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*CDT-TL and MCC visited classroom and interact with students from Ensino Secundaria Geral (ESG) 4 Setembro UNAMET Balide on July 20, 2022*

## **COMPACT DEVELOPMENT TEAM TIMOR-LESTE (CDT-TL)**

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## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AASHTO	: American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
ADB	: Asian Development Bank
ADN	: <i>Agência de Desenvolvimento Nacional</i> / National Development Agency
AdP	: <i>Águas de Portugal</i>
ANLA	: <i>Autoridade Nacional Licenciamento Ambiental</i> /National Authority for Licensing Authority
ANAS, ip	: <i>Autoridade Nacional para a Agua e Sanemanent</i> / National Authority for Water and Sanitation
ANATL	: <i>Administração de Aeroportos e Navegação Aérea de Timor-Leste</i> / Air Navigation Administration of Timor-Leste
APORTIL	: <i>Autoridade Portuária de Timor-Leste</i> / Timor-Leste’s Port Authority
BTL, ep	: <i>Bee Timor-Leste</i>
CAIA	: <i>Comissão de Avaliação de Impacto Ambiental</i> / Environmental Impact Assessment Committee
CDF	: Compact Development Fund
CCI-TL	: <i>Câmara do Comércio e Indústria de Timor-Leste</i> / Timor-Leste Chamber of Commerce and Industry
CDT-TL	: Compact Development Team Timor-Leste
CIGC	: <i>Centro Integrado de Gestão de Crises</i> / Integrated Crisis Management Centre
COE	: Center of Excellence (COE)
COVID-19	: Coronavirus Disease of 2019
CSIL	: <i>Colégio Santo Inácio de Loyola</i> /Saint Ignatius of Loyla College
CSO	: Civil Society Organization
DED	: Detailed Engineering Design (DED)
DFAT	: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
DGAS	: <i>Direção Geral de Água e Saneamento</i> / General Directorate of Water and Sanitation
DNPC	: <i>Direção Nacional de Prevenção de Conflitos</i> / National Directorate of Conflict Prevention
DNSA	: <i>Direção Nacional de Serviço de Água</i> / National Directorate of Water Service
DNSB	: <i>Direção Nacional de Saneamento Básico</i> / National Directorate of Basic Sanitation
DNTPSC	: <i>Direção Nacional das Terras Propriedades e Servicos Cadatstrais</i> / National Directorate of Land and Property and Cadastral Services
DMA	: Dili Municipal Authority
GPN	: General Procurement Notification
EDTL,ep	: Electricity Timor-Leste
ELC`	: External Legal Counsel
ESIA	: Environment and Social Impact Assessment
ESG	: <i>Ensino Secundário Geral</i> /General Secondary School
ESTV	: <i>Eskola Tékniku Vokasionál</i> /Technical Vocational School
FIDIC	: <i>Fédération Internationale des Ingénieurs-Conseils</i>
GBV	: Gender Based Violence
GoTL	: Government of Timor-Leste
GSI	: Gender and Social Inclusion

IBTCI	: International Business and Technical Consultant Inc
IC	: Installation Committee
IDM	: Investment Decision Memo
IM	: Investment Management
INFORDEPE	: <i>Instituto Nacional de Formação de Docentes e Profissionais da Educação/</i> National Institute for Training of Teachers and Education Professionals
ISJB	: Instituto São João de Brito
ITG	: Inter-Ministerial Technical Group
JICA	: Japan International Cooperation Agency
KONEKTIL	: <i>Komisaun Nasional Edukasaun Katolika Timor-Leste/</i> The National Commission for Catholic Education of Timor-Leste
KII	: Key Informant Interview
M&E	: Monitoring and Evaluation
MAF	: Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
MCA-TL	: Millennium Challenge Account Timor-Leste
MCC	: Millennium Challenge Corporation
MEYS	: Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport
MFAC	: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation
MHESC	: Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Culture
MLRPA	: Ministry of Legislative Reform and Parliamentary Affairs
MoF	: Ministry of Finance
MoH	: Ministry of Health
MoI	: Ministry of Interior
MoJ	: Ministry of Justice
MPCM	: Ministry of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers
MPW	: Ministry of Public Works
MoSA	: Ministry of State Administration
PIA	: Program Implementation Agreement
PMC	: Project Management Consultant
PPR	: <i>Proposta Projétu Rezolusaun/</i> Resolution Project Proposal
RCD	: Resident Country Director
QDRP	: Quarterly Disbursement Request Package
SBC	: Social Behavior Change
SEA	: <i>Secretário de Estado do Ambiente/</i> Secretary of State for the Environment
SEII	: <i>Secretário de Estado para a Igualdade e Inclusão</i> Secretary of State for Equality and Inclusion
SEPC	: <i>Secretário de Estado da Proteção Civil/</i> Secretary of State for Civil Protection
SETP	: <i>Secretário de Estado das Terras e Propriedades/</i> Secretary of State for Land and Property
SIRPF	: Social Impact and Resettlement Policy Framework
SM	: Scoping Mission
SOW	: Scope of Work
TALENT	: Teaching and Leading the Next Generation of Timorese
TEP	: Team Evaluation Panel
TIP	: Trafficking in Person
TLCE	: Timor-Leste Coalition for Education
ToC	: Theory of Change

- ToR : Term of Reference
- TRC : Technical Review Committee
- TVPA : Trafficking Victims Protection Act
- UNAMET : United Nations Mission in East Timor
- UNICEF : United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund
- USA : United States of America
- WB : World Bank
- WSD : Water Treatment, Sanitation and Drainage
- WSI : Women Social Inclusion



*MCC Acting Vice President of Compact Operations Honorable Cameron Alford and Vice President of MCC, Honorable Jonathan Brooks conducted site visit to the potential WSD affected intervention areas in Bebobnuk and Bairopite Dili, on July 18, 2022*



*MCC Acting Vice President of Compact Operations Honorable Cameron Alford and Vice President of MCC, Honorable Jonathan Brooks conducted site visit to ESG-UNAMET Balide and ESTV Becora to interact with students and school leadership that will benefit from MCC’s education investments under the TALENT Project on July 20, 2022*



## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The VIII Constitutional Government of Timor-Leste (GoTL) established the Compact Development Team Timor-Leste (CDT-TL) in March 2019. CDT-TL is mandated to lead, manage and facilitate the development of the Compact Program in Timor-Leste. As soon as the CDT-TL was established, MCC sent its mission to Timor-Leste to undertake consultation and identification of programs. The CDT-TL identified four programs for Compact: (1) Water, Sanitation, and Drainage; (2) Nutrition; (3) Education; and (4) Commercial Dispute Resolution. After a lengthy consultation and due diligence, on September 11, 2019, the Council for Ministers approved only two of the four programs: Water Treatment, Sanitation, and Drainage as the suitable approach to combating stunting, and Education Programs focus on Secondary School teachers and leadership training. On October 29, 2019: CDT-TL submits the approved Compact Project Proposals to MCC Investment Management Committee-IMC for approval.

In 2020 CDT-TL in collaboration with line Ministries and with the support of MCC began the feasibility studies for Water, Sanitation and Drainage. Similar activities were carried out with MEYS and the MHESC for the Education Project. Based on the timeline, the United States of America and Timor-Leste would sign the compact agreement in October 2020; unfortunately, the signature of the agreement was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2021 CDT-TL and MCC continued leading feasibility studies on the remaining studies that provide key data and information to finalize the details and scope of the project designs on WSD and TALENT Education Project. A delegation from the MCC, led by Ms. Hana Schheetz Freimiller, MCC Country Team Lead Timor-Leste visited Dili from July 20, to August 5, 2021 to advance Timor-Leste's Compact program development. This visit was conducted in a very difficult period where Timor-Leste, United States of America and the world are facing global pandemic, COVID-19. However, the return of MCC Delegation to Dili shows the strong commitment of MCC to the realization of the Timor-Leste Compact Program.

This annual progress report presents the tremendous progress and achievements on the compact development process in Timor-Leste. CDT-TL and MCC concluded feasibility studies on the WSD and Education project and fulfill all the criteria to enable a compact agreement negotiation between GovTL and USA's MCC starts. The compact agreement negotiation between Government of Timor-Leste and the United States of America's Millennium Challenge Corporation was successfully conducted in April 2023.

Building on the success of the compact agreement negotiation, GovTL and the United States of America's MCC decided to sign a compact agreement on July 19, 2022. The event was conducted in Dili, Timor-Leste. This event also marked 20 years of bilateral relations between Timor-Leste and the United States of America. This was for the first time in the history of Timor-Leste received multi-million US dollars in an amount of US\$420 to invest on two main projects, one for the improvement of the water quality, sanitation and drainage system and the other in the area of education and training for General Secondary and Technic Vocational's teachers and leaders. The first includes water treatment, sewage, drainage systems, the

strengthening of institutions and regulatory bodies, and the creation of a solid supply of water and sewage for domestic use. The second will include a New Centre of Excellence for the training of new teachers that will ensure quality standards and leadership.

A part from the achievements this report, CDT-TL also registered several main activities and outcomes in 2022 and it's summarized as follows:

**Management of Compact Program:** in 2019, the Government of Timor-Leste and MCC agreed to allocate 7,380,000.00 for compact program development in Timor-Leste. However, the Government and MCC have amended the Compact Development Fund (CDF) in 2020 and increased it from US\$ 7,380,000.00 to US\$ 11,050,000.00. Furthermore, in 2021, MCC has increased the grants again to \$14,050,000. The amendment was intended to align the use of grants to the proposed Compact projects.

During this reporting period, the development of the Compact Program is in the phase of finalizing the feasibility studies for the WSD and Education projects and undertaking environmental impact assessment as well as Social Behavior Change (SBC) Research; identifying and measuring the economic impact; and preparing the Compact funding agreement.

**Water Treatment, Sanitation and Drainage (WTSD) Project:** The WSD Infrastructure Project contains three activities that will help to reduce diarrheal disease burden by reducing exposure to sanitary waste and pathogens in drinking and washing water and in households and the environment. The project consists of a Disinfection Activity that includes design and construction of an Onsite Sodium Hypochlorite Generation (OSHG) disinfection facility for wastewater disinfection and drinking-water disinfection for Dili and four remote districts of Timor-Leste; a Sanitation Activity that includes design and construction of a new Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and Ocean Outfall in Dili, wastewater collection systems, and wastewater connections in structured and unstructured areas funded by the Government of Timor-Leste (GoTL); and an Associated Drainage Activity that includes limited construction of in-street box culverts in areas where conflicts with sewer lines would otherwise occur.

The project will initially provide water supply disinfectant for approximately 108,000 residents of Dili, and 64,000 residents of four adjacent capital municipalities of Aileu, Liquiça, Ermera and Manatuto municipalities. The MCC funded treatment and conveyance infrastructure is sized to collect wastewater from up to 300,909 residents of Dili (as projected in 2036 in accordance with the 2018 Sanitation Master plan) when additional upstream conveyance infrastructure and collection systems are constructed.

In 2022, CDT-TL continued to collaborate with BTL, EP and The Ministry of Public Works (MoPW as the main stakeholders for the WSD Project. Likewise, Engagement with the Project Stakeholders such as the Secretariat of State for the Environment and ANLA, Land and

Property include Engagement activity with Water Supply project and Engagement activity with Dili Solid Waste Management Project (DSWMP).

Furthermore, in 2022, CDT-TL WSD team also visited four municipalities, such as Manatuto, Baucau, Lautem, and Viqueque. The objective of conducting the field trip was to meet and to update the President and the director of water, sanitation and drainage of the fourth Municipalities on the progress of the Compact Projects. CDT-TL team also conducted a site visit to the existing water treatment plant including the observation on chemical storage tank for water treatment and the public water supply sources.

**Education TALENT Project:** In January 2022, the MCC’s project team proposed to have a name for the education project. Thus, MCC proposed to CDT-TL a list of the education project names. After a number of discussions the MCC and CDT-TL agreed to name the Education Project as Teaching and Leading the Next Generation of Timorese (TALENT) Project Note pronounced “Talent Project”.

The CDT-TL and MCC reviewed the 2nd Draft of the Education Project’s Design Study. The Next reiteration of the design study is called the design report or Investment Decision Memo Report. On Sept. 8, MCC shared the final draft of the IDM report prepared by IBF to CDT-TL and GoTL for review. CDT-TL education team consolidated all the feedback from both Ministries (MEYS and MHESC), including INFORDEPE, and shared them with MCC to review before sending them back to IBF for amendment. The final revision will be sent back to MCC and GoTL for a non-objection review.

CDT-TL and MCC also reviewed the Supplementary Analysis of the Secondary Education National Curriculum. MCC shared the report on the curriculum review activity with CDT-TL and GoTL for further discussion. The analysis includes the revision of the curriculum of the third cycle or junior secondary education which is accordingly essential to understand the learning progression of students before reaching the secondary level. The findings of the report are worth noting and as a matter of fact, the report recommends a full reform of the general secondary curriculum rather than just revising it. This is to help align with the national education strategic plan for 2020-2024 and correspond to the Sustainable Development Goal (4) which guarantees quality and equity education for all by 2030.

Furthermore CDT-TL also undertook several activities prior to the Compact Negotiation in Washington from April 11-15, 2022. The activities were critical to inform the nature of the education project that would be reflected in the Compact document. The information collected through meeting with various key stakeholders to gather relevant information and shared it with IBF who would use the design study work. CDT-TL conducted a meeting with the Executive Director of the National Agency for Academic Assessment and Accreditation (ANAAA) to learn more about the criteria or guidelines to start a new higher education institution. As a result, the Executive Director shared with CDT-TL an electronic copy of the criteria for setting up a new higher institution in Timor-Leste

Likewise CDT-TL discussed about Temporary Home for the Center of Excellence (CoE). One of the important components of the establishment of the CoE for Timor-Leste’s end was to indicate the institutional home for the center of excellence. The CoE would be a public and



autonomous institution but not independent and so it would need a shelter that would sustain its survival over time after the life of the compact implementation. After a number of discussions MHESC agreed to take the CoE under its care. This decision was reaffirmed by GoTL during the compact negotiation in Washington in April 2022. This was critical for MCC to ensure the sustainability of the CoE moving forward in the future after the life of the Compact implementation.

CDT-TL also organized site visits with representatives from MEYS, MHESC and MCC to the UNTL property in Hera. The UNTL's management team in Hera would conduct a tour around the designated location for the CoE building construction. UNTL had issued a letter of dispatch for the use of the land in Hera for the CoE building construction. Minister Longuinhos dos Santos of MHESC has sent a letter to the Ministry of Justice requesting the entitlement of the land for CoE.

Apart from these activities CDT-TL and MCC also discussed with GovTL on the Condition Precedents (CPs). Condition Precedents (CPs) were conditions or items that were needed to be in place prior to the Compact project implementation. These were the commitments that the government of Timor-Leste needed to agree with and be included in the Compact document that would be signed in July by the government of Timor-Leste and the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

**Gender and Social Inclusion (GSI)** is considered as one of the main components of the MCC's investment in Timor-Leste. During the 2022 period, the CDT-TL, in collaboration with MCC, supported and facilitated the 'IBF to conduct research to find the format of 'Improving Secondary School Teacher and Leadership Quality' in Timor-Leste.

Apart from ensuring quality and access, in consultation between CDT-TL and MCC Washington, had discussed and proposed GSI component include gender analysis to the secondary education system which is focused on 'girls' participation in the secondary education system & Inclusivity, challenges for women to become school's leaders, as well as challenges of female teachers in career development.

**Social Behavior Change (SBC)** is a component of the Water Sanitation and Drainage Project of MCC Investment. During this reporting period, CDT-TL has conducted assessments in several Municipalities such as Manatuto, Baucau, Lautem and Viqueque, Liquisa to identify community habits in managing drinking water at the household level and community participation in maintaining the infrastructure of water facilities in these districts. The SBC component is also important in ensuring that households adopt the necessary changes in their household's practices managing drinking water and utilizing drinking water facilities at the household level. MCC and CDT have made film recordings about the practice of managing WSD at Household Level in order to increase the awareness and knowledge of households in carrying out best-practices using WSD new facilities at House Hold Level facilities.

Mitigating risks related to **Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Trafficking in Person (TIP)** is important for both projects. Construction works (both for the WSD and CoE) represents

specific risks related to forced labor, sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment, etc., especially to communities near project sites. Therefore, it needs to ensure the proper training is provided to construction workers and employees and impacted communities also receive awareness rising. Furthermore, addressing risks of violence in schools (physical violence, sexual violence, bullying) as part of the teacher’s and leader’s trainings will be important.

**Challenges:** The main challenges that the CDT-TL faced during the period of January-December 2022 was the late responses from the related Government’s Institution in the country to the key required documents and information that needed for the further steps and decision makings such a Joint Diploma Ministerial, no objection letters from ANLA and other related Institutions.

**Way Forward:** The CDT-TL will continue to make all efforts to have the Millenium Challenge Account Timor-Leste established in 2023. The CDT-TL will also continue to support the completion of the feasibility studies for Education TALENT Project. The CDT-TL was grateful for all the support rendered by the Government's Ministries and other relevant stakeholders and continued to look forward to working closely with all entities in ensuring the effective implementation of Compact Investment in Timor-Leste.



Amb. Pinto welcomed the Honorable Alice P. Alright, CEO-MCC to meet with all CDT team on May 20, 2022



Amb. Pinto welcomed Gigi Goodhart, Resident Country Director, Timor-Leste (Incoming) to CDT-TL Headquarters on July 17, 2022

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

This report is developed with the aim to provide information on the progress of the Compact Development Program Process in Timor-Leste. This report covered information on the activities conducted by Compact Development Team Timor-Leste (CDT-TL) from January to December 2022.

Building on the success of the Government of Timor-Leste's threshold program on strengthening anti-corruption efforts and enhancing access to immunization services 2010-2014 and its strong performance on the MCC scorecard, MCC selected Timor-Leste to develop a compact in 2017. The Government of Timor-Leste with support from MCC identified the country's key constraints to economic growth in 2017-2018.

Based on its constraints analysis, both the GoTL and MCC approved two main Compact projects for Timor-Leste, which focuses on Water Treatment, Sanitation and Drainage (WSD) project and Education TALENT Project. The objective of WSD Project is to reduce fecal pathogens in piped and stored drinking water and groundwater and the Education TALENT Project is aimed to improve student learning outcomes.

During this reporting period, CDT-TL registered a major achievement of the compact development program for Timor-Leste. The compact agreement negotiation between Timor-Leste and MCC was successfully conducted in New York, April 2022. Following the negotiation Timor-Leste and the United States of America, through MCC, finally signed a compact agreement in Dili, Timor-Leste on July 19, 2022. The compact agreement has been ratified by the National Parliament of Timor-Leste, promulgated by the President of RDTL, H.E. Jose Ramos Horta. Furthermore, Decree law N.º 96 / 2022 for the establishment of the Millennium Challenge Account Timor-Leste (MCA-TL) was approved by the Council Ministers and promulgated by the President of Republic on December 30, 2022.

