Timor-Leste

Timor-Leste is a lower middle-income country and a least developed country with a GNI of 1,790 USD per capita (2017) and a population of 1.3 million inhabitants (2017). In the 2018 Monitoring Round, Timor-Leste reported on 239 million USD in development co-operation flows.

1. National development planning and results orientation

**Overall quality of national results framework**

High-quality, inclusive and results-oriented development strategies are critical for countries’ ownership over their development and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The quality of national development planning in Timor-Leste is low (53%).

The national development strategy and results framework...

- ... defines priorities, targets and indicators
- ... includes budget or costing information
- ... aligns to SDGs
- Regular progress reports are available

Timor-Leste: 53%
LDCs: 79%

Extant of use of country-owned results frameworks by development partners

Development partner alignment to country-led development priorities is at the heart of country ownership. Global Partnership monitoring assesses whether interventions: draw objectives from national development strategies; draw indicators from country results frameworks; use government data and statistics for monitoring; and involve government in evaluations. The first three elements provide the official data to report on SDG indicator 17.15.1.

In Timor-Leste, development partners align to country priorities to a medium extent (64% - SDG indicator 17.15.1).

2. Multi-stakeholder engagement

Recognising that successful development efforts require the inclusive and equitable participation of all actors, the 2030 Agenda calls for collective action by the whole of society. Global Partnership monitoring examines the engagement of civil society and the private sector from both the perspective of the government and representatives of these stakeholder groups.

**Quality of public-private dialogue**

Government representatives perceive the quality of public-private dialogue as consolidating and large private sector firms as emerging.

**Enabling environment for civil society organisations**

... was reported as moderate by government representatives, basic by civil society organisations and extensive by development partners.
3. Quality and use of public financial management systems

Strengthening public financial management systems
Strong public financial management (PFM) systems are an essential element of good governance and vital to achieving development goals. Timor-Leste experienced progress in the quality of its PFM systems.

Development partners’ use of country systems
Development partners’ use of these systems to deliver co-operation both lowers transaction costs but also helps to accelerate their strengthening. In Timor-Leste, use of country PFM systems decreased from 27% in 2016 to 14% in 2018. Further, legislative oversight of the budget has improved. The share of development co-operation recorded on budgets subject to parliamentary scrutiny increased from 40% in 2016 to 68% in 2018.

Overall use of country systems
- Budget execution: 18% (2016: 16%)
- Financial reporting: 9% (2016: 6%)
- Auditing: 15% (2016: 14%)
- Procurement systems: 49% (2016: 46%)

Trend 2018 vs 2016
- Disbursements as scheduled: 73% vs 84%
- Medium-term predictability: 66% vs 94%

Systems to track development co-operation in Timor-Leste
- AIMS: Aid Information Management System
- DMS: Debt Management System
- FMIS: Financial Management Information Systems
- Other: Excel-based systems or similar

4. Predictability and forward planning

High-quality and timely information on development co-operation helps governments in planning and managing resources for results and can guide development partners in coordinating their support with other providers, as to avoid fragmentation and duplication of efforts. Annual predictability of development co-operation is low, with 73% of co-operation disbursed as scheduled. Medium-term predictability is high, with 94% of co-operation available in forward looking expenditure plans for the next three years.

5. Mutual accountability mechanisms

Mutual accountability underpins the efforts of development actors to meet joint commitments, improve how they work together and increase their development effectiveness. Mutual accountability mechanisms are made up of multiple, reinforcing components that can help enhance transparency and accountability at country level. Global Partnership monitoring defines and assesses mutual accountability against five components. Timor-Leste has one out of five components in place.

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