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Transitional Shelter Update

As of 1st February 2010, 50 families remain in transitional shelters. These families include: 18 families in Quarantina, 13 in Becora Market and 19 in Becora Unital. IOM and UNDP dialogue teams continue to provide mediation services to the remaining families.

UNDP Dialogue Initiatives

The attached maps illustrate the number and locations of UNDP dialogue initiatives implemented or planned since the beginning of the project in 2008. Preparations for four dialogue meetings are on-going, three for Dili and one for Ermera, and are scheduled to take place during the first quarter of 2010.

Preview of IOM's 4th Round Post-Return Monitoring Report

IOM will be releasing its latest post-return monitoring report shortly. The report examines chefe de aldeias' perceptions on the return and reintegration process covering the period from March 2009-May 2009. The report covers displacement and returns, destruction and rehabilitation of homes, receptivity to return and reintegration, general stability in the village, and access to basic services and livelihood opportunities.

more employment (29.4%)

employment skills training (20.6%)

increased water supply (17.0%)

Interventions identified as having a positive impact on resettlement, according to IOM's report.

Message from the Humanitarian Coordinator Finn Reske-Nielsen

The IDP situation in Dili is close to being resolved thanks to the efforts of the Government of Timor-Leste with the support of the international community. I would also like to congratulate the members of the Humanitarian Country Team for their continued support for the implementation of the National Recovery Strategy. I would like to further underline the importance of resolving the remaining IDP challenges in accordance with agreed international standards and human rights.



Monitoring of reintegration in communities of return has continued throughout 2009 and will continue for the first half of 2010. It is expected that thereafter dialogue and post-return monitoring teams will be absorbed into the newly established Peace-building Unit in the Ministry of Social Solidarity, thereby establishing a national capacity for conflict resolution and mediation within the Government.

Recovery programmes, led by the Ministry of Social Solidarity, benefiting returnees and receiving communities alike, are well underway and will continue at least until October 2010. It is imperative that recovery issues continue to be addressed by both humanitarian and development partners (national and international) and that appropriate linkages between recovery and development planning be established and included in national planning priorities.

With the closure of all camps in Timor-Leste and the removal of the last visible signs of the impact of the conflict, the temptation is to stop focusing on recovery priorities and transition to regular development programming and planning. While many of the remaining challenges are not specifically recovery challenges – finding gainful employment is a challenge for all Timorese – failure to ensure that these challenges are addressed, particularly in communities of return, could result in a relapse into conflict.

Recovery Coordination

Community Infrastructure

IOM holds regular meetings with UNDP's SERC project under the overall leadership of the MSS in order to coordinate work and avoid overlapping and duplication of infrastructure provision. In these meetings the possibility of collaboration of the two agencies has been considered for relevant projects. As a result of this coordination, the draft Terms of Reference for Community Infrastructure Technical Working Group (CITWG) were elaborated and will be implemented soon.

Land and Property Mediation Working Group

The first meeting of the year was held at the new National Directorate of Land and Property (DNTP) building on 15th January. The meeting was led by Ita Nia Rai with participation from MSS, UNDP, Belun, and IOM. The outcome of the meeting was an agreement to hold a workshop to share mediation experiences and to continue to support the public information awareness meetings headed by Ita Nia Rai.

Hamutuk Hari'i Konfiansa (HKK)

All ten projects funded under the UNDP NGO Small Grants Project finished their activities in 2009. The Ministry of Social Solidarity requested that the project continue for another year to support the final year of the implementation of the Hamutuk Hari'i Konfiansa pillar of the National Recovery Strategy. AusAID provided an additional contribution to fund the extension of the project in 2010 in the amount of US\$500,000.



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On 29th January, the Minister of Social Solidarity held the official launch of the Manual of Good Construction Practices, Mai Harii Uma Diak.

5,000 copies have been distributed to communities and to victims of recent flooding in Hera.

The Project Selection Committee (consisting of MSS, UNDP and AusAID) selected eight organisations for funding in 2010 (five national organisations and three international organisations). They are the East Timor Crises Reflection Network, Ba Futuru, CARE International, Caritas Australia, CRS, Renetil, Kolega da Paz, and the office of the Provedor. Activities will be targeting "at risk" communities and youth, and will be implemented across all districts of Timor-Leste.

Recovery Framework

In order to direct the work of the clusters and to support the Government to identify and address residual recovery needs, the clusters engaged in a situational analysis of the humanitarian / recovery situation in Timor-Leste using the 2008 Transitional Strategy and Appeal situational analysis as a benchmark. Using existing assessments and monitoring reports, including the IOM monitoring reports, UNDP dialogue briefings, Provedoriat reports and findings from Belun's early warning and response system among others, the clusters have conducted sector-based analysis of the current recovery situation in Timor-Leste.

