### Estudo-Caso de Timor-Leste: Boas Práticas em Orçamentação Sensível ao Género

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#### **Presentation Outline**

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- GRB flow in the Public Financial Management Reform
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## Milestones of GRB progress in Timor-Leste (2002-2016)

Laying the foundations on gender & its strategies

2002-04

2006

Gender-

aware

Review

of

annual

plans by

OPE



2007

Gender

**Budget** 

Statement

included in

**Budget Book 2** 

for the 2008

fiscal year





Dili Kompromisu was adopted & Gender-aware Parecer from **Commission C to** the 2009 Budget initiated

**Parliament GRB** Resolution & Law against **Domestic** Violence were adopted



**Gender Mainstream** Approach was adopted as a strategy to achieve gender equality by 2030 in the National Strategic **Development Plan** 

(2011-2030)

2011

Genderaware **Budget Call** Circular initiated & **NAP** against Gender-Based Violence was adopted



Genderaware Review of the State Budget initiated

2013

NAP on Gender & Private Sector was adopted

2014



2016

Gender analysis of

**GoTL Annual Report** 

initiated & NAP on

UNRSC 1325 was

adopted & Gender

mainstreaming

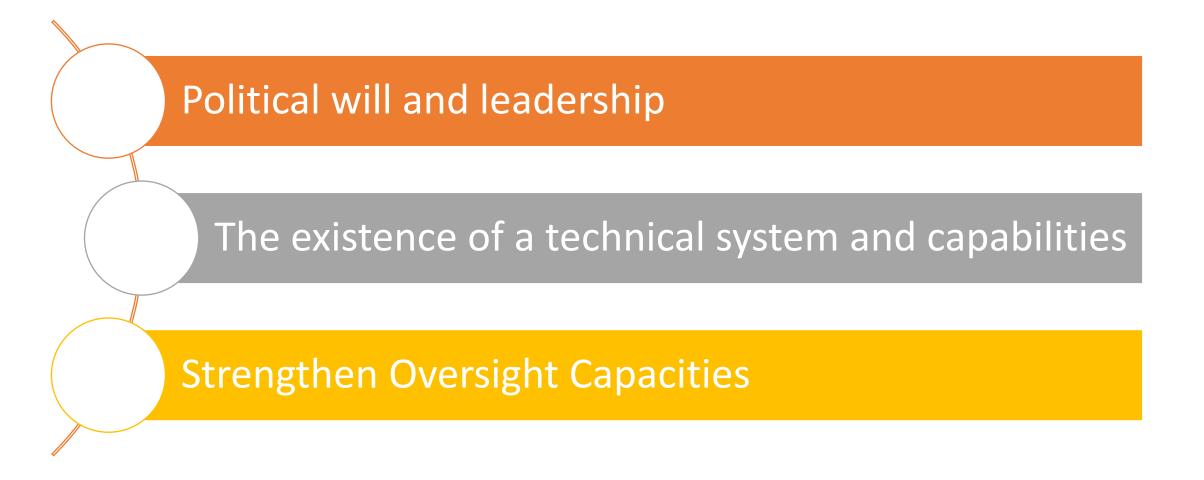
**Guidelines for 10 line** 

ministries was

produced

Maubisse Declaration was adopted

# Three factors have aided efforts to implement effective GRB in Timor-Leste (2017-current)



## I. Political Will and Leadership

A breakthrough in GRB implementation from the Office of Prime-Minister (OPM), und	er
the leadership of Dr. Ruí Araújo:	

