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HEFORSHE Campaign launched in Timor-Leste



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The Prime Minister officially launched UN Women's **HeForShe** campaign in Timor-Leste in commemoration of International Women's Day, joined by the women's machinery, the UN country team, Australian and United States ambassadors, a variety of development, civil society, and private sector partners. The event reached more than 400 people and aimed at promoting men in care-giving roles, starting with a cooking

demonstration of fish soup by the Prime Minister, Dr. Rui Maria de Araújo. A professional chef then guided 37 men representing 14 institutions in 8 cooking team to show their culinary talents and create their own dishes for all those who had gathered to enjoy a shared meal promoting their own recipes for gender equality.

For the complete story, please [click here](#)

"If we want to make gender equality a reality in Timor-Leste, then men and boys must start to change their way of thinking and how they act"

—Dr. Rui Maria de Araújo, Prime Minister of Timor-Leste

What's New on Gender Equality in Timor-Leste?

- February 2017: Council of Ministers approved the second NAP-GBV (2017 – 2021)
- March 2017: Council of Ministers approved the Roadmap for Programme Budgeting, with Gender Responsive Budgeting identified as a key priority for 2017
- March, 2017. The Government accepted 146 out of the 154 recommendations proposed by the Human Rights Council in the last Universal Periodic Review,
- March 2017, The Council of Ministers approved a national centre following the Truth, Reception and Reconciliation Commission to promote solidarity with survivors of human rights violations and will support advancement of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda.

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From Transforming Within to Transforming Society



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On 4 April 2017, UN Women Timor-Leste initiated a Transformative Leadership training to influence social structures for greater gender equality. Although women in Timor-Leste have gained visible roles at national levels, representing 20 per cent of ministerial positions and 37 per cent of Parliament as of April 2017, the training is aimed at both men and women,

and key to building a critical mass of women in leadership across society. This is particularly critical for the ongoing decentralization process, considering women hold only 5 per cent of leadership across the 442 village councils nation-wide.

The Leadership Training is supported by the Government of Japan, as part of efforts to ensure women's voices are heard and their decisions influence peaceful development in Timor-Leste.

For full story, [click here](#)

For more information on UN Women's partnership with the Government of Japan on WPS work, please [click this link](#)

| From Where I Stand |



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"From what I have seen, the political parties often support men in the role. They don't look at the women as holding any power. But women are leaders already. We know already about leadership and management. We are leaders in the home"

Graciana Da Silva (pictured above) was one of 319 women who ran in the 2016 nationwide elections for village chief. She is a single mother and founder of the non-government **Moris Foun** (New Life) Foundation. She was encouraged to stand in the election by 100% HauProntu campaign.

Read her full story [here](#)

Youth Engagement



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During the official launch of the **HeForShe** Campaign in Timor-Leste, 30 young volunteers from Hatutan Youth Council and Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) worked together on a joint activity for 200 Timorese children to celebrate the day. The KOICA-funded activity used paper-doll play to encourage kids to explore perceptions of traditional gender roles in the household and other places of work. *See more photos of the activity* [here](#)

Follow more on *Hatutan Youth* by following their [Facebook](#)



Resources on Gender Equality (links)

2017 Comission on the Status of Women (CSW61) Agreed conclusions

Engaging Men and Boys to End Violence in the Family toolkit, Canadian Council of Muslim Women, White Ribbon

Why propping up women is a worthy goal, by Antonio Guterres, Secretary General of the UN

UN Women Santo Domingo Training Centre 2017 Course Catalogue

UN Women Timor-Leste conducted Mid-Term Review (MTR) of its 2015-2019 Strategic Plan

From January-February 2017, UN Women examined progress and actions related to five aspects of UN Women's work: **Strategy & Positioning; Programmatic Performance; Partnerships; Normative work; and Coordination**, involving 45 persons representing 20 institutions, including Government partners, civil society, and sister UN Agencies.

As a result of the MTR, UN Women will focus its programming around two impact areas: Women, Peace, & Security and Women, Economic Empowerment with Ending Violence Against Women (EVAW) and Gender Mainstreaming (GM) Integrated in each impact area, in line with Government priorities and opportunities for UN Women to maximize its contribution to gender equality and women's empowerment in Timor-Leste.

More information on the MTR will follow in the coming months

Gender-Responsive Budgeting Training with UPMA

On 6 and 7 April, 2017, the Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Unite (UPMA) under the Prime Minister's Office in collaboration with the Secretary of State for the Support and Socio-Economic Promotion of Women, the Australian Embassy's Governance for Development Programme and UN Women conducted a training on gender responsive budgeting (GRB) for 9 Program



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Budgeting Advisers working closely with the line ministries (3 women 6 men). GRB is government planning, programming and budgeting process that contributes to the advancement of gender equality and the fulfillment of women's rights. It helps identify and reflect needed interventions to address gender gaps in sector policies, plans and budget

GRB is being implemented in 26 countries across the Asia-Pacific region. A recent report from UN Women has identified that the main strengths of the work on GRB have been an increase in budget allocations and clearer commitments towards gender equality. It has specifically enabled stakeholders to track allocations for gender equality. In Timor-Leste, the Government has made significant efforts to apply gender responsive budgeting (GRB).

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