum acceptable diet.
Prevalence of **ANAEMIA** in children (aged 6 - 59 months) in **2013**

Nationally, **63%** of children (aged 6 - 59 months) were **anaemic**

**Public Health Significance (WHO, 2010)**
- **NO PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM** (<4.9%)
- **MILD** (5% - 19.9%)
- **MODERATE** (20% - 39.9%)
- **SEVERE** (≥ 40%)

*TLFNS (2013)*
Donor Portfolio in this Area

AGRICULTURE

20 Donors
50 Partners
50 Projects

USD 25 million (2016 only)

Addressing the five pillars of MAFs strategic plan
Donor Portfolio in this Area

NUTRITION

USD 15 million

• Multisectoral approaches
• Technical assistance - President Nutrition Awards
• Nutrition policy
• Coordination and service delivery strengthening
• Nutrition supply support
• Social communication materials
• Mother Support Groups for behavior change
• Service utilization
• Infant and young child feeding practices
Suggested Way Forward for Achievement/Implementation of SDG

- **Policy:**
  - Prioritisation and implementation
  - Enhanced focus on addressing the underlying causes of malnutrition
  - Foretification of products for safety net programs

- **Planning:**
  - Transparency
  - Increased public financing and improved budget execution

- **Enabling environment**
  - Land law
  - Sectoral Coordination
Areas for Improved Partnerships

- Private Sector Investment & Non-Government involvement
  - Avoid Obstacles for business

- Human Capital
  - Extend Training to the Rural context
  - Enhance knowledge about nutritional aspects