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Governu aprova estinsaun Millennium Challenge Account-Timor-Leste



Primeiru-Ministru, Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, prezide reuniaun Konsellu Ministru, iha Palásiu Governu, kuarta (01/04). Imajen Tatoli/Francisco Sony

DILI, 01 Abril 2026 (TATOLI)—Governu Konstitusionál da-sia (IX) liuhusi reuniaun Konsellu Ministru, kuarta ne'e, aprova projetu Dekretu-Lei ne'ebé apresenta husi Vise-Ministra Finansa, Regina de Jesus, kona-ba estinsaun Millennium Challenge Account-Timor-Leste, Institutu Públiku.

Tuir desizaun hodi hakotu Akordu Kompaktu husi Governu Estadu Unidu Amérika ne'ebé prevee ona programa kooperasaun ida iha área bee-moos, saneamentu no drainajen nomós edukasaun, no diploma ida-ne'e determina estinsaun ba entidade ida-ne'e, ne'ebé kria hodi garante ezekusaun husi programa ne'ebé temi ona.

Normalmente materiál sira-ne'e konsidera hanesan Patrimóniu Estadu no entrega fali ba instituisaun relevante sira hanesan Bee Timor-Leste, Ministériu Edukasaun, Ministériu Ensinu Superiór Siénsia no Kultura.

Hanesan foin dadauk iha 19 Marsu ne'e, Millenium Challenge Account Timor-Leste (MKA-TL) halo transferénsia materiál patrimóniu Estadu ne'ebé durante ne'e sira utiliza no entrega fali ba Bee Timor-Leste, Emperza Públiku (BTL, E.P) hodi continua implementa programa bee no saneamentu iha Timor-Leste.

Atividade ida-ne'e organiza ho objetivu atu formalisa transferénsia patrimóniu no rezultadu dokumentu projetu sira-ne'ebé implementa ona husi MKA-TL ba BTL, E.P hodi asegura sustentabilidade no continuidade ba servisu sira iha setór bee no saneamentu.

Tanba ne'e, diploma ne'e define prosesu estinsaun ida-ne'ebé ordenadu, ne'ebé inklui likidasaun ba obrigasaun finanseira, jestaun no alokasaun patrimóniu, nomós devolve (fó fali) rekursu ne'ebé la uza ba Tezouru.

Ida-ne'e, prevee mós elaborasaun relatóriu kona-ba atividades no rekursu ne'ebé sei iha, no mós konservasaun dados programa nian husi Ministériu Finansa.

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Timorese Govt dissolves Millennium Challenge Account-Timor-Leste

DILI, 01 April 2026 (TATOLI) — The Council of Ministers has approved a draft Decree-Law to dissolve the Millennium Challenge Account – Timor-Leste, IP, following the termination of a key cooperation agreement with the United States.

The decision was made during a meeting of the Council of Ministers at the Government Palace in Dili, based on a proposal presented by Vice-Minister of Finance Regina de Jesus.

“Following the decision by the Government of the United States of America to terminate the Compact Agreement—which provided for a cooperation program in the areas of water, sanitation, and drainage, as well as education—this Decree-Law establishes the dissolution of this entity, which was created to ensure the implementation of the aforementioned program,” Government said in a statement.

The Decree-Law outlines a structured winding-down process that includes settling financial obligations, managing and disposing of assets, and returning unused funds to the Treasury.

It also mandates that the Ministry of Finance prepare reports on remaining activities and resources and retain programme data for five years.

Last month, the Millennium Challenge Account–Timor-Leste (MCA-TL) returned US\$10,999,910 to the Timor-Leste Ministry of Finance plus US\$286,188.06 in accumulated interest on March 23, 2026, in advance of the closure of the Timor-Leste Compact.

On December 30, 2024, the Government of Timor-Leste placed US\$11 million into an MCA-TL-controlled account as part of the government’s contribution to the Timor-Leste Compact.

The contribution was intended to fund activities under the compact’s Water, Sanitation and Drainage Project. Since that deposit, bank fees have been the only funds deducted from the account containing the government contribution.

“Accumulated interest from that account in the amount of US\$286,188.06 was held in a separate permitted account and has now been returned to the Ministry of Finance in addition to the government’s contribution,” said in a statement.

The U.S. Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) signed a compact with Timor-Leste in July 2022.

Although Timor-Leste had already invested millions in land acquisition and pre-construction preparations, in August 2025, the MCC Board of Directors convened and voted to terminate 13 compact and threshold programs as part of a strategic recalibration, scaling back programs globally. The Timor-Leste Compact was among those programs.

Following the notification that the compact would not move forward, MCC and MCA–Timor-Leste have worked to ensure a responsible and orderly closure of all compact activities. The return of the Government of Timor-Leste’s country contribution is the latest step in that process prior to the Compact Closure Date on April 20, 2026.