In addition, CDT-TL also successfully organized and supported three MCC missions to Timor-Leste in order to follow up necessary data needed WSD project, the Talent Education Project. On the other hand, discuss important steps to be carried out next related to the signing of Program Implementation Agreement (PIA) and the launch of the Procurement process on WSD Project and recruitment of MCA-TL staff. Furthermore, CDT-TL engaged national leaders, State Institutions and Government line Ministries, local Authorities including civil society organizations, private sector and development partners in supporting Compact Program Development and its implementation in the near future.

## **II. THE MANAGEMENT OF COMPACT PROGRAM**

The CDT-TL is mandated to lead, manage and facilitate the Compact Program Development in Timor-Leste. Hence, CDT-TL is responsible for the management of Compact Program in

Timor-Leste with the support from the MCC in Washington, DC. All the activities related to the management of the Compact Program are illustrated as follows:

## **2.1 Amendment to the Compact Development Funds (CDF)**

In December 2021, the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and Compact Development Team-Timor-Leste (CDT-TL) amended the Grant and Implementation Agreement (CDF) to cover project studies and program administration, including salary reimbursements of CDT-TL staff. The amendment was intended to align the use of the grant to the proposed Compact projects development. Accordingly, the MCC has increased the grants to the proposed Compact Development Program from US\$11,050,000 to US\$14,050,000.

The Covid-19 pandemic induced travel delays have significantly impacted the compact development timeline. The CDT-TL has requested a budget reallocation from MCC to cover cost increases for project feasibility studies and to ensure that necessary administrative funds are available for the CDT-TL staff salaries until the signing of the Compact Agreement.

As per Annex 1, point 2<sup>1</sup> of the CDF Agreement, CDT-TL is responsible for managing the funds assigned for administrative costs. This includes costs for office operations, including the purchase of laptops, fax machines, copiers, scanners, printers, office furniture. These funds are also allocated to cover CDT-TL's official travel expenses. The Current Approved Multi-Year Financial Plan budget for the CDT-TL is **USD \$2,919,500.00**. Following is the detailed financial report for the CDF grant, outlining CDT-TL staff salaries, administrative costs and minor procurement of goods and services.

## **2.2 Procurement Activities**

### **A. Procurement for Water, Sanitation and Drainage (WSD) projects.**

Following the implementation of the Water, Sanitation, and Drainage (WSD) projects, MCC and CDT Timor-Leste need to carry out some planning preparation, such as developing preparatory studies, project designs, environmental and social impact assessments (ESIAs), and resettlement action plans (RAPs). This preparatory stage was required to be implemented before the Compact's Entry into Force (EIF) expected in mid-2024 so that construction can commence immediately following EIF.

To initiate this procurement, MCC developed the TOR, Technical specifications and other Bidding documents such as the letter of invitation and the request for proposal (RFP) to share with CDT Timor-Leste for comments and review before it was sent to MCC for final approval. After MCC approval, the request for proposal (RFP) of ESIAs & RAPs was formally issued to

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<sup>1</sup> This point highlights that the grant will fund the preparatory activities for developing the proposed compact projects. The activities are grouped into two activities: MCC-contracted activities and Government-contracted activities. CDT-TL salaries and support administrative costs fall under Government-contracted activities.

invite proposals from legally constituted consulting firms and other organizations to provide the procurement services for design, RAP, and ESIA services.

on 31 October 2022, General Procurement Notice (GPN) was published to announce the launching of this procurement and also was advertised on DG Market website, Timor-Leste government website, and also its publication in one of local newspapers with wider circulation. Both CDT WSD Specialist and Environmental Specialist were invited to take part in the Panel for the evaluation of applications for TEP consultants to evaluate ESIA and RAPs applicant proposals.

In November 2022, MCC launched procurement for consulting services for technical assistance to develop a cost recovery plan for a planned water supply and wastewater treatment system in Dili, Timor-Leste. This Procurement is open to all bidders from all eligible countries as defined in the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines.

## **B. The Recruitment for Procurement Agent (PA) and Fiscal Agent (FA) for MCA Timor-Leste.**

The transition to MCA needs the hiring of key personnels, such as CEO, sectoral managing directors for both, WSD and TALENT projects, including the fiscal and procurement agents to oversee and manage the organization business. In October 2022, MCC and CDT invited applications from eligible individual consultants to provide applications for the Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) members to perform evaluation of individual consultant applications for the Procurement Agent and Fiscal Agent. The PA and FA services are deemed important for the establishment of MCA Timor-Leste which is expected to start in May 2023. This Individual Consultants is selected under the Individual Consultants Selection (ICS) method in accordance with the procedures set out in the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines. Both CDT Financial Specialist and Private Sector Specialist acting as Procurement Coordinator were invited to perform the Panel members for the evaluation of individual consultant applications for TEP consultants to evaluate PA and FA applicant proposals.

## **C. Procurement Administration.**

During this reporting period, the private sector specialist and interim procurement representative (IPR), in cooperation with finance specialists, regularly prepared the procurement plan for the Quarterly Disbursement Request Package (QDRP). This document covers the purchase of required goods, works and contracting services, which will be submitted to the MCC for its approval. Upon the approval of the QDRP by MCC, the CDT-TL and IPR executed several procurement processes, such as purchasing goods and hiring consultant services for the preparatory activities for developing the proposed compact projects for both, WSD and TALENT education projects. The CDT procurement activities mainly focused on preparing each PP to cover a specific minimum period of time, which shall be at least 12 months in duration, and updating it, at a minimum, quarterly, managing and administering procurement contacts and ensuring that all Grant-funded, Government/CDT TL-

managed procurements are conducted in compliance with the CDF Agreement and MCC’s program procurement guidelines.

### 2.3 Public Relation and Communication

During this reporting period, the CDT-TL continued to communicate and engaged active participation from the relevant stakeholders in the Compact Development Program. CDT-TL regular meeting with focal points from the relevant state institutions and government ministries, Civil Society organizations, private sector and development partners in Timor-Leste that are related to the Water, Sanitation and Drainage and Education Projects.

The CDT-TL also actively promoted the Compact development activities through its communication productions such calendar distribution, bulletin publications and CDT-TL’s six-monthly progress report. It also conducted through Facebook page, fact sheets, Media Briefing, Press Conference and television (TV) network, interviews on RTTL (National TV and Radio Station) and GMNTV (Private TV station). CDT-TL and the Presidency of Council of Ministers conducted live streaming on TVE during a compact signing event on July 19, 2022.

As a result, the public and the relevant stakeholders are aware of the CDT-TL works, and the stakeholders actively participate in meetings, consultations activities and collaborating by sharing the required data or information with the CDT-TL. Most stakeholders are engaged and participate in all meetings conducted during MCC missions to Timor-Leste.



*CDT-TL and MCC conducted WSD Site Visit and interviewed with people potentially affected by the investment in Fatuhada/Dili on July 20, 2022*



### III.CDT-TL MAJOR ACTIVITIES

#### 3.1 Compact Agreement Signing



*MCC Acting Vice President of Compact Operation, Cameron Alford and the Minister of Presidency of Council of Ministers, H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes signed Timor-Leste's Compact Agreement on July 19, 2022*

The government of Timor-Leste and the United States of America through the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) had signed the Compact Agreement with an amount of US\$420 million to invest in Timor-Leste for WSD and Education projects.

The signing of the compact agreement took place at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Dili, Timor-Leste on July 19, 2022. The agreement signed by the Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers (PCM), H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães with the Vice

President of MCC, Honorable Cameron Alford. The signing ceremony witnessed directly by the Prime Minister of Timor-Leste, H.E. General Taur Matan Ruak as well as representatives from the U.S. Embassy in Timor-Leste, Timorese governments, civil society, and the International Development Partners.

MCC Acting Vice President of Compact Operations, Cameron Alford<sup>2</sup> in a press release said: “As the world responds to a growing list of challenges, including a global climate crisis, water security has become even more important”. “The Timor-Leste Compact will strengthen water security by making safe, clean water available to residents in the capital city of Dili and the surrounding areas, while also improving secondary education at every secondary school in Timor-Leste.”

The message also came from the Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães<sup>3</sup>:

<sup>2</sup> MCC, 2022, Press release, Building Healthy Communities and Strengthening Education: MCC, Timor-Leste Sign \$420M Grant. Accessed on February 27, 2023 on <https://www.mcc.gov/news-and-events/release/release-071922-timor-leste-signs-420m-grant>

<sup>3</sup> IBID

“I congratulate all the people whose efforts made this day possible and praise the individual and collective work, effort, and dedication of the Timor-Leste and MCC teams whose hard work will benefit the people of Timor-Leste, now and in the future,” said Minister Fidelis during his speech. “I am confident in the success of this ambitious program that renews our commitment to investing in our people, recognizing the importance of ensuring a better skilled and healthier workforce to improve national conditions for investment and build a more sustainable economy.”

In his remarks the Prime Minister, H.E. General Taur Matan Ruak<sup>4</sup> thanks the United States’ Government and People for the support. Prime Minister stated:

“Finally, we would like to thank the United States Government and People for their trust, which honors us greatly, demonstrating the strong bonds of fraternal friendship and cooperation that unite us, not only around common values and principles such as democracy, respect for international law, and the fulfillment of human rights, but above all, around common goals such as the wellbeing of the people, through the important purpose of facilitating access to water and quality education, for the development of healthier, more prosperous, and happier lives”.



*More than 200 people attended the Compact Agreement Signing event on July 19, 2022*



*Prime Minister Gen. Taur Matan Ruak with VVIP who attended the Compact Agreement Signing event on July 19, 2022*

The event was attended by more than 200 participants consisting of state officials, including the President of the Supreme Court, Dr. Deolindo dos Santos, Representatives from National Parliaments, Mr. Antoninho Bianco, Minister of Education, Youth and Sport (MEYS), DR. Armindo Maia, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology (MHESC), Dr. Longuinhos dos Santos, Minister of Public Works, DR. Abel da Silva Pires, Minister of Justice and Minister of State Administration, Minister of Coordinator for Economic Affairs, Dr. Joaquim Amaral, Vice Minister of Finance, Dr. Antonio Freitas, Secretary of State Land and Property, Secretary of State for Environmental, Dr. Demetrio do Amaral de Carvalho and Secretary of State for Equality and Inclusion, Dra. Merita Correia, President of Dili Municipality Authority, Dr. Guilhermina Filomena, Sub-district Administrator, Head of

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<sup>4</sup> Primeiru Ministro, VII Governo Constitucional 2022, Speech of H.E. the Prime Minister of Timor-Leste, Taur Matan Ruak on the occasion of the signing of a Compact Agreement with the Millennium Challenge Corporation. Accessed on January 27, 2023 on the link:

<https://www.pm.gov.tl/en/news/62d68300fd9b29000e14cc10>

Villages in Dili, representatives from civil society organizations, private sector and development partners.

From the US Government part, the event participated by Chargé d'Affaires ad Interim Ambassador of the United States of America for Timor-Leste, Mr. Thomas Daley together with the MCC delegation which included the Vice-President of Compact Operations, Honorable Jonathan Brooks, Gigi Goodhart, MCC Resident Country Director, Justine Hufford, Program Officer, Chris Gilson, Director of External Affairs and Jenna Mosley, MCC Communication Specialist.

The US\$420 million grant provided by the MCC together with US\$64 million contribution of the Government of Timor-Leste to finance the project for improving access to safe water, sanitation, hygiene, and drainage in Dili, as well as establishing the Centre of Excellence for Teacher and leadership Training. The event was covered by national journalists and broadcasted live by Televizaun Edukasaun (TVE) through their Facebook page<sup>5</sup>.

As soon as the Compact Agreement signed, the Government of Timor-Leste immediately proceed to approve the signed document. On July 27, 2022, the Council of Ministers discussed proposed a government resolution to the National Parliament for the ratification of the Compact Agreement. The proposal presented by Minister of the Presidency Council of Ministers, H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães, Minister of Public Work, D. Abel da Silva Pires and President of BTL E.P, Eng Carlos Dos Reis Peloi for council of Ministers approvals<sup>6</sup>.



*National Parliament of Timor-Leste ratified MCC compact Agreement on October 3, 2022*

The proposed resolution was submitted to the President of the National Parliament on July 27 2022. Upon receiving the proposal the President of the National Parliament passed on the document to Commission B whose portfolio covers Foreign Affairs, Defense and Security for further consultation and discussion with the Government. On September 13, 2022, H.E. Minister Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães, accompanied by the National Executive Director for CDT-TL and team attending a

<sup>5</sup> TVE 2022, Ohin Ita Asina Akordu Kompaktu. Accessed on 30 January 2023 on the link:

[https://web.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch\\_permalink&v=432128658834465](https://web.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=432128658834465)

<sup>6</sup> Tatoli, 2022, Governu Aprova Proposta Rezolusaun PN Ratifika Akordu Kompaktu MCC. Aseu iha loron 28 Outubro 2022 liuhusi link <https://tatoli.tl/2022/07/27/governu-aprova-proposta-rezolusaun-pn-ratifika-akordu-kompaktu-mcc/>

consultation meeting with the National Parliamentary Commission B for further discussion and appreciation on the Government proposed resolution number 23/V/(4) on the ratification of Compact Agreement document<sup>7</sup>.

During the audience members of Parliament raised many questions and concerns on the proposal. Minister Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães and team were able to respond to all concerns raised by the MPS. So, on September 26, 2022 the National Parliament conducted special plenary session to discuss the signed Compact Agreement through the Government's resolution number 23/V/(4). In that Plenary Session, the members of the National Parliament were unable to approve the resolution, so, they proposed for another plenary session.

The Parliamentary plenary session was participated directly by Minister for the Presidency of the Council of Ministers H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães, accompanied by Minister of MEYS, H.E. DR. Armindo Maia, Vice Minister of Finance, H.E. Dr. Antonio Freitas, President of BTL, EP, Eng. Carlos dos Reis Peloi and H.E. Ambassador Constancio Pinto, the National Executive Director for the Compact Development Team Timor-Leste.

On October 3, 2022, the National Parliament conducted another plenary session to discuss again the proposed Government Resolution on Compact Agreement. The proponents of the Government Resolution was led by H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães, accompanied by Minister of MEYS, H.E. DR. Armindo Maia, Vice Minister of Finance, H.E. Dr. Antonio Freitas, President of BTL, EP, Eng. Carlos dos Reis Peloi and H.E. Ambassador Constancio Pinto. The same Government Official returned to the National Parliament to participate in the plenary to discuss and defend the proposed Government Resolution on the Compact Agreement. After a long discussion on the proposal, the members of the National Parliament were convinced to proceed for the voting on the Government Resolution on the Compact Agreement. A total of 40 members of the National Parliament voted in favor, 10 MPs voted abstention and no vote against the proposal<sup>8</sup>.

The National Parliament then sent the ratified document to the President of the Republic for promulgation. Finally, the President of the Republic promulgated the Compact Document and Published on the national gazette on October 19, 2022, Serie I., n° 42<sup>9</sup>. The same process also occurs in the USA where the compact agreement has been published in the National Gazette on July 26, 2022, Number 2022-16020, page 44427-44428<sup>10</sup>.

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<sup>7</sup> RTTL online Live Streaming 2022, PN Audiência Com MPCM. Asesu iha loron 7 Novembru 2022 liuhusi link [https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR2nbtJx5sO5y\\_5k6iROoFopjDtXBw5gjCfvugmE-72fnDD4pT6jSUVr0A4&v=NoxB8DHhuCI&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR2nbtJx5sO5y_5k6iROoFopjDtXBw5gjCfvugmE-72fnDD4pT6jSUVr0A4&v=NoxB8DHhuCI&feature=youtu.be)

<sup>8</sup> RDTL 2022, Parlamentu Nasionál aprova Rezolusaun ba ratifikasaun Akordu Kompaktu Millennium Challenge. Accessed on February 27, 2023 on <http://timor-leste.gov.tl/?p=31238&n=1&fbclid=IwAR1M4W9-bf-BUzHn-IM12NaarzGlov9uE042yuVAWgKj1o7ecYxlHvrZo8c&lang=tp>

<sup>9</sup> Jornal da Republica, 2022, RESOLUÇÃO DO PARLAMENTO NACIONAL N.º 42/2022 de 19 de Outubro, RATIFICA O ACORDO COMPACTO MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE. Accessed on February 26, 2023 on [https://mj.gov.tl/jornal/public/docs/2022/serie\\_1/SERIE\\_I\\_NO\\_42\\_SUPLEMENTO.pdf](https://mj.gov.tl/jornal/public/docs/2022/serie_1/SERIE_I_NO_42_SUPLEMENTO.pdf)

<sup>10</sup> National Archive, Federal Register 2022, Notice of Entering Into a Compact With the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste. Accessed on February 27, 2023 on <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/07/26/2022-16020/notice-of-entering-into-a-compact-with-the-democratic-republic-of-timor-leste?fbclid=IwAR3Jea8JwcjL3ViopDAppf9B5tecRrxpB5aANMp0XwomzJI7-xODfnpLVgU>



As soon as the national Parliament ratified the Compact agreement the Government started to develop decree law for the establishment of the Millennium Challenge Account Timor-Leste, Public Institute (MCA-TL.IP). The Government Decree law (Decreto-Lei N.º 96 / 2022 Cria o Millennium Challenge Account-Timor-Leste) was approved by the Council of Ministers in Atauro Island on November 23, 2022. The Decree Law was also promulgated by the President of Republic and published in the national Gazette on December 30, 2022.

### 3.2 Compact Agreement Negotiation

After two years of compact development process initiated in the country through its constraints analysis, pre-feasibility studies and feasibility studies conducted, the Government of Timor-Leste and United States of America's Millennium Challenges Corporation (MCC) entered into negotiation on the Compact. The Council of Ministers delegated the Full Power to the Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers (PCM), H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães to negotiate and sign the Compact Agreement with the United State of America's Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC).



*Compact Agreement Negotiation between GovTL and MCC conducted on April 2022 in Washington*

On April 7, 2022, the Minister of Presidency of the Council of Ministers, H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães leads a high level of Government delegation to the United States of America (USA) for compact agreement negotiations. The delegation composed of 14 people consisting of government officials from various ministries such as Ministry of Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Ministry of Finance Ministry, Representatives from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, Representatives from the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Culture (MESSC), Bee Timor-Leste (BTL,E.P), and representatives from CDT-TL.

During the negotiation both representatives discussed and negotiated issues related to Compact Budget and GoTL Contribution; Monitoring & Evaluation; Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) Start-Up: Procurement and work planning; Review of Compact & PIA; Review of Conditions Precedent; Review of WSD & TALENT Projects; Implementation arrangements & Board membership; Review of Conditions Precedent; WSD/ TALENT Project; Implementation arrangements and Board membership.

