

## Timor-Leste - Strengthening urban resilience, policy frameworks and capacities for disaster risk reduction

### Country

Timor-Leste

### ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management Program Component

Mainstream DRR and CCA into national and priority sector policies and investment planning

### Amount Approved

€332,000 / \$350,000

### Duration

03/2024 – 12/2025

### Context and Objectives

Timor-Leste is vulnerable to natural disasters, at high risk of cyclones, earthquakes, tsunamis and heavy rainfall, all exacerbated by limited and inadequate infrastructure and social welfare. The Government of Timor-Leste has demonstrated its commitment to addressing climate change and disaster risks through the [National Adaptation Plan \(NAP\)](#).

The objective of the project is to help achieve this vision through enhancing the government's knowledge of and capacity for disaster and climate resilience. In particular, the technical assistance intends to support the identification of urban resilience investments in the capital Dili and to enhance national-level reform agendas in disaster and climate resilience.

### Main Activities and Expected Results

#### ***Disaster risk reduction and resilient urban development and planning***

This activity supports technical inputs to guide investments in multi-hazard disaster risk reduction measures and resilient and inclusive urbanization processes in Dili. Options include flood protection, retrofitting, nature-based and green solutions, as well as investment planning for urban resilience, resilient spatial planning, building codes and urban land use policies.

#### *Expected Results:*

- Strengthened capacity to incorporate climate and disaster risk into urban planning by informing the government's decision making regarding urban resilience investments.
- Increased knowledge and capacity of central and city-level government officials toward innovative ideas such as nature-based solutions.

#### ***Support for development of climate and disaster risk management financing policy framework***

This activity is raising awareness of disaster and climate risk financing instruments and developing technical analysis that is informing the development of a national climate and disaster risk management policy framework.

#### *Expected Results:*

- Increased knowledge exchange among key government partners, encouraging exploration innovative ideas on financing mechanisms for resilience building.
- Strengthened government capacity to assess and adopt contingent financing instruments.



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### **Partnerships and Coordination**

The World Bank implements this project in close coordination with the Ministry of Public Works, Ministry of Planning and Territory, Civil Protection Authority, and Dili Municipality. The team coordinates activities with the EU Delegation in Timor-Leste.