

Improve Your Business **A nationally recognized qualification in Timor Leste**

In Timor Leste, with the economy growing steadily a range of opportunities now exist for people to engage in businesses. Business development services can stimulate entrepreneurship and help in the development of enterprises. Growth of enterprises, in turn, can create a gainful employment for Timorese women and men and is therefore integral to the future economic and social development of the country.

The IADE (Instituto de Apoio ao Desenvolvimento Empresarial) with support from the Business Opportunities and Support Services (BOSS) Project of the International Labour Organization (ILO) has registered “Improve Your Business Training Course (IYB)” as nationally recognized qualification. The curriculum is based on the ILO Start and Improve Your Business Programme. The accredited IYB Course is offered at the National Certificate Level I – Small Business Management. The course is made up of 6 units of competencies which represent six modules of IYB.

This qualification enables individuals to develop skills and knowledge to operate effectively a small business. The training course is focussed on helping participants to learn more practical skills and thus provides an ideal preparation for people who want to develop their businesses and help create jobs for themselves and others. Besides helping participants to learn new skills, the qualification acquired helps people to get a formal recognition as business entrepreneurs.

Earlier in 2012 the Instituto de Apoio ao Desenvolvimento Empresarial (IADE) received accreditation to deliver these certification training courses. “As an accredited training provider, IADE has to ensure that it continues to deliver quality training, maintains proper training facilities and equipment, as well as employ competent and qualified trainers”. says Mr. Hernani Soares who is the Executive Director of IADE.



With assistance from ILO, IADE has modernized its services to micro, small and medium enterprises. It offers a range of business development services such as business counselling, business matchmaking, business information and promotion. Through the BOSS Project ILO is providing on-going support to the IADE to upgrade their business management training curricula to adapt it to the growth in economic sectors such as agriculture and construction.