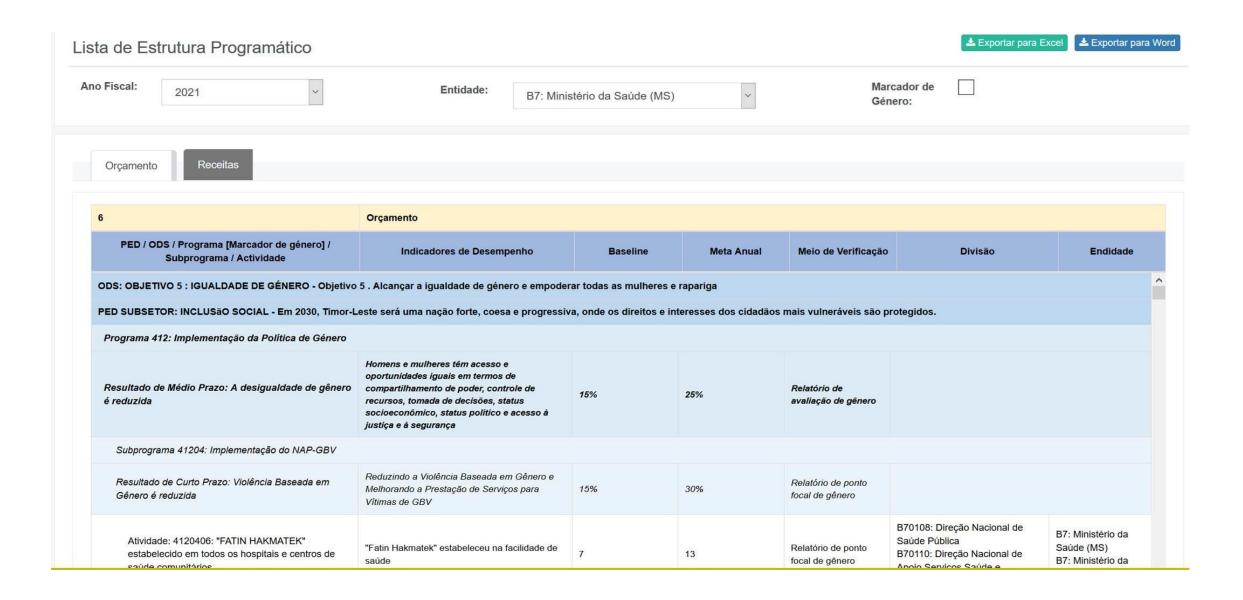
- ☐ the creation of the Unit for Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation (UPMA) within the Office of Prime-Minister, allowing for political control of the General Budget preparation process and implementation, along with monitoring to ensure real impact on citizen's lives.
- ☐ transformation in the PFM, resulted in the adoption of Budgetary Governance Reform agenda, and a policy note on GRB in the PFM reform.
- The presence of the Secretary of State for Equality and Inclusion at the Budget Review Committee as an observer plays a significant role to ensure adequate budget allocated for the promotion of gender equality and that gender-sensitive programs align with the SDG, National Strategic Development Plan, GoTL five-year program, and national gender policies.
- ☐ the State Secretariat for Equality and Inclusion (SEII)'s role in reviewing all laws and policies for gender responsiveness prior to approval by the Council of Ministers is fundamental.

### II. The Existence of a Technical System and Capabilities

Since 2017, OPM-UPMA in collaboration with SEII have been playing a key role in assisting all Government entities in the process of mainstreaming gender into the planning and budgetary processes. Major key achievements from this collaboration & cooperation include:

- a) The adoption of the "GRB Policy Note: Mainstreaming Gender into the Public Financial Management Reform" by the Council of Ministers.
- b) The integration of Gender Marker in the national online planning & budgeting system (DBFTL) and Annual Action Plan template
  - **Principal (P)** *Direct impact*
  - **Significant (S)** *Indirect impact*
  - Not Targeted (NT)
- c) Creation of a standardized Gender Program in the Program-budgeting Structure called: "Implementation of Gender Policies". Currently, it has 5 sub-programs:
  - 1. Implementation of NAP against GBV;
  - 2. Implementation of NAP on UNSRC 1325;
  - 3. Implementation of Maubisse Declaration;
  - 4. Gender-mainstreaming Approach
  - 5. Promotion of Gender Equality in the Parliament