The negotiation was successfully concluded on April 17, 2022 and that leads to the signing of Compact agreement that will enable the implementation of a five years compact program in Timor-Leste in the near future. The investment focuses on two main Compact projects, such as

the Water Treatment, Sanitation and Drainage (WSD) project which include disinfection of national waters, sewage, drainage systems, the strengthening of institutions and regulatory bodies, and the creation of a solid supply of water and sewage for domestic use that complies with the most advanced engineering and procedures at an international level and the Education Project which will include a New Center of Excellence for the training of new teachers which would guaranty quality and leadership standards.

This 5 years assistance package estimated at US\$484.000.000,00 which consist of US\$ 420.000.000,00 made available by the MCC, together with US\$64.000.000,00 contribution made available by the Government of Timor-Leste.



*Compact negotiation team mmbbers from the Government of Timor-Leste*

Below are the list of compact negotiation teams from the Government of Timor-Leste and MCC. Government of Timor-Leste Representatives:

1. Mr. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães, Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers;
2. Mr. Andre Lote Pereira Costa, Chief of Staff of the Cabinet Office;
3. Ambassador Constâncio da Conceição Pinto, National Executive Director of CDT-TL;
4. Mrs. Maria Filomena Lay Guterres, General Director of MHESC;
5. Mr. Antonino Pires, Director General of Administration, Management and Finance of MEYS;
6. Mr. Antonio Freitas, Vice-Ministry of Finance;
7. Mr. Carlos Peloi dos Reis, President of Bee Timor, E.P (Public Enterprise for Water and Sanitation);
8. Mr. Mariano Duate Quintão Carmo, Deputy National Executive Director, CDT-TL;
9. Mr. Dionisio Martins Sarmiento, Senior Education Specialist, CDT-TL;
10. Mr. Placido Pereira Gomes, Water, Sanitation, and Drainage Specialist, CDT-TL;
11. Mr. Afonso Fernandez da Silva Alves, Environmental and Social Specialist, CDT-TL;
12. Mr. Crispim da Silva Alves, Journalist, RTTL;
13. Mr. Joanico Erlindo da Costa, Media Affairs, Cabinet of the Government's Spokesperson and Mr. Fernando Ximenes, Security.

On the other hands, the MCC Representatives are compost of:



1. Sonia Shahrigan, Country Team Lead;
2. Justine Hufford, Program Officer;
3. Samssa Ali, Program Officer;
4. Kumar Ranganathan, Water, Sanitation, and Drainage (WSD) Project Lead;
5. Sarah Jones, Teaching and Leading the Next Generation of Timorese (TALENT) Project Lead;
6. Alison Montgomery, Social and Behavior Change Activity Lead; Marycel Tuazon, Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation (WSD Project);
7. Chris Ackerman, Transportation and Vertical Structures (TALENT Project);
8. Brad Cunningham, Economic Analysis (WSD Project); Aaron Szott, Economic Analysis (TALENT Project);
9. Tom Schehl, Environmental and Social Performance;
10. Monica Tejada, Gender and Social Inclusion;
11. Anne Pizer, Monitoring and Evaluation;
12. David Kassebaum, Office of the General Counsel (OGC);
13. Elizabeth Reid, Office of the General Counsel (OGC);
14. Julio Sarria, Procurement; Jason Wynnycky, Program Financial Services;
15. Jenna Mosley, Congressional and Public Affairs;
16. Katherine Farley, Financial, Investment, and Trade.

During his mission in Washington, the Minister of Presidency of the Council of Ministers, H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães also had a courtesy meeting with the United State Department, Deputy Principal Assistant Secretary Kin W Moy. During the meeting they were able to discuss global, regional and national concerns related politics, economy, poverty, climate change and other pressing issues. Furthermore H.E. Minister Fidelis also held several meetings with CEO of MCC, Honorable Alice Albright and Deputy Vice President Jonathan Brooks and MCC Vice-President of Compact Operations Fatema Sumar. The Minister was also invited to deliver his remarks at the Georgetown University, one of the prestigious Universities in the USA.

### **3.3 Meetings with the Government Members and State Institutions**

During 2022, the CDT-TL maintained regular contact with members of governments such as the Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães, Minister of Public Works, and H.E. Eng. Abel da Silva Pires, Vice Minister of Finance, Dr. Antonio Pires, Secretary of State for the Environment, Demétrio do Amaral de Carvalho.

This year marks a special opportunity for CDT-TL that the National Executive Director Ambassador Constancio Pinto and Deputy Mariano Carmo are also able to join the Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers (PCM), H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães met with H.E. President of the Republic, Dr. Jose Ramos Horta on May 27, 2022. The main objectives of these meetings are to update information and strengthen coordination in order to support feasibility studies on compact program development and support for compact agreement negotiation and compact agreement signature between Government of Timor-Leste and United States of America's Millennium Challenge Corporations (MCC).



*The National Executive Director CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and Deputy Mariano Carmo accompanied the Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers; H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães met with H.E. President of the Republic, Dr. Jose Ramos Horta on May 27, 2022*

CDT-TL also conducted the same meeting with relevant state institutions such as The President of National Authority for Water and Sanitation (ANAS, I.P.) President of Bee Timor-Leste (BTL, EP), Eng. Carlos Peloi dos Reis, ANLA, Rector of UNTL, Prof. DR. Joao Martins, President of APORTIL, Lamartinho Oliveira, General Director of Administration and Finance of MEYS, Antoninho Pires, General Director of MEHSC, Maria Fernanda Lay, National Director from DNTPSC (MOJ). Furthermore, CDT-TL also conducted meetings with representatives from civil society organizations, Private Sector, development partners, including local authority and the community, teachers and students, the potential future beneficiaries of the compact program of both, WSD and Education TALENT Project. Details about CDT-TL Engagement Meeting List with Stakeholders in Timor-Leste are in attached 3.

As a result, most of the Government members and State Institutions and stakeholders have responded positively and they were committed to support the Compact Feasibility Studies, compact agreement negotiation and compact agreement was successfully signed between the Government of Timor-Leste and United States of America's MCC.

#### **A. Meeting With H.E. Minister of the Presidency Council of Ministers**

As per known the Decree-Law n.º 35/2020, of September 9, ORGANIC OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTER clearly define that CDT-TL tutelated by

the Ministry of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers (MPCM). To ensure greater coordination with MPCM, this year the CDT-TL continuously initiated five meetings with H.E. Minister of Presidency Council of Ministers, Dr. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães. The main objective of these meetings was to update information on the compact development process and request for advice and work orientation in carrying out its mandate to facilitate compact development in Timor-Leste.



*CDT-TL met with H.E. Minister of the Presidency Council of Ministers, Dr. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães on February 11, 2022*

On February 11, 2022, the National Director of CDT-TL and team met with H.E. Minister of the Presidency Council of Ministers, Dr. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães. The meeting was also attended by the President of BTL, ep, Eng. Carlos dos Reis Peloi. The meeting was requested directly by CDT-TL to update progress on the WSD project and asked for advice on the preparation for the Council of Ministers meeting on February 16, 2022. The council of Ministers scheduled for MPCM and CDT-TL to present the results of the compact program to the Council of

Ministers for approvals.

As result of the presentation to the Council of Ministers on February 16, 2022 the Council of Ministers unanimously approved and authorised Government negotiation on Compact agreement with United States of America’s Millenium Challenge Corporation. The Council of Ministers decided to attribute full power to H.E. Minister Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães, to negotiate and sign the compact agreement with MCC.

On April 5, 2022, the National Executive Director and team conducted another meeting with H.E. Minister Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães; H.E. Vice Minister of Finance, Dr. Antonio Freitas; General Director MEHSC, Maria Filomena Lay Guterres; Director General of Administration and Finance of MEYS, Antonino Pires, President of BTL, EP, Eng. Carlos Peloi dos Reis. The meeting aimed to discuss the technical preparations for the compact agreement negotiation that are planned to be held in Washington on April 11-17, 2022.

## **B. Meeting With H.E. Minister of Public Works**

During this reporting period CDT-TL conducted five very intensive meetings with H.E. Ministry of Public Works (MoPW), Dr. Abel da Silva Pires. CDT-TL recognized the important role of the Ministry of Public Works as one of the main stakeholders for the WSD project. Hence, It is important for CDT-TL to maintain active collaboration and work closely with the MoPW.

On March 31, 2022, The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Ambassador Constâncio Pinto, Deputy Mariano Carmo and team conducted a meeting with H.E. Minister Dr. Abel da Silva Pires at the Ministeries Office. The meeting requested by CDT-TL in order to congratulate H.E. Minister for the new position as Minister of Public Works, appointed by the Prime Minister. Also to introduce him on the Compact Development process, specifically on the feasibility studies conducted on WSD Project. Ambassador Pinto informed His Excellency the Minister on the feasibility of the WSD program entering the final stage. The next step was going to be a compact agreement negotiation between the Government of Timor-Leste and the Government of United State of America's Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC). Ambassador Pinto informed the Minister that the negotiation will take place in Washington on April 11-17, 2022.



*CDT-TL meeting with H.E. Minister of Public Works, Dr. Abel Pires on October 12, 2022*

After hearing from Ambassador Pinto H.E. Minister Abel expressed his high appreciation to CDT-TL for efforts that have been done since 2018 in order to secure MCC's investment in WSD and the Education Program. H.E. promised to support the process and made all effort for its implementation. H.E. Minter also calls upon on CDT-TL to continue work hard and maintain communication with Office of the Minister in order to secure the investment in Timor-Leste.

On May 31, 2022 The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Ambassador Constâncio Pinto and Khumar Ranganathan, Water, Sanitation and Drainage (WSD) Project Lead MCC conducted a courtesy meeting with H.E. Minister Dr. Abel da Silva Pires. The meeting between Ambassador Pinto and Khumar Ranganathan continues to update the H.E. Minister on the compact process, specifically about the feasibility study on WSD Project and steps that to follow to comply with MCC requirements before compact agreement signing.

Likewise the National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Ambassador Constâncio Pinto and team also met with H.E. H.E. Minister Dr. Abel da Silva Pires on October 7, 2022. During this meeting CDT-TL informed H.E Minister on preparation for compact implementation, especially the WSD project. CDT-TL requested the Minister's support for the land liberation process that was identified in Bebonuk-Dili. After hearing from CDT-TL, H.E. Minister oriented to have a follow-up meeting with President of BTL, EP and President of ANAS, IP on October 12, 2022 in order to have further discussion on the issue.

The follow-up meeting was conducted on October 12, 2022. The meeting was led directly by H.E. Minister and participated by CDT-TL, National Executive Director, Deputy Mariano Carmo and Team, President of Bee Timor-Leste Empreza Públiku (BTL.EP), Eng. Carlos



Peloi dos Reis and President of Autoridade Nacional Agua no Saneamentu (ANAS.IP), Sr. Domingos Pinto.

### C. Meeting With H.E. Minister of Justice



*The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Ambassador Constâncio Pinto and team met with H.E. Minister of Justice, Dr. Tiago Amaral Sarmento on April 6, 2022*

On April 6 2022, The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Ambassador Constâncio Pinto, and team met with H.E. Minister of Justice, Dr. Tiago Sarmento in the Ministers Office, Caicoli-Dili. The meeting was conducted in order to introduce the Compact development process to H.E. Minister.

During the meeting, Ambassador Constancio Pinto also informs H.E. Minister on the Compact Agreement negotiation that is planned to happen on April 11-17, 2022 in Washington. At the same

time Ambassador Pinto also congratulated the Minister for the new position and new appointment as Minister of Justice.

Furthermore, Ambassador Constancio Pinto also requested Minister Support and advice on the land liberation process to secure the implementation of the WSD and Education Project. According to Ambassador Pinto, CDT-TL identified land for both projects and requested the Minister to support the land acquisition process.

H.E. Minister Tiago Sarmento Amaral appreciated the hard work of CDT-TL to facilitate and develop the Compact Program for Timor-Leste. H.E. Minister promised to support for the land acquisition that has been identified for the project implementation

### 3.4 Meeting with the Focal Points

As is well known, 2022 is a very critical year in completing the compact development process of ensuring the compact agreement negotiation and the compact agreement signing between the Government of Timor-Leste and USA-MCC. Hence, there was a need for mutual cooperation between CDT-TL with all line Ministries and state institutions, civil society, private sector and development partners. This is fundamental to secure the compact process completed according to the time line established. The Focal Points play a very important role in facilitating the coordination between CDT-TL, the line ministries and the Cabinet of Ministers in supporting the feasibility studies on WSD Project and Education Project.

During this reporting period CDT-TL constantly engaged with line Ministries and state institutions through its Focal points. CDT-TL conducted its regular meetings with focal points in order to strengthen CDT's coordination with them. All the focal points were invited to

participate in CDT-TL meetings in order to update and share information and progress made related to compact program development activities.

CDT-TL conducted its first focal point meeting on February 3, 2022. The meeting was conducted in order to update information on the compact development process and discussed the preparation and time line for compact agreement negotiation between the Government of Timor-Leste and USA-MCC. During the meeting the CDT-TL presented results of feasibility studies on Water treatment, sanitation and drainage program and education TALENT Project.



*Focal point meeting on WSD Project in May 17, 2022*



*Focal point meeting on Education Project in March 30, 2022*

The meeting participated by most of the focal points from line Ministries and state institutions; include CDT-TL: Manuel Gomes, President of INFORDEPE/MEYS; Rita Morais, Advisor from MEHSSC; Luis Aparacio Guterres, National Director from MESSC; Joao Pereira Jeronimo, Advisor from MPO; Gilberto C. de Jesus, From EDTL,EP; Francisco V. Rica, From EDTL, EP; Almeida Boavida, BTL, EP; Emilia C. B. Belo, ANAS,IP; Emiliana Soares, Director of Urban Planning of Dili Municipality; Herminio Xavier, From SEII; Gilberto C. Soares, From ANLA; Norberto M.A., From ANLA; Martinha da C. Amara, From ANLA; Remigio Laka, From PCM; Ambassador Pinto, National Executive Director of CDT-TL; Mariano Carmo, National Director Executive of CDT-TL, Deputy; Aniceto Guro Berteni Neves, Gender and Social Inclusion Specialist CDT-TL; Jose Caetano Guterres, Public Relation and Outreach Specialist, CDT-TL; Afonso da Silva, Environmental Specialist, CDT-TL; Placido Pereira, WSD Specialist, CDT-TL; Filipe Henrique, MCC.

The same focal points meeting were conducted on May 17, 2022. The meeting was conducted in order to update information on the result of the compact negotiation process. During the meeting CDT-TL discussed with all participants the preparation for the coming MCC mission in order to conclude feasibility study on WSD and Education Program. At the same time the focal points also discussed the preparation for a compact agreement signing between the Government of Timor-Leste and USA-MCC.

The meeting participated by most of the focal points from line Ministries and state institutions; include CDT-TL:

1. Antoninho Pires, General Director of Administration and Finance, MEYS;
2. Marcelina Liu, Director of INFORDEPE; Maria Fernanda Lay, General Director for MHESC;
3. Rita Morais, Advisor from MHESC;



4. Rui Manuel Hanjan, Advisor from MHESC;
5. Joao Pereira Jeronimo, Advisor from MPO;
6. Almeida Boavida, From BTL, EP;
7. Hipolito Amaral Ximenes, From BTL, EP.
8. Anibal A. Soares, From ANLA;
9. Juliao de Jesus, From ANAS, IP;
10. Remigio Laka, From PCM;
11. Joanico Erlindo d.C., From PCM;
12. Alfredo E. dos Santos, From DNEPCC/MoP;
13. Marcos da Costa, From DNEPCC/MoP;
14. Fatima Maria Jeria M.S., From Dili Municipality;
15. Maxiano Efi, From Dili Municipality;
16. Diamantino Soares, Ministry of Finance;
17. Filipe Henrique, MCC;
18. Ambassador Pinto, National Executive Director of CDT-TL;
19. Mariano Carmo, National Director Executive of CDT-TL, Deputy;
20. Aniceto Guro Berteni Neves, Gender and Social Inclusion Specialist CDT-TL;
21. Jose Caetano Guterres, Public Relation and Outreach Specialist, CDT-TL;
22. Afonso da Silva, Environmental Specialist, CDT-TL;
23. Placido Pereira, WSD Specialist, CDT-TL;
24. Clotilda Monica Mendonca, Finance Specialist CDT-TL;
25. Dionisio Sarmento, Education Specialist CDT-TL and
26. Nuno Trindade, Procurement Specialist CDT-TL.

Furthermore the CDT-TL also conducted another focal points meeting on September 20, 2022. The meeting was conducted in order to update information post compact agreement signing process. At the same time CDT-TL discussed with all participants the preparation for the coming MCC mission on September 20-October 6, 2022. The meeting participated by most of the focal points from line Ministries and state institutions; include CDT-TL:

1. Fatima Maria Jeria M.S., From Dili Municipality;
2. Maxiano Efi, From Dili Municipality;
3. Afonso da Silva Belo, From DNTPSC
4. Joao Pereira Jeronimo, Advisor from MPO;
5. Martinha da Costa Amaral, from ANLA;
6. Jose Quintao da S.S., from ANLA;
7. Marcelino da Costa Belo, from EDTL;
8. Segismundo A.L, from EDTL;
9. Emilia C. B. Belo, from ANAS,IP;
10. Ambassador Pinto, National Executive Director of CDT-TL;
11. Mariano Carmo, National Director Executive of CDT-TL, Deputy;
12. Aniceto Guro Berteni Neves, Gender and Social Inclusion Specialist CDT-TL;
13. Jose Caetano Guterres, Public Relation and Outreach Specialist, CDT-TL;
14. Afonso da Silva, Environmental Specialist, CDT-TL;
15. Placido Pereira, WSD Specialist, CDT-TL;
16. Clotilda Monica Mendonca, Finance Specialist CDT-TL;
17. Dionisio Sarmento, Education Specialist CDT-TL.

### 3.5 MCC Mission to Timor-Leste



*CDT Team with Honorable Alice P. Albright, CEO-MCC on May 20, 2022*

During this period MCC successfully made three working mission visits to Timor-Leste. The first three visits were carried out in May, the second visit in September and the third was in October 2022. The first visit begins on May 26-June 18, 2022. The visit was carried out shortly after the compact agreement negotiations between the Government of Timor-Leste and MCC were held in Washington in April 2022.

Detail about the MCC-

Infra structure mission activities can be find on section 4.1, C (page 31) and Education “TALENT” Project mission can be find on 4.4, 6 (Page 10).

Furthermore, the CDT-TL also welcomed two high level of MCC mission to Timor-Leste. On May 20, 2022 the CEO of MCC Honorável Alice P. Albright, as representative of President Biden, led a high- level mission visiting Timor-Leste. The visit was made to attend the inauguration of the elected President, Dr. Jose Ramos Horta as well as celebrating the 20th anniversary of the restoration of Timor-Leste's Independence. The delegation included CEO-MCC, Honorable Alice P. Albright; Char's d'Affaires,a,i, Tomas Daley ; Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Honorable Paloma Adams-Allens; and Multilateral Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Multilateral Affairs, National Security Council, Honorable Curties Ried<sup>11</sup>.

