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VI Constitutional Government

'Working with Rigour and Responsibility'





Snapshot of The First 100 Days in Office

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I am very honoured and privileged to present this snapshot of the Sixth Constitutional Government’s first 100 days in office.

As a Government that emerged under exceptional circumstances, I am proud to say that we have made considerable progress.

We are working with rigour and responsibility and we are becoming more efficient and effective in our work to deliver services to those we serve, the Timorese citizens.

This Government assumed its duties at a time when Timor-Leste is at peace and stable and enjoys economic growth.

We are building on these achievements and being true to the responsibility that was placed on our shoulders by the older generation of resistance leaders that have passed onto us, the generation of younger and more technical leaders that will meet the challenges of the present and the future.

We are transforming Timorese society and walking the path towards prosperity.

During these 100 days we continued the great task of ensuring more students have a desk and a chair to sit on and learn, and that more teachers receive training in the new school curricula. We have also begun implementing the Primary Health Care Package in every health centre and clinic, while giving special focus to Family Health, so as to ensure that everyone has access to proper health care.

We are working to have better roads and more quality bridges to make it easier for citizens to access essential basic services. We are also improving the public distribution of electricity and the access to drinking water and basic sanitation. We are improving the infrastructure of the nation and ensuring the quality of public works.

We are also diversifying our economy and we have started investing more in the agricultural sector so that we can be self-sufficient in terms of food and that we can increase revenues and employment opportunities in the municipalities.

And we are also improving our governance systems, introducing reforms in the financial, administrative and legislative systems. Our aim is to make our Public Administration more professional and more robust.

We have not forgotten that our Nation will only be strong if our People are strong. We have made promises that we intend to keep.

These are just the first 100 days and we are committed to continuing the work we started.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be 'Rui Maria de Araujo', written over a horizontal line.

Dr Rui Maria de Araujo
Prime Minister of Timor-Leste

Social Development

The true wealth of Timor-Leste is the strength of the Timorese People.

Strong People means a Strong Nation. As such, striving to improve health and education services and the quality of life of the Timorese People is central to building a fair and progressive society.



Primary Health Care

We launched and socialized the Primary Health Care Guidelines (Guia de Cuidados de Saúde Primária – KSP) that consists of a complete package of essential services for community health, including house visits, particularly in terms of Family Health, to ensure the right to health care for every citizen.

New Emergency Number ‘110’

We introduced new numbers - ‘110’ and ‘3311044’ - for emergency medical calls linked to the police and firefighting services that is free and operating 24/7.

Assisting HIV/AIDS sufferers

We completed the construction of and inaugurated a Health Recovery Home for people with HIV/AIDS in Tibar through an initiative lead by the National Commission for the Fight against HIV/AIDS in Timor-Leste. This will greatly benefit people with HIV/AIDS, particularly those that are stigmatized and discriminated against, so they can receive treatment and learn new skills to reintegrate.

Central Health Service Bank Accounts

We have regulated and opened the Official Bank Accounts for the Central Health Service at the municipalities, in order to manage the budgets allocated to 12 Health Delegations, 6 Hospitals, the National Laboratory and the National Health Institute, so as to improve and increase fund management transparency. Proper training was provided to around 30 finance officers responsible for handling and managing the bank accounts of the Ministry of Health.

Rehabilitation of National Hospital Guido Valadares

We continued the rehabilitation of the Paediatrics and Internal Medicine Units of National Hospital Guido Valadares (HNGV).

Desks and Chairs for Students

We distributed 45,579 sets of desks and chairs to

381 basic schools throughout the 12 municipalities and in the Special Region of Oecusse Ambeno, so as to assist the learning by over 350,000 primary and secondary education students.

Training of Teachers

We continued training 8,421 teachers in the new curriculum for pre-school education and the 1st and 2nd grades of basic education throughout the 12 municipalities and in the Special Region of Oecusse Ambeno, so as to improve the quality of education to lead to higher rates of literacy and numeracy.

