

Stepping up the engagement of the Global Network against Food Crises (Pro-Resilience II)

KEY INFORMATION

SECTOR	Agriculture and Food Security	
LEAD PARTNER	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	
DURATION	1 February 2020 - 31 December 2023	
PROJECT LOCATION	Manatutu, Baucau, Lautem, Viqueque, Manufahi, Ainaro, Covalima and Ermera Municipalities	
TOTAL BUDGET EU	EUR 3 000 000	
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DATE	16 March 2023	

Background

Timor-Leste imports over 40% of its annual essential food needs, which include two-thirds of its rice consumption. Due to low agricultural productivity and poverty, approximately 36% of the population, or 430,000 people, are perennially food insecure.

The country is also regarded as one of the top 10 most vulnerable to natural disasters, with drought being the most common natural hazard.

The EU-funded "Pro-Resilience II" project aims to improve food security and livelihood resilience of vulnerable farming households in climate-vulnerable areas by promoting and scaling up climate-smart agriculture (CSA) technologies, disaster risk management (DRM) planning, and inclusive, gender-responsive CSA value chains.

The project benefits more than 3,000 smallholder farming households in 30 *sucos* (villages), and strengthens the national DRM system.

The project is aligned with the Timor-Leste Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030's goal of improving national food security, reducing rural poverty, and supporting the transition from subsistence farming to commercial farming of staple crops and livestock while also adapting and mitigating to climate change effects, resilience to climate-induced disasters, and conserving Timor-Leste's natural resources.



Project Details

Pro Resilience II builds on the successful achievements of the previous Pro-Resilience phase I intervention, by investing in the development of climate-smart, inclusive value-chains.

It provides support to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries' (MAF) early warning system through further development of remote sensing technologies and field data collection.

The project aims to increase agricultural productivity in up to 60-70 percent of all the cultivated areas in the country by promoting CSA/Conservation Agriculture (CA) practices and technologies through farmer field schools and demonstration plots, providing much-needed machineries and equipment, trainings on fruit-tree grafting, formulation and application of nature-based bio-pesticides.

Capacity-building and financial support is provided to line ministries in the municipalities as well as *Suco* councils to respond to the threats of climate hazards and risks.

Individual farmer beneficiaries, especially women, are provided entrepreneurship training to identify, develop, and manage their small agribusinesses.

The project focuses on capacity building at various levels, from national institutions at the central level up to extension workers and communities through participatory processes at *Suco* and *Aldea* (sub-village) levels.

At the *Suco* level, the project works through participatory community processes such as the creation of farmer groups and Farmer Field Schools (FFS) to promote CSA/CA technologies, and the *Suco* Disaster Risk Management Councils (SDRMC) to develop village-level community-based disaster risk management (CBDRM) plans.

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Expected results

This project aims to help farmers adapt to climate change and increase their economic prospects. There are three main outputs:

- ✓ 3,195 households have adopted climate-smart agriculture technologies, with 1,460 hectares practicing conservation agriculture and 5,869 farmer field school days organized.
- ✓ Community-based disaster risk management has been implemented in 30 communities/villages, with the creation of a task force to mainstream disaster risk management in the agriculture sector and training for 41 staff members.
- ✓ Value chains for climate-smart agriculture have been expanded, with adapted corn processing equipment identified and tested, six public-private partnerships for the provision of metallic silos signed, and a subsidy strategy for small mechanization equipment developed.

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