

# HAMENUS LIXU PLÁSTIKU (HLP)

## KEY INFORMATION

SECTOR	Circular Economy (Environment/Climate Change)
LEAD PARTNER	Mercy Corps
DURATION	December 2019 – December 2023 (48 months)
PROJECT LOCATION	Dili and surrounding areas
TOTAL BUDGET EU	EUR 799,943
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DATE	May 05, 2023

## Background

A growing stream of plastic waste and its improper disposal threaten not only the physical beauty of Timor-Leste, but increase urban flood risks, threaten the health of communities now engaged in improper disposal of waste, undermine the economic potential of the tourism industry, and contribute to climate change risks for which the country is not now adequately prepared.

To overcome the plastic waste issue, Hamenus Lixu Plástiku project led by Mercy Corps, in partnership with co-applicant and local CSO Fundasaun Permakultura Timor Lorosa'e (PERMATIL), brings together private and public sector values and resources to limit plastic generation and better manage plastic waste.

Within this project, CSO's and micro and small businesses will play a leading role as political, social and economic actors in the plastic circular economy, primarily benefitting the city of Dili.



## Project Details

Hamenus Lixu Plástiku (Reduce Plastic Waste; HLP) is a three-year initiative aimed at limiting the generation of plastic waste and creating a Civil Society Organization (CSO)-inclusive circular economy for plastic in Timor-Leste, resulting in a cleaner, healthier and more prosperous country.

Key activities of the project includes:

1. Disseminating information through CSO-inclusive social behavior change national campaigns to increase awareness on supporting the circular economy for plastic waste management.

This includes integration of plastic recycling awareness in primary school's curriculum.

The initiative also works closely with the Secretary of State for the Environment (SSE), Ministry of Education Youth and Sports (MEYS) and partners with CSOs to work in an evidence-based, coordinated campaign.

2. Providing technical training and support to CSOs and micro and small businesses to invest in plastics circular economy business solutions and increase the supply of non-plastic alternative products and upcycled products, as well as develop their technical capacity in waste sorting techniques based on best practices.

Hamenus Lixu Plástiku initiative seeks to benefit 12,000 directly and indirectly all urban households in Dili benefiting from reduced plastic waste and improved waste management.

## Expected results

- ✓ 12,000 residents of Dili, Timor-Leste, practising Reduce, Reuse and Recycle (3Rs) behaviours
- ✓ 12 elementary schools integrated the circular economy for plastic awareness into schools extra-activity
- ✓ 250 students are trained to be environmental champions
- ✓ 1,400 students and schools communities are practising 3Rs
- ✓ 4 CSO capacitated on 3Rs awareness raising and educational campaigns
- ✓ A national campaign to increase awareness of climate change and the environment and support the circular economy for plastic developed
- ✓ 5 Recycling and Upcycling businesses investing in plastics circular economy business solutions.
- ✓ Improved coordination between stakeholders in the plastic's circular economy

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