

Analysis of Development Partner Program and Aid Data Coordination

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I. IX Constitutional Government Program

- 1.1.3 “regarding the principle of transparency, Timor-Leste has adopted a measure in which Development Partners not only have to respect the system established in the country but also report annually on the use of the money invested granted by their Governments...ensuring ownership, alignment with Government programmes and promoting mutual accountability continually to achieve results that improve people's lives.”

II. Government Resolution No. 43/2024 on the Creation of Inter-ministerial Sectoral Development Coordination Commissions

- “Considering the commitment of the Ministry of Finance to improve and make more efficient the management of external development aid”

III. Role of the DGGRME

- General Directorate involving Loans, PPP, and Grants departments
- Tasked with overall coordination, project proposal reviews, and data collection and analysis (Aid Transparency Portal)

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- Tables below show each Development Partner agency, their Strategic Framework (if applicable) and the number of active projects/programs based on the data in the Aid Transparency Portal

Bilateral Agency Name	Strategic Framework	years	# of ongoing projects/ programs
Australia	Australia – Timor-Leste Development Partnership Plan 2025–2030	2025-30	18
Brazil	???	???	???
People’s Republic of China	Joint Statement between the Republic of China and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste on Establishing a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership	???	???
Cuba	???	???	???
Indonesia	???	???	2
Japan/JICA	Country Assistance Strategy		44
Korea	Mid-term Strategy	2021-25	8
New Zealand	Statement of Partnership	2022-26	11
Portugal	Portugal – Timor Strategic Cooperation Programme	2024-28	13
Thailand	???	???	???
USA	Country Development Cooperation Strategy	2020-25	2

Multilateral Organizations	Strategic Framework	Years	# of ongoing projects/ programs
ADB	Country Partnership Strategy	2023-27	24
European Union	Multiannual Indicative Program	2021-27	15
Global Fund	???		2
IFC			1
World Bank	Country Partnership Framework	2020-25	16
UNITED NATIONS	United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF)	2020-25	(see below)
FAO	Country Programming Framework		7
ILO	Decent Work Country Programme	2022-25	2
IOM	UNSDCF		5
UNCDF	UNSDCF		1
UNCTD	UNSDCF		1
UNDP	Country Programme Document for Timor-Leste	2021-25	12
UNEP	UNSDCF		2
UNESCO	UNSDCF		4
UNFPA	UNSDCF		5
UNICEF	Country Programme Document	2021-25	7
UNIDO	UNSDCF		1
UNOPS	UNSDCF		2
UNWOMEN	UNSDCF		5
WFP	Country Strategic Plan	2023-25	4
WHO	Country Cooperation Strategy	2020-25	9



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Development Partner and GoTL Consultations

- Strategic Partnership Frameworks usually span a set number of years and outline which areas a DP intends to focus on.

- Meanwhile, consultations at the project level take place to define the parameters of a specific activity and how it will help to achieve the goals set out in the Strategic Partnership Framework and the SDP.

- For those Frameworks nearing their end date GoTL requests consultation schedules

Bilateral Agency Name	Strategic Framework	years	# of ongoing projects/ programs	Projects include (P.I.)/Observations (Obs.)
Australia	Australia – Timor-Leste Development Partnership Plan 2025–2030	2025-30	18	P.I.: PARTISIPA, TOMAK, PHD, PROSIVU, etc.
Brazil	???	???	???	Obs: No activities reported
People’s Republic of China	Joint Statement between the Republic of China and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste on Establishing a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership	???	???	Obs: No activities reported to ATP
Cuba	???	???	???	Obs: No activities on file
Indonesia	???	???	2	P.I.Support to MoF on accounting standards
Japan/JICA	Country Assistance Strategy		44	P.I. JDS Scholarship, Project for Capacity Development of Flood Disaster Risk Reduction, etc.
Korea	Mid-term Strategy	2021-25	8	Projects include: Agricultural Value Chain Improvement Based on Farmers' Participation, and Digitalization of CHEGA National Center for Conflict Reconciliation and Peacebuilding, etc.
New Zealand	Statement of Partnership	2022-26	11	Projects include: Support to Lafaek Magazine, English Language Training for Officials
Portugal	Portugal – Timor Strategic Cooperation Programme	2024-28	13	Projects include: Scholarship programs
Thailand	???	???	???	
USA	Country Development Cooperation Strategy	2020-25	2	Currently undergoing several reforms at the global level