During their visit to Timor-Leste, the delegation met with the President of the Republic, Jose Ramos Horta, Prime Minister Taur Matan Ruak, Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Fidelis Magalhães. Even though they were very busy with their visiting mission, Honorable Alice P. Albright and her delegation made time to meet with the CDT-TL Team.

The purpose of this meeting was to listen directly to the compact development process of Timor-Leste after the Compact negotiation and the preparation process for compact agreement signing between the Government of Timor-Leste and the United State of America's Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC). This visit can enhance bilateral relations between the two countries and demonstrate the seriousness and commitment of both Governments in implementing the Timor-Leste Compact Program.

<sup>11</sup> Tatoli 2022, The United States to Formalise \$420 million MCC deal proposal to Timor-Leste by 2022. Aseu iha loron 24 Outubro 2022 iha link <https://en.tatoli.tl/2022/05/23/the-united-states-to-formalize-a-proposal-of-a-420-million-mcc-compact-to-tl-in-2022/09/>



*MCC Acting Vice President of Compact Operations Honorable Cameron Alford and Vice President of MCC, Honorable Jonathan Brooks met with Prime Minister General Taur Matan Ruak on July 19, 2022*



*MCC Acting Vice President of Compact Operations Honorable Cameron Alford and Vice President of MCC, Honorable Jonathan Brooks met with representatives of Civil Society Organisations in Dili on July 20, 2022*

Another high level MCC mission also visited Timor-Leste for Compact Agreement Signing in July, 2022. The delegation led directly by Acting Vice President of MCC, Honorable Cameron Alford and Vice-President of Compact Operations, Honorable Jonathan Brooks. The delegation visited Timor-L July 18-22, 2022. The delegation composed of the Acting Vice President of MCC, Cameron Alford, Vice President of Compact Operations, Honorable Jonathan Brooks; Gigi Goodhart, Resident Country Director, Timor-Leste (Incoming); Chris Gilson, Director of External Affairs; Justine Hufford, Program Officer; Jenna Mosley, Communications Specialist.

Apart from the main activities of signing compact agreements, the delegation also carried out several activities including such as meetings with the H.E. President of the Republic, Jose Ramos Horta, Prime Minister, General Taur Matan Ruak, Minister Fidelis, CDT-

TLteam, and Representatives of Civil Society organizations. Furthermore, the delegation also conducted a site visit to Bebonuk, Bairopite, ESG 4 September UNAMET Balide Dili and ESTV Becora – Dili.

## **IV. COMPACT PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

### **4.1 Water Treatment, Sanitation and Drainage (WSD) Project**

The Water Treatment, Sanitation, and Drainage (WSD) Infrastructure Project contains three activities that will help to reduce diarrheal disease burden by reducing exposure to sanitary waste and pathogens in drinking and washing water, and in households and the environment.

The WSD Infrastructure Project consists of a Disinfection Activity that includes design and construction of an Onsite Sodium Hypochlorite Generation (OSHG) disinfection facility for wastewater disinfection and drinking-water disinfection for Dili and four remote districts of Timor-Leste; a Sanitation Activity that includes design and construction of a new Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and Ocean Outfall in Dili, wastewater collection systems, and wastewater connections in structured and unstructured areas funded by the GoTL; and an Associated Drainage Activity that includes limited construction of in-street box culverts in areas where conflicts with sewer lines would otherwise occur.

The project will initially provide water supply disinfectant for approximately 108,000 residents of Dili, and 64,000 residents of four adjacent capital municipalities of Aileu, Liquiça, Ermera and Manatuto municipalities. The MCC funded treatment and conveyance infrastructure is sized to collect wastewater from up to 300,909 residents of Dili (as projected in 2036 in accordance with the 2018 Sanitation Master plan) when additional upstream conveyance infrastructure and collection systems are constructed.

To identify the feasibility of the proposed activities mentioned above, MCC and the GoTL launched the Feasibility Study on March 2020. The Feasibility study of this project was implemented through the MCC's contractor Tetra Tech Inc and supervised by the MCC's consultant for the compact project in Timor-Leste Hazen and Sawyer. The study of this project has already been completed by the end of 2022, and the project is now in the process of selecting the consultant for the Design, ESIA and RAP. The commencement of the Detailed Design, ESIA and RAP will be in March 2023 once the consultant is selected by the Interim Procurement Agent of MCC and the Members of the Technical Evaluation Panel.

There were several activities done by CDT-TL during the period of 2022 to support the implementation of the compact program in Timor-Leste specially in WSD project as described below;

#### **1. Engagement with Project Stakeholders**

##### **A. Active Engagement with the Secretariat of State for the Environment and the Land and Property**

CDT Facilitated a presentation of the WSD preliminary study of the environmental impact study conducted by Tetra Tech to the national agency for the environmental

licensing. The objective of the presentation was to share and update the *Agencia Nacional para Licenciamento Ambiental* (ANLA) on the progress of the feasibility study for the water treatment, sanitation and drainage project that will be funded by Millennium Challenge Corporation. Furthermore, this presentation will also enable Tetra Tech consultants to hear comments from ANLA regarding the process of applying the Environmental licensing for the Compact Project. Hence, after the presentation, from ANLA's part, its team was very appreciative that Tetra Tech shared with them the progress of the feasibility study. The ANLA team hoped that this cooperation would continue to make sure that the compact project will be implemented in the country, especially in relation to environmental licensing.



*The National Executive Director of CDT-TL and team met with H.E. Secretary of State for Environmental, Demetrio Amaral in December 2022*

The CDT-TL team had a courtesy meeting with the Secretary of State for the Environment. The objective of the meeting was to update the Secretary of the State for Environment about the compact project. Furthermore, during the meeting CDT-TL team also took the opportunity

to inform Secretary of State regarding the letter

of no-objection from National Agency for Environment Licensing about sludge activity which will be included in the environmental licensing for WWTP and the Submission of the Project Information Document (PID) for WSD project. During the meeting, the secretary of state asked the ANLA Executive secretary to issue a response letter to the CDT-TL and also the PID document.

In October 2022, BTL, in collaboration with CDT, submitted the Project Information Document (PID) of the WSD project to National Environment Licensing Agency (ANLA) to be reviewed and issued a classification of the WSD project. Furthermore, the following month, CDT, BTL and ANLA conducted a site visit to the WWTP location as part of the requirement for the environmental licensing process. There were some activities that took place during the meeting such visiting the affected people and documenting the structure and verification of the location.

## **B. Land and Property**

CDT-TL continued to work with the Secretary of State for Land and Property throughout the year 2022 in order to check on the progress of the land acquisition process for the future wastewater treatment plant, site for the pump station, and for the construction of



the conventional and simplified sewer line. In October 3, 2022, the CDT-TL team together with MCC's contractor for the FS project Tetra Tech met with National Director of Cadastral Office and her technical team to obtain the information of details cadastral maps such as, property boundaries, roads and footpaths from the area where sanitation project activity will be implemented.



*MCC-CDT meeting with DNTPSC Director on October 5, 2022*

Furthermore, the CDT-TL team also asked the land status for the areas which will be covered for the installation of sewerage system of simplified and conventional line of the compact project activity. As a result CDT continued to work with the Cadastral office gained the cadastral map of the area of intervention for the MCC compact. All information collected from Cadastral office has been delivered to MCC and its consultant at the end of second scoping mission in October 5, 2022, in order to facilitate the project development and the preparation for the Detailed Engineering design activity.

Additionally, CDT kept up its collaboration with the land and property office to gather the legal data about the location chosen to install the pump station during the final quarter of 2022. The cadastral office was, nonetheless, busy with land attribution tasks in a number of regions outside of Dili, therefore, will probably see the implementation of the mapping activities for the pump station site in the first quarter of 2023.

## **2. Active Engagement With Other Project of The Government Related to the WSD Project**

### **A. Engagement activity with Water Supply Project**

The Ministry of Public Works through BTL are undertaking several major projects. Some of the major project that is currently ongoing is the Dili urban water supply project, Community sewage treatment systems (CSTS) and drainage rehabilitation projects. These projects are interrelated to the WSD project, and the locations of these projects are also located in the coverage area of MCC investment for WSD project.



Therefore, it is importante to have a better coordination with BTL and its consultant for the project stated above.

On June 9, 2022, CDT, BTL, and Tetra Tech (MCC's Consultant) met with the ADB and Donsung Engineering Company team who were preparing the Detail engineering design (DED) of the Dili urban water supply project. The objective of the meeting was to further discuss the scope of the water supply project, such as the typical design for household connection, the projected number of households to be served, the resettlement action plan for the water supply project, and operation and maintenance. The discussion went very well and it helped Tetra Tech to elaborate the information of water supply project development in the WSD project activities. Furthermore, it also helped the MCC contractors to further their analyses on the expansion of three additional areas for the sanitation activity in Dili and the development of water disinfectant, sanitation and drainage projects as the whole.

Furthermore, on 14 September 2022, CDT-TL participated in the stakeholders meeting organized by the BTL, EP in order to coordinate the project scopes and other related issues with other international agencies that are currently providing assistance in the water and sanitation sector in Timor-Leste, especially in the area of Dili . This meeting was attended by the representatives of international agencies who are working on water and sanitation projects such as JICA, ADB and World Bank.

During the meeting, all participants were presented with their projects and activities of water and sanitation, critical issues, and the work coordination that needs to be done with other agencies. Therefore, as a representative of MCC, CDT shared with the participants of the meeting the main objective of the MCC project to reduce the diarrheal disease burden caused by sanitary waste and pathogens in drinking and washing water. In addition, CDT also informs the scope of work of the WSD project, including several components of the project that will be implemented through the compact project in Timor-Leste. As a result, all participants got more understanding about the development of the water and sanitation sector of each agency, and created coordination to facilitate the project to be integrated in the future once it is in the implementation stage.

## **B. Engagement activity with Dili Solid Waste Management Project (DSWMP)**

The Dili solid waste management project is a project that aims to reform the overall management of Municipal Solid Waste in the city, and to improve public health, safety and the environmental amenity of Dili. The DSWMP includes the following principal components; Upgrading of the system for the collection of urban solid waste in Dili and its transportation to the disposal site at Tibar in Liquica Municipality; and Remediation of the existing dump site and upgrading of the dump site into an engineered, sanitary landfill (TDRUP).

Following project component mentioned above, MCC acting through the CDT created a

coordination with The Ministry of State Administration (MoSA), and Dili Municipal Authority (DMA) who are the Government entity responsible for the implementation of this project to gain the information of the Tibar dump site remediation and upgrading activity, and the agreement of using Tibar landfill area to accumulate the biosolid treatment produced in the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

On October 13, 2022, CDT and BTL conducted a meeting with the National Directorate of Urban planning of the MoSA, Consulting supervisor for the DSWP project including the Project Management Unit of DSWP at the meeting room of MoSA. The objective of the meeting was to clarify the agreement between MCC and the GoTL on the use the Tibar landfill site as a final destination for sludge disposal. In addition, the meeting was also to convey to the technical team of MoSA and DMA in order to provide the technical point of view to the Minister of State and Administration before approving the sanitary landfill in Tibar to that will accumulate the biosolid treatment from the WWTP in Bebonuk. Furthermore, there was a site visit to Tibar Landfill area which was organized by CDT and MoSA on 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2022 in order to observe the site condition and the plan to redevelop that area based on the project under the responsibility of MoSA and DMA.



*CDT-TL and MoSA conducted site visit Tibar landfill 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2022*

Additionally, on the 7th of October 2022, CDT and BTL met with the Minister of Public Works to inform the result of the discussion with the representative of MoSA and DMA about the sludge that will be produced in central WWTP and the future disposal at the Dili sanitary landfill once it passed the treatment process.

Moreover, CDT and BTL also requested His Ex. Minister of Public Works to appeal to the Minister of State and Administration to have an agreement of using the Tibar landfill area to accumulate the biosolid produced from the WWTP. As a result, on the 27th of October 2022, the Minister of State and Administration approved the request submitted by the Minister of Public Works for using the Tibar landfill area as a final destination for sludge disposal. This agreement was very important and responded to the aide memoire approved by MCC and the GOTL during the second

mission of MCC in Timor-Leste, and helped the project from moving forward to the procurement process of hiring the consultant to prepare the Detailed Engineering Design (DED) of WSD project. Even though to facilitate the WSD project during the preparation of project documents, a joint ministerial diploma between MoP and MoSA is required by MCC, therefore now CDT is continue working on this and will provide this document to MCC before the commencement of DED activity

### C. Participated in the discussion of WSD project with the MCC's delegation

In 2022, MCC WSD team and its consultant conducted two visits to Timor-Leste . The first visit took place in May 2022 after the compact negotiation process in April in Washington DC. The Second visit took place in September 2022. Several meetings were held between MCC WSD team and its consultants with GoTL through CDT, BTL and other relevant government institutions in order to finalise some pending key issues related to the WSD project.

In Early May 2022, Mr. Kumar, the Senior Director and Infrastructure team lead of MCC and its consultant's theTetra Tech and Hazen visited Timor-Leste. This visit was the first visit to the coutry in 2022. The objective of the visit was to wrap-up the feasibility study and the related analytical work. In addition, the visit was also to initiate a work plan for the Pre-Entry Into Force (EIF). During the visit, MCC team shared and had discussions with GoTL such BTL, EP, ANAS, IP, ANLA, MoPW, Ministry of Justice (Land and Property Office), and Dili Municipal Authority. The issues that were discussed was about key environmental issues from Feasibility Study (FS) and Preliminary Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) report, sanitation project in coordination with water supply project, road access for disinfectant for water treatment distribution, and potential roadway impact and its restoration for the compact project.



*The MCC infra-structure delegation met with CDT-TL and the President of BTL, EP, Carlos Peloi dos Reis and relevants instituitios MPoW, MPO, DNTPSC, ANAS, IP and ANLA on May 30, 2022*

Additionally, there were also discussions about the sludge that will be produced in the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and Tibar Landfill to accept biosolids disposal from WWTP. Several agreements were reached between the GoTL and MCC team

during this visit. First, the GoTL, in this case, BTL will submit a report summarizing the methods that will be used for compensation in order to acquire lands from all Project Affected Persons (PAPs) in the future site for WWTP. Second, the GoTL also confirmed about the technical feasibility of using the proposed new Dili municipality landfill for disposing sludge from the WWTP. Third, GoTL agreed that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) required for the Environmental license will be based upon the Employer's Requirements in design-build, and the environmental licensing will be issued on this basis solely. Furthermore, the completed designs will be submitted to ANLA for review. However, MCC will not fund for any changes that will be required by ANLA.

On September 22, 2022, MCC had a second visit to Timor-Leste. The visit was also led by MCC Senior Director and Infrastructure together with its consultants Hazen and Sawyer. The objective of this mission was to follow up on the issues in the previous aide memoire which will enable procurement process for Detailed Engineering Design for the pre-EIF Period. To achieve this objective, several topics were discussed with the representative of GoTL. Firstly, the GoTL will obtain and provide MCC a joint Ministerial Diploma (MoPW/MoSA) enabling wastewater solids disposal to the new Dili Municipal Landfill. The reason for sludge to be disposed in Tibar landfill is the final landfill liner design does meet the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) minimum standards. Secondly, there was an agreement made to confirm that the selection site for the pump station shall not be changed for the purpose of the design. Thirdly, there was a discussion on steps required for environmental licensing, technical assistance, and the timeline for WSD project. Fourthly, there was a preliminary discussion on the scope of PMC consultant-RAP implementation and Construction Supervision. Lastly, the MCC and GoTL also discussed about the legal approach to grant BTL an easements to pipeline corridors in conventional sewers, simplified sewers and Ocean outfall.

At the end of the visit, GoTL, through BTL and CDT-TL informed MCC that, some of these key issues have already been completed by the GoTL. For example, BTL and GoTL have sent a draft of the Resettlement Action Plan for the compensation of the affected people in the area of Bebonuk, a letter about the agreement between the Ministry of State Administration and the Ministry of Public Works for the Tibar landfill area to accumulate the sludge produce in the central wastewater treatment plant. Hence, BTL and CDT-TL also noted that there is still the remaining point that has not been answered, and the GoTL (BTL and CDT-TL) will continue work on them and provide all the required information requested by MCC before launching the Detailed Engineering Design activity in March 2023.

### **3. Conducting Site Visit to The Municipality's Water Supply facilities**

In 2022, CDT-TL WSD team visited four municipalities in the Eastern part of Timor-Leste in order to introduce and update the feasibility study progress of the compact project. The visit to eastern municipalities such as Manatuto, Baucau, Lautem and Viqueque took place on August 22-26, 2022. The trip is part of the WSD project especially related to the water treatment activity. The objective of conducting the field



trip was to inform and update the local authorities such as the president of the municipalities and BTL directors of the four aforementioned municipalities about the compact project and its progress. In addition, CDT-TL team also conducted a site visit to the existing water treatment plant including the observation on chemical storage tank for water treatment and the public water supply sources.



*CDT-TL conducted site visit to the clean water treatment station in Viqueque, on August, 2022*

The president of municipal authorities and the BTL directors of the four municipalities stated above were appreciative of the visit and express their full support to the WSD project especially the initiative to have our own sodium hypochlorite production because it will help BTL in these municipalities to treat the water before distributing it to the community. Furthermore, CDT-TL directly oversees and heard of the difficulties faced by the BTL in providing the clean water local authorities in serving the communities. Additionally, CDT-TL also found out that there are lack of facilities for water treatment and the public water supply sources in these municipalities.



*The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Constancio Pinto met with President of the Dili Municipal Authority, Guilhermina Filomena Saldanha on August 15, 2022*

Aside from that, CDT-TL also met with Madam Guilhermina Filomena Saldanha, the new President of the Dili Municipality Authority, on August 15, 2022. The purpose of the meeting was to update the compact program funded by MCC in Timor-Leste and project activities that will implement in the area of Dili. During the meeting, CDT-TL informed Madam President that

more than 50% of the population in Dili will benefit from the implementation of the

WSD project based non the study that has been conducted by the consultant hired by



MCC. Therefore, the coordination with this municipal authority is very important to support the project implementation. Furthermore, CDT-TL also informed about the future utilization of the Tibar landfill to accumulate the biosolid produced from the WWTP once it is built. Thus, it is important that the president of Dili Municipal Authority asked CDT-TL to coordinate with the Project Management Unit (PMU) of the Tibar development project to get an agreement regarding the technical aspect before preparing the legal basis that will be approved by the ministerial level.

