

TL-EITI WORK PLAN 2023

1st OBJECTIVE: To implement the recommendation from the last Validation in enhancing EITI principles in Timor-Leste.

Rationale: Based on the 2019 Standard's third Validation report on 27 April 2023, EITI board concluded that Timor Leste Achieved a Fairly Low over all Score (58 Points) in EITI Implementation. Disaggregated information by Outcomes and Impact, Stakeholders Engagement (1.1), (1.3), (1.4) Transparency (Beneficial Ownership (2.5)). This result was obtained through the collective performance from MSG members, particularly with improving engagements from the industry sectors (1.3) and civil society (1.3) which contribute to the good governance of EITI Timor-Leste (1.5) Efforts were made by MSWG to continuously support EITI activities, includes responding to recommendation(s) from the EITI Board.

ACTIVITIES	EXPECTED OUTCOME	TIMEFRAME	ESTIMATED COST	SOURCE OF FUNDING	RESPONSIBLE	COMMENT /STATUS
Discussion and consultation on the recommendation(s) from the current Validation in 2022 and from the IA on the last published TL-EITI Report, among TL –	To improve implementation of Validation recommendations & EITI Standard requirements.				TL-EITI Secretariat and MSWG	

EITI Secretariat, MSWG, Regional and IS.						
Workshop Preparation for the Validation recommendation 2022 the MSWG EITI disclosures, including Systematic disclosures, Contract transparency and Beneficial Ownership.	To improve implementation of Req. #2.4, 2.5 and EITI Requirement Section 3#				TL-EITI Secretariat and MSWG	

2nd OBJECTIVE: To ensure the publication of EITI Report in timely manner and in aligned with EITI Standard 2019 and (upcoming new Standard 2023).

Tender process for IA commenced in 2023, selection of the IA performance evaluation by TL-MSWG In April 2023, to hire IA to assist with the preparation of the referred reports of MSWG implementation of 2019 Standard.

Improvement of TL-EITI reports means considering the disclosure of contextual information of the extractive industry activities (e.g. oil and gas and mining) in the country, attempting to close out the validation recommendation. Following the completion of the requirement #2.4, 2.5 and EITI Requirement Section 3 # (Contract Transparency, BO and systematically disclosure) continued investigation on the previous Mainstreaming study, the MSWG decided to include the recommendations TL-EITI report (FY 2020). Furthermore, MSWG acknowledged the recommendations from Validation and Independent Administrator (IA) on investigation study report in 2022.

In 2023, the 2nd objective could not be entirely implemented by the MSWG members and TL-EITI Secretariat due to parliamentary election period. Hence, MSWG state budget was approved for this year's expenditure and the funding allocation for TL-EITI could cover the preparation of FY2021 and 2022 TL-EITI report. Also, this section still includes the Annual Progress Report and the MSWG review the impacts of EITI implementation for activities that were carried out between 2021 and 2022. With the flexibility on the deadline as per 2019 Standard.

<p>Selection of new IA to reconcile the upcoming EITI report (Fiscal Year(s) 2021 and 2022).</p>	<p>To enhance transparency in extractive industry (EI) governance and relevant EITI activities as well as producing Comprehensive TL-EITI report that covered validation and conciliation recommendations.</p>	<p>July- November 2023</p>			<p>TL-EITI Secretariat and MSWG</p>	
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Contract Award to IA.	To assist and producing TL-EITI report FY 2021 and 2022, and to covered validation and conciliation recommendations.	November 2023	USD 152,332			
Preparation of scoping analysis report and data reporting templates for 2021 and 2022 TL-EITI Report. This includes approval of data templates. Scoping study and Inception Report by reporting entities and data collection.	To cover and to capture the recommendation from current validation and EITI conciliation report.	November-December 2023				
Reconciliation Process	The Government and					

<p>for the 2021 and 2022 TL-EITI Report. This includes reconciliation of the submitted data templates, consultation with reporting entities and draft report consultation with reporting entities and MSWG reviews, comments and final publication.</p>	<p>EI Transparently published the revenue collection to the public.</p>					
<p>Preparation of Data Summary in xls file of the published 2021 and 2022 TL-EITI Report. MSWG to review and approve. Preparation of scoping analysis report and data reporting</p>	<p>The Government and EI Transparently published the revenue collection to the public.</p>					

templates for 2020 TL-EITI Report.						
Develop consultancy/discussions on data disclosure incl. mainstreaming, energy transition & other EITI requirements that will be implemented in future. Document the progress and gaps of the discussion.	To measure the outcome and impact on EITI implementation in the country.					
Continue Investigate and discuss the EITI requirements & upcoming new requirement	To measure the outcome and impact on EITI implementation progress in the country					
<p>3rd OBJECTIVE: To encourage discussions on transparency in public expenditures, including investment decisions focus on economic diversification</p> <p>Rationale: Enabling communication tools to the communities for accessing information about public expenditures and extractive activities in</p>						

transparent manner. Through EITI, we expect local ONG's, Academic can use EITI data to emphasize public debate, preference for student to conduct research, advocacy and create discussions on extractive industry governance and on government activities in accordance to the relevant Laws in Timor-Leste. This objective particularly emphasized CSO active participation in EITI, thus sought the importance of CSO contribution on EITI report and public debate.

