



Timor-Leste: Capacity Building for Presidente Nicolau Lobato International Airport Expansion Project

Project Name	Capacity Building for Presidente Nicolau Lobato International Airport Expansion Project	
Project Number	52320-004	
Country	Timor-Leste	
Project Status	Active	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 6836-TIM: Implementation Support for Airport Management	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 200,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships	
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Air transport	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements	
Description	The Presidente Nicolau Lobato International Airport Expansion Project has complex implementation arrangements where the Integrated Project Management Unit (IPMU) will be the main entity responsible for project implementation and overall airport development program including the project, the new terminal development financed by the Japan International Cooperation Agency, and operation and maintenance public-private partnership transaction. The IPMU will be supported by a Project Management Company fully financed by the government. As various activities going in parallel at the operating airport, it is utmost important the work streams are harmonized to eliminate any gap. Given that the implementation of the project is during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, close coordination and capacity supports are needed to ensure the risks during implementations are mitigated as appropriate.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The TA aims to help deliver outputs and mitigate the project risks under the Presidente Nicolau Lobato International Airport Expansion Project through capacity development and implementation support. The project loan was approved on 2 September 2021. The project will improve facilities at Presidente Nicolau Lobato International Airport (PNLIA) in Dili, the main gateway airport to Timor-Leste, with extension of the airport runway to meet international safety standards and construction of a new air traffic control tower, taxiways, aprons, and an aeronautical ground lighting system to support the upgraded runway. The project will also enhance the organizational and management capacity of the Ministry of Transport and Communications (MOTC), the Air Navigation Administration of Timor-Leste, and the Civil Aviation Authority of Timor-Leste to ensure the long-term sustainability of the airport facility and operation. The project will help to establish better air connectivity within and outside the country by enhancing the efficiency and safety of air transport of passengers and goods. Private sector participation is envisaged for the operation and maintenance of the airport, and the government has already appointed the International Finance Corporation as its transaction advisor.	
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Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome		
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs		
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Nation-wide	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design		
During Project Implementation		
Responsible ADB Officer	Shim, Chaorin	
Responsible ADB Department	Southeast Asia Department	

Responsible ADB Division	Transport and Communications Division, SERD
Executing Agencies	Council for Administration of the Infrastructure Fund (also Conselho Administrativo do Fundo Infraestrutura) Palacio do Governo, Ministry of Finance Edificio 5, 1 Andar Dili, Timor-Leste

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	23 Nov 2021
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	23 Nov 2021

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
200,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00	-	0.00

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