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MF relata kona-ba kanselamentu Projetu Kompaktu MCC ba Parlamentu

DILI, 23 Janeiru 2026 (TATOLI)-Ministra Finansa, Santana Cardoso, relata kona-ba kanselamentu Projetu Kompaktu *Millennium Challenge Corporation* (MCC) ba Parlamentu Nasionál.

Governante ne'e dehan iha akordu ne'ebé Governu Timor-Leste asina ho MCC hodi loke mós edifisiu representasaun *Millennium Challenge Account* Timor-Leste (MCA-TL) ba projetu bee-moos no tratamentu bee fo'er nian iha *grand* pur volta millaun \$429 no, tuir akordu ne'ebé iha , Governu Timor-Leste iha kontrapartida pur volta millaun \$60.

Iha 2024, Timor-Leste atu tau orsamentu ba kontribuisaun millaun \$11 no iha 2025 millaun \$5, maibé ho desizaun husi Governu Estadu Unidu Amérika (EUA) hodi reeve apoiu sira ba nasaun hotu, inklui Timor-Leste maka iha fin Dezembru tinan kotuk mak hetan konfirmasaun katak projetu MCC sei la kontinua.

Tan ne'e, orsamentu millaun \$11 ne'ebé tau iha MCC iha relatóriu Kámara Konta ba Konta Jerál Estadu identifika laiha ezekusaun.

Ministra salienta katak daudaun Minitériu Finansa (MF) ho Ministériu Obra Públika (MOP), liuhusi Bee Timor-Leste, Empreza Públika (BTL, E.P) haree hela planu, dezeńu no patrimoniu sira ne'ebé iha ona atu bele entrega fali ba Governu Timor-Leste, nune'e orsamentu alokadu sei la book.

Durante audiénsia, Prezidente Parlamentu Nasionál, Maria Fernanda Lay, husu atu halo esklaresimentu ba kestaun referida.

Deputadu husi Partidu Demokrátiku, Mariano Malik, subliña prosesu ne'e iha implementasaun halo ona gastu liuhusi levantamentu dadus ba terrenu hodi fó ona indemnizasaun ba iha comunidade afeta ba área ne'ebé atu implementa programa ne'e.

“Governu halo ona gastu lubun, husu Minstériu Finansa atu ko'alia ho Governu Amérika oinsá fó kontinuisaun ba programa ne'e”, nia sujere.

Jornalista: Nelson de Sousa

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Milennium Challenge Account Timor-Leste entrega asset ba MESSK



Diretór Ezekutivu Milennium Challenge Account Timor-Leste (MCA-TL), Embaixadór Constâncio da Conceição Pinto, entrega (handover) simbólikamente ekipamentu ka asset MCA-TL nian ba Ministriu Ensinu Superiór, Siénsia no Kultura, Jose Honório. Imajen TATOLI/Antônio Daciparu

DILI, 16 Marsu 2026 (TATOLI)—Ministru Ensinu Superiór, Siénsia no Kultura, Jose Honório, no Diretór Ezekutivu Milennium Challenge Account Timor-Leste (MCA-TL), Embaixadór Constâncio da Conceição Pinto, akompañada husi Vise-Ministra Finansa, Regina de Jesus Sousa, entrega (handover) ekipamentu ka asset MCA-TL nian ba Ministériu Ensinu Superiór, Siénsia no Kultura (MESSK) atu utiliza.

Diretór Ezekutivu MCA-TL, I.P., Embaixadór Constâncio da Conceição Pinto, hateten akordu ne'e atu transfere asset ne'ebé MCA-TL iha ba MESSK.

“Asset ne'e hanesan karreta, komputadór, laptop, meza, kadeira, armáriu, ne'ebé sei transfere ba MESSK atu utiliza hodi fó continuidade ba projetu ne'ebé MCA-TL dezenvolve durante tinan hirak nia laran,” nia dehan ba jornalista sira iha salaun MESSK, Kolmera, Segunda ne'e.

Constâncio haktuir, iha 2019, MCA-TL hahú dezenvolve proposta projetu *challenge* ho objetivu ida atu fasilita formasaun ba profesór sekundáriu liliu iha área teknolojia informasaun, língua no metodolojia hanorin atu hadi'a qualidade.

Nune'e, husi projetu referidu, Ajénsia Dezenvolvimentu Amerikanu fó kontribuisaun millaun \$420 no Timor-Leste kontribui millaun \$54 ba projeitu rua mak projetu *challenge* edukasaun no saneamentu.

“Maibe, infelizmente, iha 2025, Prezidente Estadu Unidu Amérika, Donald Trump, kansela projetu referidu. Nune'e, ita la konsege atinje ita-nia objetivu ida-ne'e. Tan ne'e, ami halo transferénsia asset ba ministériu relevante. Depoiz semana oin ami sei halo asinatura no transferénsia asset sira-ne'e mai ministériu,” nia tenik.

Conceição Pinto esplika razaun atribui asset sira ba MESSK tanba MESSK mak na'in ba projetu *challenge*.

MCA Timor-Leste returns over US\$11 million to Ministry of Finance ahead of compact closure

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