



PRESS RELEASE
PETROLEUM FUND
FIRST QUARTER (Q1) 2026 QUARTERLY REPORT

The Petroleum Fund Law stipulates that the Ministry of Finance establishes the investment strategy and that the Central Bank of Timor-Leste (BCTL) carries out the operational management of the investments.

The BCTL has released the Timor-Leste Petroleum Fund Quarterly Report for the **first quarter of 2026, which ended on 31st March**. The report shows that the **capital/balance** of the Petroleum Fund for this quarter stood at **USD 18.31 billion**, compared to **USD 18.61 billion** in the fourth quarter of 2025.

The report also shows that **total receipts** received during the quarter amounted to **USD 4.50 million**, and **gross investment income** totaled **USD -97.72 million**, comprising **USD 131.98 million from interest/coupons and dividends received**, and **USD -229.70 million from changes in market value**. Consequently, the return on the Petroleum Fund portfolio for the quarter from the **financial markets was -0.62%**, compared to its **benchmark of -0.68%**.

During this quarter, **total withdrawals** from the Petroleum Fund amounted to **USD 204.18 million**, of which **USD 200 million was transferred to the Treasury Account** to finance the State Budget, and **USD 4.18 million was used to pay investment management costs**.

Since the establishment of the Petroleum Fund, **total receipts** have amounted to approximately **USD 25.29 billion**, **total investment returns** in the financial markets have reached **USD 11.93 billion** with an **average annual return of 4.58%**, and total withdrawals to finance the **State Budget have amounted to USD 19.06 billion**.

The quarterly report, the Petroleum Fund Law, and the Operational Management Agreement are available on the Central Bank of Timor-Leste website at <https://www.bancocentral.tl>.

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