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Local Governance as the Key to Development

Verification and Implementation of PDL 2011/2012 Commences

In October, a technical team from the National Directorate for Local Development and Territorial Management (DNDLOT), with the help of Local Governance Support Programme (LGSP), conducted monitoring missions to check on the progress of ongoing 2011 projects and verification of projects planned for 2012.

“The main objective of this project verification is to guarantee that the condition of the field is relevant to the proposal that has been submitted, so that technically they will be able to identify and measure the project area. Part of this verification is to sketch the appropriate area and the condition of the field and also to prepare budget estimations” said the DNDLOT director, Herminio Moniz.

A verification processes for 2012 project proposals has been started in 13 districts to identify those areas set to be sites of the project, identifying the existence of the right places, whether there is a problem with the community related to the location of the project, in order to respond the community needs that have already been approved at the national parliament.

The director also underlined that “the priority of verification is to obtain concrete data that will support the technical staff to prepare detailed project costs.”

The methods used during the verification process include conducting field visits to see directly the condition of the fields and lands identified, collect local data and information, sketch out the area of the project, and interview the local population with regards to the problems they face. Subsequently, staff will prepare a report that consolidates all this information and outlines initial progress and the plans for future full-scale implementation.

The beneficiary communities are already appreciative to the initial work taking place despite in this particular case only one project out of the three requested by the Suco being approved. According to the chief of Lor village in Suco Vemassetasi (Baucau District), Lamberto Freitas, the approved project, canalization of water from the river as

irrigation for the local rice fields, will benefit communities from the four Aldeias in the areas, and possibly others Sucos in the vicinity.



The chief of Lor village, suco Vemasse-tasi Mr, Lamberto Freitas points to the place where water irrigation is needed so that it can be channeled into local rice fields; technical staffs are on hand to a local assessment and verification.

The process of verification is the first step towards full implementation in 2012. However, there are also many challenges faced by the technical teams in the field including road conditions and the distance of travel from one place to another, and accessibility of areas on account of the rainy season. The national directorate has pushed ahead with a verification schedule to try and beat the wet season, but is also organizing national technical staffs to help districts technical employees continue the process.

After the finalization of the verification process in the districts, then staff will prepare all the final documentation and project costs.

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Decentralization

Strengthening the Capacity of Local Development Program (LDP) Technical Staff Will Help Deliver Better Community Service

In October-November LDP Technical employees out in the districts and those also working at a National level began to prepare project designs and cost estimates for the 2012 LDP and Decentralized Development Program (DDP). In order to continue the capacity building of those staff, the Ministry of State Administration and Territorial Management (MSATM), through the National Directorate for Local Development and Territorial Management (DNDLOT) supported by the Local Governance Support Programme (LGSP) provided training to LDP technical staff from the districts in an advanced design, mapping, and modeling software called AutoCad.

The training is divided into two stages. The first stage was conducted from 10-14 of October with 23 participants. The second stage was from 17-21 of October 2011 in Dili with 23 participants. These participants are LDP technical staff from 13 districts and from Ministry of State Administration and Territorial Management (MSATM).

Iria Tamele, one of the LDP technical staff from Oe-cussi district, explained that there are many challenges she encountered with graphic design. She also said that this was a necessary training for her and the other students as the programme is very advanced and complex and they had not have any of such training for some time. "We have learnt AutoCad program in 2004, now is 2011 the program is more advance, and people have used this version that is more effective and efficient but we were still using the old one. This was a problem that we had, thus this training is very important for us."

The learning material which was delivered throughout this training focused on reinforcing the basics of the AutoCad program and then continued to develop more sophisticated work; this included how to change the format of sketches into documents that can be easily used in other computers.



The technical staffs were enthusiastic to participate in graphic design training which was held in Dili, 10-12 October 2011

The chief of DNDLOT department Mrs Dulce Guterres Junior said that "the main objective of this training is to enhance all the technical staff from the districts, especially in the parts of design and mapping, because right now they only have limited of knowledge on how to use AutoCad program. If they learn well it can help them produce more advanced project design in the future."

According to Helder dos Reis de Araujo, a technical staff of LDP from Ainaro district "this training will increase our capacity, in order to help community development in our society."

Project activity such as basic sketching of the target area and cost estimates are core activities for all staff at this training and it is hoped that the training course will give them enhanced technical skills so they can better respond to the needs of the communities.

In Brief

Activities in December:

- 2011 Project Monitoring
- Finalization of 90% Payment for the Contractors
- Finalized Annual Report



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PDID Decree Law Presented to the Council of Ministers

PRESS RELEASE

The Council of Ministers met on Wednesday, October 5, 2011, in the Council of Ministers Meeting Room at the Government Palace in Dili, and analyzed:

I. Decree-Law that approves the Integrated District Development Planning

The Ministry of State Administration and Territorial Management presented to the Council of Ministers a draft decree-law that defines and regulates the rules on jurisdiction, planning, implementation and financing of the Integrated District Development Planning (PDID) for the implementation of projects at district and sub-district level. The planning and implementation system of the Integrated District Development Planning will ensure that the State budget is invested in areas that the districts and sub districts have defined as priority areas.