

**Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of Ministers on September 30th, 2024**

The Council of Ministers met at the Government Palace in Dili and approved the **Draft Law Proposal for the General State Budget (GSB) for 2025**, presented by the Minister of Finance, Santana José Rodrigues F. Viegas Cardoso, with a total value of US\$2.6 billion for the Central Administration, the Special Administrative Region of Oe-Cússe Ambeno (RAEOA) and Social Security, including the Social Security Reserve Fund. This figure includes an allocation of US\$2.07 billion for the Central Administration, US\$482 million for Social Security and US\$62 million for the RAEOA.

The 2025 GSB Law Proposal continues the strategy of implementing the priorities set out in the Government's Programme under the slogan 'Investment in strategic infrastructures, strengthening the economy and improving citizens' well-being'. The proposal is drawn up on the 9th Constitutional Government's Strategic Objectives, aiming to promote the nation's socio-economic development through targeted investment in strategic infrastructures, economic strengthening and initiatives to improve citizens' well-being. The GSB 2025 aims to promote economic development and improve the living conditions of the Timorese population through a clear strategy focused on sustainable economic growth, improving public services and ensuring that the benefits of development reach all citizens.

Regarding strategic infrastructure, US\$ 227.3 million has been allocated for constructing, expanding, rehabilitating and maintaining road networks and bridges and implementing natural disaster protection measures to improve connectivity and protect communities from climate change. Allocations are also planned to rehabilitate the Presidente Nicolau Lobato International Airport and complete the submarine fibre optic cable connecting Timor-Leste to Australia. The expansion of the internal fibre-optic network will enable the supply of high-speed internet throughout the country from 2025. In the electricity sector, the budget significantly increases government subsidies to the public company EDTL, E.P., to improve and expand the continuous electricity supply, especially in rural and remote areas, guaranteeing a more stable and comprehensive service.

In the natural resources sector, the proposal earmarks US\$40 million to improve industrial and oil and mineral extraction zones on the country's southern coast, contributing to economic development and strengthening energy security.

In the financial sector, a US\$5 million investment is planned in the capitalisation of the Central Bank of Timor-Leste to strengthen the stability and resilience of the national financial system.

The law proposal allocates a significant part of the expenditure, around US\$406 million, to support civil society, health, and social services. In human capital development, US\$17.2 million is allocated to vocational and technical training programmes and scholarships. Education will also receive US\$145.8 million to build new schools, train teachers, and strengthen the education management system.

In health, the budget allocates US\$99.2 million to improve the hospital network and health centres across the country and US\$14.2 million for purchasing and distributing essential medicines and medical equipment. Regarding social protection, the Mother's Allowance (*Bolsa da Mãe*) programme will be strengthened with an increase of more than US\$7 million, plus US\$2.86 million, to improve pregnant women's and children's health and nutrition. The proposal also includes a transfer of US\$124.1 million to the Social Security Budget, an increase of US\$37.4 compared to 2024, which reflects the expansion of the Social Security system and the value of the social pension for old age and disability. **END**

## Komunikadu Imprensa

Sorumutu Estrordináriu Konsellu Ministrus nian iha loron 30 fulan-setembru tinan 2024

Konsellu Ministrus hala'ó sorumutu iha Palásiu Governu, Dili no, aprova **Projetu Proposta Lei Orsamentu Jerál Estadu (OGE) nian ba tinan 2025**, ne'ebé apresenta husi Ministra Finansas, Santana José Rodrigues F. Viegas Cardoso, ho valór total dolar amerikanu billaun 2,6, ne'ebé aloka ba Administrasaun Sentrá, ba Rejiaun Administrativa Espesiál Oe-Kusi Ambenu (RAEOA) no ba Seguransa Sosiál, inklui Fundu Rezerva Seguransa Sosiál nian. Montante ida-ne'e inklui alokasaun ida ho dolar amerikanu billaun 2,07 ba Administrasaun Sentrá, dolar amerikanu millaun 482 ba Seguransa Sosial no dolar amerikanu millaun 62 ba RAEOA.

