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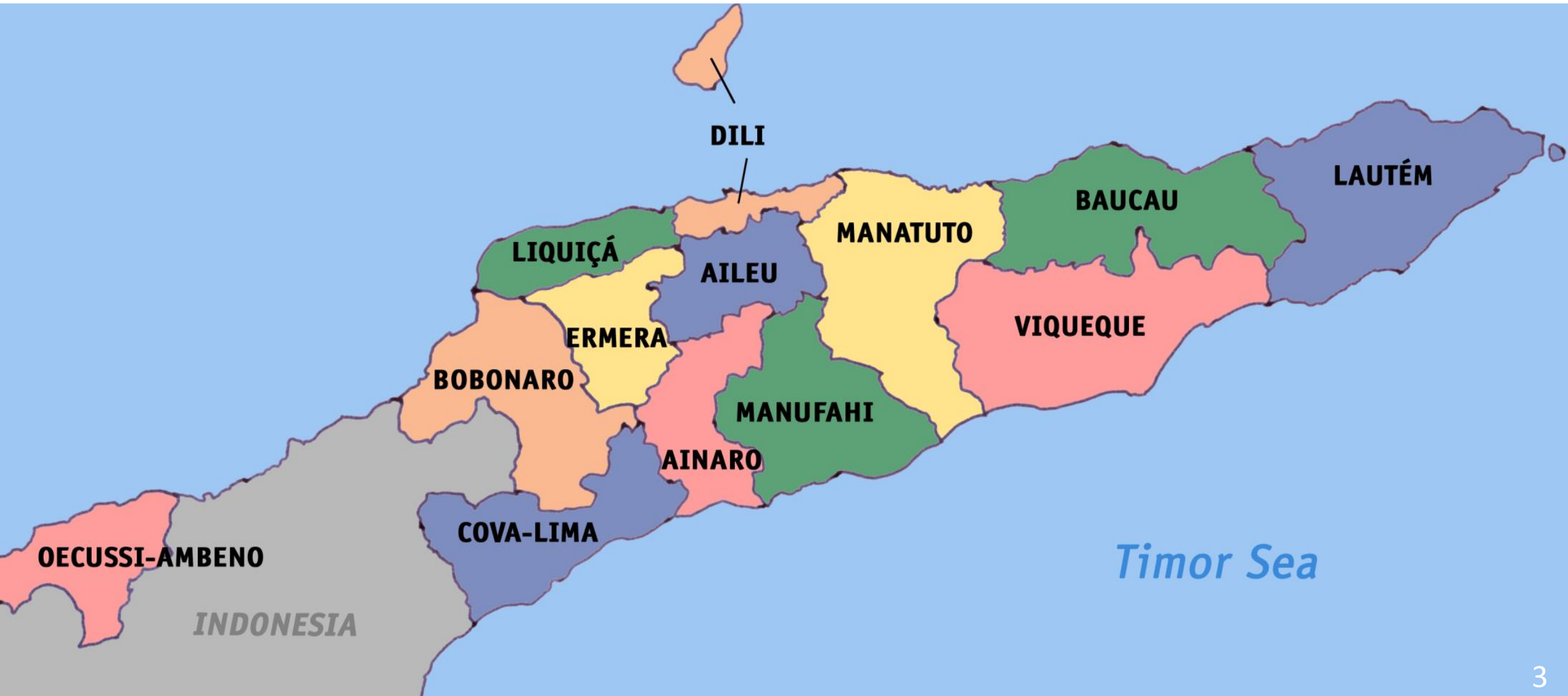
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The REPUBLICA DEMOCRATICA DE TIMOR LESTE AN OVERVIEW



Food Security and Nutrition Situation

- 62% of rural households (particularly farmers) experience 1 to 4 months of food shortage**
- Domestic production remains low and less diversified (maize, rice, vegetables, fish and others)**
- Rural economy is almost completely dominated by subsistence agriculture**
- Limited basic infrastructure to access basic services especially farm to market roads and under-developed markets**

Food Security and Nutrition Situation contd...

