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Council of Ministers Meeting on the 18th July 2017

The Council of Ministers met this Tuesday, at the Government Palace, in Díli, and the Minister of State, Coordinator of Social Affairs and Minister of Education presented an **Education Sectoral Analysis Report.** This document, still in its preliminary phase, was drafted jointly with the World Bank, and reports on an in-depth study of the current state of the sector, one vital to the future of this country.

Also pertaining to the education sector was a Government Resolution presented regarding the execution of the **early childhood development policy** [up to 8 years old]. This policy, which is coordinated with the Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030, intervenes jointly in the areas of Health, Nutrition, Education and Social Protection, with the aim of contributing to poverty reduction and economic and social development. The Government drafted it through a collaborative process that included parents, families and professionals involved in these areas, seeking to guarantee a better future for Timorese children.