TV Education

We signed an Agreement with RTTL, E.P. (Radio and Television Timor-Leste, Public Company) so that we can broadcast daily national education programming in the official languages of Tetum and Portuguese, produced by the Ministry of Education.

Education Diagnosis Visits

We undertook diagnostic visits to the municipalities of Lautém, Aileu, Ainaro, Liquiçá and Bobonaro and spoke to teachers and administrative staff in order to better understand the priorities and strategies for addressing education needs at local level in 2016.

First Extraordinary Meeting of CPLP Education Ministers

We held the first sectorial meeting since we assumed the Presidency of CPLP with all the Education Ministers so we could share experiences and establish partnerships in order to improve each of the CPLP’s education systems through the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Multilateral Cooperation 2015-2020 approved at this meeting.

International Programme of Guest Workers

We sent 182 workers (men) to South Korea in order to work in the areas of Fisheries, Agriculture and Industry. We also sent 89 workers (61 men and 28 women) to Australia, in order to work in the areas of

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Hospitality, Tourism and Horticulture.

Work inspection visits

We conducted work inspection visits to 428 national and international business establishments, covering a total of 5,471 workers (4,232 national citizens and 1,239 international citizens) in the Municipalities of Dili, Liquiçá, Manatuto, Viqueque, Maliana, Baucau, Same, Suai, Ermera, Ainaro, Aileu and Lospalos.

ISS Support

We approved activities and funds for 28 Social Solidarity Institutions (ISS) who will receive financial support from the Ministry of Social Solidarity to provide assistance and ensure the rights and protection of children, women and the disabled.

13th Meeting of the Ministers of Labour and Social Affairs of CPLP

We held the 13th Meeting of Ministers of Labour and Social Affairs of the CPLP, where we had political-technical discussions on Integrated Social Protection, including social security. We also increased our technical knowledge, since we were able to learn from other nations' best-practice models. Furthermore, we presented the Tibar Declaration and its respective Action Plan for the next two years. These documents were signed by the Ministers of Labour and Social Affairs of the CPLP and include the political commitments made in the areas of Social Protection and Poverty.

Veterans' Council

We approved the organic structure of the National Veterans' Council, so as to continue honouring and dignifying our Veterans.

National Veterans' Day

We have instituted 3 March as the National Veterans' Day. Every year we will celebrate our history of resistance by dedicating this national day to the contribution of our own Timorese veterans to the

liberation of Timor-Leste.

Timorese Veterans visit Australia

We enabled the trip to Australia by a delegation of 53 Timorese veterans led by historical resistance leader Kay Rala Xanana. This delegation visited all 6 Australian States and marched alongside Australian war veterans to mark the 100 years anniversary of the Galipli Landing.

Natural Disaster Relief Assistance

We supported 584 households that were the victims of natural disasters by distributing construction materials towards the rebuilding of their homes in 9 municipalities (Ainaro, Bobonaro, Covalima, Dili, Ermera, Lautém, Manatuto, Manufahi and Viqueque).

Civil Society

We signed agreements with 20 Civil Society Organizations, disbursing around \$1.1 million through the Civil Society Fund. This money will promote the participation by this group of agencies and organizations in the country's development process.

Celebrating Timorese Women

We celebrated International Women's Day on 9 March, thereby honouring Timorese Women across every municipality in the country.

Gender Training for Public Administration and Municipal Managers

We delivered training on the Gender Integrated Approach and Gender Sensitive Budgets to 206 ministerial staff, seeking to ensure the development and implementation of policies with a gender integrated approach. In collaboration with SEFI and SEM we also delivered gender equality promotion training to the municipal managers of Aileu, Ermera and Liquiçá.



National Youth Policy

We have drafted the National Youth Policy that is currently being consulted. This policy is based on the reality of the Timorese youth and will set the standards for new strategies that will lead to greater national youth development into the future.

Youth Sector Coordination Group

We established the Youth Sector Coordination Group (GCSJ) that will involve national and international partners working in the youth sector and link them through our 'One Gate Policy'. The goal is to concentrate and mobilize available resources for the needs and projects of our Youth, in particular those living in remote areas of the country.

