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Financing for Sustainable Development in Timor-Leste

SDGs 6 and 9, a Donor Perspective

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SDG Status in Timor-Leste

- **SDG 6: Ensure access to water and sanitation for all**
  - **Target 6.1:** By 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all;
  - **Target 6.2:** By 2030 Achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all.
  - **Current status in Timor-Leste:** 25% piped water on to premises; 47% other improved water sources; 41% improved sanitation facilities.

- **SDG 9: Develop quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure**
  - **Target 9.1:** Develop quality reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, including regional and transboundary infrastructure, to support economic development and human well-being, with a focus on affordable and equitable access for all.
  - **Indicator 9.1.1. Proportion of the rural population who live within 2 km of an all-season road** 2007 – 21%, 2015 – 49%
Donor Portfolio in this Area

- **Water supply and sanitation**: ADB, DFAT, EU, JICA, UNICEF
- **Land transport**: ADB, DFAT, ILO, JICA, World Bank
- **Maritime transport**: ADB, GIZ, JICA, World Bank
- **Electricity**: ADB, World Bank
- **Irrigation**: JICA
Suggested Way Forward for Achievement/Implementation of SDG

- There is a strong consensus on actions needed to improve infrastructure provision – key challenge is strengthening partnerships for implementation.

- State will play a key role in policy, regulation, and financing. Need to leverage private sector expertise for service provision, operations and maintenance.

- General model - public investment to finance asset creation with user charges to cover ongoing O&M costs. Importance of right-sizing investments to ensure affordability.

- Suggested priorities:
  - Improve infrastructure planning - ‘right-sizing’, ensuring demand-driven approaches to infrastructure design, creating fiscal space for projects with high SDG impact potential
  - Scale up public sector financing for investments in sub-sectors which have received comparatively limited investment such as water supply and rural roads
  - Increased financial and human resource allocation to developing O&M systems
  - Continued focus on building individual and institutional capacity
Areas for Improved Partnerships

- **Build on current partnerships for greater leveraging of development partner and private sector expertise:**

  - *Work with development partners to transfer knowledge and systems project preparation and appraisal.*

  - *Work with development partners and private operators to design and implement systems for infrastructure management, operations, and maintenance.*

  - *Strengthen partnerships with civil society on policy development, monitoring and reporting e.g. Social audits.*

  - *Work with all stakeholders to identify constraints and bottlenecks to ensure continuous improvements.*