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UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator**Timor-Leste Humanitarian Country Team**

Wednesday, November 4th 2009, 1400-1530
UNMIT Conference room A

SUMMARY**1. Introduction and adoption of the agenda and matters from the previous meeting (DSRSG/RC/HC)**

- Agenda adopted, minutes were shared and no comment received.
- DSRSG Reske-Nielsen asked cluster leads of the Food Security and Nutrition clusters, WFP and FAO and UNICEF respectively, to update the HCT on recent discussions following the proposal to merge the two clusters.
- The Food Security cluster and most of those present at the HCT supported the idea of merging the two clusters. FAO pointed out that National Priority Group 1 and the UNDAF working group already deal with both Food Security and Nutrition and that in order to avoid overlapping and parallel activities by the two clusters it would be easier to merge the two. It was proposed that a merger to the two clusters would result in a Nutrition and Food Security cluster.
- UNICEF voiced dissent to the above proposal arguing that a merger of Food Security and Nutrition would bury Nutrition, which is a critically important issue in Timor-Leste. UNICEF agreed to bring the proposal of merging the two clusters to the members of the Nutrition cluster for further discussion and decision.

2. Political briefing (UNMIT Political Affairs)

- The recently held suco elections were carried out very successfully, both logistically and politically. There was less need for UN involvement in supporting the elections than there was during previous elections and Timorese leadership and management was more pro-active.
- The elections ran very smoothly and there were only very isolated incidents during the day. There was no significant political interference in the elections. Claims were made by FRETILIN that they had won significant victories but these claims were largely unsubstantiated. There was no indication of a resurgence of FRETILIN.
- Most of the issues being dealt with during the election were quite localized. The upcoming national elections next year will be much more politicized and will be much more of a barometer of the political forecast in the country.
- Marternus Bere was “transferred” from the Indonesian embassy in Dili on Thursday and driven to the border and taken to Kupang for medical treatment. Both the Timorese and Indonesian governments have been very tight lipped about this issue.
- UNMIT has not been able to confirm whether Bere was escorted to the border by the PNTL.
- Attention and news coverage have been muted because the event took place just before the long weekend. There have therefore not been any strong reactions to the incident.

3. Transitional shelter update

- At the beginning of October the Government decided to increase the maximum amount of support to \$1500 to people living in transitional sites. Following this decision movement from the camps has been rapid.
- By November 4th 2009, there are currently 141 families registered families remaining in Transitional shelter sites. 276 have already accepted the government assistance and moved out of transitional sites. Prior to movements, beginning of October 2009, approx. 425 families



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were residing in Transitional shelter sites. (Approx. 65 % of registered families have moved out, 33 % are remaining.).

- Movement from the shelters has been peaceful and has been facilitated by NRC and IOM. NRC has finished management of the shelter and has handed over responsibility to IOM.
- The current movement of families has been 2 families per day, which is quite slow. More presence of MSS staff is required to expedite the movement.
- IOM is more involved in case-load management at the moment rather than camp management as there are fewer and fewer families and the ones that remain are the most difficult cases.
- MSS/UNDP dialogue teams are participating in the mediation and resolution of cases.
- 6 particularly vulnerable cases have been identified and brought to the attention of MSS. More cases have recently come to light. These cases are related to serious psycho-social and economic issues directly related to the crisis in 2006/7.

4. Update on community infrastructure projects (IOM and UNDP)

- **UNDP:** Community projects have been identified in the following areas prioritized by the Minister y of Social Solidarity (namely Mauk/ Maluana-Lidu (rehabilitation of community centre); Mundo Perdido/ Bairro Pite (rehabilitation of a small sports complex); and Fatuhada (rehabilitation and expansion of kindergarten). Work in these locations will start before the end of the year (tendering process on-going).
- Consultations undertaken in Bebonuk to reach an agreement on the project with the community (temporary WATSAN due to land status).
- Hudilaran (youth focus) and Dom Bosco turned out to be more problematic due to standing conflicts in communities so it was agreed with SoS that dialogue teams would need to undertake mediation to pave the way for further interventions. It is unlikely that these start before the end of the year due to the leg work needed to bring people together.
- Follow up on requests received from Atsabe and Delta 3 is on-going.
- The lack of a clear indication on land tenure is causing major delays. The process is quite a lengthy one in land & property. MSS good offices would be most appreciated.
- A progress report has been submitted to MSS and the latest update meeting between UNDP and SoS took place last week for regular coordination.