## 4.2 Education Project “TALENT Project”

### 1. Review the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft of the Education Project’s Design Study



*CDT-TL meeting with the Technical Review Committee (TRC) members on January 12, 2022*

By late November 2021 the International Business Firm (IBF) had received comments and feedback from MCC and GoTL on the first draft of the education project design study. During a Mission to Timor-Leste in November 2021, IBF presented the first draft of the IDM to the GoTL namely the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport (MEYS) and the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Culture (MHESC). Critical comments and recommendations were made to the documents and

IBF was set to improve the document. The Mission in November 2021 was fundamental for IBF’s team members (who visit Timor-Leste for the first time since they were awarded the contract in late 2020 due to the global pandemic of Covid-19.) to expand their research and gather more information about the education project design study. More specifically, the November visit was critical for IBF to improve the design study report as per the comments and feedback of MCC and GoTL.

Consequently, by January 2022, IBF had responded to comments and feedback including questions for clarification from both MCC and GoTL. On Jan 11, MCC shared IBF’s response to CDT-TL and GoTL for their confirmation. Simultaneously, MCC also shared with CDT-TL and GoTL IBF’s supplemental analysis of the Secondary Education Curriculum for further action. The latter will be discussed in the next topic.

IBF’s response to GoTL’s comments and feedback on the first draft of the design study included the information required on the estimated cost for the education project, training models for the In and Pre-service teachers as well as school leaders, facilities and staffing of the Center of Excellence (CoE), institutional set up of the CoE, etc. Given the nature of the project, the design study would continue to be refined even after the Compact signature that was scheduled for July 2022. Regardless, the information provided in the document was

vital for the Council of Ministers in Timor-Leste and the Implementation Management Committee (IMC) team in MCC to approve the project. As a living document, the design study could continue after it was approved by the Council of Ministers and IMC and the implementation plan could be refined as necessary.

Thus, based on the changes made, CDT-TL presented the education project to the Council of Ministers on February 16<sup>th</sup> where a number of issues were discussed including both Ministries (MEYS & MHESC)'s commitment to providing a temporary space for the teachers and school leaders training while the CoE building is under construction and made available a piece of land for the construction of the CoE building in Hera.



*CDT-TL meeting with the Technical Review Committee (TRC) members on October 12, 2022*

The Next reiteration of the design study is called the design report or Investment Decision Memo Report. The next step of the design report was discussed between MCC and GoTL after the Council of Ministers had approved the project document in February. In June, both MCC and CDT-TL provided IBF with a list of recommendations for modification of the next draft of the design report. The recommendations focus on what IBF needed to do to improve, change and finalize the design report. That was an

important step to encourage IBF to work more rapidly and efficiently with the design report before moving into the next sub-set of work known as the Tasks Order for the Optional Task that will be discussed more deeply later on in this report. It is important to note that some of the changes recommended for the next draft of the report were based on the decision taken by both parties (MCC and GoTL) during the Compact negotiation in Washington in April, 2022.

On Sep 8, MCC shared the second (that is also final) draft of the IDM report prepared by IBF to CDT-TL and GoTL for review. Following the same review process, MCC would review the documents first, provide feedback and share them with GoTL (CDT-TL and TRC) for their reference and review. Given the length of the document (over 200 pages) and the challenges around and finding a time for the TRC team members to gather and discuss the document, both MCC and GoTL took a slightly longer time to review it. Thus, on October 3, MCC shared its feedback on the document with GoTL for its reference. CDT-TL's education team then shared the document with members of TRC and organized meetings to discuss and gather comments and feedback relevant to the education project design. CDT-TL education team consolidated all the feedback from both Ministries (MEYS and MHESC), including INFORDEPE, and shared them with MCC on October 27. MCC then reviewed the GoTL's feedback, made some adjustments and clarifications with GoTL before sending it to IBF for amendments. By the time of the writing of this report, IBF had

taken the time to learn the MCC's and GoTL's feedback, address the concerns, improve the document and send it back to MCC and GoTL for a non-objection review. More on this will be discussed in the next progress report.

## **2. Review of the Supplementary Analysis of the Secondary Education National Curriculum**

By January 2022, IBF has submitted to MCC a report on the curriculum review activity. MCC then shared the report with CDT-TL and GoTL on January 11 for further discussion. The report includes Appendixes of curriculum subjects being reviewed as well as a cost estimate for the review. Please note that the review did not cover the Technical Vocational (TecVoc) curriculum. In short, the review does a comprehensive analysis of all subjects of the general secondary curriculum and compares them with some of the best practice curricula in the region such as that of Australia and Singapore. The analysis includes the revision of the curriculum of the third cycle or junior secondary education which is accordingly essential to understand the learning progression of students before reaching the secondary level. The findings of the report are worth noting and, as a matter of fact, the report recommends a full reform of the general secondary curriculum rather than just revising it. This is to help align with the national education strategic plan for 2020-2024 and correspond to the Sustainable Development Goal (4) which guarantees quality and equity education for all by 2030.

Reflecting on the sensitivity around the current national secondary curriculum, CDT-TL takes necessary precautions on how to communicate messages around the findings in the report and the recommendations of IBF across different players at the Ministerial level. On that note, the report was only shared with the government counterparts a few months later (late May) just before an MCC education mission visit to Dili in June (which will be discussed later on in this report). CDT-TL's education team organized a meeting with TRC on 25<sup>th</sup> May CDT-TL with one of the objectives to introduce the document and explain briefly the content of the report. Likewise, to give a heads up on the upcoming mission in June where the IBF team would be keen to present the findings in the report.

The measure taken by CDT-TL on the curriculum review report was to mitigate potential resistance from the key players of the Ministries of education on the findings and recommendations put forward by IBF in the report. At the same time, it was a strategy to ensure that the message of the findings and recommendations in the report are well received and enacted upon. This was because aside from convincing the audience about the issues around the quality of the secondary curriculum, it was about cost implication if the GoTL (through MEYS) wants to pursue the full reform of the curriculum for grades 7-9 and grades 10-12. According to the report, the rewrite of the curriculum for grades 10-12 will cost around \$12 million and it is not included in the Compact budget for education.

A curriculum expert from IBF, Dr. Jhon Pegg, presented the findings of the report in June 2022 during an education mission to Timor-Leste to the representatives from MEYS (including INFORDEPE) and MHESC. It was not a very brief presentation with limited time for discussion as Dr. John Pegg had to travel out of Timor-Leste on the same day on Jun 27.

Although the presentation was well participated, it lacked quality time for discussion. This led some participants to propose a follow-up discussion on the findings and recommendations on the national secondary education curriculum by IBF. They also believed that MEYS should take serious action or decisions around various critical points raised in the IBF's report.

In fact, there were also different views about the current curriculum from the participants (especially, from MEYS) including counter-arguments for instance, some participants defended that GoTL did have the Copyright for the current curriculum which IBF's report reveals otherwise. Regardless, many provide very constructive and objective comments about the research and believed that more discussion was needed for a conscientious decision on the curriculum as per IBF's recommendations.

Given the sensitivity around the curriculum issue, CDT believed that, as an initial discussion, Dr. John's presentation was critical to raise awareness and encourage discussions on the relevancy of the current curriculum for improved learning in secondary education. As a follow-up action, therefore, CDT would coordinate with MCC to touch base with MEYS and MHESC on the findings and recommendations for the Secondary Education Curriculum review presented by IBF. There were a number of meetings and discussions organized between MCC and CDT-TL on IBF's recommendation. This includes exploring options for funding sources if decisions were to be made by GoTL to reform the curriculum. Nevertheless, up to the time of the writing of this report, both MCC and CDT-TL have yet to reach out to the TRC team with a concrete action plan for the curriculum review moving forward. Both CDT-TL and MCC were optimistic to have this issue cleared prior to the Compact projects entering Into Force (EIF) in 2024.

### **3. Education Activities leading up to the Compact Negotiation**

Under this topic are several activities of the TALENT Project that were undertaken prior to the Compact Negotiation in Washington from April 11-15, 2022. The activities below were critical to inform the nature of the education project that would be reflected in the Compact document. The information collected through this activity was also vital for the project design study, for instance:

#### **A. CDT-TL's meeting with ANAAA**

Part of CDT-TL's action plan to help with the education design study was to gather as much as information relevant to the setting up of the new teacher training Centre of Excellence (CoE). This included setting up meetings with various key stakeholders to gather relevant information and share it with IBF who would use the design study work. For example, on January 18<sup>th</sup>, CDT-TL's education team held a meeting with the Executive Director of the National Agency for Academic Assessment and Accreditation (ANAAA) to learn more about the criteria or guidelines to start a new higher education institution. It was also important for CDT-TL to understand the role ANAAA in assessing the quality delivery of the study programs of the higher institutions in Timor-Leste. As a result, the Executive Director shared with CDT-TL an electronic copy of the criteria for setting up a new higher institution in Timor-Leste. This



document contains valuable information for the setting of the new CoE in the future. The document was shared further with MCC and IBF to be used for the design study.

## **B. Naming the Education Project to “TALENT” Project**

In January 2022, the MCC’s project team from MCC proposed to have a name for the education project such as, the Australian Partnership for Development (PHD)’s ALMA project or the New Zealand HANDs project. In so doing, the name should reflect several criteria that describe the nature of the project and its quality. For example, the name should help to:

1. **Emphasize the outcomes of the project we are trying to meet** i.e. to provide a better future for secondary students in Timor-Leste by preparing them for either tertiary or employment.
2. **Highlighting the project activities** i.e. professional capacity training for the in-service teachers, pre-service teacher training, school leadership training, Women Economic Empowerment (WEE) and Ensuring Excellence.
3. **A focus on secondary school** as many investments have been made in primary school, but much fewer in general secondary.
4. **Something that is easy to remember or can be shortened.** This means that we could shorten the name or have it be an acronym so that it could be easily referenced, like the World Bank BEST project or the ALMA project, or the HANDs project.

Thus, MCC proposed to CDT-TL a list of the education project names for discussion and consideration such as,

- **Teaching and Leading the Next generation of Timorese (TALNT) Project** Note pronounced “Talent Project”
- **Lead Educate and Develop Secondary Students in Timor Leste Project (LEADSS)** “Leads Project”
- **SFTAR: Secondary Teaching and leadership for Timorese Achievement & Results** “Star Project”
- **LEAD TEACH LEARN: building the next generation in Timor-Leste**
- **The Future Leaders of Educational Excellence Project**
- **The Brighter Futures Project**

On the other end, CDT-TL also suggested a list of names for consideration such as,

- **Innovative Teaching and Leading for the Incoming Generation of Timorese (INTELLIGENT Project)**
- **Hanorin no Lidera ho Ekselente ba Gerasaun ne'ebe Inovativa iha Timor-Leste** (in English, **Excellent Teaching and Leading for an Innovative Generation of Timor-Leste.**Projeitu **hALEGRIA /ALEGRIA-TL** (happiness) project.

After a number of discussions held on the shortlist of names, both CDT-TL and MCC came to an agreement and settled for TALNT or TALENT as the name of the project. The name meets all of the above criteria, and the final T makes it unique to Timor-Leste. The name speaks to teaching and leadership as well as focusing on educating the next generation in Timor-Leste, which has been a big focus for the CDT team and the government of Timor-Leste.

The name “TALLEN project” was then reflected in both the Compact document and Project Implementation Agreement (PIA) that was the subject of discussion during the Compact negotiation on April 11-15 in Washington.

### **C. Temporary Home for the Center of Excellence (CoE)**

One of the important components of the establishment of the CoE for Timor-Leste’s end was to indicate the institutional home for the center of excellence. The CoE would be a public and autonomous institution but not independent and so it would need a shelter that would sustain its survival over time after the life of the compact implementation. Data and information collected from the education stakeholders by IBF suggested to house the CoE under the Office of Prime Minister (OPM) temporarily for at least a number of years before it transitioned out to the Ministry responsible for education for example, MHESC. This is so to ensure the CoE’s sustainability beyond the life of the Compact implementation. After a number of discussions organized by CDT-TL and TRC with OPM, however, the institution expressed its unwillingness to house the future CoE as it lacked the specific capacity to provide direct supervision of the operation of CoE.

Thus, CDT-TL organized a meeting with MHESC on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> to explore possibilities of putting the CoE straight under the mandate of MHESC from the start. Since MHESC was responsible for the higher institutions in Timor-Leste it was more relevant to have the CoE housed under its supervision. Looking at its role and mandate, MHESC agreed to take the CoE under its care. This decision was reaffirmed by GoTL during the compact negotiation in Washington in April 2022. This was critical for MCC to ensure the sustainability of the CoE moving forward in the future after the life of the Compact implementation.

### **D. Site visit to CoE Building Location in Hera**

During the CDT-TL’s presentation to the Council of Ministers on the MCC’s Compact project to Timor-Leste on March 16<sup>th</sup>, both Ministers from MEYS and MHESC showed their commitment to providing a piece of UNTL’s property in Hera for the construction of the CoE building. As a follow-up to the decision, CDT-TL organized several site visits with representatives from MEYS, MHESC and MCC to the UNTL property in Hera. The UNTL’s management team in Hera would conduct a tour around the designated location for the CoE building construction. CDT-TL education team together with representatives from both ministries and MCC walked around the area and inquired about relevant information from UNTL about the land. A map of the total area of UNTL including the designated land (5 hectares) for CoE was shared with CDT-TL and both Ministries of education.

The UNTL property in Hera was the third option (after the site in Aipelu-Likisa and MEJD’s one-hectare in Becora, Dili) that the CDT-TL and both Ministries of education had visited over the past years. UNTL was very keen to have the CoE built on its property as the CoE would contribute to the development of the UNTL in the future. UNTL believes that the new CoE will have a tremendous effect and contribute to the students and lecturers at the faculty of education in the future.



*CDT-TL with representatives from MEYS, MHESC, UNTL Conducted Site Visit to the UNTL property in Hera on March 30, 2022*

In April, prior to a trip to Washington for the Compact negotiation with MCC, UNTL had issued a letter of dispatch for the use of the land in Hera for the CoE building construction. The letter that was attached with a map of the site has been handed over to the CDT-TL for its reference. Consequently, Minister Longinhos dos Santos of MHESC has written a letter and sent it to the Ministry of Justice requesting the entitlement of the land for CoE. Up to the time of the writing of this report, however, the Ministry of Justice has not replied to the letter. Regardless, GoTL's (through MHESC and MEYS) decision to provide a strategic space for the CoE construction was critical for MCC as it demonstrated the Timorese government's seriousness about the TALENT project moving forward. More about the land acquisition and entitlement will be discussed in the next CDT-TL's annual report.

#### **E. Technical Meeting with the MCC education team on the Condition Precedents (CPs)**

Condition Precedents (CPs) were conditions or items that were needed to be in place prior to the Compact project implementation. These were the commitments that the government of Timor-Leste needed to agree with and be included in the Compact document that would be signed in July by the government of Timor-Leste and the Millennium Challenge Corporation. That included things to be committed by GoTL prior to the initial Disbursement of Program Funding for the TALENT Project that were satisfactory to MCC such as,

- GoTL through MEYS's has put in place mechanism for hiring of sufficient staff for the in-service training of teachers and school leaders;
- GoTL has demonstrated a plan to increase the recruitment and retention of women teachers and school leaders;
- MHESC has finalize a legal establishment of the CoE including its governance structure, alignment with the MEYS' education sector plan and allocation of sufficient resources to ensure its sustainability;
- GoTL has enacted a reform that requires the newly hired secondary teachers have obtained a professional certification from the Center of Excellence;
- GoTL has provided a temporary working space that meets the IFC Performance Standards for the pre-service teachers while the CoE building is being constructed;

- GoTL has allocated and obligated funds sufficient for the Center of Excellence staffing and operations, and the operations and maintenance expenses for the Center of Excellence building for three years following the Compact end date;
- GoTL has committed to hire and retain the future graduate of Center of Excellence;
- GoTL has secured and made available to MCA-Timor-Leste land for the TALENT Project in accordance with the IFC Performance Standards on Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement.

By late February 2022, MCC had shared the CPs with CDT-TL for review. In March, both MCC and CDT-TL education teams held several technical meetings (virtually) to go through each of the condition precedents above for questions and clarifications. After which, on March 9, CDT-TL organized an extraordinary meeting with the TRC group to present the CPs for discussion and eventually for approval. The TRC team together with the CDT-TL education team studied each point closely, made comments and asked for clarification whenever necessary before approving them. GoTL's agreement to each point of the CPs was discussed further and reaffirmed during a four-day Compact negotiation in Washington.

## **F. Preparation for Compact Negotiation**

Apart from the activities described above to prepare for the Compact negotiation in Washington, there were also several specific and focused activities CDT-TL's education team undertook. For instance, *first*, review and get familiar with the Compact Document and the Program Implementation Agreement (PIA) which were the two main documents used during the Compact Negotiation. MCC had shared both draft documents with CDT-TL as early as February for review. Although it was more of the work of legal, it was pertinent for the program level to understand and know what the both documents contain as they contain principles of the TALENT project agreement and implementation in the future.

*Second*, organized travel documents to the United States for the negotiation. This included sorted out documents necessary for the issuing of a work passport and the Covid-19 health certificate and a PCR test certificate that were all required by the immigration. *Third*, prepared an education talking point for the Compact delegation to Washington.

The talking points of the TALENT project highlighted key points of the education project including a summary of activities undertaken to date. Like the Water treatment, sanitation and Drainage (WSD) project talking points, the TALENT project ones were also essential to keep members of the delegation in a loop on what was going on with the project and what were the ways forward like. The talking points of both projects were combined into one single document and shared with the head of the delegation H.E. Minister Fidelis Leite Magalhaes prior to trip to Washington. The talking points were particularly important to help members of the delegation who took part in the negotiation.

Fourth, preparatory meetings with the TRC team as well as the delegation of the Compact negotiation. CDT organized at least two meetings with the whole TRC team on March 9 and



21 with the objectives to discuss the TALENT project activities to date as well as to give a heads up on the upcoming Compact negotiation and what needed to be done prior to the trip. The first meeting was held in MEYS' meeting hall, in Villa Verde and the other one was held at the CDT-TL's meeting room, at the government palace. These meetings were important to keep members of TRC engaged and at the same time, to strengthen their sense of ownership for the TALENT project. Through these meetings a number of important things were discussed and sorted out such as, points of the Condition Precedents which have been discussed previously.

Likewise, the CDT-TL education team also took part in a number of meetings organized with members of the delegation traveling to Washington in April for the Compact negotiation. At least two meetings were held on March 4<sup>th</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup>, led by H.E. Minister Fidelis Leite Magalhaes. Aside from logistics issues, important issues related to the TALENT and WSD projects were raised and clarified. For example, for the TALENT project, both Ministries of education reaffirmed the availability of the UNTL property in Hera that would be used for the CoE construction followed by several site visits to the place.

