

Timor-Leste Begins Preparing the 2025 GSB with a Focus on Investment in Strategic Infrastructures, Strengthening the Economy and Improving Citizen Welfare

Today, July 5th, 2024, the Government of Timor-Leste, through the Ministry of Finance, held the Budget Days, a seminar that marks the beginning of preparing the 2025 General State Budget (GSB). The event, held in the Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão auditorium at the Ministry of Finance, brought together members of the Government, representatives of the National Parliament, municipal authorities and autonomous agencies.



Under the theme “Investing in Strategic Infrastructures, Strengthening the Economy and Improving the Well-being of Citizens”, this year’s Budget Days were inaugurated with speeches by the Prime Minister, Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, and the Vice Prime Minister for Finance, Felícia Claudinanda Cruz Carvalho.



In his speech, the Prime Minister emphasised the importance of this meeting, marking the first year in office of the 9th Constitutional Government. He reiterated that “the money belongs to the people and must be well managed”, emphasising the correction of irregularities in the financial system as one of the Government’s main concerns over the last year. He also highlighted the need to strengthen State institutions and improve the civil service, stressing that the sole objective of those who hold public office is to improve the nation.

The Vice-Minister of Finance, Felícia Claudinanda Cruz Carvalho, said that “our theme for this year is ‘Investing in Strategic Infrastructure, Strengthening the Economy and Improving Citizen Welfare’ – a focus that underlines our consistent commitment to Timor-Leste’s progress and prosperity”. She also emphasised that the 2025 budget represents “a roadmap for the future”, with the vision of “laying the foundations for a diversified and resilient Timorese economy by 2028”.



The Vice-Minister said, “Our focus on strategic investment in infrastructure is not just about constructing buildings or roads. It’s about building the foundations for economic growth, improving the daily lives of our citizens and establishing a platform for future generations to live prosperously.” He also said that “our heavy dependence on the Petroleum Fund for budgetary financing is a major concern,” a scenario that “calls for urgent measures to diversify our sources of revenue and reduce dependence on a single sector.”

“To address this issue, we must improve and expand vocational training programmes, improve access to quality education and establish an environment supporting entrepreneurship. Investing in our young people can unlock their potential and generate long-term economic growth,” concluded the Vice-Minister of Finance.

The Vice-Minister of Finance, Felícia Claudinanda Cruz Carvalho, ended her speech by appealing to all participants to “follow this workshop with an open mind”, with a view to “exchanging innovative ideas and sharing a commitment to the future of our country. “Together, we have drawn up a budget that will not only strengthen our economy but also improve the well-being of every Timorese citizen.”

During the various sessions of the event, macroeconomic issues, budgetary strategies, and financial sector performance were discussed. Proposals for priorities, mandatory spending, and scenarios for the 2025 fiscal ceiling were presented.

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Timor-Leste Hahú Preparasaun OJE tinan 2025 ho foku ba investimentu iha infraestruturá estratéjika, reforsu Ekonomia no Hadi'an Sidadaun nia Moris-Di'ak

Governu Timor-Leste, liuhusi Ministériu Finansas, ohin, lora 5 fulan-jullu tinan 2024, realiza Jornada Orsamentál, semináriu ida ne'ebé marka inísiu prosesu elaborasaun Orsamentu Jerál Estadu (OJE) ba tinan 2025 nian. Eventu ne'e realiza iha auditóriu Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, Ministériu Finansas, halibur membrus Governu, representante Parlamentu Nasionál, autoridade munispál no ajénsia autónoma sira.

Ho nia tema “Investe iha infraestruturá estratéjika, hakbi'it ekonomia no hadi'ak sidadaun nia moris-di'ak”, Jornada Orsamentál tinan ida-ne'e hahú ho diskursu husi Primeiru-Ministru, Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, no Vise-Ministra Finansas, Felícia Claudinanda Cruz Carvalho.

Iha ninia diskursu, Primeiru-Ministru ko'alia-liu importánsia ba sorumutu ida-ne'e, marka tinan dahuluk mandatu Governu Konstitusionál da-9 nian. Primeiru-Ministru reafirma katak, “osan povu nian tenke jere ho di'ak”, hodi subliña korresaun irregulár sira iha sistema finanseiru hanesan preokupasaun prinsipál ida Governu nian iha tinan ikus ne'e. Foka-liu mós kona-ba nesesidade atu hametin instituisaun Estadu no hadi'a funksionalizmu públiku, hodi salienta katak, úniku objetivu ba sé maka kaer kargu públiku maka hadi'a nasaun ne'e.

Vise-Ministra Finansas, Felícia Claudinanda Cruz Carvalho, afirma katak, “ita-nia tema ba tinan ida-ne'e mak ‘Investe iha infraestruturá estratéjika, hakbi'it ekonomia no hadi'ak sidadaun nia moris-di'ak – foku ida ne'ebé subliña ita nia kompromisu ne'ebé konsistente ba Timor-Leste nia progresu no prosperiedade”. Governante ne'e mós destaka katak orsamentu ba tinan 2025 ne'e nu'udar “roteiru ida ba ita nia futuru”, ho objetivu atu “lansa baze sira ba ekonomia Timor-Leste ida ne'ebé diversifikada no reziliente to'o tinan 2028”.

Vise-Ministra afirma katak “ita-nia foku ba investimentu estratéjika iha infraestruturas la'ós de'it kona-ba konstrusaun edifísiu ka estrada sira”. Ida-ne'e kona-ba harí fundasaun sira ba kreximentu ekonómiku, hadi'a ita-nia sidadaun sira moris loroloron nian, no kria plataforma ida ba jersaun sira iha futuru atu moris prósperu.” Nia hateten mós katak “ita-nia dependénsia maka'as tebes ba iha Fundu Petrolíferu ba finansiamentu orsamentál nu'udar preokupasaun bo'ot ida”, senáriu ne'ebé “presiza asaun urjente atu diversifika ita-nia fonte reseita sira no hamenus dependénsia ba setór ida de'it”.

“Atu resolve kestaun ne'e, ita presiza hadi'a no hasae programa formasaun professional nian, hadi'a asesu ba edukasaun ho kualidade, no kria ambiente ida ne'ebé fó apoiu ba empreendedorizmu. Atu investe iha ita-nia Jovem sira, ita bele deskobre sira nia potenciál no lori kreximentu ekonómiku ba tempu naruk nian”, konklui Vise-Ministra Finansas.

Vise-Ministra Finansas, Felícia Claudinanda Cruz Carvalho, termina ninia intervensaun ho apelu ida ba partisipante sira hotu atu “akompaña workshop ida-ne'e ho hanoin ne'ebé nakloke”, ho objetivu atu “troka ideia inovativu sira, no fahe kompromisu ba ita nia nasaun nia futuru”. “Hamutuk, ita elabora orsamentu ida ne'ebé sei la'ós de'it, hametin ita-nia ekonomia maibé mós hasa'e sidadaun timoroan ida-idak nia moris-di'ak”.

Durante sesaun oin-oin iha eventu ne'e, diskute kestaun makroekonómika, estratéjia orsamentál no dezempeñu iha setór finanseiru. Apresenta mós proposta prioridade, despeza obrigatória no senáriu sira ba tetu fiskál tinan 2025.