Sports and Music Kits for Schools and Groups

We provided additional sports and music kits to 26 schools in the municipalities of Dili, Viqueque and Manufahi, as well as to groups in the municipalities of Baucau and Bobonaro, so that young Timorese can foster their natural talents and creativity through sports and music.

Supporting Sports

We have helped send abroad our athletes who will represent Timor-Leste in international sports events in the fields of Athletics, Taekwondo, Silat, Cycling, Basketball, Boxing and Football.

First Amateur Football League in Timor-Leste

We have created the Committee that will organize the Amateur League, consisting of a president and four members. This Committee will work to ensure the necessary conditions for having a football league in Timor-Leste.

Rehabilitation of the Dili Municipal Stadium

We have completed the rehabilitation of the Dili Municipal Stadium, which will ensure that Timor-Leste meets the minimum requirements for hosting pre-qualifying matches for the Russia

2018 World Cup.

Arts and Culture

The Implementation Unit of the Academy of Arts and Creative Cultural Industries has been operational since April. The future Academy of Arts and Creative Cultural Industries will benefit every student seeking to pursue a career in arts, the artisans and creative professionals of the country and the art teachers in the various school grades.

Media Strengthening

To ensure greater dissemination of information via the media – newspapers, radio and television – across the entire national territory, we granted \$0.5 million to 14 media bodies and to 1 association of journalists.



Infrastructure Development

In order to develop our nation, build a modern and productive economy and create jobs, we must build proper infrastructure. However, the scale and cost of our infrastructure needs are significant, which means that we must plan and implement our infrastructure program in an effective and targeted manner. The Sixth Constitutional Government makes it a priority to demand professionalism, better planning, cost control and cost-efficiency.



Infrastructure Fund Projects

We have continued 86 Basic Infrastructure Projects in the areas of Electricity, Roads and Bridges, Water and Sanitation, Public Buildings, Finance, Education, Security and Defence and Agriculture, with an overall funding of \$40 million from the Infrastructure Fund. These projects cover the 12 municipalities and the Special Region of Oecusse Ambeno. The construction contract for Section I (Suai-Fatukai/Mola) of the Suai-Beaço Motorway has been awarded and approved by the Audit Court.

Manatuto Water Supply System

We laid the 'first stone' of the project that will see the rehabilitation and expansion of the water supply system for the capital of the municipality of Manatuto and that will supply clean water to the sucos of Sau, Ailili, Aiteas and Maabat 24 hours a day.

New Electricity Meters

We regularized the fees, installed 600 electricity meters in Oecusse Ambeno and distributed 5,000 new electricity meters to the municipalities of Maliana and Baucau. We have already raised 35% of the targeted revenue set for 2015, valued at US\$ 6.9 million. We will continue working so that consumers pay for the electricity they use, thereby contributing to increase State revenues.

Transportation Master Plan

We have completed the Transportation Master Plan, which serves as the basis for the investments and improvements planned for the sector.

Road Safety

We have started implementing the measures foreseen in the Road Safety Action Plan, such as the reinstallation and commissioning of traffic lights in the capital.

International Airport of Oecusse Ambeno

We laid the 'first stone' of the International Airport of Oecusse Ambeno, which is assessed at around

\$80 million.

Concession of the Tibar Port

In collaboration with the International Finance Corporation, the interministerial team presented to the Council of Ministers a situation report on the concession process relating to the Tibar Port. We have verified the priors of the project and the PPP structure, the allocation of the main risks, the cash-flow projections, the economic benefits, the environmental and social aspects, the decisions required and the profile of the bidders.

Development Proposals

Through the National Development Agency (ADN) we assessed 35 infrastructure project proposals valued at \$85.6 million. Following this assessment, the cost of the projects was reduced to around \$55.7 million. This represents savings for the State of around \$29.9 million.

Infrastructure Development

We inspected and approved payment for 57 infrastructure projects in the 12 municipalities and the Special Region of Oecusse Ambeno. These projects include roads and bridges, buildings, irrigation, ports, airport and flood protection.

