



► Supporting recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic through targeted employment intensive emergency public works for the rural poor and vulnerable in Timor-Leste

► RBSA TLS 176: December 2020 Progress Report

The project provides direct employment opportunities for the rural poor and vulnerable population through road routine maintenance activities.

The project's target is to employ 1,850 vulnerable beneficiaries - including at least 50% women and 2% persons with a disability, and migrant workers through 275 km of rural road maintenance works.

Project recipients include Public Works, KSTL, CCI-TL and Secretariat of State for Vocational Training and Employment (SEFOPE). Public Works Offices at Municipal level have been involved in road selection and supervision of the ongoing contracts.

In September 2020, the ILO awarded the first batch of contracts with total amount of USD 231,241 to 10 EIIP trained local contractors from 10 municipalities in Timor-Leste. These contractors started

works on 1 October 2020 on a total of 165 km of road maintenance.

As of 31 December 2020, approximately 819 workers have been employed (F = 44%, M = 56%, Disabled = 1.4%), and 9,977 workdays created and USD 49,884 disbursed to the community as workers' wages.

This project with support from the ILO's ongoing projects in Timor-Leste (R4D-SP and ERA-AF) has applied work procedures that comply with COVID-19 safety and health protocols.

In March 2021, ILO will award further contracts to continue routine maintenance for six months covering additional 110 km of roads to reach the employment target of 1,850 workers.