### **G. Task Order for the Optional Task for IBF**

Optional Task Order refers to a sub-set of tasks in the Scope of Work that was part of the contract awarded to IBF. These are tasks to be undertaken by the IBF team of consultants after they have completed the based activities required for the completion of the education design study report. The Task Order for the Optional Tasks includes 4 activity lines such as;

Activity 1: Forming a Center of Excellence for Teacher Education

- Sub-Activity 1.1: Setting Up the New CoE Organization
- Sub-Activity 1.2: Design and Build the CoE

Activity 2: Teacher Training

- Sub-Activity 2.1: Course Development
- Sub-Activity 2.2: Training Current Teachers
- Sub-Activity 2.3: Training New Teachers

Activity 3: School Leadership Training

- Sub-Activity 3.1: Developing Curriculum and Materials
- Sub-Activity 3.2: Training Delivery

Activity 4: Ensuring Excellence

- Sub-Activity 4.1: Quality Assurance and Monitoring
- Sub-Activity 4.2 Women's Economic Empowerment in Education
- Sub-Activity 4.3 Creating Language and ICT Supports

While waiting for the final draft of the IDM report from IBF, MCC CDT-TL and TRC started discussing the optional task order and whether or not IBF should continue with the work. This was reflected on one of the agendas of the TRC quarterly meeting in March where the committee agreed to reassess the work of IBF on the design studies against the remaining tasks to be accomplished after the signing of the Compact.

On April 12 MCC shared a draft terms of reference of the Task Order for the Optional Tasks with the CDT-TL education and TRC for a review. The draft TOR was brought for discussion during one of the team meetings in Washington during the Compact negotiation. Consequently, the draft was refined and shared with IBF in May for further action before the mission to Dili in the following month (June).

The Task Order set out guidelines for IBF to refine the design of the teacher and school leader training. IBF was asked to assess gaps in skills and knowledge of secondary school leaders and teachers using a systematic approach that they can then use to make recommendations for course offerings for training. More specifically, they will be able to recommend which courses will need to be developed, the order in which they should be offered, and the potential duration of a certification program for both in-service and pre-service training of teachers as well as school leaders. The assessments requested include classroom observations, interviews with school staff, and a new student assessment. The final item will serve a dual purpose, not only identifying gaps in teaching and learning, but also potentially serving as a tool that can be used for on-going evaluation of the project gains.

On that note, during the MCC's and IBF's mission to Dili in June, MCC and CDT-TL required IBF to submit a proposal or a written plan for the Task Order. The proposal outlined a description of what remained to be completed in the design, what to accomplish during the mission, the approach used to achieve that, and also the instruments that are going to be used. The proposal was important for both MCC and CDT-TL to understand the purpose of the mission and how MCC could and CDT-TL contributes to reach the outcomes of the mission.

As a result, by June 6<sup>th</sup> IBF had submitted their mission proposal with a meeting schedule to MCC and CDT-TL for review. Comments and feedback were made by MCC and CDT-TL to the proposal and addressed in a meeting with IBF on June 9. Due to the time constraint and the extent of the mission scope of work, IBF was approved to gather only relevant information to complete the IDM report and not conduct a full data collection as part of the Task Order for the Optional Tasks. More on the Task Order will be discussed in next year's (2023) progress report.

#### **4. Post Compact Negotiation meetings**

As discussed previously, the Compact Negotiation that took place in Washington DC from April 11-14, marked a special moment for the development steps of the Compact project. As for the WSD project, important aspects of the TALENT project were discussed and agreed upon by both MCC and GoTL. This included the Condition Precedents (CPs) for the TALENT project that have been discussed previously in this report.

Just as before departing Timor-Leste for the Compact Negotiation in Washington, it was vital to organize post-compact meetings with both MCC and GoTL (particularly the TRC) to provide an update after the negotiation. MCC organized a post-compact check-in with CDT-TL on April 28<sup>th</sup> to walk through some of the changes and agreement made during the compact

negotiation and what were ways forwards like for both WSD and TALENT project toward the Compact Signature in July 2022.

Likewise, on May 18, CDT-TL sent out a meeting invitation to the TRC members for May 25<sup>th</sup>. Part of the objectives of the meeting was to provide the TRC team an update on the outcomes of the Compact negotiation in Washington. This included but limited to the agreement reached by both teams (MCC and GoTL) on the Compact project particularly, for the education sector and tasks to be completed prior to the Compact signature in July.

The meeting was also intended to provide a heads up to everyone on the upcoming TALENT project mission in June that involved meetings with various stakeholders and field trips to municipalities. This meeting is essential to keep the counterpart engaged and well attuned with the development of the project and at the same time to encourage their active participation and contribution to the TALENT education mission in the following month (June 2022).

## **5. Stakeholders meeting with the ALMA and BEST Projects**

CDT-TL's education team was invited to attend a World Bank's partners meeting on its BEST project On May 16. The BEST team provided a presentation on the BEST project to date and encourages partners to ask questions as well as sharing their experiences. The CDT-TL's education lead took the opportunity to also present about the TALENT project that triggered a lot of interest from the audience. As a result, due to the limited time available for discussion, CDT-TL together with the MCC education team were keen to organize a follow up meeting focusing specifically on the TALENT project. Reflecting on the scope and nature of the TALENT project, the meeting was limited only to the Australian ALMA project team and the World Bank's BEST project team as the two projects share similar models to the TALENT project. The meeting was held virtually via Webex on May 26 where both BEST and ALMA project teams participated.

The main objective of the meeting was to share information with partners about the upcoming Teaching and Leading the Next Generation of Timorese (TALENT) project that will be funded by MCC and at the same time, to learn more about the latest update on the BEST and ALMA projects. CDT-TL's education lead presented the TALENT project in a powerpoint presentation followed by questions and answers after which the World Bank and DFAT/PHD shared about their projects.

The meeting was very well participated by the MCC education team (including gender and M&E teams), CDT-TL team, BEST project team from the World Bank and the ALMA team from PHD and DFAT. This meeting was helpful for all parties to synchronize their works in the education sector and for the new projects such as BEST and TALENT to avoid any overlaps in the project components. Preparation for MCC and IBF mission in June (refer to email dated May 26<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>).

## 6. MCC's Education team and IBF Mission in June 2022

In June 2022, the MCC's education team led another mission to Timor-Leste with members of IBF consultants, who arrived a week later after the MCC team. It was IBF's second time visiting the country after their first one in November 2021. A mission that lasted for three weeks filled with hectic schedules which CDT-TL's education team had to deal with.



*CDT-TL meeting with MCC-Education Mission in Dili on June 9, 2022*

The purpose of the visit to continue to advance the TALENT Project design including finalizing all aspects of the current design report including such items as: institutional and governance structure of COE, staffing for training, oversight of training, women's economic empowerment activity, language supports, ICT in education, admissions criteria, current teacher training stream, etc.

In addition, will work carry out scoping for two optional tasks that are part of the CDF-funded design study with IBF Consulting? Data gathered by exercising the optional tasks will be used to further explore the training needs of secondary teachers and school leaders in Timor-Leste. Information may also be used to formulate a new student assessment drawing from a question bank.

This information will be used by IBF to make recommendations to CDT and MCA as to a detailed training plan that should be followed for training and guide the development of a scope of work for a contractor to implement the training. It may also be used to develop a new student assessment to help teachers assess student performance and for evaluation purposes. Finally, MCC team members will carry out meetings with CDT to prepare for activities post-compact signature and to coordinate with other donors.

Mission preparation commenced as early as May when CDT-TL was in regular contact with MCC on schedules and related logistic needs for the visit in June. On May 26, MCC shared the mission scope and proposed schedule of IBF for review. Necessary comments and suggestions from MCC and CDT-TL were then provided as soon as possible to IBF consultants for reference and further action. From the start of the mission, CDT-TL coordinated with MCC to identify and organize meetings for both MCC and IBF consultants with key stakeholders from the development agencies and government counterparts.

At the same time, CDT-TL also coordinated with MCC to identify relevant key activities proposed by IBF to be undertaken during the mission in June. This included CDT-TL’s coordination with the IBF’s in-country team staff to request a letter of dispatch from MEYS to authorize the IBF consultants to do the school visits in the municipalities. As a result, by early June a signed letter of dispatch from MEYS was delivered to IBF authorizing them to go to the designated schools for additional data collection that would help to refine the design study.

Aside from setting up meetings with different stakeholders, CDT-TL’s education team accompanied the mission’s site visit to the potential site CoE building construction in Hera where the team was welcomed by the UNTL management committee who then provided a tour around the property. Likewise, CDT-TL’s education team also took part in the MCC’s mission field trip to visit schools in Manufahi and Aileu.



*CDT-TL and MCC-Education Mission conducted site visit to the potential site CoE building construction in Hera on June 8, 2022*

Aside from the MCC’s education lead, the M&E Director and GSI Associate Director also took part in the school visit in Manufahi and Aileu. The purpose of the school visit was to touch base with the municipal education authorities on the TALENT education project progress to date and for the MCC team to have first-hand experience of the secondary school setting in Timor-Leste. The school visits to the two municipalities was

helpful for the MCC, particularly for the M&E and GSI Directors (who visited Timor-Leste for the first time) as it allowed them to ask questions and understand more the context of education needs of Timor-Leste. More importantly, the school visit in the Manufahi and Aleu provides the MCC team with a glimpse of the capacity-building needs of teachers and school leaders in Timor-Leste’s context.

In short, to fulfill the purpose of the mission, CDT-TL education team played a key role not only in coordinating meetings with various education stakeholders for both MCC and IBF but



also taking part in the meetings, site visits/field trips to municipalities and more importantly, in providing strategic directions for successful completion of the mission.

## 7. Preparation for the Compact Signing Ceremony

The Compact Negotiation in Washington, C.D. in April 2022 paved the way for a monumental event on July 19 i.e. the Compact Signing ceremony by the government of the United States through the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and the Government of Timor-Leste. Thus, after the Compact Negotiation, the CDT-TL’s team worked in conjunction with the Office of the Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers (MPCM) to prepare for the compact signature. This included the two project teams (WSD and TALENT Projects) working closely with relevant project partners to prepare and make the Signatory event meaningful and memorable.

### A. Compact Development Projects Showcase

As part of the preparation, the CDT-TL education team worked on the Compact Development showcase to be displayed during the compact signature that would be held in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation in Dili. This included a showcase of both Compact projects namely the WSD project and TALENT project. The team gathered relevant Compact materials produced thus far as well as documentation of the project activities.

By July 10, the team had gathered most of the information on the progress of the Compact development project leading up to the compact signing. The information was turned into standing banners with photos and activity descriptions to guide viewers to understand the process taken from project inception to the Signing of the Compact by both MCC and GoTL. With technical support from the PCM’s media team and logistical and financial support from the Department of Finance of PCM, 10 stand banners were printed out and displayed in the venue of the Signing ceremony at MNEK on July 19.

### B. MCC’s Delegation School Visit



*Acting Vice President of MCC, Honorable Cameron Alford and Vice President of Compact Operations, Honorable Jonathan Brooks conducted a site visit to Secondary School (ESG 4 September UNAMET Balide) Dili on July 22, 2022*

During their short visit for the Compact Signing Ceremony, the MCC’s delegation headed by the Acting Vice President of MCC, Hon. Cameron Alford was keen to do site visits to some schools in Dili to have a sense of what teachers and school leaders were going through with the learning process. Thus, CDT-TL’s education lead coordinated with the Director General responsible for the secondary education of MEYS to organize school visits to two schools (one general secondary school and the other one Technical Vocational school) in Dili.

Therefore, a day after the Compact signature (June 20), in the morning, the MCC's delegation visited the 4 de Setembro General Secondary School in Balide and followed with the next visit to the TecVoc school in Becora. Both schools welcomed the delegation to their schools and were grateful to the delegation for taking the time to see their schools. In both schools, the delegation started with meeting with the school teacher and principals before going around the school complex taking pictures and talking to students (except for the students in the 4 de Setembro high school as there were no learning activities on that day). Teachers and school principals of both schools were more than keen to share their experiences and learn more about the future TALENT project. Aside from sharing about their schools and students, the teachers also provide a tour to the delegation team around their schools including showing them various learning facilities.

Likewise, the MCC delegation took the opportunity to explain the objective of the schools (and to Timor-Leste in general) i.e. to sign the Compact project with the GoTL which included the TALENT project that would benefit teachers and schools leaders in all of the secondary schools in Timor-Leste. There were also questions and answers sessions that triggered vivid and friendly exchange of ideas and experiences.

Due to the inability to meet with students from the 4 de Setembro High School), MCC's communication team (who were also part of the delegation) requested for a follow up visit to the school in Balide to have more interactive time with the students. Consequently, the team requested the school with the CDT-TL team on the next day (May 21) where they could go into classrooms to greet students and observe their learning process. The team also took the time to have personal interviews with both the teachers and students before leaving the school.

In short, the visit to the school by such a high-level rank from MCC did not only boost optimism within the school communities about the project but more importantly, strengthened and reaffirmed the seriousness on the part of MCC regarding the project implementation. This was reflected in the great school communities during the visit and also seen on the level of coordination of MEYS who facilitate the visit.

### **4.3 Gender and Social Inclusion (GSI)**

Gender and Social Inclusion (GSI) is considered as one of the main components of the MCC's investment in Timor-Leste. During the 2022 period, the CDT-TL, in collaboration with MCC, supported and facilitated the IBF to conduct research to find the format of 'Improving Secondary School Teacher and Leadership Quality' in Timor-Leste. GSI Specialist and Education Specialist of CDT-TL helped in collaboration with MCC assisting discuss and provide feedback to the final report. IBF research finds critical input and provides recommendations to the specific activities such as Forming a New Center of Excellence, Pre-service Teacher Training, School Leadership Training, In-service Teacher Training, and recommended components on how to ensure Quality and Access.



*MCC-Education and SBC meeting with CDT-TL on June 6, 2022*

Apart from ensuring quality and access, in consultation between CDT-TL and MCC Washington, has discussed and proposed Gender and Social Inclusion component include gender analysis to the secondary education system which is focused on ‘girls’ participation in the secondary education system & Inclusivity, challenges for women to become school’s leaders, as well as challenges of female teachers in career development.

In Investments Document Memo (IDM) prepared by IBF to MCC, proposed to

consolidate all the efforts related to promoting women’s participation in the teaching and school leadership opportunities, as part of a “Women’s Economic Empowerment” - WEE component. It strongly supports MCC’s mission to reduce poverty through economic growth. Increasing women’s participation in the Education Project is critical to achieving the program objectives in Timor-Leste through ensuring “creating opportunities for women in educational leadership”, which includes the WEE initiative.

In Collaboration with CDT Timor-Leste MCC has prepared a procurement document for the two activities of setting up the CoE Institutional Setup and designing teaching materials at the CoE which will launch in the year of 2023. After choosing a firm, CDT in collaboration with MCC will design activities in consolidating Women's Economic Employment as an integral part of this Education project.

#### **4.4 Social Behaviour Change (SBC) in Water Sanitation and Drainage (SBC-WSD)**



*MCC-CDT conducted SBC Assesment in Bairopite Dili June 2022*

Social Behavior Change (SBC) is a component of the Water Sanitation and Drainage Project of MCC Investment. Even though the infrastructure construction is only centered in Dili, this project will also provide benefits in several municipalities such as Ermera and Bobonaro, and then expand to other municipalities in the coming years. Therefore, during 2022, CDT-TL has conducted assessments to the Municipalities including Manatuto, Baucau, Lautem and Viqueque, Liquisa, etc. The purpose of this assessment is to identify community habits in managing drinking water at the household level and community

participation in maintaining the infrastructure of water facilities in these districts.

In November 2021, CDT, MCC and Tetra Tech have discussed and proposed several activities to be integrated into the SBC component of the Water Sanitation and Drainage Project namely simplified sewage system as a means to reach households in unstructured areas (which includes a large number of poor households) and that we are also going to include costs related to connecting to the services and decommissioning from pit latrines and septic tanks. Ensuring the lower-income households also contribute and will benefit from the project is critical. In November 2021's SBC-MCC, has heard stakeholders from both the government such as the State Secretary for Civil Protection, Ministry of Health, National Authority for Environment License (ANAA), BEE-Timor Leste, National Authority for Water and Sanitation (ANAS), National and International NGO's as well as UNICEF.

The SBC component is also important in ensuring that households adopt the necessary changes in their household's practices managing drinking water and utilizing drinking water facilities at the household level to meet its objectives and women play a critical role in this effort. One aspect we want to further look into as we move forward in the process is the impact of the cost of service to households, especially lower-income and female-headed households.

To increase the awareness and knowledge of households in carrying out best-practices using WSD new facilities at House Hold Level facilities, MCC and CDT have made film recordings about the practice of managing WSD at Household Level. Video recordings interview with internal CDT specialists using interview guide-line such as:

- 1) What is the role of the SBC activity in the Timor Leste Compact Water, Sanitation, and Drainage Project? This question interviews with SB-GSI Specialist for CDT
- 2) What do you think the benefit of SBC will be to the project? This question interview with the WSD Specialist for CDT and;
- 3) What do you think the benefit of SBC will be to the people of Dili? This question is interviewing with the Environment and Social Impact Specialist for CDT.

#### **4.5 Gender Based Violence and Trafficking in Person**

Mitigating risks related to GBV and TIP is important for both projects. Construction works (both for the WSD and CoE) represents specific risks related to forced labor, sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment, etc., especially to communities near project sites. Therefore, it needs to ensure the proper training is provided to construction workers and employees and impacted communities also receive awareness rising.

Furthermore, addressing risks of violence in schools (physical violence, sexual violence, bullying) as part of the teacher's and leader's trainings will be important. Also, it needs to incorporate a component on community engagement to promote women's participation in the education workforce and mitigate potential risks related to increased domestic violence as it

relates to their increased income or change in status (for example, regarding professional advancement).

The Action Plan to Addressing Risk of Violence in School will be prepared after getting the firm that carries out the work of designing the training materials and designing detailed organizational settings in 2023.

## **V. FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **5.1 Compact Development Fund Implementation**

The Current Approved Multi-Year Financial Plan budget for the CDT-TL is USD \$5,419,500.00 Following is the detailed financial report for the CDF grant, outlining CDT-TL staff salaries, administrative costs and minor procurement of goods and services.

