



## Monitoring Report

**Monitoring reference** MR-143986.01  
**Report date** 12/12/2011  
**Project title** Raising women's voices: Advocating for women's rights in East Timor

### I. Intervention data

Status	FINAL
Monitoring Report Type	Ongoing
Aid Modality	Project approach
Project	Single Country / National Project
Project Management	Project managed by the Delegation (devolved)
Financed via a thematic budget line	Yes
CRIS Number	C-200285
Project Title according to Financing Agreement/Financing Decision	Raising Women's Voices: Advocating for Women's Rights in East Timor
Domain	Development - Non state actors and local authorities Co-financing (PV)
DAC - CRS Sector	15150 - Democratic participation and civil society
Additional DAC - CRS code	15170 - Women's equality organisations and institutions
Geographical zone	Timor Leste
Keyword (for innovative interventions)	
Date Financing Agreement/Financing Decision/Contract signed	17/12/2009
Person responsible at HQ	
Person responsible at Delegation	COMARD Laurianne
Monitor	Aline AFONSO
Project Authority	Catholic Institute for International Relations (Progressio)
Type of implementing partner	International NGO/CSOs/Universities (at EU and international level)
Start date - planned	01/02/2010
End date - planned	01/02/2013
Start date - actual	01/02/2010
End date - likely	01/02/2013
Monitoring visit date	from 07/11/2011 to 18/11/2011

### II. Financial data

Primary commitment (EC funding)	106,175
Budget allocated for TA	Not Available
Secondary commitment (funds contracted of EC contribution)	106,175
Other funding (government and/or other donors)	35,392
Total budget of operation	141,567
Total EC funds disbursed	58,775
Financial data on	27/10/2011

### III. Grading

Relevance and quality of design	B
Efficiency of Implementation to date	A
Effectiveness to date	B
Impact prospects	B
Potential sustainability	C

### IV. Summary of conclusions

#### Relevance and quality of design

The project is highly relevant to the needs of the target groups; it is in line with the policy priorities of the Timor Leste government and consistent with EC Development and Cooperation Strategies, particularly the CSP/NIP 2008-2013. The logical framework is clear, appropriate to defined areas of intervention and is being used as a tool for guidance. The logic of intervention, the indicators of achievement, and the sources and the means of verifications and assumptions are consistent with the purposes of the project. The needs of the target group, Rede Feto and of its member organizations are well understood, focusing on members who comprise the Advocacy Working Groups (AWG). The activities as designed contribute to the achievement of specific objectives. The potential impact of the project could be extended into the case of a close monitoring of the other members in the network (stronger or weaker). The risk of high turn-over of manpower in organizations, which turned out to be central to the case of this project, was not considered in its design. The arrangements have been discussed with the target groups, although there was low involvement of other stakeholders. Coordination, management and financing arrangements are strong, clear and formal.

#### Efficiency of Implementation to date

By its nature, the project (gender and economic advocacy) activities are manageable. Progressio also has its own management and evaluation tools that are being used in this project. The financial, human and material resources are made available on time. Human resources are suitable for implementing the proposed activities. Progress reports and other activities, records are organized and available. The accounting system is detailed and available. The project is utilising a general timetable for implementation. The schedule originally proposed was readjusted in relation to expected result 3 (training in business management and trade system in Timor-Leste), and 4 - b (media advocacy - radio and tv show monthly). As the priority was given initially to the operation of AWG, the second adviser was allocated to the work of economic empowerment component. The project has made a significant effort in coordinating the AWG with the government agenda and with the activities of national organizations (being Rede Feto represented in monitoring and evaluation team and more recently in seven priority National working groups). At this stage the results exceed expectations in the area of support provided in the lobbying and advocacy activities.

#### Effectiveness to date

The project, in its second year of implementation, has already achieved concrete results with regard to strengthening the capacity of Rede Feto and member organizations in the area of gender advocacy. Activities in this area are advanced in relation to the calendar. The Rede Feto was able to influence the revision of article 12, section 3, Law No. 6 / 2006 and the enactment of The Domestic Violence Law, No. 7 / 2007. The representation of Timor-Leste in the CEDAW Committee and the establishment of partnerships at regional level (integration of the member organization CAUCUS in KEMITRAAN - Indonesian organization to Promoting Good Governance) eventually contributed to increase the visibility and the ability of the Rede Feto for gender advocacy. The results were well evaluated by the beneficiaries. Since the actions related to economic empowerment commenced late, the results cannot be evaluated. It was noted, following the adviser's actions, more support should be demanded for other activities by Rede Feto (such as fundraising, international presentations) as those help strengthen the capacity of the Organisation. Interviewed beneficiaries refer to concrete gains on schemes developed by the project: raising awareness about the issue, increased organizational capacity and influence public policy, recognition of the rights, developed complementary skills, including greater coordination at regional levels. The applicability of the results achieved by the project in Rede Feto to member organizations is limited (only to a few organizations). The lack of foresight and strategies to overcome the staff turn-over of the Rede Feto and Network member organizations has to be resolved.

### **Impact prospects**

In the second year of implementation, the proposed objectives in the area of gender advocacy are already being attained. There are indirect results of the project; the greater activism on gender advocacy among female organisations, a greater number of organizations in the National Working Groups, and pro-activity of the AWG (beneficiaries indicated that the adviser directly contributed to the reactivation of AWG). Beneficiaries indicated the development of capacity for advocacy, analysis of legislation and development of other areas with the support of the project (presentations, regional joint fundraising). Due to the delay in the start of the activities of economic empowerment, it is not yet possible to analyse the impacts in this area. Progressio has been responsible for developing the project. Their use of management and monitoring tools has contributed to the good results achieved by the project.

### **Potential sustainability**

The project has been able to develop skills in gender advocacy organizations, however it is not sufficient to meet the needs in these areas, particularly in member organizations. At this stage of development it is understood that these organizations would still need to continue to receive technical support in the area of gender and economic empowerment after the completion of the project. There are no strategies that ensure the financial sustainability of the project. There is currently no phase-out strategy in place. Despite favorable conditions for Progressio and Rede Feto, they would need to take concrete steps towards ensuring the sustainability of actions. Organizations do not have funding to enable them to keep advisers. Considering the point of time where the project is currently (the second year of a total of three), actions should be taken. The Rede Feto has a network of partners already consolidated with a known history of working with the community and other organizations, achieved in activities and projects for gender and economic advocacy previously developed. The project is well seen in the context of these networks, which are also contributing to the implementation of activities. Beneficiaries indicate the relevance of the topic and are keen to further develop these activities (in the case of some members, the main activity). Some member organizations are developing fund raising activities with the aim of continuing their activities.

### **Key observations and recommendations**

Progressio, Rede Feto and member organizations: 1) Strengthen the partnership with stakeholders as a means of developing strategies for continuing activities.

Progressio: 1) Promote increased capacity building activities among Rede Feto to its members (stronger or weaker). 2) Develop and achieve consensus with local partners on a phase-out strategy designed to maximise sustainability. 3) Develop strategies in order to minimize the impact of turn-over of HR in the institutionalization of gender advocacy capacity of Rede Feto and member organizations. 4) Focus on economic empowerment component in order to attain the aims of the timeframe  
5) Catch up and reduce the time loss, in relation to the initial schedule for the media advocacy component.  
6) Establish measurable objectives in relation to training activities.