- **IOM:** Completed actions: In suco Camea, Lases village, IOM purchased and deployed 2 garbage containers and in Bedois1 garbage container – this action was done in coordination with Dili District Administration – Sanitation department
- In suco Bekora, aldeia Makokomate, IOM has purchased and installed 1 garbage container - this action was equally done in coordination with Dili District Administration – Sanitation department;
- **Currently in the works:** In Camea – Fatuk Francisco, IOM is building a water distribution point (tank + pumps + drainage) – we expect works to finish in 2 or 3 weeks – IOM is working together with contractor hired by Department of Water and Sanitation DSAS to the completion of the works (the contractor is laying pipelines, fixing the pumping station)
- In terminal, IOM has placed one water tank (capacity of 20m³) – also in coordination with DNAS and DSAS' hired contractor / Probably in one week will be ready.
- In the pipeline: IOM is coordinating with DNAS interventions in the following places:

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- Suco Hera, Aldeia Halidolar – Building of two water points for populations, IOM visited the site already with DNAS. IOM is waiting for DNAS to make resources available for this project, as will be implemented jointly (hopefully next weeks we will start)
- In Suko Bekora. IOM is planning to build water distribution point in the Aldeias (Karau Mate, Kakeularan, Bekusi Sentru, Quituto, Maleke) but depends on DNSAS visit and approval, probably next week (DNAS – IOM good coordination is increasing, but needs to keep increasing to achieve better results)

IOM is designing the following projects to start tender process (all bekora suku):

- Pedestrian bridges in Romit (1) and Bekusi Kraik (2)
- Drainage works in Maukokomate;
- Drainage in Kulau leten;
- Rehabilitation works (drainage, concrete bench for stage) in youth centre surroundings in Bekora;
- DSRSG Reske-Nielsen asked IOM and UNDP how much money each project is worth and how much money has been allocated to date.
- UNDP reported that the infrastructure component of the SERC project is US\$1 million. US\$ 40,000 has been allocated per infrastructure project. Most of the money has not yet been committed. Discussions with several NGOs to facilitate implementation are ongoing.
- The IOM project is much smaller with US\$ 250,000 allocated to the overall project and US\$ 2,500 per infrastructure project. IOM is working closely with DNSAS to ensure that there is sustainability of water and sanitation projects projects, in particular for future maintenance and upkeep.
- Reske-Nielsen encouraged both UNDP And IOM to collaborate closely with the relevant NGOs to try to speed up project implementation, under the overall leadership of the Minister of Social Solidarity.

5. Presentation of the draft recovery framework document (RC Unit)

- Petra Demarin presented the latest draft of the recovery framework document which is intended to help direct the work of the clusters and to support the Government to identify and address residual recovery needs.
- Using existing assessments and monitoring reports, including the IOM monitoring reports, UNDP dialogue briefings, Provedoria reports and findings from Belun's early warning and response system among others, the clusters conducted a sector-based analysis of the current recovery situation in Timor-Leste.
- As a next step, a mapping of all recovery related projects will be conducted and analysed against the agreed upon recovery priorities to ascertain whether there are still gaps in the recovery response. 'Recovery related projects' may be either recovery or development projects which directly or indirectly address the above described recovery priorities.
- For more detail, please refer to the Recovery Framework document previously circulated or please contact Petra Demarin (petra.demarin@undp.org)

ACTION: Comments on the Recovery Framework are to be sent to Petra Demarin (petra.demarin@undp.org) by Wednesday November 11th

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- It was agreed that a questionnaire would be circulated to all HCT members regarding the continued relevance of the HCT beyond 2009.

ACTION: HCT members to submit completed questionnaires to petra.demarin@undp.org by **Friday November 13th**

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- Update on the high level food security mission, 7-14 November 2009.

The objectives of the mission are:

- To review the recent trends in food security and nutrition situation in Timor-Leste in particular in view of volatile international food prices and the economic downturn.
- Appreciate both the short and long term responses of the Government, development partners and other stakeholders to the current food crisis;
- Review the longer term existing initiatives (policies, strategies, plans) by the Government and different partners in support of food and nutrition security and evaluate their coherence;
- Understand the priority given by the Government and its partners (UN agencies, World bank, donors, NGOs) to address longer-term food security, nutrition, and the development of smallholder agriculture;
- Review the existing coordination mechanisms to improve food and nutrition security in the country and evaluate challenges;
- Discuss the ways through which improved coordination and partnerships for food could be achieved with the support of the HLTF agencies.

For more detailed information please contact Geraldine Arias (Geraldine.arias@undp.org)

- Announcement of GIS event to be held in Casa Europa, November 18-25
- Update on the newly established UN Disaster Risk Management group to be chaired by UNDP

*Please visit “The Cluster System in Timor-Leste website” for more information on Recovery and Contingency Planning activities by the Clusters.
(<http://sites.google.com/site/clusterstimorleste>).*

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