This document has been shared with the Government in order to ensure review, discussion and validation of this framework. For more information please contact Petra Demarin (petra.demarin@undp.org).

Department of Peace-Building and Social Cohesion

UNDP has supported strategic planning and identified the institutional setting for the establishment in 2010 of a Department of Peace-Building and Social Cohesion (DPBSC) under the National Directorate of Social Assistance in the Ministry of Social Solidarity. With the UNDP Dialogue Project coming to an end in 2010 the DPBSC will assume the longer term role of addressing peace-building needs in Timor-Leste. The capacity developed within the MSS/UNDP dialogue teams over the past two years, including mediation, dialogue, facilitation and conflict transformation skills, will be absorbed into the new department as a part of the Government's permanent structure. The composition of the DPBSC will inherit the current structure of MSS/UNDP dialogue teams; Dialogue and Mediation Unit, Training, Monitoring & Evaluation Unit, Community Strengthening Unit and Regional teams in the West and in the East of the country.

Contingency Planning

United Nations System Inter-Agency Contingency Plan for Pandemic Influenza

The purpose of the Contingency Plan is to ensure a timely, consistent and coordinated response by the UN to the current influenza pandemic. The overall objectives of this plan are to:

- minimise the impact of the influenza pandemic on the health and safety of UN staff and their dependents;
- · maintain essential functions of the UN; and
- effectively support the Government's response activities and its effort to maintain the delivery of essential services to the most vulnerable categories of the population.

The plan is considered work-in-progress and will be revised regularly, as the global situation evolves. It is based on the guidelines produced by the UN, UN Medical Services and the World Health Organization (WHO) (2009).

Camp Coordination and Camp Management / Shelter Cluster

The Camp Coordination and Camp Management/Shelter cluster recently developed its hazard matrix, terms of reference (which reflect changes due to the amalgamation of both clusters) and continues to update relevant sections on the ICCG website. A list of available resources has been provided to the Inter-Cluster Coordination Working Group (ICCG) which could be used in case of an emergency, including non-food items and transportation.

Inter-agency Multi-sectorial Rapid Assessment Form finalized

An inter-agency multi-sectoral rapid assessment form has been finalized by the clusters and is available on the Timor-Leste cluster website: http://sites.google.com/site/clusterstimorleste/

Disaster Risk Management

UNDP

During the last months of 2009 and January 2010 the UNDP DRM Project finalised sets of procedures for the National Disaster Operations Centre and District level centres and supported training in those procedures. The project also completed training in information management tools for the NDMD and districts, including a damage database and GIS risk analysis tool (DRMInfo). The second desk-top exercise in disaster response management for national agencies was conducted on 23 November 2009, with participants recommending continued exercises and drills to improve coordination and operational planning capacity. For more information please contact James Hardman (james.hardman@undp.org).

IOM

IOM continued to provide management and administrative support to the National Disaster of Social Assistance (NDOC), National Disaster Management Directorate (NDMD) and District Disaster Management Committees (DDMC) under its Disaster Risk Reduction project, funded by AusAid.

WFP Dissemination of Disaster Vulnerability Information

WFP Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (VAM) unit has mapped the Military Liaison Group (MLG) food security reports since September 2009. In the maps, WFP highlights the villages reportedly suffering from the insufficient food intake. Apart from that, WFP monitors market prices and stock availability regarding 11 food commodities and 2 nonfood commodities in 10 Districts. The map and the market price date are updated and analyzed on a monthly basis. WFP shares with UNMIT and other humanitarian agencies the information on villages highly vulnerable to disasters and other shocks. For more information please contact WFP Representative, Joan Fleuren (joan.fleuren@wfp.org).



DRMInfo is a tool for organizing, analyzing and presenting geographical, socio-economic and other useful scientific information to support Disaster Risk Management decisions.

It is an adaptation of the UNICEF DevInfo 6.0 software for specific use in Timor-Leste, and contains local maps and information. For more information please contact James Hardman (james. hardman@undp.org).



Trocaire is currently implementing a project to strengthen the structure of the DDMCs in Ermera and Manufahi.

Emergency response to flooding

Approximately 6,669 people were affected by flooding in the Dili area in December 2009 and early January 2010. More than 5,351 people received food and non-food items from the Ministry of Social Solidarity including cooking pots, blankets, noodles, sardines etc.

17 houses were completely destroyed by the flooding, 31 houses were slightly damaged and 33 houses were partially damaged. The Government's response to the flooding needed minimal support by international partners, which is a very positive development as it indicates increased national capacity for disaster response.