Subject to Annex 1, Item 2 of the CDF agreement, CDT-TL is only responsible for Government-Contracted Activities that reflected in budget lines 0017 and 0234. Budget line 0017 covers CDT-TL staff salaries, and the budget line 0234 is for minor procurement of goods and services. As of December 30<sup>th</sup> 2022, the overall total expenditures of CDT-TL are **USD \$572,616.00**. Please see following table for detail;



## Compact Development Fund Disbursement for 2022

<b>Summary View-January</b>				
<b>Project Code</b>	<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Fund (US Dollar Amount)</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
			<b>CDF</b>	
PGM ADMIN	0017	Program Administration	\$45,474.00	\$45,474.00
	0234	Project Administration Costs	\$450.00	\$450.00
<b>Total Payments for January 2022</b>			<b>\$45,924.00</b>	<b>\$45,924.00</b>

<b>Summary View-February</b>				
<b>Project Code</b>	<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Fund (US Dollar Amount)</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
			<b>CDF</b>	
EDU	0447	Education Activity	\$43,713.47	\$43,713.47
PGM ADMIN	0017	Program Administration	\$45,474.00	\$45,474.00
	0234	Project Administration Costs	\$1,450.00	\$1,450.00
<b>Total Payments for February 2022</b>			<b>\$90,637.47</b>	<b>\$90,637.47</b>

<b>Summary View-March</b>				
<b>Project Code</b>	<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Fund (US Dollar Amount)</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
			<b>CDF</b>	
HMN DEVEL	0171	Health System Interventions Activity	\$261,100.70	\$261,100.70
	0184	Municipal Sanitation and Drainage Systems Activity	\$158,757.48	\$158,757.48
PGM ADMIN	0017	Program Administration	\$45,474.00	\$45,474.00
	0234	Project Administration Costs	\$7,100.00	\$7,100.00
<b>Total Payments for March 2022</b>			<b>\$472,432.18</b>	<b>\$472,432.18</b>

**Summary View-April**

<b>Project Code</b>	<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Fund (US Dollar Amount)</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
			<b>CDF</b>	
HMN DEVEL	0184	Municipal Sanitation and Drainage Systems Activity	\$304,582.17	\$304,582.17
PGM ADMIN	0017	Program Administration	\$39,237.00	\$39,237.00
	0234	Project Administration Costs	\$1,105.00	\$1,105.00
<b>Total Payments for April 2022</b>			<b>\$344,924.17</b>	<b>\$344,924.17</b>

**Summary View-May**

<b>Project Code</b>	<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Fund (US Dollar Amount)</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
			<b>CDF</b>	
EDU	0447	Education Activity	\$125,684.03	\$125,684.03
PGM ADMIN	0017	Program Administration	\$45,474.00	\$45,474.00
	0234	Project Administration Costs	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00
<b>Total Payments for May 2022</b>			<b>\$172,308.03</b>	<b>\$172,308.03</b>

**Summary View-June**

<b>Project Code</b>	<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Fund (US Dollar Amount)</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
			<b>CDF</b>	
EDU	0447	Education Activity	\$27,202.97	\$27,202.97
PGM ADMIN	0017	Program Administration	\$45,474.00	\$45,474.00
	0234	Project Administration Costs	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
<b>Total Payments for June 2022</b>			<b>\$74,426.97</b>	<b>\$74,426.97</b>

**Summary View-July**

Project Code	Activity Code	Activity Description	Fund (US Dollar Amount)	Total Amount
			CDF	
EDU	0447	Education Activity	\$46,413.86	\$46,413.86
PGM ADMIN	0017	Program Administration	\$45,474.00	\$45,474.00
	0234	Project Administration Costs	\$8,448.00	\$8,448.00
<b>Total Payments for July 2022</b>			<b>\$100,335.86</b>	<b>\$100,335.86</b>

**Summary View-August**

Project Code	Activity Code	Activity Description	Fund (US Dollar Amount)	Total Amount
			CDF	
PGM ADMIN	0017	Program Administration	\$45,474.00	\$45,474.00
	0234	Project Administration Costs	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00
<b>Total Payments for July 2022</b>			<b>\$46,624.00</b>	<b>\$46,624.00</b>

**Summary View-September**

Project Code	Activity Code	Activity Description	Fund (US Dollar Amount)	Total Amount
			CDF	
PGM ADMIN	0017	Program Administration	\$45,474.00	\$45,474.00
	0234	Project Administration Costs	\$450.00	\$450.00
<b>Total Payments for September 2022</b>			<b>\$45,924.00</b>	<b>\$45,924.00</b>

**Summary View-October**

Project Code	Activity Code	Activity Description	Fund (US Dollar Amount)	Total Amount
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			<b>CDF</b>	
EDU	0447	Education Activity	\$217,318.20	\$217,318.20
HMN DEVEL	0183	Urban Water Supply Systems Activity	\$552,972.13	\$552,972.13
PGM ADMIN	0017	Program Administration	\$45,474.00	\$45,474.00
	0234	Project Administration Costs	\$1,850.00	\$1,850.00
<b>Total Payments for October 2022</b>			<b>\$817,614.33</b>	<b>\$817,614.33</b>

<b>Summary View-November</b>				
<b>Project Code</b>	<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Fund (US Dollar Amount)</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
			<b>CDF</b>	
EDU	0447	Education Activity	\$61,068.62	\$61,068.62
PGM ADMIN	0017	Program Administration	\$45,474.00	\$45,474.00
	0234	Project Administration Costs	\$5,012.00	\$5,012.00
<b>Total Payments for November 2022</b>			<b>\$111,554.62</b>	<b>\$111,554.62</b>

<b>Summary View-December</b>				
<b>Project Code</b>	<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Fund (US Dollar Amount)</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
			<b>CDF</b>	
PGM ADMIN	0017	Program Administration	\$45,474.00	\$45,474.00
	0021	Procurement Management	\$6,918.57	\$6,918.57
	0234	Project Administration Costs	\$3,250.00	\$3,250.00
<b>Total Payments for December 2022</b>			<b>\$55,642.57</b>	<b>\$55,642.57</b>

Administrative funds outlined in budget lines 0183,0184,0171,0447 and 0021 are allocated for MCC-managed project activities. The monthly payments of CDT-TL staff salaries (Activity 0017) are directly transferred into each staff member's bank accounts from MCC Washington, DC.

Additionally, as the CDT-TL is fully aware of the Article 5[2] in the CDF agreement, the supporting documents for these expenditures are securely kept in the CDT-TL office for further scrutiny when it is required.

## **5.2 Government In-Kind Contributions**

The GoTL is also committed to support the Compact Development Program in Timor-Lest. As part of its commitment, the Government is providing in-kind contributions to support the daily operations of CDT-TL. Following are the lists of the government contributions to the MCC compact project in 2021:

- Office space equipped with a meeting room
- Office equipment; 10 units Desktop, 1 unit Laptop, 1 unit printer
- Office furniture; Desks, Chairs, Drawers, Filing cabinets and papers
- Fuel for vehicles on the monthly basis (coupon)
- Air plan tickets and allowances for the official travel of the CDT – TL delegation to Washington DC;
- Perdiem for Field visits;
- Printing communication material;
- Meals for official events, CDT-TL's meetings with focal points, Government Officials and MCC mission's members;
- Meals, Print Banners, invitations, pictures, media and communication materials and other decorations material during compact agreement signing event.
- Payment for the members of the CDT's COVID-19 test or PCR test before travel;
- Payment for the Official Passport of the members of the CDT-TL;



## **VI. KEY CHALLENGES, WAY FORWARD**

### **6.1 Key Challenges**

**Challenges:** The main challenges that the CDT-TL faced during the period of January-December 2022 was the late responses from the related Government's Institution in the country to the key required documents and information that needed for the further steps and decision makings such a Joint Diploma Ministerial, no objection letters from ANLA and other related Institutions.

Delied responses from MCC side to the required information for the government to further carrying out analysis on the documents and formulation of the responses which would enable the chair person of the key Institutions to negotiate and take decision. In this regards, most of the time MCC project lead has always been responded to the Government Institution through CDT-TL with out written responses.

### **6.2 Way Forward**

The CDT-TL will continue to make all efforts to have the Millenium Challenge Account Timor-Leste (MCA-TL) establish in 2023. The CDT-TL will also continue to support the completion of the feasibility studies by collecting additional information and reviewing the preliminary report findings.

The CDT-TL was grateful for all the support rendered by the President of Republic, National Parliament members, President of Supreme Court, Government's Ministries, Civil Society Organizations, Private Sector and Development Partners and local authorities and other relevant stakeholders and continued to look forward to working closely with all entities in ensuring the effective implementation of Compact Investment in Timor-Leste.

### **6.3 Recomendations**

To support the CDT-TL's commitment in signing the Compact Agreement, the CDT-TL recommends these following recommendations to:

- The line ministries, to be more active and pro-active engage in all activities of Compact development process and timely respond to the preconditions that presented by the MCC for both WTSD and Education projects;
- The line ministries to have a timely responses to requested documents and other supports;
- Government to continue provides in-kind contribution such as financial and other needed contributions to support the operation of the CDT-TL.

**Annex 1: CDT-TL/MCC Engagement Meeting List with Stakeholders in Timor-Leste  
(Jan-December 2022)**

	DATE	ATIVITIES
1	10 Jan	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team attended PCM annual general meeting held at CNE Auditorium, Kaikoli-Dili. The meeting was led directly by the H.E. Minister of Presidency for Council of Ministers (MPCM), H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes
2	11 Jan	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL and team attended regular conference call meeting with MCC to update on compact activities for 2022
3	11 Jan	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Deputy Mariano Carmo and President BTL, ep, Eng. Carlos dos Reis Peloi met with H.E. MPCM, Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes
4	14 Jan	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with H.E. MPCM, H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes in order to update and discuss on the time line for compact negotiation and compact agreement signature between GovTL and USA-MCC
5	3 Feb	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team conducted regular meeting with Focal point from line Ministries in order to update them on the compact development progressed.
6	16 Feb	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with H.E. MPCM, H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes to prepare presentation of compact program to the Council of Ministers
7	16 Feb	CDT-TL participated Technical Inter-ministerial Group (GTI) meeting for the presentation on the report and discussion on mechanisms for publication list of community affected members in Bebonuk.
8	21 Feb	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with Dr. George, Legal Advisor from PCM and Dr. Duarte and Doutor Sebastiao, Legal Advisor of CDT-TL discussed on the establishment of MCA-Timor-Leste in near future
9	7 March	CDT-TL preparation meeting for coming MCC-TALENT Project mission to Timor-Leste
10	8 March	CDT-TL/MCC virtual meeting on Compact Negotiation Guideline
11	9 March	CDT-TL/MCC virtual meeting and discussed “TALENT Design Study”
12	11 Mar	CDT-TL preparation meeting for the coming MCC-TALENT Project mission to Timor-Leste
13	15 March	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team attended the GTI data publication Meeting on community affected members in Bebonuk.
14	21 March	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Deputy Mariano Carmo and team conducted a meeting with Technical Review Committee from MEYS and MESSC discussed on TALENT Project.
15	22 March	CDT/MCC meeting on Conditions Precedent Discussion
16	24 March	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and H.E. MPCM, Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes conducted a preparation meeting with all delegation members that will participate compact negotiation with MCC
17	30 March	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Deputy Mariano Carmo and General Director from MYES, Antoninho Pires, General Director from MESSC, Maria Fernanda Lay, Rector UNTL, Prof. Doutor João Soares Martins and team conducted site visit to a UNTL Property in Hera that are potential for future construction of COE.
18	30 March	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Deputy Mariano Carmo and team conducted a meeting with Technical Review Committee members from MEYS and MESSC on TALENT Project at the MEYS Office in Vilaverde-Dili
19	31 March	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with Minister of Public Works, H.E. Sua Exelensia DR. Abel Pires to update the Minister on the Compact development process on Water Treatment, Sanitation and Drainage Project
20	1 April	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team together with Dr. George da

		Silva, Legal Advisor from PCM and Dr. Jose Pedro Sousa, Legal Consultant from CDT-TL, Dr. Duarte Carneiro and Dr. Sebastião Burnay conducted virtual discussion virtual and MCC legal team, Attorney David Kassebaum in relation with legal issues for the establishment of MCA-TL.
21	5 April	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and H.E. MPCM, Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes conducted a preparation meeting with all delegation members that will participate compact negotiation with MCC. The delegation composed of .E. Vice-Minister Finances, Dr. Antonio Freitas, General Director of MEYS, Sr. Antoninho Pires, General Director of MESCC, Sra. Maria Fernanda Lay, President Bee Timor-Leste, ep, Eng. Carlos dos Reis, Peloi and CDT-TL.
22	5 April	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team together with Dr. George da Silva, Legal Advisor from PCM and Jose Pedro Sousa, Legal Consultant from CDT-TL, Duarte Carneiro and Sebastião Burnay conducted another virtual discussion virtual and MCC legal team, Attorney David Kassebaum in relation with legal issues for the establishment of MCA-TL.
23	6 April	CDT-TL/MCC met with Legal Advisors from PCM and relevant Ministries to clarify relevant issues on the draft of Decree law for the establishment of MCA-TL
24	6 April	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with H.E. Minister of Justice, Dr. Tiago Sarmento to update the Minister on compact development process in TL
25	7 April	H.E. MPCM, Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes led a high level delegation to USA for compact agreement negotiation with MCC.
26	11 April	H.E. MPCM, H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes, H.E. Vice-Minister of Finance, Antonio Freitas, H.E. Ambassador Isilio Coelho, Ambassador Pinto, General Director MEYS, Dr. Antoninho Pires, General Director MESCC, Maria Fernanda Lay, President of BTL, Carlos Peloi dos Reis, and team started compact Agreement negotiation with MCC in Washington.
27	12 April	H.E. MPCM, Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes, H.E. Vice-Minister of Finance, Antonio Freitas, H.E. Ambassador Isilio Coelho, Ambassador Pinto, General Director MEYS, Dr. Antoninho Pires, General Director MESCC, Maria Fernanda Lay, President of BTL, Carlos Peloi dos Reis, and team continue having second day compact Agreement negotiation with MC
28	13 April	H.E. MPCM, Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes, H.E. Vice-Minister of Finance, Antonio Freitas, H.E. Ambassador Isilio Coelho, Ambassador Pinto, General Director MEYS, Antoninho Pires, General Director MESCC, Maria Fernanda Lay, President of BTL, Carlos Peloi dos Reis, and team continue having third day compact Agreement negotiation with MCC in Washington.
29	13 April	CDT-TL (Jose Caetano) was participated an online MCC Quarterly Communication Call discussed communication strategy for Compact Agreement signatory event.
30	14 April	H.E. MPCM, Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes, H.E. Vice-Minister of Finance, Antonio Freitas, H.E. Ambassador Isilio Coelho, Ambassador Pinto met with Honorable Fatema Z.Sumar, Vice-President of Compact Operation
31	15 April	H.E. MPCM, Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes. H.E. Vice-Minister of Finance, Antonio Freitas, H.E. Ambassador Isilio Coelho, Ambassador Pinto, General Director MEYS, Dr. Antoninho Pires, General Director MESCC, Maria Fernanda Lay, President of BTL, Carlos Peloi dos Reis, and team continue having fourth day compact Agreement negotiation with MCC
32	16 April	Government of Timor-Leste and MCC concluded compact negotiation with closing ceremony and photo session with MCC-CEO, Honorable Alice Albright.
33	25 April	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto participated MCC Virtual event with MCC CEO, Alice Albright and the representatives of MCA from Malawi, Morocco and TL
34	27 April	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team conducted virtual meeting with MCC discussed on the coming MCC mission to TL and reviewed time line for Compact Agreement Signatory. The meeting attended by George da Silva, Legal Advisors from PCM
35	27 April	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with H.E. Vice Minister of Finances, Antonio Freitas.
36	12 May	CDT-TL conducted virtual meeting with MCC delegation (Pre-travel Check-in)
37	16 May	CDT-TL meeting with Director of NGO Belun, Luis Ximenes and team
38	17 May	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team conducted regular meeting with focal points from line ministries to update information on compact negotiation and the coming MCC mission to Timor-Leste.
39	20 May	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with Honorable Alice P. Albright, CEO MCC who led USA Presidential delegation to participate Presidential

		inauguration ceremony in Timor-Leste.
40	25 May	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and H.E. MPCM, H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes met with President of Republic, Dr. Ramos-Horta at Palace of Presidential Aitarak Laran, Dili
41	27 May	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team conducted an initial meeting with Khumar Ranganathan, WSD Project Lead MCC in Dili.
42	30 May	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team together with MCC conducted meeting and presented summary of feasibility studies on WSD Project to to BTL, EP, MoP, MPO, DNTPSC, EDTL, DMA, ANLA, ANAS,IP an relevant Institutions
43	31 May	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team and Khumar Ranganathan, Water, Sanitation and Drainage (WSD) Project Lead MCC met with H.E. Minister of Public Works, Dr. Abel da Silva Pires.
44	31 May	President of BTL, E.P, Eng. Carlos Peloi dos Reis and Manager of Sanitation Operation Maintenance BTL, E.P, Jestór MRP/GIS BTL, E.P, Manager of Environmental Quality Control presented on the progress of land data collection status from WSD site to MCC/HAZEN.
45	1 June	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and Khumar Ranganathan, Water, Sanitation and Drainage (WSD) Project Lead MCC include Tetra Tech and HAZEN conducted a meeting with President of BTL, EP, Eng. Carlos dos Reis Peloi, Representatives from MPO, MoP and World Bank and ADB in order to present results of feasibility study on WSD Project.
46		The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and Prezident BTL, EP, Eng. Carlos dos Reis Peloi met with MCC delegation, Tetra Tech and Hazen.
47	3 June	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and MCC delegation, Tetra Tech and Hazen met with Director of WSD Municipality of Dili, Herminio Moniz in order to discuss on Tibar Land Fill.
48	6 June	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with MCC delegation Education, and GSI/SBC and M&E team.
49	7 June	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team, and President of BTL, EP, Eng. Carlos dos Reis Peloi met with MCC Mission team to Timor-Leste.
50	8 June	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team together with Representatives from MESSC, UNTL and MCC – Education team conducted site visit to UNTL property in Hera to observe potential land for the future construction of COE.
51	9 June	CDT-TL and MCC-GSI met with Plan Inter-national
52	9 June	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with MCC'IBF and GSI delegation
53	9 June	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team together with MCC. Tetra tech met with Interim Executive Secretary of ANLA, Antonio Lelo Taci, M.Sc
54	9 June	CDT-TL/MCC delegation met with BTL, EP and its contractor who are responsible for Detailed Engineering Design of Dili water Supply
55	12 June	CDT-TL and BTL, EP met Project Management Unit-Dili Municipality
56	13 June	CDT-TL participated in Virtual call with IBF-MCC
57	13 June	CDT-TL and MCC met with Water Aid
58	13 June	CDT-TL and MCC met with UNICEF
59	14 June	CDT-TL and IBF-MCC met with MESCC
60	14 June	CDT-TL/MCC-GSI and M&E team conducted site visit to observe potential site for future WSD intervention in Bebonuk and Hudilaran/Bairopite.
61	15 June	CDT (Nuno) participated virtual call with MCC discussed on procurement issues for compact project implementation
62	15 June	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, deputy Mariano Carmo and team met with IBF-MCC (Education team) in Timor Plaza, Dili.
63	17 June	CDT-TL and MCC-Education team met with Dili Diocese, the Catholic National Education Commission (Komisaun Nasional Edukasaun Katolika Timor-Leste - KONEKTIL)
64	17 June	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with MCC-Education delegation
65	17 June	CDT-TL participated Technical Inter Ministerial Group meeting at BTL, EP to discuss about resettlement process (issues) for affected community in Bebonuk.