Dissemination information of the published 2020 TL-EITI Report, specifically to relevant audiences.	TL-EITI increase and improve outreach activities to spread awareness through public debate within stakeholders of extractive resources.	August- November 2023	USD 16,463			
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4th OBJECTIVE: To encourage discussions on legal framework and effort contract transparency within extractive industries and other revenues generate in Timor-Leste.

Rationale: MSWG acknowledge the importance of strengthening the EITI implementation within the country's legal framework. The ongoing negotiation on Greater Sunrise and the nation's extractive sector, changes within the relevant extractive laws, policies and legal reforms, implementing on Mining Code Law and new PSCs have been monitored by the MSWG.

Discussion on legal reform and relevant laws in stakeholders levels of Greater	To increase awareness among stakeholders to achieve the objective					
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Sunrise project development and onshore project in country.	legal reforms.					
Discussions and implementing on mining disclosure threshold on EITI publications.	To identified mining companies revenues data.					
<p>5th OBJECTIVE: To enhance EITI institutional development include capacity building for MSWG, CSO’s Stakeholders and National Secretariat members</p> <p>Rationale: This objective is to continually emphasize capacity building programs in order to enable stakeholders’ fully participation within EITI, particularly for CSO stakeholders, private sector and TL-National Secretariat Staffs. With the high demands concerning requirements from 2019 EITI Standard, it is required stakeholders are fully trained and prepared to implement the established requirements and enable to create advocacies. At the moment the National Secretariat is led by an National Coordinator whom also in charge as Technical Specialist for TL-EITI.</p>						
Consultation and discussion TL-EITI Laws within stakeholders and governance members	To regulate the creation of an independent and autonomous Multi-Stakeholder Working Group					

	entrusted with ensuring the application of the present Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (“EITI”) Law					
Sharing knowledge between stakeholders on EITI Standard, TL-EITI Reports and extractive industry (EI).	To increase and strengthening knowledge and Compliance with the general principles and standards of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative in country.					

Objective one: to implement the recommendation from the current validation and to implementing the Mainstreaming reflected in the final assessment of final validation In particular, the MSWG discussion of the definition of project for EITI reporting purposes is noted this MSWG discussion related to following up on a TL-EITI recommendation related to project-level reporting.

Rationate:

- In accordance with Requirement 1.5, Timor-Leste is required to maintain a current EITI work plan that reflects national priorities for extractive sector governance. Objectives should be updated to reflect consultations with key stakeholders beyond the MSWG who are working on national priorities. The MSWG is encouraged to discuss its desired short-term and long-term impact for EITI implementation beyond data disclosure while considering national priorities on ensuring economic benefits of the sector to citizens and greater understanding of state participation in the extractive sector. Work plan activities and outcomes should be tied to the objectives. They should be measurable and address the scope of EITI disclosures, including systematic disclosures, contract transparency and beneficial ownership. The MSWG is encouraged to use the work plan to track progress in achieving expected outcomes.
- In accordance with Requirement 7.1, Timor-Leste is required to ensure that EITI disclosures contribute to public debate. Information should be widely accessible and distributed, considering the needs of different subgroups of citizens. The MSWG should ensure that outreach activities are undertaken to spread awareness of and facilitate dialogue about governance of extractive resources.
- In accordance with Requirement 7.2, Timor-Leste should agree a policy on the access, release and reuse of EITI data. All EITI disclosures, including data disclosed through government websites, should be made available in open, machine-readable format.
- In accordance with Requirement 7.3, Timor-Leste should establish a mechanism for agreeing and following up on EITI recommendations. The MSWG is encouraged to work with government agencies and extractive companies to ensure that EITI implementation results in improved extractive sector governance and to document these efforts.

In accordance with Requirement 7.4, Timor-Leste is required to annually review and document the outcomes and impact of EITI implementation, reflecting consultations with stakeholders beyond the MSWG. This should include a review of progress in meeting each EITI Requirement and a narrative description of efforts to strengthen the impact of EITI implementation.