

Presidency of the Council of Ministers

Eighth Constitutional Government

Press Release

Timor-Leste signs Compact Agreement with MCC on July 19th, 2022

The Government of Timor-Leste and the American government agency Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) will sign, on July 19th, 2022, a cooperation pact for a program, to be executed over five years, with a total amount of US\$ 484 million, to reduce poverty through economic growth.

The compact agreement with MCC will be signed by the Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Fidelis Magalhães and the Vice President of MCC, Cameron Alford, in a ceremony to be held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.

The investment will focus on two main projects, one for the improvement of the water, sanitation and drainage system and the other in the area of education and training. The first includes water treatment, sewage, drainage systems, the strengthening of institutions and regulatory bodies, and the creation of a solid supply of water and sewage for domestic use. The second will include a New Centre of Excellence for the training of new teachers that will ensure quality standards and leadership.

Of an estimated total of US\$ 484 million, US\$ 420 million will be provided by the MCC and the Government of Timor-Leste will contribute US\$ 64 million. The amount to be provided by Timor-Leste will be allocated only to the water, sewage and drainage treatment project, of which US\$ 34 million will be used to connect households and decommission the existing septic tanks. The remaining US\$ 30 million will be used to support the installation of the conventional system and the installation of water pumps.

The MCC Board of Directors selected Timor-Leste in December 2017 as eligible for the implementation of an economic growth promotion programme aligned with national development priorities.

On July 21st, 2018, Minister Fidelis Magalhães and MCC Deputy Vice President Jonathan Brooks signed an initial funding agreement, worth US\$ 750,000 for the creation of a team, embedded in the Millennium Challenge Compact programme, with the mission to identify economic sectors to be developed during the implementation of the programme.

This Government of Timor-Leste Compact Development Team (CDT-TL) was officially established on March 25th, 2019 and is led by Ambassador Constâncio Pinto.

From April 11th to 17th, 2022, Minister Fidelis Magalhães led a high-level delegation, comprising 14 representatives from various government entities, which travelled to Washington, United States of America (USA), for the negotiations of the compact agreement with the MCC.

The signing ceremony will be attended by members of the 8th Constitutional Government, the National Parliament, Municipal Authorities, community leaders, representatives of public organizations, civil society and the private sector, the diplomatic corps and development partners. **END**

Prezidénsia Konsellu Ministrus

VIII Governu Konstitusionál

Komunikadu Imprensa

Timor-Leste asina Akordu Kompaktu ho MCC iha loron 19 fulan-jullu tinan 2022

Governu Timor-Leste ho ajénsia governamentál amerikana Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), iha loron 19 fulan-jullu tinan 2022 sei asina akordu kooperasaun ba programa ida ne'ebé sei implementa durante tinan lima, ho montante totál dolar amerikanu millaun 484, ho objetivu atu redús ki'ak liuhusi kreximentu ekonómiku.

Akordu kompaktu ho MCC ne'e sei asina husi Ministru Prezidénsia Konsellu Ministrus, Fidelis Magalhães no Vise-Prezidente MCC nian, Cameron Alford, iha serimónia ida ne'ebé sei hala'o iha Ministériu Negósius Estranjeirus no Kooperasaun.

Investimentu ne'e sei haree ba projetu prinsipál rua, ida atu hadi'a sistema bee, saneamento no drenajen no ida seluk iha área edukasaun no formasaun nian. Ida uluk inkli tratamentu ba bee, ezgotu, sistema drenajen, reforsu ba instituisaun no entidade reguladór sira, no kriasaun abastesimentu sólidu ida ba bee no ezgotu ba uzu doméstiku. Ida tuirmai sei inkli Sentru Exelénsia Foun ida ba formasaun profesór foun sira ne'ebé sei garante padraun kualidade no lideransa nian.

Husi totál ne'ebé kalkula ona hamutuk dolar amerikanu millaun 484, dolar amerikanu millaun 420 sei disponibiliza husi MCC, no Governu Timor-Leste sei kontribui ho dolar amerikanu millaun 64. Valór ne'ebé sei disponibiliza husi Timor-Leste sei aloka de'it ba projetu tratamentu bee, ezgotu no drenajen nian, husi osan sira-ne'e dolar amerikanu millaun 34 sei uza hodi halo ligasaun ba uma sira no hodi dezativa fosa ne'ebé iha. Restu dolar amerikanu millaun 30 sei utiliza hodi apoia instalasaun sistema konvensionál no ba instalasaun bomba bee nian.

Konsellu Administrasaun MCC nian iha fulan-dezembru tinan 2017, hili ona Timor-Leste, nu'udár nasaun ne'ebé kumpre rekizitu hodi implementa programa ida ne'e ba promosaun kreximentu ekonómiku, ne'ebé aliña ho prioridade sira dezenvolvimentu nasional nian.

Iha loron 21 fulan-jullu tinan 2018, Ministru Fidelis Magalhães no Vise-Prezidente Adjuntu MCC nian, Jonathan Brooks, asina ona akordu finansiamentu inisiál ida, ho valór dolar amerikanu rihun 750 hodi kria ekipa ida, ne'ebé integra iha programa Millennium Challenge Compact, ho misaun atu identifika setór ekonómiku sira ne'ebé sei dezenvolve durante implementasaun programa ne'e nian.

Ekipa Dezenvolvimentu Kompaktu ba Dezenvolvimentu Governu Timor-Leste (CDT-TL) nian idane'e, ofisiálmente kria ona iha loron 25 fulan-marsu tinan 2019 no lidera husi Embaixadór Constâncio Pinto.

Hosi loron 11 to'o 17 fulan-abríl tinan 2022, Ministru Fidelis Magalhães lidera delegasaun altu nível ida, ne'ebé kompostu husi reprezentante 14 entidade governamentál oioin, halo viajen ba Washington, iha Estadus Unidus Amérika (EUA), hodi halo negosiasaun akordu kompaktu ho MCC.

Serimónia asinatura ne'e sei marka prezensa husi membru Governu Konstitusionál VIII, Parlamentu Nasional, Autoridade Munisipál, lider komunitáriu, reprezentante husi organizasaun pública sira, sosiedade sivil no setór privadu, korpu diplomátiku no parseiru sira dezenvolvimentu nian. **REMATA**