Community Patrimony Rehabilitation

We signed 18 contracts for the rehabilitation of community patrimony of the Education Sector in the municipality of Bobonaro.

Pre-Fabricated Housing

We built 105 pre-fabricated houses in the municipalities of Viqueque and Liquiçá as part of the Government's commitment towards the MDG Suco development initiatives.

Land for New Homes in Covalima

Land has been identified in the municipality of Covalima where 15 new homes will be built using locally made bricks.



Economic Development

Timor-Leste is currently a low income country. However our nation has significant economic opportunities and strong potential to become a middle-income Nation by 2030. The Sixth Constitutional Government aims to develop a flourishing market economy with a strong private sector to provide jobs for our people and ensure that all parts of our Nation benefit from the development of the country's natural resources. We are also diversifying our economy and focusing on expanding and modernizing our agriculture sector, building a thriving tourism sector and encouraging much higher levels of private sector activity, including the growth and expansion of small and micro businesses.



Bulutu Irrigation System

We laid the 'first stone' of the Bulutu irrigation project at the Administrative Post of Laleia, municipality of Manatuto. This project will benefit 600 households and irrigate around 780 hectares of rice fields. This project is being funded by the Government of Japan.

Training Centre at the Agriculture Technical Colleges

We inaugurated the training centres at the agricultural technical colleges of Natarbora, in the municipality of Manatuto, and in Maliana, in the municipality of Bobonaro, to improve the quality and teaching and learning of agricultural technical knowledge and best practices.

Training to Farming Groups

Basic training was provided to 12 farming groups covering 180 individuals from eight municipalities (Covalima, Manufahi, Aileu, Ainaro, Bobonaro, Manatuto, Ermera and Dili) on the importance of establishing cooperatives to be able to access training and technical and financial assistance.

Support to Farming Communities

We implemented the Programme of the Centre for the Development of Farming Communities (CDCA) in 40 sucos and we are engaging 20 new suco groups in discussions across the central, eastern and western regions of the country.

Construction of Ikan Lele Fish Tanks

We built 48 'Ikan-Lele' fish tanks, 8 per suco, using a 'Iona' modified tank system in the sucos of Seloikraik (municipality of Aileu), Halekou (municipality of Bobonaro), Bucoli (municipality of Baucau), Railaco (municipality of Ermera), Fatuhada (municipality of Dili) and Loes (municipality of Liquiçá). This will improve the income and the nutrition of many households.

Seed Production Centre

We inaugurated the Seed Production Centre in the

suco of Triloca, in the municipality of Baucau. This centre will produce high quality seeds that will be subsequently distributed to farmers in the 12 municipalities and in the Special Region on Oecusse Ambeno.

Commercial Seed Associations

We created 27 commercial seed associations in the 12 municipalities and in the Special Region of Oecusse Ambeno so that the Government may buy high quality seeds from the associations for subsequent distribution to farmers, in order to improve agricultural production.

Tree Licencing

We issued licenses for the planting of 150,000 trees across a land area of 200 hectares in the 12 municipalities, generating \$29,037.57 in revenues for the State.

Updating the Tractor Database

We cross-checked and updated our database related to medium and heavy load tractors in the 12 municipalities and in the Special Region of Oecusse Ambeno, identifying a total of 163 tractors still operational.

Timor-Leste represented at the Milan World Expo

We have guaranteed the participation of Timor-Leste at the 2015 Milan Expo. For 6 months we will be promoting Timor-Leste as a tourist destination. Countries at this meeting are grouped into clusters, with Timor-Leste being part of the coffee cluster. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries also took specialists to the Expo in order to promote Timor coffee, coconut oil and 'kami' oil.

Training to Taxi Drivers in the Capital

We ensured the second training to 220 taxi drivers in the city of Dili, covering subjects such as ethics, attendance and traffic rules and regulations, so as to



improve the service provided to the public.

Training in Hospitality

We delivered training in hospitality for 38 private sector workers in the area of hospitality, seeking to improve the quality of attendance, as well as rigour and professionalism in the tourism industry.

