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### PRESS RELEASE

#### **MCC Approves \$10.5 Million Grant for Timor-Leste to Improve Childhood Immunization and Combat Corruption**

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The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Board of Directors today approved a three-year \$10.5 million threshold grant for Timor-Leste.

Mr Constancio Pinto, Ambassador of Timor-Leste to the United States of America said: *“The decision of the Board of Directors of MCC to approve the grant for Timor-Leste is a testimony of United States’ continuous commitment to assist the government and the people of Timor-Leste. It is expected that after the three years, Timor-Leste may apply for Compact Program, a much larger grant.”*

The Grant will be allocated to Improve Childhood Immunization and combat of corruption.

The program was proposed by Timor-Leste's government, with the aim to create a more capable and effective community health system in the country by strengthening local community health units, improving vaccine-preventable disease surveillance capacity and immunization, and increasing the number of qualified health service providers.

This program also intends to build functioning and effective anti-corruption institutions by strengthening capacity, increasing coordination, and improving processes and procedures to detect, deter, and prosecute corruption. END

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