

The 2010 National Priorities, Poverty Reduction and MDGs and the Proposed Budget 2010

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Linkages between MDGs and 2010 Timor-Leste's National Priorities

2010 National Priorities

Millennium Development Goals

NP1: Infrastructure (water & roads)

NP2: Food Security (agric productivity)

NP3: Human Resources Training

NP4: Access to Justice

NP5: Social Services & Decentralization

NP6: Good Governance

NP7: Public Security





























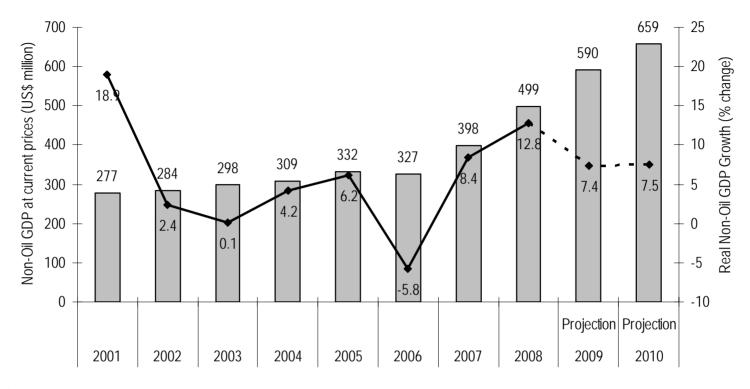








Non-Oil GDP, 2001-2010



Sources: IMF Art. IV, 2007, 2008, 2009

Recent economic developments:

- Economy has been growing rapidly over the last two years
- Direct impact of the global crisis has been minimal
- Inflation has declined along with international food prices
- Petroleum revenues have increased → surplus to about four times non-oil GDP in 2008

Non-oil economy dangerously small & heavy reliance on oil/gas revenues

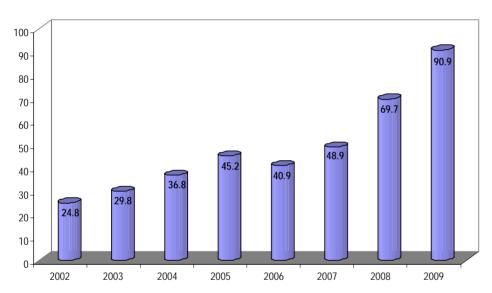
Central Government Budget as Percentage of Non-Oil GDP

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 Proj
Oil and gas revenues	10	14	46	107	195	330	481	271
Domestic revenues	7	10	10	11	10	11	9	15
Expenditure	23	21	20	26	32	59	106	103
Non-oil fiscal balance	-5	0	1	-5	-21	-46	-97	-91
Overall balance	5	14	46	102	174	284	384	178

Source: IMF (2008, 2009) *Country Report 08/203* and *Country Report No.9/219*, International Monetary Fund.