International Building and Construction Expo

We organized and hosted the International Building and Construction Expo aimed at engaging national and international private sector partners in order to strengthen the construction sector. We have attracted 83 companies who engaged in business-to-business networking.

Training in the Sector of Industry

We delivered training to 104 people (62 women and 42 men) in Tais Weaving (municipality of Dili), in Management and Marketing (municipalities of Manatuto e Liquiçá) and in the production of marmalade (municipalities of Aileu, Liquiçá e Manufahi).

“Processing waste into energy” project

We have launched the waste processing project in Tibar, which will create around 300 jobs in the collection, handling, screening and processing of waste. This project can also produce energy for a 25 MW electrical power plant. We are enforcing policies seeking to respond to the need of managing urban waste, in line with the crosscutting concern of guaranteeing environmental sustainability and protecting public health.

Technical Secretariat of Waste Management

We have created the Technical Secretariat of Waste Management in Tibar, which is responsible for developing mechanisms for managing and processing waste. This Technical Secretariat will also ensure the protection of the community’s

health and hygiene levels.

National Logistics Centre

We established the National Logistics Centre (CLN) as a Public Enterprise. This Centre has already been able to supply 2,284 tonnes of rice to communities in all 12 municipalities and in the Special Region on Oecusse Ambeno.

Report on Timor GAP

Timor GAP presented to the Council of Ministers a report on its activities and accounts in 2014, which was reviewed. The Council of Ministers instructed Timor Gap to draft a Strategic Plan and a Financial Investment Plan for the next 20 years.

Timor-Leste Petroleum Prospection Study

The study on petroleum prospection in Timor-Leste was completed by Schlumberger. This will contribute to the improvement of the Government’s policies and strategies concerning the petroleum exploration industry.

Graduation of Scholarship Holders

Four scholarship holders graduated in Geophysics, Geology, Mines and Trade in Universities in Indonesia, Australia and Timor-Leste. The first Timorese pilot concluded his ‘Country familiarization training’ in Australia, under the Mission Aviation Fellowship. The goal is to prepare them to contribute towards the development of the sectors with economic relevance for the country.





Governance Development

Good governance and a professional, capable and responsive public sector are essential for the delivery of government services. Our public sector will be the primary driver of economic growth in the medium term and will lay the foundations for our Nation's progress through and the development of our human resources the management of our infrastructure programme.



Government Programme

Members of the Sixth Constitutional Government undertook a sector review of the commitments made by the Fifth Government; obtained a clear assessment of current conditions; and subsequently approved the Program of national development of the Sixth Government.

Public Administration Reform

We have taken the first steps towards reforming our Public Administration. We have frozen the recruitment of new permanent staff and we have begun reviewing the legal framework, including the Civil Service Law and the Civil Service Statutes, together with the CSC and the leaders in the area of Human Resources. Furthermore, the Council of Ministers has nominated the new President of the Civil Service Commission and two Commissioners. They will be sworn-in after Parliament designates its two representatives in the Commission.

Social Audit

We have conducted the First National Conference on Social Audits under the theme “Liu husi Auditoria Sosiál atu Garante Partisipasaun Publiku hodi Hadi’ak Prestasaun Servisu”, in collaboration with the Office of the President of the Republic. We have also signed a memorandum of understanding with FONGTIL (Forum of Non-Governmental Organizations of Timor-Leste) in order to put the Social Audit process into effect.

Human Capital Development Fund

We have spent \$1.8 million on scholarship and training programmes in areas such as medicine, nursing, management, law, tourism, trade, engineering, finance, teacher training and agriculture, benefitting around 4,500 people. We have begun mapping the human resources in each municipality and in both the public and private sectors. This will enable an assessment of the needs of the Timorese in terms of

capacity building and education.

Council of Ministers Meetings

We held 14 Council of Ministers Meetings (9 ordinary and 5 extraordinary), where we approved 40 government diplomas: 11 Law Proposals; 17 Decree-Laws; and 12 Government Resolutions.

