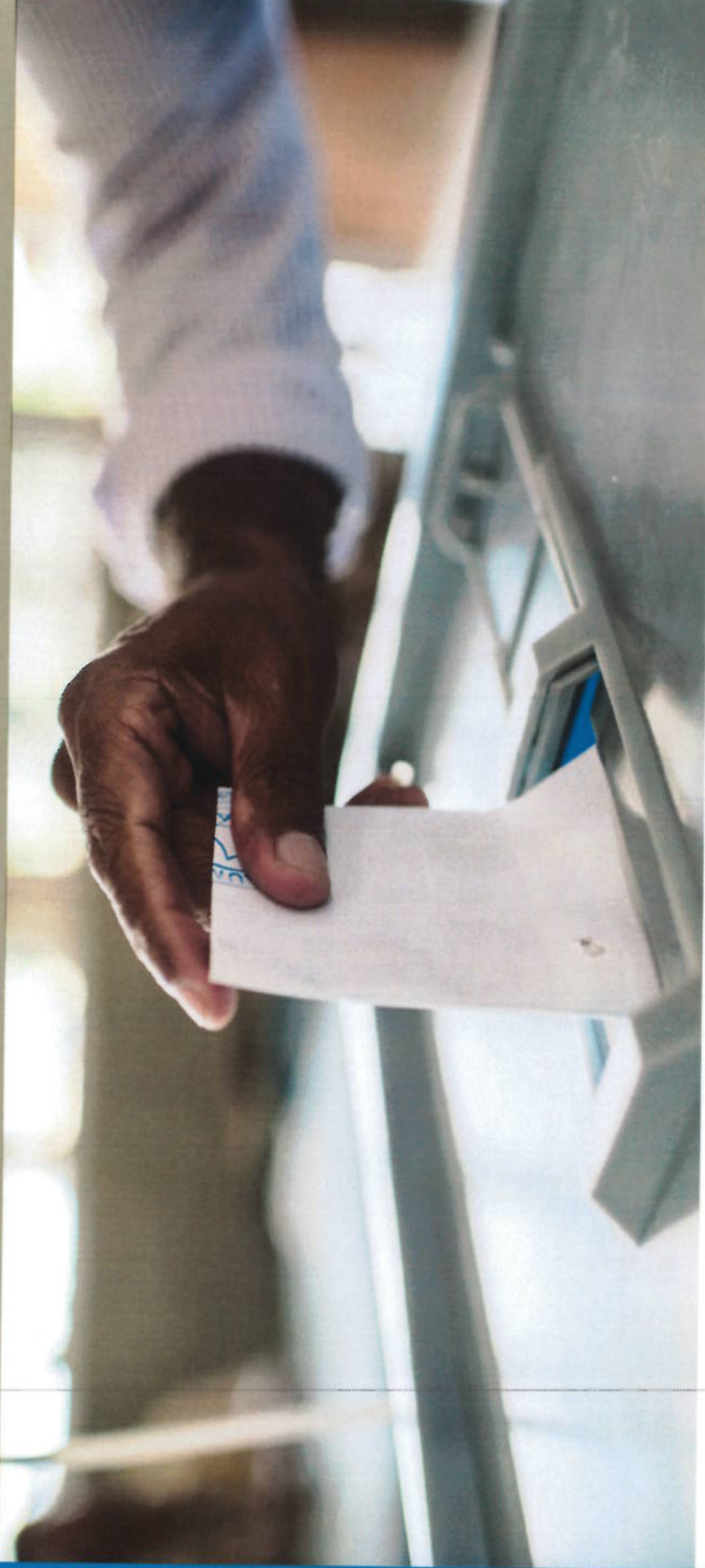




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## THE ELECTORAL PROJECT: LEVERAGING ELECTORAL ASSISTANCE FOR REGIONALIZED NATION-BUILDING (LEARN)

