

Tetum iha pajina tuir mai.

MCC delegation visited Timor-Leste to conclude all required technical decisions to finalise compact investment decision memo for approvals

A delegation from the United States Government's Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) safely arrived in Dili, Timor-Leste on November 6, 2021. The delegation was composed of 14 people from three technical teams on Water Treatment, Sanitation and Drainage, Social Behavior Change and Education Project. The delegation conducted its mission in Timor-Leste during 12 days from November 6-17, 2021. The delegation was led directly by Ms. Hana Scheetz Freymiller, MCC Country Team Lead Timor-Leste.

The main objective of the mission is to conclude all required technical decisions in order to finalize the projects in the compact for MCC and Government of Timor-Leste's approval. The National Executive Director, Ambassador Constancio Pinto said that "the MCC's mission testifies the continuing commitment of United States to support Timor-Leste through MCC economic development assistance". Amb. Pinto added that "this mission is the full trip mission of MCC to Timor-Leste. This mission is critical because we have to finalize the investment decision. So, what we are expecting that throughout from this mission, we are eager to see that the compact will sign in 2022. It's been already few years working on this and it cannot extend more, if we can finalize the compact and sign the agreement in 2022".

On the other Ms. Hana Scheetz Freymiller, Country Team Lead MCC Timor-Leste said "First, I would like to thank Ambassador Pinto and the entire CDT-TL and the Government of Timor-Leste for hosting the delegation from MCC and having a such fruitful discussion for the last two weeks. The Covid-19 pandemic delayed the completion of the necessary study to finalize the compact program. However, through out these challenging and incredible times, the Government of Timor-Leste and MCC have remained deeply committed to the swift development and the implementation of the compact for and by Timor-Leste. It is because of our great partnership that we are here together today and have stayed on track to sign the compact next year.

She added that, "We have brought three technical teams on this mission. One team for water, sanitation and drainage, a second team for education and a third team for the social behavior change. We are investigating projects in the area of water treatment, sanitation and drainage infrastructure and in secondary education. We hope to complete the studies necessary to finalize the compact program as soon as possible. Our ability to do this will depend on travel restrictions being lifted and the course of the Covid-19 pandemic. Furthermore, she said, "We are very excited to be here to finalize the technical agreements and details of the projects in the compact".

During this visit, the MCC delegation hold series of discussions with CDT-TL, President BEE TimorLeste E.P (BTL, EP), Eng. Carlos Peloi dos Reis, Autoridade Nacional Águas E Saneamento (ANAS, IP), Eletricidade de Timor-Leste, Empreza Pública (EDTL, EP), Ajensia Nasionál ba Lisensiamentu Ambientál (ANLA) and relevant institutions in order to accomplish the final decision on project scope of the project. The mission also conducted series of discussion with representatives from both Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport (MEYS) and Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Culture (MESSC) and relevant institutions, Civil society organization and development partners in order to accomplish study for Education project, include Social Behavior Change project.

The MCC Board of Directors selected Timor-Leste for an MCC Compact in December 2017. An MCC Compact involves five-year grants for selected countries that meet MCC's stringent eligibility criteria. Timor-Leste's strong performance in meeting these criteria led to the MCC's decision to transition Timor-Leste from a smaller Threshold program to a full-fledged Compact. MCC's compact investments operate on strict five-year implementation timelines—once the five-year clock starts, it cannot be stopped. In order to ensure MCC and the Government of Timor-Leste can successfully implement the proposed projects within the five years; they have invested significant time in developing the compact and preparing the projects for approval and then implementation. The proposed compact aims to reduce the country's disease burden by upgrading the water treatment, sanitation and drainage system in Dili, and improve the quality of Secondary Education by establishing a Center of Excellence and training secondary teachers and school leaders. According to the original plan, the Government of United State of America and the Government of Timor-Leste signed the compact agreement in 2020, however the timeline was delayed due to Covid-19 pandemic development in Timor-Leste.

Delegasaun MCC vizita Timor-Leste hodi konklui desizaun tekniku nebe presiza hodi finaliza memo aprovasaun desizaun investimentu kompaktu

Delegasaun ida husi Estados Unidos America nia Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) too ho seguru iha Dili, Timor-Leste, iha loron 6 Novembru 2021 liuba. Delegasaun kompostu husi ema nain 14 ho ekipa tekniku tolu iha area Tratamentu bee-mos, Saneamentu no drenazen; Mudansa Atetude Sosial; no Porjetu Edukasaun. Delegasaun halao nia misaun durante loron 12, hahu 6 too 17 Novembru 2021. Delegasaun ne'e lidera direita husi Sra. Hana Scheetz Freymiller, Chefi Ekipa País MCC nian iha Timor-Leste.