Domestic revenues have remained on average 8% of non-oil economy

Total Domestic Revenues (US\$ millions), 2002-2009



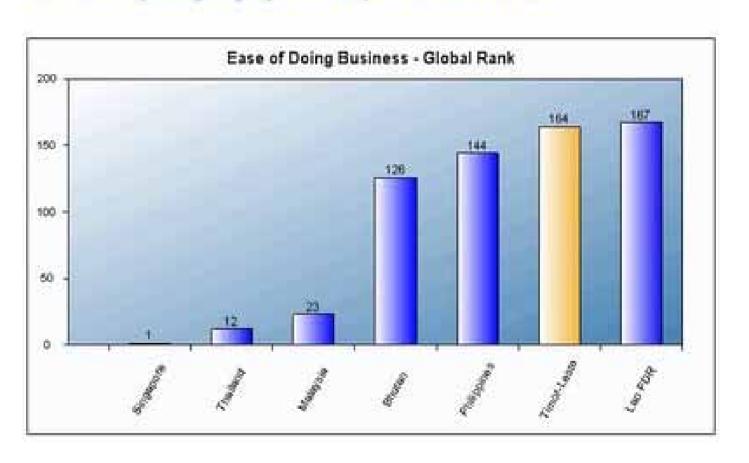
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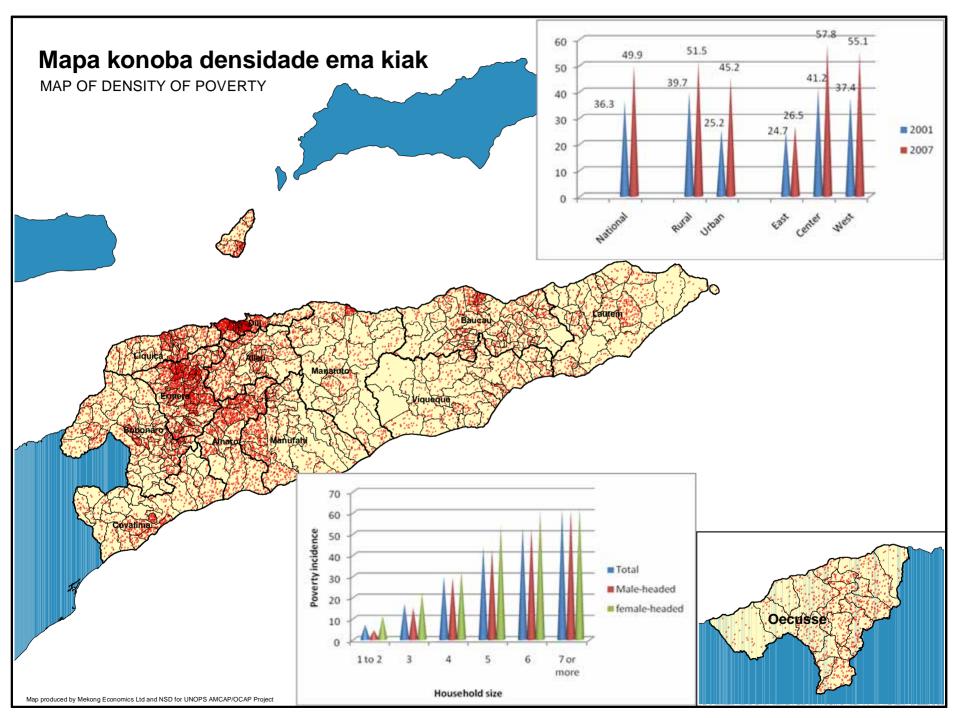
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total Domestic Revenues	24.8	29.8	36.8	45.2	40.9	48.9	69.7	90.9
Direct Taxes	5.8	5.9	6.6	10.6	10.1	12.6	18	11.1
Indirect Taxes	12.9	14.8	18.6	17.5	16.6	18.8	19.3	41.9
User Charges & Fees	1.4	3.3	4.5	4.3	3.1	4.3	6.2	7.8
Autonomous Agencies	4.6	5.8	7	7.9	6.8	6.9	7.9	8.6
Sub-Total	24.7	29.8	36.7	40.3	36.6	42.6	51.4	69.4
Interest	0.1	0.1	0.1	4.9	4.3	6.3	1.5	3.5
Rice Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	16.8	18

Source: Timor-Leste Ministry of Finance, Directorate of Treasury and 2009 Budget. Estimates for 2005-07 are based on averages for the overlapping fiscal years. Carryovers for 2002-07 were not disaggregated by expenditure type

Timor-Leste's rank in Ease of Doing Business

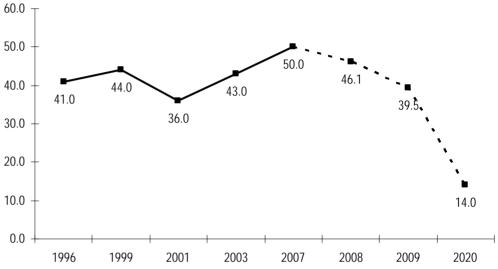
Timor Leste - Compared to global good practice economy as well as selected economies:





Percentage of Population Below the National Poverty Lines (\$0.55 and \$0.88), 1996-2020



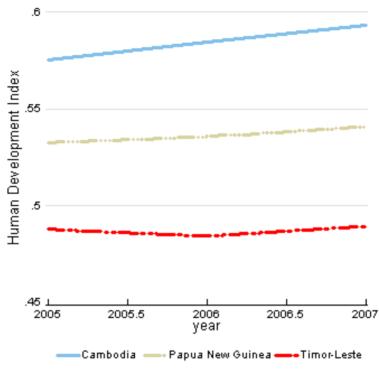


The target can be attained with a moderate-to-high elasticity of 1.5

Growth Elasticity of Poverty in selected countries:

- •China 1980s
- •Malaysia 1970s
- •Indonesia 1970s
- •Thailand 1970s
- •LDCs (e.g. Bhutan) recently