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# Quarterly Progress Report

## (Narrative)

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Progress towards CPD Outputs	Progress made this quarter	Progress to date
<p><b>CPD Output: 3.4</b></p> <p><b>Democratic, including electoral, processes to promote inclusion and citizen's voice strengthened</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Strengthened journalists, national institutions and media capacity for professional journalism</li> <li>➤ Strengthened the capacity of EMBs to conduct 2018 parliamentary elections for building democratic values through promoting inclusivity and voices of citizens heard</li> <li>➤ Strengthened voices of youth, women, people with disabilities through different interventions in electoral processes.</li> <li>➤ Developed and implemented different platforms for voters' participation in 2018 parliamentary elections and electoral processes.</li> <li>➤ Strengthened EMBs on electoral and operations for planning and implementation of electoral processes for 2018 parliamentary elections.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Indicators (IRRF):</b></p> <p>➤ 3 (Extent to which capacity of the Electoral Management Body (EMB) to perform its functions, including: financial and operational planning, conducting operations for elections and referenda, voter information and stakeholder outreach to hold credible and inclusive elections, has improved)</p> <p><b>Baseline:</b></p> <p>➤ 645624 (Number of registered electors)</p>	<p>➤ Increased the sustainability of national tabulation and electoral result management systems for 2018 parliamentary elections.</p> <p>- 3</p>	
<p><b>Progress towards Project Outputs</b></p> <p><b>Project Output 1:</b></p> <p><i>Enhanced civic knowledge, awareness and engagement of citizens in local and national democratic processes</i></p> <p><b>Indicator:</b></p> <p>Number of voters registered for democratic participation</p> <p>Percentage of invalid ballots decrease indicating the effectiveness of voter education</p> <p><b>Baseline:</b></p>	<p>- 784286</p>	<p>- 784286</p>
<p><b>Progress against annual targets</b></p>		
<p>➤ <i>Strengthened voter registration campaigns leading to increase in number of voters by 17% in comparison to 2012 parliamentary elections.</i></p> <p>➤ <i>Comprehensive voter education activities support to the EMBs increased voter's participation in the 2018 parliamentary elections leading to a highest turnout in the history of the country of 80.98%.</i></p> <p>➤ <i>The highest turnout in the elections and decrease in the invalid votes of 1.17% of the total votes due to the support to EMBs by the project in voter education campaign and additionally through the</i></p>	<p>Annual Results:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On track</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Delayed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Off-track</p> <p>Provide reasons (if delayed or off-track):</p>	

Registered voters 645,624, 73.12% voter's turnout, 3.83% Invalid Votes

**Annual Targets:**  
 790,000 Registered Voters  
 73% voter's turnout, 2% Invalid Votes

**Project Output 2:**  
 Increased Political Participation of Women and Youth at the Local and National Level

**Indicator:** Percentage of women as polling staff for elections

Number of women deployment as polling staff

**Baseline:** No data available

**Annual Targets:**  
 45% voter women turnout  
 50% women deployed as polling staff

- production and broadcast of TV programmes and Public Service Announcements through increase in people knowledge and awareness in the run up to the parliamentary elections in the pre-electoral period.
- The targets reached also due specific voter education campaign activities for youth, women and people with disabilities in 2018 parliamentary elections.
- TV programmes produced by the project for EMB as part of voter education programmes targeted specifically for people with hearing disability inserting sign language interpretation.
- Increased participation of women through strengthening the capacity of women leaders from community and political parties in the run up to the 2018 parliamentary elections.
- Supported the EMB to implement inclusivity in the electoral processes thereby deploying 50% of women as polling staff in the 2018 parliamentary elections.
- Turnout of women also recorded in the elections with 48.6% and representation of women in the parliament with 40% highest in Asia.
- The monitoring on the accessibility for people with disabilities in political campaign and on election-day conducted by a leading disability organisation supported by the project.

**Annual Results:**

- On track
- Delayed
- Off-track

Provide reasons (if delayed or off-track):