National Diagnosis Programme

We have begun the second stage of the National Diagnosis Programme on the performance by public agencies, namely in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and in the Secretariat of State for Professional Training and Employment. We have also reviewed and discussed in the Council of Ministers the outcomes and recommendations by the National Diagnosis in the Ministry of Health and in the Ministry of Public Works, Transportation and Communications, seeking to continuously improve the skills of those delivering public services to citizens.

Tax Reform

We have recruited a Tax Reform Coordinator, who has already held a series of meetings with the Directorate of Domestic Revenues, the Directorate of Petroleum Revenues, SERVE and the IS Unit, seeking to obtain further information on the system and procedures for registering companies and creating tax accounts. The tax reform process is ongoing.

Tax Revenue

We have been able to collect tax revenues valued at \$18.3 million, which represents 24% of the 2015 target of \$76.1 million.

Quality of Budget Execution

We have introduced better budget execution procedures and all line ministries and agencies are currently able to create and approve Good Receipt Notes (GRNs) and to create Expenditure Vouchers



(EVs). These changes will enable all line ministries and agencies to ensure quicker and more efficient payment processes.

Link between the SGB Execution Planning, Budgeting, Monitoring and Evaluation

We have begun drafting the Decree-Law on SGB Execution Planning, Budgeting, Monitoring and Evaluation, so as to ensure a better connection between planning and budgeting and to set clear performance indicators concerning budget execution in order to facilitate its monitoring and evaluation.

Budget Pathways

We organized the 'Budget Pathways' meeting, which featured the participation of all Government members, the Members of Parliament from Commission C and the Directors-General for Planning, Finance and Administration. The purpose was to determine the national priorities and corresponding budget allocations for 2016 and 2017.

Council for the Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries

We established the Council for the Definitive Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries and appointed the new Chief Executive Officer for the Office of Maritime Boundaries.

Recovered Documents of National Interest

We won a victory with Australia returning the documents and materials related to the proceeding at the International Court of Justice. These documents and materials had been seized from our lawyers in Canberra during an operation that took place in December 2013.

Implementation Plan for Census 2015

We have reviewed the Implementation Plan for Census 2015, which will direct the registering of people and dwellings in Timor-Leste. This is a vital

initiative for understanding the social and economic reality of the country.

Seminar on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding

In partnership with the g7+ and the National University Timor Lorosa'e (UNTL), we held a seminar on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding. This enabled us to set the parameters so that we can conduct the Se-cond Evaluation of Fragility in Timor-Leste.

Administrative Decentralization and Local Government

We approved in the Council of Ministers important legislation on the process of administrative decentralization and local government, namely the Legislation Proposals on Local Government and Administrative Decentralization. We have also approved the Legislation Proposal containing the first change to Law no. 3/2004, of 10 February, on Political Parties, as well as the Legislation Proposal containing the first change to Law no. 3/2009, of 8 July, on community leaders and the way in which they are elected.

Fourth International Conference on Administrative Decentralization and Local Government

We hosted the Fourth International Conference on Administrative Decentralization and Local Government, seeking to inform and discuss with our citizens and our partners the ongoing administrative decentralization process and its importance to the process of development and national reconstruction.

Electoral Roll

We recruited 148 new staff to work at STAE on voter registration and on the updating of the Electoral Database, so that we may register new voters.

Electoral Cooperation Agreement with Thailand

We signed with the Government of Thailand a Cooperation Agreement seeking to build the



capacity of STAE staff in preparation for the upcoming electoral schedule.

Military Post of Ataúro

We have laid the ‘first stone’ of the project for constructing the Military Post of Ataúro, which should be completed by the end of the year.

“Hanita” Joint Operation

We began in March the “Hanita” Joint Operation in the municipality of Baucau. Although unplanned, this activity was nevertheless necessary for ensuring stability, security and the authority of the State. This operation is proceeding according to the law, the rules of engagement and the upholding of Human Rights.

New PNTL Command

We have nominated Timor-Leste’s new PNTL Commander-General and 2nd Commander-General, thereby enabling the normal operation of this policing agency.