### **Example of Gender Program in the PB Structure**



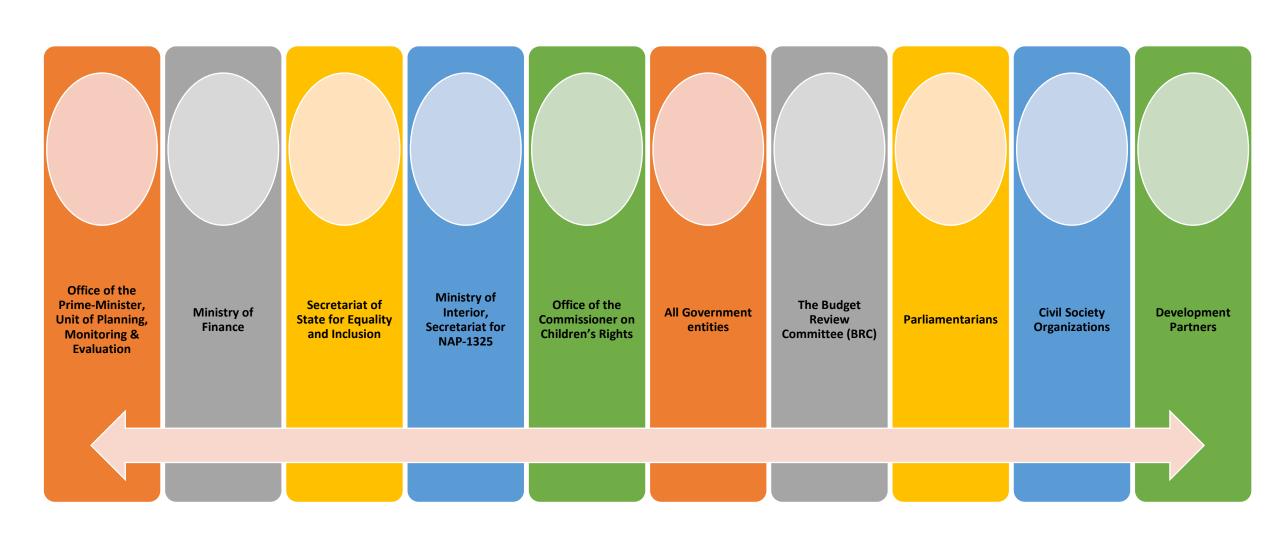
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- d) Reintroduce gender mainstreaming approach in the State Budget Cycle from initial planning stage until the reporting stage:
  - Budget Call Circular produced by MoF
  - Integration of gender analysis in the paste verde
  - Gender Budget Statement in Budget Book 2
  - Gender Analysis in GoTL Performance and Expenditure Report (quarterly & annually)
- e) Addressing key knowledge gaps of budget and planning officials in all Government entities (including State entities & CSOs) on program design & budget allocation as well as reporting from gender perspectives;
- f) Development of Gender-sensitive Indicators;
- g) Improved coordination mechanism between OPM and SEII with CSOs;
- h) Existence of gender specialist in government entities and/or creation of gender unit.

# III. Strengthen Technical Oversight Capacities (the Role of Parliament and CSOs)

- OPM-UPMA & SEII delivered training to Women's Parliamentary Group (GMPTL), Centre for Promotion of Gender Equality (CPIG) in the Parliament, and Women's Network (*Rede Feto*) on overall GRB analysis and the application of GM;
- ☐ OPM-UPMA developed a GRB Briefing Note for fiscal year 2020 contained key information/details about GRB generated by gender marker and shared with SEII, GMPTL, and *Rede Feto*;
- ☐ Rede Feto produced a comprehensive gender impact analysis on Government programs for 2020 fiscal year and submitted to Commission F and GMPTL which then was included in the final parecer produced by Commission C.

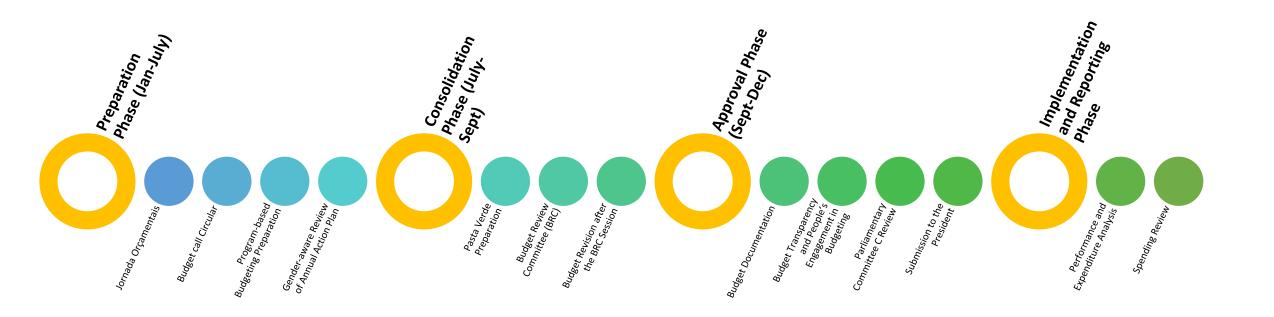
# Coordination Mechanism & Responsibilities for GRB Implementation in Timor-Leste



# Government of Timor-Leste's Budget Cycle



## GRB Flow according to the GoTL's Budget Cycle



# **Concluding Remarks**

- Political will and political control of the General Budget preparation process and implementation along with monitoring is vital to ensure real impact on citizen's lives.
- Timor-Leste's case illustrates the importance of local context. In this case, the design of simple gender-responsive tools and adequate training for planning and budgeting officials proved necessary to support GRB in the PFM reform.
- Effective gender mainstreaming requires the allocation of state budgets from the planning and budgeting processes through implementation and the reporting period.
- GRB reforms in Timor-Leste still have a long way to go before they demonstrate their real effectiveness via their impact on the lives of women and girls.
- Greater participation and engagement from Parliamentarians and CSOs is vital to increase accountability and transparency in budgetary processes.
- Implementing sound inclusive policies and tailored investments requires in-depth understanding and knowledge, not only among technical experts but also the leadership of Government entities and parliamentarians.