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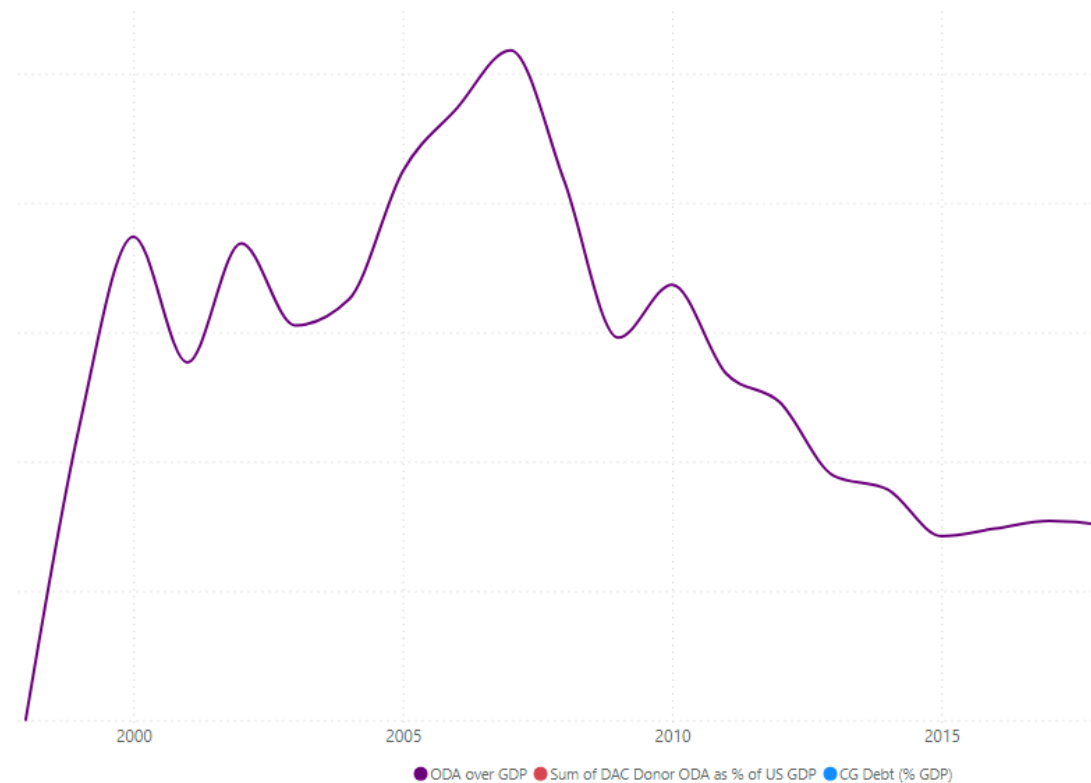