66	20 June	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with President of BTL, EP, Eng. Carlos do Reis Peloi
67	22 June	CDT/ MCC met with Institutu Superior Santo Inacio de Loiola KASAIT
68	23 June	CDT and IBF-MCC met with Public Servant Commission (KFP)
69	23 June	CDT and MCC met with SEII
70	24 June	CDT-TL/MCC met with representative from MEYS and MESCC to present on curriculum revision for Secondary General School in Timor-Leste.
71	28 June	CDT-MCC meeting to discuss on the preparation for compact agreement signatory in July 2022
72	28 June	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with Sandy Snider, Political, Economic and consular Chief – USA Embassy Dili.
73	28 June	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met PCM Official/staff to discuss on the logistical preparation for the compact agreement signatory on July 19, 2022
74	30 June	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with Alinea Inter-National.
75	1 July	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met again with PCM Official/staff to discuss on the logistical preparation for the compact agreement signatory on July 19, 2022.
76	8 July	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met again with PCM Official/staff to discuss on the logistical preparation for the compact agreement signatory on July 19, 2022. Chief of Cabinet Sr. Andre Lotte and General Director of PCM, Sr. Pedro Mario Exposto Feno also participated in the meeting.
77	12 July	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team participated in a conference call with MCC, USA Embassy in Dili and Dr. Nuno Costa from PCM to discuss on communication strategy for compact agreement signatory in July 12, 2022
78	15 July	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team welcomed MCC Country Resident Timor-Leste, Gigi Goodhart and Justine Hufford to CDT-TL Office.
79	16 July	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto interviewed on RTTL, EP compact development process and preparation for the compact agreement signing event on July 19, 2022.
80	18 July	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team welcomed MCC Acting Vice, Honorable Cameron Alford and MCC Vice President of Compact Operation Honorable Jonathan Brooks and delegation at International Airport Nicolau Lobato-Dili. The delegation also met with H.E. President of Republic, Dr. Jose Ramos Horta before flied for an official visit to Republic of Indonesia.
81	18 July	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team accompanied MCC Acting Vice President, Honorable Cameron Alford and MCC Vice President f Compact Operation Honorable Jonathan Brooks and delegation conducted site visit to observe potential site for future WSD intervention in Bebonuk and Hudilaran/Bairopite.
82	18 July	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and H.E. MPCM, H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes met with MCC Acting President, Honorable Cameron Alford and MCC Vice President of Compact Operation Honorable Jonathan Brooks
83	18 July	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and H.E. MPCM, Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes accompanied Prime Minister Taur Matan Ruak met with MCC Acting Vice President, Honorable Cameron Alford and MCC Vice President of Compact Operation Honorable Jonathan Brooks and delegation at Palace of Government-Dili
84	19 July	Government of Timor-Leste and USA-MCC signed compact Agreement in Dili, Timor-Leste.
85	19 July	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team, H.E. MPCM, Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes met with MCC Acting Vice President, Honorable Cameron Alford and MCC Vice President of Compact Operation, Honorable Jonathan Brooks and delegation
86	20 July	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto interviewed on Education TV Station (TVE) on the compact agreement signatory event. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZ9axodCCbAdIeZB7ZcyhRg/videos?disable_polymer=1">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZ9axodCCbAdIeZB7ZcyhRg/videos?disable_polymer=1</a>
87	20 July	MCC Acting Vice President, Honorable Cameron Alford and MCC Vice President of Compact Operation Honorable Jonathan Brooks met and Engage with key civil society representatives in the water and sanitation and education sectors



88	20 July	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team accompanied MCC Acting Vice and Acting President, Honorable Cameron Alford and MCC Vice President of Compact Operation Honorable Jonathan Brooks and delegation visited school/classroom and interact with school leadership, teachers, and students at ESG 4 Setembru UNAMET-Balide Dili.
89	20 July	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team accompanied MCC Acting Vice and Acting President, Honorable Cameron Alford and MCC Vice President of Compact Operation Honorable Jonathan Brooks and delegation visited school/classroom and interact with school leadership, teachers, and students at ESTV Becora Dili.
90	20 July	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team accompanied MCC Acting Vice and Acting President, Honorable Cameron Alford and MCC Vice President of Compact Operation Honorable Jonathan Brooks and delegation heading to Airport to depart back to Washington.
91	21 July	CDT-TL/MCC conducted site visit to collect interviews with people who will be potentially impacted by the future compact investments on WSD Project in Fatuhada.
92	21 July	CDT-TL/MCC conducted site visit to collect interviews people who will be potentially impacted by the future compact investments on TALENT Project in ESG 4 Setembru UNAMET-Balide Dili.
93	27 July	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with Mr. Loren Labovitch, Vice President of STANTEC.
94	27 July	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with Sra. Gigi Goodhart, Resident Country Director (Incoming), Justine Hufford, Program Officer, Chris Gilson, Director of External Affairs ho Jenna Mosley, Communication Specialist.
95	27 July	Council of Ministers approved Projet Poposal for Resolution of National Parliement for the ratification of Compact Agreement between Timor-Leste and SUA/MCC
96	28 July	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with Dr. Mário Santos, Administrator Country Manager and Dr. Cláudio de Jesus, Prezidenti Águas de Portugal International.
97	13 Aug	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team conducted conference call meeting with MCC in Washington
98	15 Aug	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with President of Dili Municipality Authority, Dra. Guilhermina Filomena Saldanha Ribeiro and team.
99	18 Aug	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with President of BTL, E.P, Eng Carlos Dos Reis Peloi.
100	23 Aug	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL and Deputy Mariano Carmo met with President of Baucau Municipality Authority, Coordinator of BTL, EP and Administrator of Lautem Municipality.
101	25 Aug	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Deputy Mariano Carmo met with President of BTL, EP Official in Municipality of Viqueque.
102	26 Aug	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Deputy Mariano Carmo met with President of Baucau Municipality Authority, Coordinator of BTL, EP and Administrator of Viqueuqe Municipality.
103	31 Aug	CDT-TL Education Specialist, Dionisio Sarmiento and Jose Caetano Guterres met with Generatl Director of Administration and Finance of MEYS, Sr. Antoninho Pires
104	31 Aug	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team accompanied Minister of Presidency for Council of Ministers; H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes met with National Parliament Members from Commission B to discussed Project Proposal Resolution for the Compact Agreeemtn Ratification.
105	13 Sept	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team accompanied Minister of Presidency for Council of Ministers; H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes met again with National Parliament Members from Commission B to discussed Project Proposal Resolution for the Compact Agreeemtn Ratification.
106	20 Sept	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team conducted regular meeting with Focal point from line Ministries, specifically with MPO, ANAS, IP, DNTPSC, EDTL,EP, ANLA and representatives from President of Dili Municipality Authority.
107	22 Sept	MCC Infra-Structure project mission to Timor-Leste, lead by Senior Infra-Strutura MCC, Sr. Kumar Ranganathan and Contractor Hazen.

108	23 Sept	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with President of BTL, Ep, Eng. Carlos Peloi, ANLA and its team.
109	26 Sept	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team accompanied Minister of Presidency for Council of Ministers; H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, DR.Armindo Maia, Vice Minister of Finance, Antonio Freitas and President of BTL,EP participated the National Parliaments debates of Project Proposal Resolution for the Compact Agreement Ratification.
110	26 Sept	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team with MCC Infra-structure delegation met with representatives from BTL, Ep, ANAS, IP, ANLA, MPO, DNTPSC discussed on action plan for Detail Engineering Design Program for WSD compact project
111	28 Sept	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team with MCC Infra-structure delegation met with BTL, Ep and ANLA discussed on Environmental Licencing for WSD Program implementation
112	29 Sept	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team and H.E. Minister of Public Workd, Abel Pires da Silva and President of BTL, EP, Carlos Peloi dos Reis, discussed on WSD Project implementation
113	29 Sept	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team and MCC Infra-estrutura MCC discussed with ANAS, IP, Legal Advisor from MoPW on sanitation system regulation in regards with the implementation of WSD project
114	30 Sept	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with MCC Infra-Structure delegation on procurement plan the Project Management Consultan (PMC).
115	3 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team accompanied Minister of Presidency for Council of Ministers; H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, DR.Armindo Maia, Vice Minister of Finance, Antonio Freitas and President of BTL,EP participated the National Parliaments debates of Project Proposal Resolution for the Compact Agreement Ratification. The Compact Agreement ratified by the National Parliament with 40 votes.
116	4 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team conducted wrap-up meeting with MCC Infra-structure delegation mission.
117	5 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with TRC members from MEYS and MESSC.
118	6 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team participated regular virtual meeting with MCC in Washington.
119	7 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with H.E. Ministr of Public Works, Dr. Abel Pires da Silva.
120	11 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team participated in Government Coordination Meeting with line Ministers and discussed on the preparation for compact programa implement. The meeting led directly by Minister of Presidency for Council of Ministers; H.E. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes and participated by H.E. Minister of State Administration, Miguel Pereira de Carvalho, Secretary of State for Land and Property, Sr. Eldino Rodrigues dos Santos, President of BTL, Ep, Sr. Carlos Peloi dos Reis, National Executive Director from MoPW.
121	12 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Deputy Mariano Carmo and team conducted meeting with Technical Review Committee (TRC) from MEYS and MESSC
122	12 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Deputy Mariano Carmo and team met with H.E. Minister of Public Works, Dr. Abel Pires da Silva. The Minister accompanied by President of BTL, EP, Eng. Carlos dos Reis Peloi, President of ANAS discussed on pending issues to be resolved with MCC related to WSD project implementation.
123	13 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with Resident Country Director, Sra. Gigi Goodhart.
124	13 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with Sr. Aleixo dos Santos from BTL, E.P.
125	14 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team with Advisors from Ministry of State Administration, Ministry of Public Works, and Directors from BTL, EP, Contractors and Project Management Consultant, Project Management Unit (PMU) for Tibar Landfill project conducted site visit Tibar landfill in Liquica. The site visit also participated by

		Sra. Gigi, Country Resident MCC Timor-Leste.
126	17 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and the Resident Country Director MCC, Sra. Gigi conducted courtesy met with Presidenti BTL, EP
127	17 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and the Resident Country Director MCC, Sra. Gigi conducted courtesy met General Director of MESCC, Dra. Maria Filomena Lay Guterres.
128	17 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with Resident Country Director MCC Timor-Leste, Sra. Gigi and MCC Program Officer, Justine Hufford, Procurement Team Lead, Sr. Preston Winter and Interim Procurement Agent MCC, Aina Rakotomanga.
129	18 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team attended a virtual call with Washington and IBF. The conference call also participated by Sra. Gigi Goodhart, Resident Country Director MCC Timor-Leste, Sra. Justine Hufford, Program Officer, Sr. Preston Winter, Procurement Team.
130	18 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with Preston Winter, Procurement Team Leader-MCC, Sra. Gigi Goodhart, Resident Country Director MCC Timor-Leste, Sra. Justine Hufford, Program Officer and Aina Rakotomanga, Interim Procurement Agent MCC.
131	18 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team met with Preston Winter, Procurement Team Leader-MCC
132	19 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team and MCC met and Reviews & Reporting Requirements (N-Os, QDRPs)
133	19 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and team and MCC discuss on strategy for recruitment of MCA-TL staff in near future.
134	19 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Amb. Pinto and Sr. Preston Winter, Procurement Team Leader-MCC conducted site visit to observe potential space to be used for MCA-TL Staff.
135	20 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL and team met with MCC on the QDRP Pre-EIF Work Planning
136	21 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Ambassador Pinto and team participated a last meeting with Sr. Preston Winter, Procurement Team Lead and Aina Rakotomanga, Interim Procurement Agent MCC after.
137	25 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Ambassador Pinto and team conducted wrap-up meeting with Resident Country Director MCC Timor-Leste, Sra. Gigi Goodhart, Sra. Justine Hufford, Program Officer
138	26 Oct	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Ambassador Pinto met with President of Port Authority (Prezidenti Autoridade Portuária de Timor-Leste -APORTIL), Dr. Lamartinho de Oliveira.
139	15 Nov	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Ambassador Pinto and team participated a virtual meeting with Sra. Gigi Goodhart, Resident Country Director MCC Timor-Leste and team. The meeting also participated by Dr. George from PCM
140	16 Nov	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Ambassador Pinto invited to attend MCA Leadership Conference in Washington from 14-18 November 2022.
141	21 Nov	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Deputy Mariano Carmo and team met with President of BTL, EP, Eng Carlos dos Reis Peloi.
142	30 Nov	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Deputy Mariano Carmo invited as key speaker at National Seminar organized National University of Timor-Leste to present on Compact development Processes Timor-Leste. The seminar entitled "Critical View for the Relationship Between Sustainable Development Goals and Millennium Challenge Corporation: Compatible?". The other speakers was from National Parliament and UNTL
143	30 Nov	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Ambassador Pinto and team conducted another virtual call meeting with Sra. Gigi Goodhart, Resident Country Director MCC Timor-Leste in Washington. The meeting also participated by Dr. George from PCM.
144	1 Dec	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Ambassador Pinto and team met with H.E. Secretary of State for Environmental, Dr. Demétrio do Amaral de Carvalho. The meeting also participated by the Director Executive of National Agency for Environmental Licensing (Agencia Nacional Licenciamento Ambiental-ANLA), Dr. Antonio Lelo Taci.
145	1 Dec	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Ambassador Pinto and team met with Sr. Colin

		O'Brien from MCC Washington at CDT-TL Office, Palace of Government Dili, Timor-Leste
146	13 Dec	The National Executive Director of CDT-TL, Ambassador Pinto and H.E. Minister of Presidency for Council of Ministers, Dr. Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhaes attended a conference call meeting with MCC Vice-President Jonathan Brooks in Washington. The conference aimed to discussed and coordinate on the preparation for the compact implementation process.

**Notes:**

***During these reporting periods, CDT-TL has conducted 146 Outreach meetings with Relevant Government Ministries, Civil Society Organization's, Private Sector and Development Partners in Timor-Leste. These meeting participated by aproximatel 1, 220 people.***

**ANNEX 2: FLASH BACK ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVMENTS 2018-2022**

2011 - 2014	MCC Threshold Program aimed to strengthen good governance and improved childhood immunization rates during the IV & V Constitutional Government headed by H.E. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmao (PM)
December 2017	MCC Board of Directors selected & approved Timor-Leste's eligibility for Compact Program during the tenure of the VII Constitutional Government headed by H.E.Dr. Mari Alkatiri (PM)
July 21, 2018	The Government of Timor-Leste and MCC signed the initial agreement for a Compact Program Development in Timor-Leste with the VIII Constitutional Government headed by H.E. General Taur Matan Ruak (PM).
August 2018	The Government of Timor-Leste and MCC conducted consultation on root Causes of economic growth constrains.
October 2-4, 2018	Root Cause Analysis Workshop on Compact Program Development was held in Dili, Timor-Leste. The workshop identified four main issues proposed for further compact program development such as Lack of Minimum Acceptable Diet -MAD), High Burden of Diarrheal Disease. Stunting was identified as the main constrains in Timor-Leste and it needs an integral intervention to resolve these issues in the country. Skills Development and Business Enabling Environment (BEE) also considered main constrains that caused stunting in the country.
October 22-26, 2018	Final consultation of the concept note with relevant Ministries to address Stunting, Skill Development and Business Enabling Environment
November 7, 2018	Council of Minister approved Concept Note for Compact development Timor-Leste and submitted to MCC-IMC on the following day
November 21, 2018	MCC-Investment Management Committee (IMC) approved concept notes.
Nov. – Dec. 2018	Recruitment for the first batch of the Compact Development Team
January– March 2019	The recruited members of the Compact Development Team-Timor-Leste officially commencing their office. MCC and Government of Timor-Leste Recruited the National Executive Director, Ambassador Constâncio da Conceição Pinto; National Executive Director deputy, Mariano D. Q. Carmo; Gender and Social Inclusion/Social Behavior Change (GSI/SBC), Aniceto Guro-Berteni Neves; Public Relation and Communication Specialist, Jose Caetano Guterres; Financial Management Specialist, Clotilde Monica Mendonca and Private Sector and Procurement Specialist, Nuno do Rosário Trindade
March 25, 2019:	Launched Compact Development Team Timor-Leste (CDT-TL)
March – April 2019:	MCC missions visited Timor-Leste
May – June 2019:	Draft Timor-Leste's Compact Project Proposal
June 2019	June 2019 (Third Quarter): Submission of the Compact Project Proposal to MCC
July – Sept. 2019	Reviewed the Compact Project Proposal by MCC – Investment Committee
October 19, 2019	Council of Ministers approved Compact Project Proposal and submitted to the MCC-Investment Management Committee.
	Government of Timor-Leste and MCC hired four more specialist such as Water Sanitation

Jan – March 2020	and Drainage Specialist, Plácido Pereira Gomes; Environment and Social Impact Specialist, Afonso Fernandes da Silva Alves; Education Specialist, Dionisio Martins Sarmiento and Monitorin and Evaluation Specialist, Detaviana Madalena Guterres.
April 11-17, 2022	The Government of Timor-Leste and MCC conducted a Compact negotiation in Washington, DC.
July 19, 2022	The Government of Timor-Leste and the Government of the United States of America through MCC signed the Compact Agreement in Dili, Timor-Leste.
July 27, 2022	The Council of Ministers approved a Resolution on the Compact Agreement document and sent it to the National Parliament for ratification.
October 3, 2022:	The National Parliament Ratified the Compact Agreement Signed by the Government of Timor-Leste and the Government of the United States of America through MCC
October 17, 2022	President of Republic H.E. Dr. Jose Ramos Horta promulgated the Compact Agreement Ratified by the National Parliament.
October 31, 2022	Launching of Procurement Design for WSD Project
November 23, 2022	Council Ministers Approved the Decree Law (Decreto-Lei N.º 96 / 2022) for the Creation of the Millennium Challenge Account Timor-Leste, Public Institute.
December 2022	The Government signed the Project Implementation Agreement (PIA) and sent to MCC to counter sign it as an official document to guide the 5 year Compact Implementation

### ANNEX 3: NEXT STEP

<b>January 2023</b>	<i>The MCC counter signed the Project Implementation Agreement (PIA) document</i>
<b>Febr–March 2023</b>	<i>Appointment of MCA Board Directors</i>
<b>March–April 2023</b>	<i>Review IBF Final Report TALENT Project Designing</i>
<b>March–April 2023</b>	<i>Hiring process for MCA-TL Specialists and Staff</i>
<b>April–May 2023</b>	<i>Continue to deliver the mandate articulated in the Art.9 DL for MCA-TL.IP</i>
<b>May 2023</b>	<i>Creation of Drop Box for procurement for companies who will be responsible for Detail Engineering Design (DED) for WSD Project</i>
<b>June 2023</b>	<i>Preparation for the hand over responsibilities from CDT-TL to MCA-TL, IP.</i>
<b>July-Dec 2023</b>	<i>MCA-TL. IP Established</i>
<b>2024</b>	<b>Launching of 5 Years clock of Compact Program Implementation</b>

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