Welcome to the first Edition of our ERA Agro-Forestry (ERA-AF) Newsletter “HAMETIN”. We are publishing HAMETIN to share news and information on ERA-AF project activities which are funded by the European Union (EU) and being implemented by the ILO as a component of the Partnership Support for Agro-Forestry (PSAF) Ai ba Futuru. Through the Newsletter you will be briefed of efforts on improving access to markets through rural roads, capacity building of institutions, contractors and the resulting impact on improved roads, decent employment, improved livelihoods, skills development and community empowerment. Our aim is to inform how the project is being implemented together with the people and for the people, and will also include issues that impact us everyday such as COVID-19. We would also welcome your feedback. Hoping you enjoy HAMETIN....

Enhancing Rural Access Agro-Forestry (ERA-AF) Project Activities on June 2020:

01 European Union Ambassador to Timor-Leste, H.E. Andrew Jacobs handed over two compaction rollers to three contractors (Tula Ely, and a Joint Venture between Lacaroma and Limfin Dargimal) at the Don Bosco Training Centre on 5 June 2020. The Contractors are working on the construction and rehabilitation of rural roads in Viqueque and were supported to acquire equipment within the framework of the EU-supported ERA Agro-Forestry project, implemented by the ILO.

02 The EU Ambassador, together with other important guests, handed over COVID-19 Guidelines and COVID-19 Preventive tools to 15 contractors and Site Officials involved in ERA-AF project works in Manatuto and Lautem. The tools comprise Non-Contact Infrared Thermometer, masks, and hand sanitizers to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

03 Contractors from Lautem and Manatuto attended a Contracts and Business Management Course conducted by Institute for Business Development Support (IADE), from 1 to 12 July at the IADE Training Centre in Dili. The training targeted at Company Directors and Engineers, including 2 Women Engineers from FETO Engenha capacitated the target group with business and contracts management skills in addition to the technical skills, so that they manage their projects effectively.