



President of Timor-Leste Inaugurates Community Project in Quelicai

PNDS

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The President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (RDTL) inaugurates a PNDS Project.

The President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Mr. Taur Matan Ruak, accompanied by the Secretary State of Local Development (SSLD) Mr. Samuel Mendonça, has inaugurated a PNDS project in Maluru village, Administrative Office of Quelicai, Baucau. (12/12/2014).

In the inauguration speech, the President of the Republic expressed his gratitude for and happiness with the participation of all the people who have contributed to the PNDS program. "The inclusion of the community is a key to the development of this country", stated the President of the Republic, Mr. Taur Matan Ruak. The President of RDTL defends a governance which gets closely to the people and the PNDS is a concrete example of how the government established a close link with the community in order to address the difficulties of development faced by the rural communities, as in the PNDS program communities are fully responsible to implement the program and manage the own funds allocated to them by the government.

Mr. Samuel Mendonça, who took part in this ceremony, said it was a great honor that the President of the Republic took part in the inauguration of this PNDS project. This inauguration is the first event that saw the participation of our President of the Republic.

The presence of PNDS program in the Maluru village is very helpful. Laura Freitas Epifania, an EIP secretary said that "We, the community of Maluru village, had enormous difficulties in reaching health facilities, especially pregnant women, our babies, and the elderly could not walk for long distances, but now we are happy because we have a mobile clinic, we believe that in the future, we will have our own doctor or nurse who can work closely with our communities".

The implementation of the PNDS projects at Maluru village was directly managed by women, of the 11 people involved in the Community Management Team (CMT) 10 are women. Even though they faced many obstacles in the implementation of the PNDS program but the community with integrity managed to successfully build the projects they have determined.

The PNDS program is a community based-program implemented by the Government of Timor-Leste as a National Program. This program mostly focuses on development at hamlet and village level paying attention to the difficulty faced by the communities regarding basic infrastructure development.

Maluru village is a village where the PNDS was implemented in the first phase, 3 projects were realized in this village:

1. The new construction of a clinic or health center at Loilubu hamlet for a total amount of \$17,002.65 USD,
2. The new construction of a community center at Samafani hamlet for a total amount of \$15,149.90 USD and
3. The rehabilitation of clean water project at Samarogo hamlet for a total amount of \$11,847.45 USD.

Progress

Pilot: Complete already

Phase 1: Step 11 / 12

- Complete construction, and deliver for team operations and maintenance
- Final accountability meeting

Phase 2: Step 8 / 9

- Finalize contract with the community, and implement the project
- Transfer the first grant for infrastructure (50%), and commence construction

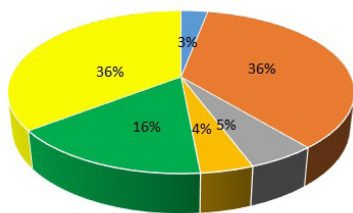
Phase 3: Step 4

- Train community management team, and suku facilitators

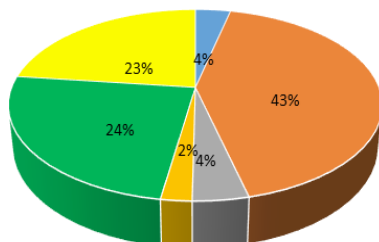


NATIONAL PRIORITIES

Phase 1



Phase 2



- Health
- Water and Sanitation
- Education, culture and sports
- Agriculture and livelihoods
- Roads, bridges, and drainage
- Other sectors



Inauguration of irrigation system, in village Lahae, Aileu (Agriculture sector)



Rehabilitation of health center in village Uma caduak, Laklo/ Manatutu

PNDS was selected for the second round of evaluations for the United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA)

The PNDS Program received a nice present on Christmas Day 2014, on that day in fact the PNDS Technical Secretariat was informed about the results of the selection process for the United Nations Public Service Award (UNPSA), namely that the PNDS program has progressed to the Second Round evaluation and continues to compete for a UNPSA.

In October 2014, FONGTIL, which is the umbrella organization for both national and international NGOs in Timor-Leste, officially nominated the PNDS program to the United Nations to compete for the award. The results of this nomination have been really positive and have been well received by the committee and PNDS has progressed from the first round of selection through to the second round.

An email was sent by the committee responsible for this event to the Director General of Local Development, Mr. Miguel Pereira de Carvalho, expressing the committee's appreciation to the Timor-Leste government for participating in this event and congratulating us because the PNDS program has passed the first round and progressed to the second round of evaluations.

In this second round the PNDS has to make available additional documents that provide more information on the program implemented in Timor-Leste. These supporting documents selected are reference letters from 2 organizations/agencies that have cooperated with the PNDS program, information relating to PNDS that has been published in local newspapers as well as the implementation plans of the program across the territory. The Timor-Leste Government must submit these documents to the UNPSA committee in New York, by 20 January 2015.



Arsenio Perreira, (Director Fongtil) nominated PNDS to UNPSA



Inauguration of Bridge, in village Malere, Aileu (Public Sector)

PNDS Final Coordination Meeting in 2014

In order to appropriately coordinate the implementation of the PNDS program in 2015, the Technical Secretariat of PNDS organised a coordination meeting with the objective of evaluating those tasks that have been executed in 2014 (19/12/2014, ETDA – Dili).

This last coordination meeting of PNDS profoundly discussed about the progress and difficulties which have been faced during the program implementation in 2014. Besides this, there was also a debate on the monitoring results which were presented by the development partners such as the World Bank and the Asia Foundation (TAF). The discussion focused especially on community participation and its engagement during the PNDS program implementation in 2014.

The General Director of Local Development, Miguel Pereira de Carvalho, in his intervention, is appreciative of all the tasks which have been completed by the PNDS at national, district and sub-district level staff during 2014, he suggested that all staff should keep trying hard in order to improve our results in 2015.

Although during the implementation program in 2014 PNDS faced many difficulties, there has also been positive progress which gave some benefits to the communities in accessing basic infrastructures that was realized directly by them within their villages, one concrete example is that there were some areas where clean water could not be accessed for many years, but now people have clean water in their homes or villages.

2015 is considered as a discipline year for all government staff or public administration agencies, and all staff should comply with it. Happy New Year 2015!



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