Proposta Lei OJE ba tinan 2025 ne'e tuir estratéjia implementasaun ba prioridade sira ne'ebé prevee iha Programa Governu, ho lema "Investimentu iha infraestrutura estratéjika, hametin ekonomia no hadi'a moris-di'ak sidadaun sira nian". Proposta ne'e elabora bazeia ba Objetivu Estratéjiku Governu Konstitusionál da-9 nian, ho objetivu atu promove dezvoltimentu sósiu-ekonómiku ba Nasaun ne'e liuhusi investimentu alvu sira iha infraestrutura estratéjika, reforsu ekonómiku no iniciativa sira ne'ebé ho objetivu atu hadi'a moris-di'ak sidadaun sira-nian. Objetivu husi OJE tinan 2025 ne'e mak atu promove dezvoltimentu ekonómiku no hadi'a kondisaun moris populasaun timoroan nian, liuhusi estratéjia klaru ida ne'ebé foka ba kreximentu ekonómiku sustentavel, hadi'a servisu públiku no garante katak benefísiu dezvoltimentu nian to'o ba sidadaun hotu-hotu.

Kona-ba infraestrutura estratéjika, aloka dolar amerikanu millaun 227,3 ba konstrusaun, expansaun, reabilitasaun no manutensaun estrada no ponte sira, no mós ba implementasaun medida protesaun hasoru dezastres naturais, ho objetivu atu hadi'a konektividade no proteje comunidade sira hosi efektu mudansa klimatika nian.

Prevee mós dotasaun sira ba reabilitasaun Aeroporto Internacional Presidente Nicolau Lobato no ba konkluzo kabu submarinu fibra ótika ne'ebé sei liga Timor-Leste ba Austrália. Expansaun hosi rede interna fibra ótika nian ne'e sei permite, hahú hosi tinan 2025, fornimentu hosi internet ho velocidade aas iha Timor-Leste laran tomak. Iha setór eletrisidade nian, orsamentu prevee aumentu signifíkativu ida iha subvensaun ba empresa pública ECTL, E.P., ho objetivu atu hadi'a no habelar fornimentu kontínuu eletrisidade nian, liuliu iha área rural no remota sira, hodi garante servisu ida ne'ebé estavel no abranjente liu.

Iha setór rekursus naturais nian, proposta dolar amerikanu millaun 40 ba melloria zonas industriais no extrasoan petróleu no minerais iha kosta súl país nian, hodi kontribui ba dezvoltimentu ekonómiku no ba reforsu seguransa enerjética.

Iha setór finanseiru, prevee investimentu ida do dolar amerikanu millaun 5 iha kapitalizasaun Banku Sentrá Timor-Leste, ho objetivu atu reforsa estabilidade no reziliénsia sistema finanseiru nasional.

Proposta lei ne'e aloka parte boot ida husi despeza, ho valór dolar amerikanu millaun 406 hodi apoia sosiedade sivíl, saúde no servisu sociais.

Iha dezvoltimentu kapitál umanu, aloka dolar amerikanu millaun 17,2 ba programa formasaun profesionál no técnica, nune'e mós ba konsesaun bolsas estudu. Edukasaun sei simu mós dolar amerikanu millaun 145,8 ba konstrusaun eskola foun, formasaun profesores no fortalecimento sistema jestaun edukativa nian.

Iha saúde, orsamentu aloka dolar amerikanu millaun 99,2 ba melloria rede ospitalár no sentru saúde sira iha Timor-Leste laran tomak, aleinde dolar amerikanu millaun 14,2 ba akizisaun no distribuisoan ai-moruk no ekipamentu médiku sira ne'ebé esensial. Kona-ba protesaun sosiál, sei reforsa Programa Bolsa da Mãe ho aumentu boot liu dolar amerikanu millaun 7, aumenta tan dolar amerikanu millaun 2,86 ho objetivu atu hadi'a saúde no nutrisaun ba inan isin-rua no labarik sira. Proposta ne'e inklui mós transferénsia ida ho dolar amerikanu millaun 124,1 ba Orsamentu Seguransa Sosiál, aumentu ida ho dolar amerikanu 37,4 kompara ho 2024, ne'ebé reflète expansaun hosi sistema Seguransa Sosiál no valór hosi pensaun sosiál ferik-katuas no invalidés. **REMATA**

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