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Multilateral Org.	Strategic Framework	Timeline	# of ongoing projects/ programs	Projects include (P.I.)/Observations
ADB	Country Partnership Strategy	2023-27	24	P.I.: Coffee and Agroforestry Livelihood Improvement Project, Preparing the East to South Coast Road Connectivity Project and Strengthening the Road Sector Institutional Capacity, etc.
European Union	Multiannual Indicative Program	2021-27	15	P.I.: NDCI ASIA/2023/444-531 - Skills Development for Employment and Resilience; POWER - Promotion of Women through Economic Empowerment and Rights; etc.
Global Fund	???	???	2	P.I.: Joint HIV/AIDS and TB Comprehensive Responses in Timor-Leste; and Prevention of Re-establishment of Malaria in Timor-Leste
IFC	???	???	1	P.I.: TL Private Sector Partnership
World Bank	Country Partnership Framework	2020-25	16	P.I.: Strengthening Disaster and Climate Resilience in Timor-Leste; COVID-19 Health Response and Health System Preparedness(HEPR) Project, etc. Obs: Is there a consultation plan for upcoming CPS?
UNITED NATIONS	<i>United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF)</i>	2020-25	<i>(see below)</i>	<i>In theory, all UN Agencies adhere to the UNSDCF, however some individual agencies have separate strategic documents. Is there a consultation plan for 2026 and beyond UNSDCF?</i>
FAO	Country Programming Framework		7	P.I.: IKAN Adapt, Enhancing Early Warning Systems to build greater resilience to hydro-meteorological hazards in Timor-Leste, etc.
ILO	Decent Work Country Programme	2022-25	2	P.I.: Agroforestry Skills for Employment and Resilience, etc.
IOM	UNSDCF		5	P.I.: Strengthening Disaster Resilience of at-risk communities in Timor-Leste, and Addressing Protection Risks in Humanitarian Settings in Timor-Leste and Papua New Guinea
UNCDF	UNSDCF		1	P.I.: Leveraging Digital Finance and Payments of Credit Unions to Increase Resilience of its Members in Timor-Leste
UNCTD	UNSDCF		1	P.I.: TIM/OT/HCR - Implementation of the Trade Single Window System for Timor Leste (TL-TSWS)
UNDP	Country Programme Document	2021-25	12	P.I.: Community Infrastructure for Resilience Project (CIReP) ; Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship Skills (YEES) Project; etc.
UNEP	UNSDCF		2	P.I.: Implementation of the Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Monitoring Plan in the Asian Region, Reducing marine litter by addressing the management of the plastic value chain in Southeast Asia (SEA circular) Kamala, etc.
UNESCO	UNSDCF		4	P.I.: Safe guarding plan of Tais (Intangible Cultural Heritage)
UNFPA	Country Programme Document	2021-25	5	P.I.: Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, Population Dynamics (Data for Development), etc.
UNICEF	Country Programme Document	2021-25	7	P.I.: For Every Child, Early Childhood Care and Education, UNICEF's Child Protection Program, etc.
UNIDO	UNSDCF		1	P.I.: Strengthening the quality infrastructure system to enhance export compliance of the food and beverage sector.
UNOPS	UNSDCF		2	P.I.: Procurement support to Timor-Leste, etc.
UNWOMEN	UNSDCF		5	P.I.: Disaster Risk - Responds Women Peace Security; Women's Economic Empowerment, etc.
WFP	Country Strategic Plan	2023-25	4	P.I.: Provide food and nutrition assistance to crisis-affected populations, etc.
WHO	Country Cooperation Strategy	2020-25	9	P.I.: COVID-19 Pandemic Response (WHO COVID-19): 2022-25; Say No to 5S, etc.

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Fiscal Space Drivers



- Aid to GDP ratio declined from a peak in 2007 of 52% of GDP to below 10% of GDP in 2023.
- While still an important source of fiscal space, as government spending has grown the relative importance of aid as a finance source has declined.
- Recent global political trends point to a potential further decline in Aid

II. Aid Data Coordination

1. Aid Transparency Portal

- ❖ Government's central depository of ODA data collected at the project level.
- ❖ Aims to enhance coordination between the government and development partners, ensure aid is properly utilized, and support the implementation of Timor-Leste's Strategic Development Plan
- ❖ Data used for:
 - ❖ Main source of information provided to Budget Review Committee on DP projected spending.
 - ❖ Creation of donor profiles to support GoTL in meetings
 - ❖ Comparative analysis across DPs
 - ❖ Verification of no duplication
- ❖ Development Partners are expected to update their information into system

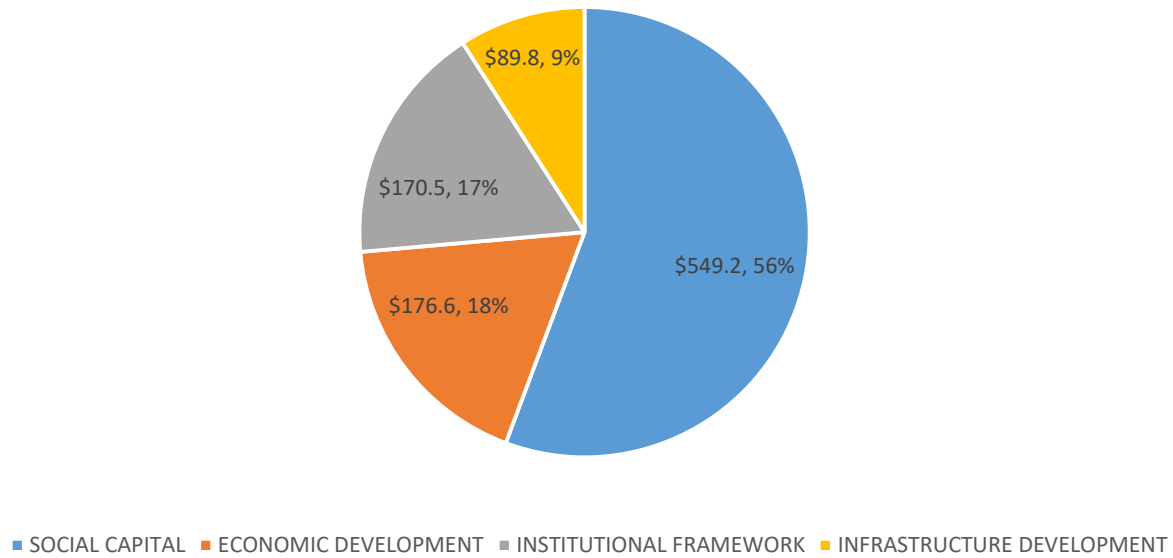
The screenshot displays the ATP Public Portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for HOME PAGE, ABOUT, GLOSSARY, REPORTS, DOCUMENTS, DASHBOARDS, AID MAP, CONTACT US, and LOGIN. The main header features the ATP logo and the text 'AID TRANSPARENCY PORTAL' in English and Tetum. Below the header, a large banner includes the Timor-Leste flag and a description of the ATP's purpose. Key statistics are presented in a table:

Total Commitments	Total Disbursements	Total Activities
3,237,640,641.417 USD	3,445,431,575.089 USD	1655

Below the statistics, there is a search bar labeled 'SEARCH ACTIVITIES' with a search button and a 'more' link. A map section titled 'EXPLORE THE MAP' shows a map of Timor-Leste with various districts marked by red circles and numbers: Bobonaro (118), Ermera (112), Ainaro (93), Manufahi (89), Manutolo, Loro Sae, and Viqueque. At the bottom, a section titled 'TOP 10 DONORS IN THE LAST YEAR' shows a table with columns for Donor Agency and Actual Disbursements (USD). The World Bank is listed as the top donor with 4,706,079.66 USD.

II. Analysis of Development Partner Programs (2019-2023)

2019-23 Non-lending Actual Disbursements by SDP Pillar



- A majority of donor funding is being channeled into the Social Capital pillar (56%), which includes Health, Education and Social Inclusion
- The biggest contributions towards the Economic Development Pillar are in the area of Agriculture (\$99m) and Rural Development (\$45m)

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SDP Sub-pillar	Non-lending Actual Disbursements	
	2019-23	% of Total
HEALTH	\$249.9	25.3%
EDUCATION AND TRAINING	\$145.2	14.7%
PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT AND GOOD GOVERNANCE	\$114.1	11.6%
AGRICULTURE	\$99.4	10.1%
SOCIAL INCLUSION	\$98.1	9.9%
ROADS AND BRIDGES	\$54.4	5.5%
RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$45.3	4.6%
SECURITY	\$32.1	3.3%
ENVIRONMENT	\$19.8	2.0%
WATER AND SANITATION	\$16.3	1.6%

- Spending in Health accounts for more than a quarter of all reported Donor spending in this period, followed by Education and Training.
- Public Sector Management and Good Governance is the third largest SDP Sub-pillar area of support. This cuts across all Government agencies and represents the need for capacity development.



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2. Challenges

- ❖ No reporting by certain DPs
- ❖ Uneven quality of the data submitted (DPs) and uneven verification of data quality (MoF)
- ❖ Shifting DP Focal Points
- ❖ Differing requests at different times (MoF)
- ❖ Aid Transparency Portal requires some training
- ❖ Uneven quality of consultations by DPs (Strategic Frameworks and Project Formulation)
- ❖ Human Resource constraints



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3. Way Forward

- ❖ The system is not perfect but we could all do better to improve the data quality. MoF will take the following steps to improve data:
 - confirmation of DP ATP focal points (by 2 May)
 - 2024 Q4 and 2025 Q1 disbursement updates & data gaps are addressed where required (by 19 May)
- ❖ Introduce the capability to report at the IX Government Constitutional Program and Sub-program level, greatly aiding in improving coordination. *MoF to circulate forms and offer trainings to aid DP focal points in easily reporting this information (to be completed by May 26)*
- ❖ MoF will reach out to collect planned disbursement information according to the Budget Calendar
- ❖ MoF commits to improving the initial project information data entry process, by doing so, we will ensure high quality data throughout the life-cycle of the project.
- ❖ In our data requests we will also inquire regarding any future consultation schedules (where relevant)
- ❖ MoF encourages DPs to provide 2024 OECD-DAC for data comparison with ATP.