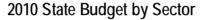
General State Budget 2010

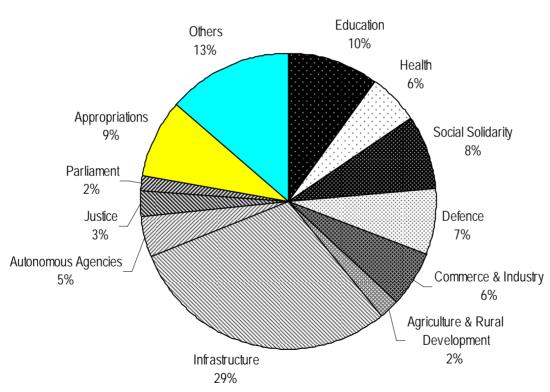
General Budget of the State (US\$ 000) Total Expenditure by Appropriation Category

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
	Budget	Budget	Projection	Projection	Projection	
Total Expenditure	687,060	636,809	560,234	440,910	629,303	
Salary & Wages	93,648	97,658	89,973	92,578	98,210	
Goods & Services	253,629	207,630	172,938	178,403	184,122	
Minor Capital	38,047	28,809	18,115	16,168	23,690	
Capital & Development	205,371	216,808	146,820	12,538	2,514	
Transfers	96,365	85,904	132,388	141,223	320,767	

Source: GSB 2010, p. 42.

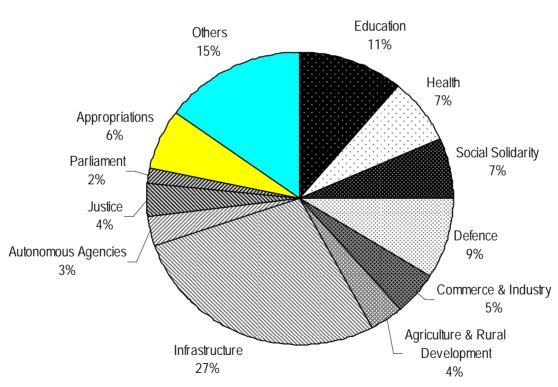
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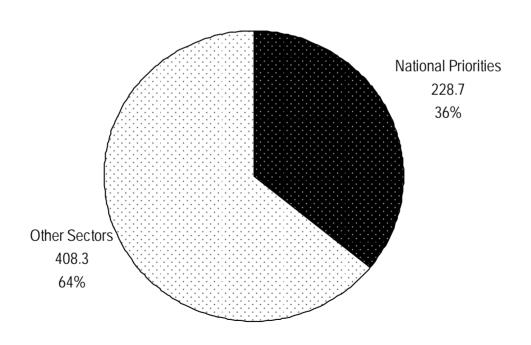
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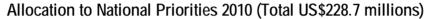


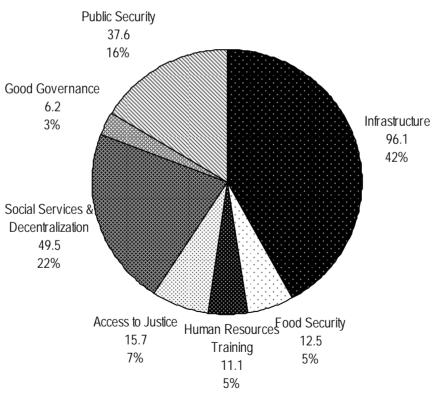
Allocations for the National Priorities

Allocation to National Priorities and Other Sectors, 2010



Allocations for the National Priorities





Few Remarks

- Congratulate the government for restraining expenditure
- Withdrawal of US\$502 millions from the Petroleum Fund is still within the limits of the ESI
- Agriculture contribution to GDP growth has been experiencing a declining trend on average -2.3% per annum between 2002 and 2008
- The widening gap between the rich and the poor as measured by the Gini index currently stands at 39.5
- Registration of property, contract enforcement and closing of business hamper Private Sector development

Few Remarks (cont'd)

- The domestic economy can only absorb 13% of the total labor force (355,000)
- Domestic revenues have remained 8% of non-oil GDP since 2002
- Prevalent social economic crisis in the country characterized by high poverty and illiteracy levels, high infant and maternal mortality rates, dilapidated infrastructure and food insecurity
- 66% of households live in temporary houses, and 81% of these houses are classified as mediocre or severely damaged (TLSLS2007)



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