

Minister Fidelis signs an agreement for the implementation of the MCC compact for Education, Sanitation, Water Supply and Drainage Programs



Today, December 16th, 2022, the Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães, signed a Program Implementation Agreement (PIA) with the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) for the implementation of the Compact Agreement.

The signing of this implementation agreement represents an important step towards the beginning of the implementation of the MCC Compact, with a global amount of 484 million, which was signed by Minister Fidelis last July.

This programme, to be implemented over five years and with a total investment of US\$484 million, has two main components, for the improvement of two very important areas for the development of Timor-Leste, education and sanitation, water supply and drainage.

The water, sanitation and drainage component aims to reduce the contamination of drinking water and groundwater, which can cause diseases and impede the well-being and health of children and adults. The project includes the construction of a factory to produce chemical disinfectants for the city's water supply, construction of the country's first central wastewater system, improvement of the drainage network for the capital Dili and four neighbouring municipalities, policy and institutional reforms as well as social and behavioural changes to improve the sanitation system and water management at the household level.

The water, sanitation and drainage project, besides its direct impact on the health of our citizens, will also contribute to reducing the risk of flooding, which has affected our country so much in recent years, avoiding its environmental and socio-economic impacts by ensuring sustainable management of water and sanitation.

The education component aims to improve the quality of high school education for students by improving high school education and school leadership across the country. The project will establish the country's first formal initial teacher training certification institution, the Centre of Excellence, which will offer professional training and certification for future and current high school teachers and leaders. Investing in teacher training will lead to better high schools, with students who will be better prepared for jobs or a post-high school education, and thus improve their ability to contribute to the economic growth of the country.

The next step will be to establish the Millennium Challenge Account-Timor-Leste Public Institute, which the Government approved at the Council of Ministers meeting on November 23rd, 2022. This public institute will act as an instrument of implementation of the funding to be donated by the U.S. Government agency MCC and will be responsible for managing the funding and coordinating the implementation to be promoted through national entities. Project implementation will be the responsibility of the Government, through the national entities, following their respective competencies.

Ministru Fidelis asina akordu ba implementasaun akordu kompaktu ho MCC ba Programa Edukasaun, Saneamentu no Abastesimentu Bee

Ohin, Ministru Prezidénsia Konsellu Ministrus, Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães, asina ona Akordu Implementasaun Programa (Program Implementation Agreement – PIA) ho Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) ba implementasaun Akordu Kompaktu.

Asinatura akordu implementasaun ne'e hanesan pasu importante tebes hodi hahú implementasaun Akordu kompaktu MCC nian ho montante globál millaun 484 milhões, katak asina ona husi Ministru Fidelis iha fulan-jullu liubá.

Akordu kooperasaun ida-ne'e, ne'ebé sei implementa durante tinan lima, iha komponente prinsipál rua, hodi hadia área rua ne'ebé importante loos ba desenvolvimentu Timor-Leste nian, edukasaun no saneamentu, abastesimentu bee no drenajen.

Komponente bee, saneamentu no drenajen ho objetivu atu hamenus kontaminasaun ba bee moos no bee iha rai-okos ne'ebé bele fó moras, impede moris-di'ak no saúde ba labarik no adultu sira. Projetu ne'e inklui konstrusaun ba fábrica ida hodi halo produsaun dezinfetante kímiku ba abastesimentu bee iha sidade, konstrusaun ba sistema sentráal dahuluk bee reziduál nian iha país, hadi'a rede drenajen ba kapitál Dili no ba munisípiu viziñu haat, reforma polítika no institusionál sira nune'e mós mudansa sosiál no komportamentu hodi hadi'a sistema saneamentu báziku no jestaun bee iha nivel doméstiku.

Projetu bee, saneamentu no drenajen nian, alende ninia impaktu diretu ba ita-nia sidadaun sira-nia saúde, buka mós atu hamenus risku inundasaun nian, ne'ebé hasusar ona ita-nia país iha tinan hirak ikus ne'e, evita ninia impaktu ambientál no sosioekonómiku, liuhusi asegura jestaun ba bee no saneamentu ida ne'ebé sustentável.

Komponente edukasaun ho objetivu atu hadi'a qualidade ensinu sekundáriu nian ba alunu sira, liuhusi hadi'a ensinu sekundáriu no lideransa eskolár sira husi munisípiu sira hotu. Projetu ne'e sei estabelese instituisaun formál sertifikasaun formasaun nian dahuluk ba formasaun profesór sira iha nasaun ne'e, sei hanaran "Sentru Exelénsia", ne'ebé sei fó formasaun no sertifikasaun profesionál ba profesór no lideransa sira ensinu sekundáriu nian iha tempu ohin loron no aban-bainrua. Investe iha formasaun ba profesór sira, sei prodús eskola sekundária sira ne'ebé di'ak liu, ho alunu sira ne'ebé bein preparadu ba merkadu serbisu ka ba edukasaun pós-sekundária no nune'e aumenta ninia kapasidade hodi kontribui ba kreximentu ekonómiku país nian.

Pasu tuirmai mak atu halo instalasaun ba Institutu Públiku Millennium Challenge Account-Timor-Leste, katak Governu aprova ona iha sorumutuk Konsellu Ministrus husi loron 23 fulan-novembru tinan 2022. Institutu Públiku ida-ne'e sei funsiona hanesan instrumentu implementasaun finansiamentu nian ne'ebé sei hetan doasaun husi ajénsia governamentál MCC, no sai hanesan responsavel ba jestaun finansiamentu no ba koordenaun implementasaun nian ne'ebé atu promove liuhusi entidade nasional sira. Implementasaun projetu sira ne'e sei sai hanesan responsabilidade Governu nian, liuhusi entidade nasional sira, tuir ida-idak nia kompeténsia.