<p><b>Project Output 3:</b> Enhanced institutional capacity of CNE and STAE to manage and implement national and local elections through an electoral cycle approach</p> <p><b>Indicator:</b> % of trained officials who report an increase in their knowledge and understanding on electoral processes</p> <p><b>Baseline: Not Available</b></p> <p><b>Annual Targets:</b> 70% of the EMBs officials have increased in knowledge and understanding on electoral processes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Produced and broadcasted TV programmes called 'VOTA BA FUTURU' targeting youth and first-time voters, women, elder citizens and people with disabilities for parliamentary elections.</li> <li>➤ Used social media and other communication channels (community radio, among others) for the promotion of participatory and inclusive 2018 parliamentary elections.</li> <li>➤ EMB staff and polling officials and staff capacity built for the management of 2018 parliamentary elections.</li> <li>➤ Established an Electoral Information Resource Centre by LEARN project to the EMBs in the event of 2018 parliamentary elections for observers, EMBs, electoral stakeholders and party agents.</li> <li>➤ A total of 3010 national and 171 international observers accredited by STAE were provided to access through the Electoral Information Resource Centre training them observation and observer code of conduct.</li> <li>➤ Technical assistance and advisory services to EMBs on electoral legal matters (legislation, rules and procedures, political party campaigning), voter &amp; civic education, operations &amp; logistics, including support to electoral observation and political parties oversight, for parliamentary elections.</li> </ul> <p><b>Annual Results:</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On track  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  <input type="checkbox"/> Off-track</p> <p>Provide reasons (if delayed or off-track):</p>
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<p><b>Project Output 4:</b> Increased sustainability of voter registration and electoral results management systems</p> <p><b>Indicator:</b> Establishing election results management system</p> <p>Establishing voter registration system for out of country voting</p> <p><b>Baseline:</b> No election results management system in place</p> <p>Pilot voter registration abroad conducted in 2017</p> <p><b>Annual Targets:</b> Elections results management system established</p>	<p>➤ On-site technical assistance to CNE to strengthen ICT capacity with an expert co-located with the election management bodies.</p> <p>➤ Strengthened technical cooperation and networking between development partners engaged in technical electoral assistance and electoral observation in Timor-Leste for parliamentary elections.</p> <p>➤ Supported CNE for developing a national tabulation system and assisted in using during the 2018 parliamentary elections.</p> <p>➤ Proportional Representation System calculation seat mechanism called D'Hondt method information session installed in the website for public to exercise.</p> <p>➤ Supported CNE to maintain their website for enhancing the results management system and archive of the election documents.</p> <p>➤ Supported STAE to conduct out of country voting voter registration.</p> <p>➤ As a transparent process, all Electoral Actas (Results Legal Documentation) from the polling centres, Municipal Tabulation and National tabulation uploaded in CNE website for public viewing.</p> <p>Annual Results:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On track  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  <input type="checkbox"/> Off-track</p> <p>Provide reasons (if delayed or off-track):</p>
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Voter registration system for out or country voting established

**Indicator monitoring (this is all about data and should be based on the M&E Plan)**

Indicator	Baseline	Target 2018	Latest data 2018 (Q2)	Notes
Number of voters registered	626,503	790,000	784,286	The number of registered voters are until the Parliamentary Elections 2018
% of Voter's turnout in national elections	72.55%	73%	80.98%	The percentage of total voter's turnout is of the early Parliamentary Elections 2018
% of invalid votes	3.83%	< 2%	1.19%	The percentage of invalid votes is of the early Presidential Elections 2018
% of female turnout in national election	NA	45%	48.6%	The percentage of women voters is of the early Parliamentary Elections 2018.
Number of officials & election stakeholders trained in electoral processes for national elections	NA	1500	2,062	Officials and electoral stakeholders of STAE and CNE

▪ **Key monitoring activities (with regards to the quarter being reported on)**

Parliamentary Elections were held on 12 May with 784,286 as registered voters through 48.2% women and 51% young people aged 17-30. There were a total of 885 polling centres deploying 11,600 polling staff including 50% women as stated by law in 12 municipalities, one autonomous region of Oe-Cusee and abroad. Out of country voting which was started from 2017 Presidential Elections was conducted in nine locations of Australia, Republic of Korea, Portugal and the UK. Polling was also conducted in six hospitals and three prisons. Elections for National Parliament was decreed by the President of Republic in January 2018 after the government elected through 2017 parliamentary elections failed to convince the Parliament for approval of the Government Program and State Budget for 2018. High voter's turnout was recorded in this election where

48.6% were female voters. The invalid ballots were much lower than any elections of the past with just 1.19%. Aileu municipality saw the highest voter's turnout of 87.49% followed by Manatuto municipality with 83.92%. Dili municipality witnessed the lowest turnout of 78.66% in comparison to other municipalities despite having the highest registered voters. The project has been providing technical assistance to the EMIBs through a long-term strategy in an electoral cycle approach. This parliamentary election was not anticipated in the initial plan of the project however falling under the electoral cycle approach, it was bound to provide technical support in all three phases- in the areas such as electoral legal framework, voter education, training and capacity building, planning and operations, national tabulation and results management system.