Catholic Relief Services (CRS) also started to implement their project to support the Disaster Risk Management structures in Baucau and Viqueque

WFP and AusAID Warehouses handed-over to the Government

On 1 February 2010, the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MSS) took formal possession of three warehouses that were rehabilitated or constructed in a project financed by AusAID and implemented by WFP. Three warehouses have been completed, providing storage capacity for emergency food and non food-items, thereby giving the Government of Timor-Leste a considerable boost in emergency response capacity.

- Dili: Rehabilitation completed; Capacity ca 1,800 mt for food items;
- Los Palos: Rehabilitation completed; Capacity ca 600 mt for food and non-food-items.
- Same: New, construction completed; capacity ca 1,000 mt for food and non-food-items.

Training and capacity building of Government staff is ongoing.

Same warehouse "before" and "after" the project



Before (October 2008)

Photographs by: WFP / Maarten Van Driel



After (February 2010)

UN Virtual Library for Timor-Leste

The purpose of the UN Virtual Library for Timor-Leste is to consolidate publications, research and key documents produced by the UN System in Timor-Leste in one place for easy reference. The Library was developed by the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator with contributions from the Country Team. Many thanks to Vincent Fung, Information Management Specialist, for his contributions, including design and development of the Virtual Library with support from the UNDP IT Unit. Comments or suggested additions to the Virtual Library are welcome. Please send your comments to vincent.fung@undp.org and geraldine.arias@undp.org.

You can access the library at: http://www.tl.undp.org/un-library/.

Cluster Updates



Camp Coordination and Camp Management / Emergency Shelter

The Camp Coordination and Camp Management cluster and the Emergency Shelter cluster have officially merged. IOM co-leads the new cluster with Norwegian Refugee Council. Currently, activities are being developed in accordance with the CCCM/Shelter Work-Plan. As such, IOM and NRC are discussing the potential provision of CCCM training to local authorities from NDMD and DDMC.



Food Security

WFP has been working closely with the Food Security Unit (FSU) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) and FAO to develop a Food Security Information and Early Warning System, which will be used by District Food Security Committees and the FSU to monitor local changes in food security and improve mitigation and response.

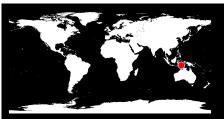
The fist round of food security assessment was held at the end of 2008 and the current round started in November 2009 in 6 of the 13 districts. As of 29 January 2010, the FSU launched its verification visits to vulnerable villages in 4 Districts (Baucau, Bobonaro, Lautem and Oecusse) with logistics support from WFP and CONCERN Worldwide. WFP together with the MAF technical officials participated in the FAO-organized Food Security Information and Early Warning System mission in January 2010. The system will be rolled out to all 13 districts in 2010.



Protection

The protection cluster has a new chairperson, Ilona Stanely, UNMIT Human Rights. She can be reached at stanelyi@un.org.

Symbols in this Humanitarian and Recovery Update are from the Humanitarian Symbol Set (http://ungiwg.org).



The Humanitarian and Recovery Update aims at providing consolidated information on humanitarian and recovery issues to key stakeholders, including the donor community in Timor-Leste. The Update is based on voluntary information inputs from UNMIT, UN Agencies, Funds, Programmes, NGO members of the Humanitarian Country Team, and other partners. Inputs for the Updates are consolidated jointly by the Humanitarian Coordination Unit and the Office of the Resident Coordinator. Contributions and comments can be sent to: Nadia Hadi (hadin@un.org / +670-731-1643) and Petra Demarin (petra.demarin@undp.org / +670-731-1687).

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Dialogue Meetings, Preparatory Meetings and Mediations: July - December 2008

The Dialogue Project aims to address the root causes of conflict in communities through promoting dialogue and mediation, including the use of cultural conflict resolution mechanisms, and better public access to relevant information to support smooth and sustainable reintegration of IDPs and promote social cohesion in communities. **Number of Mediations Number of Meetings by Location** Mediations* are conducted between conflicting parties, individuals No mediations Dialogue Australian Government and/or families over land, secondary occupation and/or border issues. Less than 50 TOTAL Preparatory meetings are relatively small meetings organised to Preparatory 50 - 100 help IDPs and various groups in the community identify issues for discussion, resolve obstacles and define the proper mechanisms to More than 100 be used in the dialogue meeting. Dialogue meetings are large community meetings involving IDPs, host communities, government officials and relevant stakeholders to seek agreement on the reintegration of IDPs and build mutual relationships among the conflicting parties in order to resolve problems in communities. Metinaro MANATUTO Cristo Rei Nain Feto LIQUICA Vera Cruz ALIEU 16 Dialogue Baucau Ermera **Total Mediations Total Meetings**

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