

Agroforestry Skills for Employment and Resilience

KEY INFORMATION

SECTOR Technical Vocational Education and Training - TVET

LEAD PARTNER ILO, International Labour Organization

DURATION 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2027

PROJECT LOCATION Timor-Leste

TOTAL BUDGET EU 5.900.000 EUR

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Background

One of the priorities of the Government in Timor-Leste is to diversify the economy and to do that it is necessary to give special focus on private sector development. This involves enhancing the small and medium enterprises sector, while also removing some of the binding constraints to private sector growth and improving infrastructure, increasing efficiency in the public sector, facilitating credit, and, in particular, building up skilled labour.

Currently, Timor-Leste faces a lack of skilled labour and high youth unemployment, particularly of young women, which is a challenge for economic and social development. TVET is a major instrument in support of employment and can also prepare youth for self-employment and jobs, contributing for a diversification of a sustainable economy.

Through capacity building and exchange of knowledge, this project will improve the TVET quality, ensuring a proper connection between the needs and demand of the private sector with the training offers.

This project provides a direct response to the growth priorities of Timor-Leste by supporting private sector development, job creation for youth and women and diversification of the economy.



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Project Details

The **overall objective** of the project is to promote green and sustainable economic diversification in Timor-Leste through private sector development, technical and vocational education training (TVET) for youth integration in the labour market.

Specifically, this project intends to increase quality employment and entrepreneurship opportunities in sustainable agro-forestry, for youth, particularly young women and girls to meet their specific needs, while promoting a green and circular economy.

Main activities

1. Create and develop an observatory of the Agroforestry Sector to identify green and circular economy needs and opportunities for employment of the agroforestry sector in Timor-Leste.
2. Develop processes and methodologies linked to the private sector demands and training offers to improve the quality and inclusivity of the TVET.
3. Provide skills and competences to managers, trainers, and trainees of Agroforestry TVET organizations in Timor-Leste and to women and youth living in rural areas.
4. Prepare and provide digital platforms and facilitation services to promote the integration of youth and women in the labour market and employment.

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Expected results

The creation and development of an observatory of the Agroforestry sector will contribute for the **identification of the green and circular economy needs and opportunities for employment** of the agroforestry sector in Timor-Leste. The development of a strategic inclusive and gender-responsive agroforestry roadmap and value chain analysis will allow the **mapping of professional profiles of the agroforestry roadmap** with the support of the private sector.

The revision and update of the training offers and professional profiles according to the strategic and sustainable Agroforestry roadmap will **increase the quality of TVET System**. TVET methodology and processes in will be disseminated in the training centres oriented for the agroforestry value chain.

The **skills and competences of managers, trainers and trainees will be improved** and contribute for the quality of the TVET in Timor-Leste.

The entrepreneurship programme will **foster entrepreneurial skills of trainees, women and men**, stimulate the creation of self-employment or enterprises and diversification of the economy in a sustainable and green way.

The project will provide mobile units to **increase skills and competences of women and youth in rural areas** for the development of an activity that can contribute to increase their income and to improve their living conditions.

To facilitate the integration in the labour market, the project will create a **digital platform with offer and demand of employment opportunities and training courses** available and will develop an APP to connect the training offer with the private sector demand.

The project will support the creation of offices in the training centres to **give guidance and facilitate the integration of students/trainees in the labour market**.

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