Law on Emigration and Asylum

We have approved in the Council of Ministers the Draft Law on Emigration and Asylum. This Draft Law consolidates the public policies on migrations and regulates the entrance, permanence and departure of foreign citizens, as well as the entrance and departure of national citizens in and from the national territory.

Legal Aid

We continued providing full and free legal, judicial and extrajudicial assistance through the Office of the Public Defender to citizens without the means to pay for legal costs: 868 Criminal Cases and 192 Civil Cases.

Identity Card

We have introduced the Identity Card (BI) in the municipalities of Baucau and Ermera, where a

Timorese citizen aged 12 years old and above may now apply for an Identity Card.

3rd Graduation of Private Attorneys

We graduated through the Judicial Training Centre of the Ministry of Justice the third batch of 32 Private Attorneys, who have skills that will enable them to contribute towards improving the judicial system in Timor-Leste.

State Property

We have regularized the use of 364 properties belonging to the State. More precisely, we signed rental contracts for 206 properties, granted right of use to State agencies for 24 properties, renewed contracts for 64 properties and issued notifications regarding 70 properties. We collected around \$0.5 million in rents for the State.

Land Parcels

We have been able to register 17,448 land parcels through the National Cadastre System Project, so that we can clearly identify private, abandoned and State property throughout the national territory.

Allocation of Land to the Holy See

We have approved a Resolution giving to the Holy See surface rights concerning the land parcel next to the Motael Church, in Dili. This land parcel was requested by the Dili Diocese to the Ministry of Justice so that the Catholic Church of Timor-Leste may construct a building in view of a possible visit by the Pope to Timor-Leste.

Agreement with the Holy See

We have completed the draft Agreement between the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the Holy See during a recent visit to the Vatican. This process is being led by a technical team that includes representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, the Ministry of Education and the



Ministry of Justice.

New Embassies

We have established four new embassies in the ASEAN nations of Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar and Brunei Darussalam.

Heads of Diplomatic Missions

We have identified and submitted a list of 14 new Heads of Diplomatic Missions to the President of the Republic and finalized the list of new diplomats who will lead Timor-Leste's representations abroad.

Agreement with the European Union

On 26 May we signed a Schengen Agreement on Visa Exemption with the European Union. This agreement is already in force and exempts European Union citizens travelling to Timor-Leste and Timorese citizens travelling to European Union countries (except for the United Kingdom and Ireland) from requiring visas for stays not exceeding three months in every six-month period.

CPLP Coordination Meetings

We have held seven coordination meetings on institutional strategic development and cooperation with the Portuguese Speaking Countries, which will allow the undertaking of studies related with the administrative services in Portuguese for the justice sector.

ASEAN

We took part in high level technical meetings at the ASEAN Regional Forum and we met with the Secretary-General of ASEAN and other experts who are advising Timor-Leste on the implementation of programmes and initiatives to ensure that we enter this organization.

EITI São Tomé and Príncipe

With the assistance of the EITI Timor-Leste we

assisted São Tomé and Príncipe in launching its first EITI. This contribution will help improve bilateral relations between Timor-Leste and São Tomé and Príncipe, as well as strengthen Timor-Leste's position in the international arena.

Relief Assistance to Nepal

We contributed \$0.5 million to Nepal following the earthquake that devastated this country. The money is to be used to assist disaster victims and to support relief efforts.

Relief Assistance to Vanuatu

We contributed \$1 million to Vanuatu following the cyclone that devastated this archipelago. The money is to be used to assist victims and to support relief efforts.

Budget Execution Snapshot

General State Budget 2015

The General State Rectification Budget (2015) of \$1,570,000 was passed and promulgated and subsequently published in the 'Jornal da República' (Government Gazette) under Law No. 1/2015, of 13 April, in order to respond to the new Plan and Structure of the Sixth Constitutional Government. On 26 May 2015 the expenditure execution rate is 34.1% and the revenue collection rate is 31% of the total amount estimated for the entire fiscal year of 2015.



