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National Youth Policy – Background:

- First National Youth Policy 2007
- 2014 in 13 Municipalities Youth Conferences and were conducted and one National Youth Conference in Dili
- The results of these Youth Conferences were the base for the further National Youth Policy elaboration
- February 2016: Approval by the Council of Ministers

The Processes



National Youth Conference



District Youth Conference



Final elaboration by the Team of Nine

National Youth Policy - Key Message:

The National Youth Policy recognizes young people as resources for socio-economic transformation within the society.

Through this National Youth Policy, the government stated its' commitment to invest in young people, as they believe that young people have the spirit to develop themselves and their country, passion and willingness to help other people, hope and dedication to care for their nation.

Vision of the National Youth Policy

„Our vision is for our youth to achieve their potential as healthy, educated and ethical citizens and as leaders who are proud to be Timorese.“ (SDP P.52)



Objectives

- ❑ As a guideline to guide Timor-Leste's State entities and the Civil society groups, International cooperation partners, business and religious groups.
- ❑ Promote harmonization of political, programs, strategy and research relevant to youth issues.
- ❑ Institutional capacity of youth organization
- ❑ Promote youth participation in the democratic process
- ❑ Reducing youth unemployment
- ❑ Provide psycho-social supports

Principles and Values

- ❑ Based on Human Rights and International Conventions
- ❑ Respect of Cultural Diversity and Diversity of Religion and Belief
- ❑ Inclusive and Non-Discriminatory
- ❑ Participatory
- ❑ Responsive to Gender
- ❑ Holistic



Definition of Youth

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- ❑ This age group is further disaggregated into **adolescents (15-19)** and **young adults (20-24)**.



PRIORITY TARGETS GROUP

- ❑ Young Women and Men in Rural Areas
- ❑ School Leavers and "School Dropped Out" Youth
- ❑ Young People who earn a living in the Streets
- ❑ Young People who do not have enough opportunity to practice their skills and knowledge
- ❑ Youth with Disability
- ❑ Unemployed Youth



5 Priorities Interventions Areas

- ❑ Youth and Education
- ❑ Youth and Healthy Lifestyle
- ❑ Youth and Employment and Employability
- ❑ Youth and Civic Participation
- ❑ Youth and Violence and Crime



Education:

Goal and Strategic Interventions

Goal: Be educated and civic-minded citizens of Timor-Leste, who live a long and productive life which allows them to participate in the economic, social and political development process:

- ❑ Provides equal opportunities for young people, in both rural and urban areas which enable access to modern education with adequate quality, inclusive and accessible
- ❑ Raise awareness about the use of information and communication technology for youth and society
- ❑ Develop and strengthen school infrastructures

Employment and Employability: Goal and Strategic Interventions

Goal: Young men and women have equal opportunities to increase their employment skills, are able to employ themselves, have employment opportunities.

- ❑ Increase opportunities and resources so that young people can practice their skills and knowledge and create more opportunities for work.
- ❑ Improve and further develop formal and non-formal education systems with the objective of increasing labour market responsive knowledge and skillsets and fostering youth entrepreneurial skills.
- ❑ Increase financial and human resource capacity of youth organisations and/or non-governmental organisations

Healthy Lifestyle: Goal and Strategic Interventions

Goal: Timor-Leste's youth live healthy lifestyles and are able to access youth-friendly and quality health services. Young people themselves become promoters of healthy living.

- ❑ Develop capacity and health facilities to provide youth-friendly service and medical advice in health posts, in schools, in youth centres, in religious centres.
- ❑ Provide education and disseminate information about sexual reproductive health
- ❑ Develop the mechanisms to control and regulate the access, use and consumption of NAPSAs (Narcotics, Psychotropic and addictive Substances)

Civic Participation: Goal and Strategic Interventions

Goal: The young people of Timor-Leste, guided by a spirit of solidarity, participate actively and constructively in the development process at all levels, and value their culture.

- ❑ Involving Youth more on the process of planning, implementation and evaluation of policies and programmes
- ❑ Adopt an inclusive approach that is sensitive to gender and to people with disabilities in all sectors
- ❑ Increase access to multimedia information
- ❑ Promote volunteerism.

Violence and Crime: Goal and Strategic Interventions

Goal: The young people of Timor-Leste possess a strong spirit, a sense of responsibility and social sensitivity, and are able to create a peaceful environment.

- ❑ Promote the Youth to become facilitators of conflict transformation.
- ❑ Reinforce the justice system through developing child protection laws
- ❑ Create a secure space for young people, especially young women
- ❑ Promote positive relationships among youth and their parents and family.

Coordination Body: National Council for Youth Development

- There will be an inter-ministerial group called the **National Council for Youth Development (NCYD)** led by the Prime Minister of Timor-Leste.
- Members of this group shall be selected from the Council of Ministers
- This body shall function as a coordination forum between relevant parties and its main role shall be to develop and integrate inter-ministerial agenda, programmes and projects of young people.

Implementation Partners

- **Governmental Entities**
- **Youth Associations and Non-Governmental Organizations**
- **The National Youth Council for Timor-Leste (CNJTL)**
- **Private Sector**
- **International Cooperation Partners**



International Agencies

- Multilateral, bilateral donor agencies and international NGO`s shall be potential development partners in the design and implementation of youth programmes and projects, in line with the National Youth Policy.
- Provide funds and technical knowledge needed for the implementation of the National Youth Policy.
- International Agencies are considered as necessary partners for youth development initiatives.

Time to act!

We would like to invite and encourage all the international cooperation partners to support us by implementing this Youth Policy

Lets commit our resources and take over responsibility for the implementation of this policy!



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Partners of Implementation

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- ❑ Kram/ Martial Arts,
- ❑ Youth Parliament
- ❑ Youth Council (CNJTL) – Communication Forum of Political Parties's Youth
- ❑ National Commission of Election: Civic and voter Training
- ❑ Parties Youth organizations: Community Authorities
- ❑ Sport Federations
- ❑ NGO's
- ❑ PNTL

These activities are accompanied by a media campaign for a peaceful and fair election. (TV, Radio, Social Media and Newspapers)

Thank You