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Development Projects Approved by the Executive Director (1 January–31 December 2015) – Timor-Leste 200770

Capacity Development for Health and Nutrition

Number of beneficiaries	59,000
Duration of project	24 months (1 January 2015–31 December 2016)
WFP food tonnage	1,167
Cost (United States dollars)	
Food and related costs	2,909,553
Capacity development and augmentation	4,721,868
Total cost to WFP	9,959,238

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Abstract

1. This development project aims to build the capacity of the Government of Timor-Leste in managing supplementary feeding through the Ministry of Health's mother-and-child health and nutrition programme. It focuses on providing technical assistance and capacity development, and includes a strategy for hand-over of a sustainable food-based programme to the Government. Capacity development will benefit targeted boys and girls aged 6–59 months, and pregnant and lactating women.
2. The project is aligned with Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 1, 4 and 5,¹ contributes to the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) outcomes 1 and 2,² and is in line with WFP Strategic Objective 4.³
3. Poverty, food insecurity and undernutrition remain widespread in Timor-Leste: 41 percent of the population lives below the national poverty line⁴ and 50–75 percent are food-insecure.⁵ According to the 2013 Timor-Leste Food and Nutrition Survey, stunting rates had declined from 58 to 50.2 percent and wasting rates from 19 to 11 percent since 2009. The targeted supplementary feeding programme focuses on management of moderate acute malnutrition to continue reducing malnutrition among boys and girls.
4. The project will run from January 2015 to December 2016 and is aligned with the 2015-2019 UNDAF cycle. Hand-over to Government partners and/or extension of assistance beyond the programme end date will depend on the Government's achievements, monitoring and evaluation results and the availability of resources.

¹ MDGs: 1 – Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger; 4 – Reduce child mortality; and 5 – Improve maternal health.

² UNDAF outcomes: 1 – By the end of 2020, people of Timor-Leste, especially the most disadvantaged groups, benefit from inclusive and responsive, quality health, education and other social services and are more resilient to hazard-related shocks; and 2 – People of Timor-Leste, especially the rural poor and vulnerable groups, derive social and economic benefits from improved access to and use of sustainable and resilient infrastructure.

³ WFP Strategic Objective 4 – Reduce undernutrition and break the intergenerational cycle of hunger.

⁴ United Nations. 2013. *Timor-Leste MDG Progress Report 2013*. New York.

⁵ Oxfam Australia Timor-Leste Food Security Baseline Survey Report
<http://www.oxfam.org.nz/sites/default/files/reports/Timor-Leste%20Food-Security-Baseline-Survey.pdf>