Objetivu Prinsipal husi misaun ne'e mak atu konklui desizaun tekniku sira hotu nebe presiza hodi finaliza projetu Kompaktu hodi submete ba aprovasaun MCC no Governo Timor-Leste. Diretor Ezekutivu Nasional, Embaixador Constancio Pinto hateten "misaun MCC nian ne'e hatudu kontinuasaun komitmentu Estados Unidos nian hodi suporta Timor-Leste através apoiu dezvoltimentu ekonomiku MCC". Amb. Pinto akresenta tan katak: " misaun ne'e nudar ,Misaun kumpletu liu MCC nian mai Timor- Leste. Misaun ne'e kritiku tebes, tanba ita tenki kumpletu desizaun sira ba investimentu nian. Nune, ita hein liuhusi misaun, ita dezesu atu hare akordu Kompaktu ne'e sei asina 2022. Ita halo tiha ona servisu iha tinan hirak nia laran no labele extende tan, se ita bele finaliza Kompaktu ne'e no asina akordu iha 2022 ".

Iha parte seluk Sra. Hana Scheetz Freymiller, Chefi Ekipa País MCC Timor-Leste nian hateten "ba dala-uluk, hakarak agradese ba Embaixador Pinto ho ekipa CDT-TL no Governu Timor-Leste nebe simu delegasaun MCC no fasilita diskusaun nebe produtivu tebes iha semana rua ikus ne'e. Pandemia Covid- 19 atraza tiha hodi konklui estudu nebe nesesariu ba finalizasaun programa Kompaktu. Maske atravesa tempu difisil hirak ne'e, Governo Timor-Leste no MCC kontinua halo komitmentu hodi aselera dezvoltimentu Kompaktu Timor-Leste. Ne'e tanba ita nia parseria ne'ebé diak no ita iha ne'e ohin no kontinua tuir dalan sertu (nebe los) hodi asina Kompaktu iha tinan oin".

Nia akresenta tan katak "ami iha ekipa teknika tolu mak partisipa iha misaun ne'e. Ekipa ida ba projetu tratamentu bee-moos, saneamento no dernazen, ekipa daruak ba projetu edukasaun no ekipa datuluk iha area mudansa atetude social. Ami halo estudu ba projetu iha area infraestrutura ba tratamentu bee-mos, saneamento no drenazen no iha area Ensinu Sekundariu. Ami hein katak bele konklui estudu nebe presiza hodi finaliza programa Kompaktu ho lais liu tan. Ami nia kapasidade hodi halo ida ne'e depende ba suspensaun husi restrisaun viagen tanba pandemia Covid-19. Nune mós, nia hateten: "Ami haksolok tebes bele iha fali haodi finalize akordu tekniku sira no detayllu sira husi projetu Kompaktu nian".

Durante vizita ne'e, delegasaun MCC hala'ó enkontro oioin ho CDT-TL, Prezidente BEE Timor- Leste E.P (BTL, EP), Eng. Carlos Peloi dos Reis, Autoridade Nacional Águas E Saneamento (ANAS, IP), Eletricidade de TimorLeste, Empreza Pública (EDTL, EP), Ajensia Nasionál ba Lisensiamentu Ambientál (ANLA)ho instituisaun relevantes hodi kompleta desizaun final ba programa Kompaktu. Misaun ne'e mós hala'ó diskusaun lubun ho representante husi

Ministériu Edukasaun, Joventude no Desportu (MEJD) no Ministériu Ensinu Superior, Siénsia no Kultura (MESSK) ho instituisaun relevantes, organizasoes husi Sociedade Sivil no peraseiru dezvoltimentu hodi kompleta estudu iha area edukasaun, inklui projetu ba Mudansa Atetude Sosiál.

Konsellu Administrasaun MCC sesiona Timor-Leste ba Kampaktu MCC ida iha Dezembru 2017. Kompaktu MCC nian envolve subsídiu tinan lima nian ba nasaun sira ne'ebé halo tuir ho rigór elegibilidade kritreiu sira husi MCC. Timor-Leste nia dezempeña hodi kumpri kriteriu sira ne'e lori ba desizaun MCC ba tranzisaun Timor-Leste husi programa Limiar menor (Threshold program) ida ba Kompaktuk kompletu (full-fledged compact). Investimentu Kompaktu MCC hala'ó ho prazu estrito ida ba implementasaun tinan lima-bainhira relógio tinan lima nian hahu (five-year clock starts), ne'e labele interrompe ona. Atu garantia ida ne'e, MCC ho Governu Timor-Leste bele implementa ho susesu proposta ne'ebe propoin ona iha tinan lima nia laran; sira tenki investe ho tempu ne'ebé signifkadu ba dezolve compact no prepara projetu sira hodi hetan aprovasaun hafoin bele implementa. Objetivu Proposta Kompaktu nian mak atu reduz karga moras país nian liuhus melhora sistema tratamentu bee-mós, saneamento no dernzaen iha Dili, no melhora qualidade Ensinun Sekundariu liuhusi estabelesimentu Sentur Formasaun Excelência ba profesores secundários no líderes escolares. Tuir planu orijin, Governu Estados Unidos América no Governu Timor-Leste asina akordu Kompaktu iha 2020, maske nune atraza tiha tanba dezvoltimentu pandemia Covid-19 iha Timor-Leste.