

## **Govt approves creation of Public Institute of Millennium Challenge Account-TL**

DILI, 04 november 2022 (TATOLI) – The Government of Timor-Leste, through the Council of Ministers, approved today the creation of the Public Institute of the Millennium Challenge Account-Timor-Leste (MCA-TL).

The political-legislative option for the creation of MCA-TL was presented by the Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Fidelis Magalhães.

He said MCA-TL would act as an implementation tool for the funding to be donated by the US government agency Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) under the compact agreement signed last July 19.

MCA-TL will be responsible for managing the funding and coordinating the implementation of the US\$484 million worth of projects.

On July 19, the Government of Timor-Leste and the American government agency Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) signed a cooperation pact for a program to be executed over five years, with a total amount of US\$ 484 million, to reduce poverty through economic growth.

The compact agreement would strengthen water security by making safe, clean water available to residents in the capital city of Dili and the surrounding areas, while also improving secondary education at every secondary school in Timor-Leste.

The investment will focus on two main projects, one for the improvement of the water, sanitation, and drainage system and the other in the area of education and training. The first includes water treatment, sewage, drainage systems, the strengthening of institutions and regulatory bodies, and the creation of a solid supply of water and sewage for domestic use. The second will include a New Centre of Excellence for the training of new teachers that will ensure quality standards and leadership.

Of the US\$ 484 million, US\$ 420 million will be provided by the MCC and the Government of Timor-Leste will contribute US\$ 64 million. The amount to be provided by Timor-Leste will be allocated only to the water, sewage, and drainage treatment project, of which US\$ 34 million will be used to connect households and decommission the existing septic tanks. The remaining US\$ 30 million will be used to support the installation of the conventional system and the installation of water pumps.

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# Governu kria Institutu Públiku Millennium Challenge Account Timor-Leste



**DILI, 23 novembru 2022 (TATOLI)**–Ministru Prezidénsia Konsellu Ministru, Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães, apresenta dekretu-lei ne'ebé hetan ona aprovasaun iha reuniaun Konsellu Ministru (KM), atu kria Institutu Públiku *Millennium Challenge Account* Timor-Leste.

“Institutu Públiku ne'ebé tutela ba Primeiru-Ministru, sei funsiona hanesan instrumentu implementasaun finansiamentu ne'ebé sei hetan doasaun hosi ajénsia governamentál amerikana *Millennium Challenge Corporation* (MCC), tuir akordu kompaktu ne'ebé asina ona iha loron 19 jullu liubá no sai hanesan responsável ba jestaun finansiamentu no ba koordenasaun implementasaun ne'ebé atu promove liuhosi entidade nasional sira,” refere nota ne'ebé Agência Tatoli asesu, hafoin reuniaun KM ne'ebé hala'o iha edifísiu administrasaun munisípiu Ataúro, quarta ne'e.

Nune'e, implementasaun projetu sira ne'e sei sai hanesan responsabilidade Governu liuhosi entidade nasional sira tuir ida-idak ninia kompeténsia.

Governu Timor-Leste no ajénsia governamentál amerikana MCC, iha loron 19 jullu 2022, asina akordu kooperasaun hodi apoia orsamentu ho montante millaun \$484.

Totál osan ne'e, MCC disponibiliza millaun \$420 no Governu Timor-Leste kontribui millaun \$64. Nune'e, valór ne'ebé disponibiliza hosi Timor-Leste sei aloka de'it ba projetu tratamentu bee, ezgotu no drenajen nian, hosi osan sira-ne'e millaun \$34 sei uza hodi halo ligasaun ba uma sira, restante millaun \$30 sei utiliza hodi apoia instalasaun sistema konvensionál no ba instalasaun bomba bee nian.

Entretantu, Konsellu Administrasaun MCC iha dezembru 2017, hili ona Timor-Leste, nu'udár nasaun ne'ebé kumpre rekizitu hodi implementa programa ba promosaun kreximentu ekonómiku, ne'ebé aliña ho prioridade desenvolvimentu nasional.

Iha loron 21 jullu 2018, Ministru Fidelis no Vise-Prezidente Adjuntu MCC nian, Jonathan Brooks, asina ona akordu finansiamentu inisiál ida, ho valór \$750.000 hodi kria ekipa ida, ne'ebé integra iha programa MCC, ho misaun atu identifika setór ekonómiku sira ne'ebé sei dezenvolve durante implementasaun programa.

Ekipa Desenvolvimentu Kompaktu ba Desenvolvimentu Governu Timor-Leste (CDT-TL) ofisiálmente kria iha loron 25 marsu 2019 no lidera hosi Embaixadór, Constâncio Pinto.

Ministru Fidelis lidera delegasaun altu nível ida, iha loron 11 to'o 17 abril 2022, ne'ebékompostu hosi representante 14 hosi entidade governamentál oin-oin, halo viajen ba EstaduUnidu América (EUA) hodi halo negosiasaun akordu kompaktu ho MCC.

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