

## PROJECT SYNOPSIS

<b>Project Title:</b>	Raising Women's Voices: Advocating for Women's Rights in East Timor
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### 1. Project Background

Gender inequality is evident in Timor-Leste. There are low levels of female literacy, high levels of violence against women, inadequate female representation in decision-making structures at all levels of government, restricted educational and economic opportunities for women. Women are restricted by cultural norms that also restrict what women can do to help themselves, particularly in rural areas, and they are often not paid for the work that they do. There is no adequate system to measure the impact of women on policy and decision-making at various levels. The project's main areas of intervention are the advocacy for Women's Rights in Timor-Leste, especially regarding legislation, and the increasing of opportunities to women's social-economic empowerment.

The direct target-groups are Rede Feto and its member organizations. Indirectly, the project targets all women in the country. The implementation agency is CIIR (Progressio).

### 2. Project Intervention Logic:

The Overall Objective is to promote and protect women's human rights and gender equality in the development process in Timor-Leste. The Project Purpose is to strengthen the capacity of Rede Feto, the national umbrella organisation for women's rights in Timor Leste, and its member organisations, for effective advocacy and lobbying for legislation to protect women and to empower them socio-economically.

The expected results are: R1: More effective implementation of advocacy programmes of Rede Feto and member organisations through stronger strategic approaches, policy research and analysis, legislation analysis and monitoring, and improved advocacy and lobbying skills, monitoring and evaluation, and documentation of best practice. R2: Legislation in place and implemented to protect women from domestic violence, sexual and gender based violence, and abandonment. R3: Greater opportunities for women's economic empowerment through pro-poor legislation which gives women equal access to markets, and land and property rights. R4: Increased awareness and knowledge at community level of domestic and sexual gender based violence and other key gender issues including new legislation to protect and empower women. R5: Increased networking, collaboration and partnership development amongst key stakeholders at government, NGO and community level.