Voter education campaign was commenced by STAE and the project provided technical support throughout the electoral processes. Voter education materials were produced targeting this age group through information dissemination- posters, billboards, public service announcements and TV programmes from voter registration to voting process. A dedicated page on social media (facebook) has been an effective way of reaching the young people. In Timor-Leste more than 400,000 people are internet users out of which 95% are active users of social media. Joven Vota page on facebook was launched by the project for focusing on youth and dissemination of electoral information. Contents disseminated through this page reached more than 90,000 where 45% were young people aged 18-24.

The election result management system requires accuracy, speed and integrity. It is a process where the votes are counted and tabulated providing results of an elections. In Timor-Leste, National Tabulation are conducted by CNE after electoral materials are retrieved from municipalities and abroad. CNE verifies the municipal provisional results, allocates claimed and disputed ballots (598) and revises all documentations received from municipalities and abroad.

[www.cne-tl](http://www.cne-tl) or <https://cne-tl.wixsite.com/www-cne-tl>.

The Electoral Information and Resource Centre with facilitators from STAE and the project managed to provide for training and orientation programme to more than 400 participants of observers, media, local NGOs, university students and first-time voters out of which 32.5% are women and 14.7% were people with disabilities. International observer groups including Australian observers (mainly academics), Ibero-American observers and Thailand Electoral Commission visited the resource centre for orientation on observation for the parliamentary elections.

The project partnered with a disability organisation for monitoring the accessibility of people with disabilities in the 2018 parliamentary elections especially in the political campaign and polling centres on Election-Day. This activity is supported to ascertain the participation of people with disabilities in electoral processes. The project monitored the training and preparation activities of the disability organization for the parliamentary elections.

Project- LEARN handed over Handbook *Kartilla Journalistika Timor-Leste* 2018 to Press Council of Timor-Leste. The handbook was developed by Press Council in collaboration with UNDP. Journalists Handbook consists Media legal framework including media law, code of conducts, and ethics



of journalists. The publication of this handbook is the second edition after high numbers of incoming request from institutions like PNTL, FDTL and municipal administration offices.

The Project is providing support to two women organisations- Movimentu Feto Foinsa'e Timor-Leste (MOFFE-TL) and CAUCUS organised in "Promoting Participation of Women in Political Parties" programme to promote participation of women in the political party for the run up to 12 May Parliamentary Elections where more than 150 women participated in the programme and were given the opportunity to get involve in a political party as candidates and party agents during elections.

#### **Gender results**

- Of the total number of 784,286 registered voters for the 2018 Parliamentary Elections, 48.19 % are women.
- 40% of the candidates for the parliamentary elections are women.
- 50% of polling staff are women deployed during 2018 parliamentary elections.

*Note: the information shared will contribute to ROAR reporting*

**Financial Information Summary**  
**Reporting Period: April 2018 to June 2018**

				Amount in USD	
Output	Source of Funding	Annual Budget (2018)	Expenditures ( April-June 2018 )	Remarks	
Output 1 :Enhance civic knowledge, awareness, and engagement of citizens in local and national democratic processes	30000/55016	352,316.66	185,437.33		
Output 2 : Increased Political Participation of Women and Youth at the Local and National Level	30000/55016	388,476.00	36,719.19		
Output 3 : Enhanced institutional capacity of CNE and STAE to manage and implement national and local elections through an electoral cycle approach	30000/55016	506,085.34	143,342.76		
Output 4: Increased sustainability of voter registration and electoral results management systems	30000/55016	147,438.00	37,271.61		
Output 5 : Project Management Operations	30000/55016	345,601.09	79,864.53		
Output 6 : Procurement of Electoral Materials	30000/55016	175,000.00	120,506.00		
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,914,917.09</b>	<b>603,141.42</b>		



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