

Support to the Implementation of the Health Sector Investment Programme, Timor Leste

Assignment	Assisting in the Support to the Implementation of the Health Sector Investment Programme (SIHSIP) to improve the availability, accessibility and affordability of health services to all people of Timor Leste, and to improve participation of the community and other stakeholders in health related decision-making.
Client	Government of Timor Leste
Financing Agency	European Union (EU)
Partners	Royal Tropical Institute, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Composition of Team	<i>BMB Mott MacDonald</i> : Team Leader, Human Resource Development Specialist, Community Health Specialist, Health Financing Specialist, Project Director, Technical Backstopper <i>Partner(s)</i> : Short-term experts (to be specified during the project)
Period of Assignment	From October 2005 to October 2009 Staff months: <i>BMB Mott MacDonald</i> : 81; <i>Partner(s)</i> : 71
Contract value	<i>BMB Mott MacDonald</i> : €1,976,000 <i>Partner(s)</i> : €624,100
Background	The Ministry of Health (MOH) of Timor Leste has developed a Sector Investment Programme (SIP) as a key tool of national health policy. This plan describes in detail the health status and health systems available to the Timorese population. It confirms three goals for the sector: to ensure availability, accessibility and affordability of health services to all peoples of Timor Leste; to regulate the sector; and to promote community and stakeholders participation. The MOH now needs to further establish its leadership over the future programme through strengthened planning and policy development, improved communication of its programme priorities, and stronger coordination of activities. On this basis the EU supports the preparatory programme which is to ensure that all the conditions for a successful Sector Support Programme are fully met.
Description of project	The programme purpose is to support the Sector Investment Plan (SIP). The overall programme identifies six key objectives and sets of results. These components will support (1) essential drugs and medical supplies logistics (2) the National Institute of Health Sciences (3) finalization of a basic package of services, and support to district health systems (4) community-based health care (5) planning and financial management and (6) preparation for Sector Programme Support. The World Bank is responsible for component 1. The EU-financed SIHSIP covers the remaining five components.
Services provided	The ARCADIS consultants will contribute to the following outputs: (i) Developing a national health training capacity through the National

Institute of Health Sciences that provides pre-services and in-service training for nursing and technical health staff, and ensuring that in-country training is coordinated with training abroad under a national Human Resources Development plan.

(ii) Developing and implementing a standard package of basic health services through a network of public health facilities at district and referral hospital level.

(iii) Increasing the participation of communities in planning and decision-making for local services, and awareness of health problems, and benefits of the health services available to them.

(iv) Strengthening financial management for districts and referral hospitals.

(v) Ensuring that medium-term planning and financial processes, including the development of a comprehensive national health financing strategy, are sufficiently developed to enable the implementation of a sector programme.