



Timor-Leste: COVID-19 Food Security Emergency Response

Project Name	COVID-19 Food Security Emergency Response	
Project Number	54310-001	
Country	Timor-Leste	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant	
Source of Funding / Amount	Grant 0707-TIM: COVID-19 Food Security Emergency Response	
	Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund	US\$ 1.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Partnerships	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	<p>The APDRF grant will be used to purchase and distribute nutritious food to the most vulnerable households. Food will be purchased directly from local shops and from farmers who have not been able to sell their products at the markets because of COVID-19 restrictions. The grant will also cover logistics and monitoring costs related to food purchase and distribution. This grant will contribute to ensuring food and nutrition security for the most vulnerable households, boost their immune systems, and prevent social tensions and the further spread of COVID-19. Recognizing the unpredictable nature of the situation, flexibility is required in the design of any support along with close coordination with various sources and partners providing assistance. The government will contract partners such as UN agencies or nongovernment organizations to implement the grant in accordance with the APDRF guidelines</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>Timor-Leste, a fragile and conflict affected situation country, is highly dependent on food imports. The country buys most of its main staple (rice) from Viet Nam and Thailand. The Global Hunger Index places Timor-Leste at the bottom, ranking it 110th out of 117 countries. Seventy five percent of the population is food insecure, with about 50% of children under 5 years old stunted. The country has experienced reduced availability of imported commodities owed to the significant slowdown of international shipping due to COVID-19. The suspension of public transportation, disrupted local food supply chains, travel and movement restrictions, all consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, have resulted in the loss of income as well as food unavailability and inaccessibility, all of which having a negative impact especially on the poor and most vulnerable population of the country.</p>	
Impact	Not applicable	
Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome	Not applicable	
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs	Not applicable	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Nation-wide	
Safeguard Categories		
Environment	C	
Involuntary Resettlement	C	
Indigenous Peoples	C	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design		
During Project Implementation		
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Responsible ADB Department	Southeast Asia Department	

Responsible ADB Division	Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, SERD
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Comoro, Dili, Timor-Leste

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	16 Jun 2020 to 16 Jun 2020
MRM	29 Jul 2020
Approval	18 Jun 2020
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	19 Jun 2020

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
18 Jun 2020	-	-	-	-	-

Financing Plan		Grant Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	1.00	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	1.00	18 Jun 2020	0.00	0.00	0%
Counterpart	0.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	18 Jun 2020	0.00	0.00	0%

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