- **Post harvest losses estimated at 20% for rice and maize**
- **Limited access to finance for smallholders to facilitate development of small-scale rural enterprises**
- **Climate variability affects crop production**
- **Inadequate and weak enforcement of food safety standards and regulations**
- **Unsustainable land use and forest degradation affecting the water cycle, resulting in periodic water shortages, flash floods and landslides**

Food Security and Nutrition Situation contd ...

- **Developing health systems (birth rate: 26.8/1000; infant and child mortality rate 45/1000 and life expectancy 66.6)**
- **Children under five years old:**
 - **Stunting decreased from 58% (2010) to 51.9% (2013)**
 - **Wasting decreased from 19% (2010) to 10.8% (2013)**
 - **Underweight from 44.7% (2010) to 38.1% (2013)**

The Launching of the Zero Hunger Challenge (ZHC)

The ZHC was launched at the National Parliament in January 9, 2014 by **H.E Kay Rala Xanana Gusmao** (Timor-Leste Prime Minister) and **HRH Maha Chakri Sirindhorn**, the Royal Princess of Thailand

“To eradicate hunger and extreme poverty is very important. Sustainable development and increasing inclusiveness should not result to an empty stomach”

By the Partido CNRT

“The experience of Thailand eradicating hunger, malnutrition and poverty stands as an example and inspiration for us to undertake all necessary efforts to become a modern-day developed society”

By the Partido Democratico

“The voice of the people is very important for the economic, social and political development of the country, there should be a channel for this voice”

By the Partido Frenti Mudansa

“There are plenty of challenges, but our primary agenda should be to eliminate poverty, malnutrition and hunger”

“We will support the ZHC program, to work together with the government and other institutions”

By the Partido Fretilin

Process of Formulating the National Action Plan (NAP) & Road Map

Documents Review & Coordination

(February 17 to April 7)

- Mapping of existing Policies and programs vis-a-vis ZHC result chain
- Approval of Roadmap
- KONSSANTIL & UN Country Team workshop
- Updates to the Prime Minister

Consultations

(March 3 to April 14)

- Individual meeting with the members of KONSSANTIL and other key stakeholders
- Donor's Consultation
- Regional consultations
- Thematic consultations (Pillar 2 and Pillars 1,3,4 &5)

Formulation of the National Action Plan

(April 21 to May 12)

- Drafting of the ZHC National Action Plan (NAP)
- National Planning Workshop
- FAO Technical Clearance

Submission of the National Action Plan

(May 26 to July14)

- Submission of the Draft NAP to government for comments and inputs
- Finalization of the ZHC NAP
- Submission of the Final NAP to the government
- ZHC NAP Translation to Portuguese

National Coordination

Prime Minister & UN Special Advisor to Timor-Leste

National Council for food security sovereignty and nutrition in Timor Leste (KONSSANTL) with Co Chairmanship of UNRC UNCT

President: Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

Vice-President: Minister of Health

Members: 8 Ministries, office of the President and the Human Rights Ombudsman

Permanent Technical Secretariat:

Coordinator: Diretor General, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

Vice-Coordinator: Director-General, Ministry of Health

Vice-Coordinator: Director-General, Ministry of Education

Members: 8 Director Generals from 8 Ministries, Representative from UN Agencies (FAO / WFP/UNICEF/WHO), Representative from Development Partner/Donor Agencies, NGO, Church

District Disaster Management, Food & Nutrition Security Committee

Coordinator: District Administrator

Vice Coordinator: MAF District Director

Members: all government institutions with presence in the district, NGOS, Private Sector, Church, Civil society

Inter-Ministerial Food and Nutrition Security Working Group:

Coordinator: The Food Security Unit, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

Members: Data reporters from the member ministries

Technical Specialists Group:

- 1 Specialist on food and nutrition security
- 1 Researcher from Timor Leste or Foreign Universities
- 2 Researchers from National or International NGOs

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste believes that "HUNGER CAN BE ELIMINATED IN OUR LIFETIMES"



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