

TL-EITI WORK PLAN 2019

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

Rationale: Based on the second Validation report on February 2018, the EITI Board agreed that Timor-Leste has satisfactorily implemented the Standard requirements which were applied for the country. The last published EITI reports have captured the objectives of requirements pertaining disaggregated information by revenues and by project level (4.7), data quality and assurance (4.9) and social expenditures (6.1). 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. MSWG would attempt to implement the recommendations that align with the preparation of EITI Report 2016-2017 and annual budget resource for EITI implementation.

ACTIVITIES	EXPECTED OUTCOME	TIMEFRAME	ESTIMATED COST	SOURCE OF FUNDING	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COMMENT /STATUS
Discussion on the recommendation(s) from the Board based on the 2 nd Validation result, if applicable.	To improve implementation of EITI Standard.	Throughout 2019	NA	NA	TL-EITI Secretariat and MSWG	
Maintain inform the International Secretariat and the Board on the EITI implementation progress, particularly in regards to the country's current political situation.	To improve implementation of EITI Standard.	Throughout 2019	NA	NA	TL-EITI Secretariat and MSWG	Communications delivered to the Board in early 2019.

2NDOBJECTIVE: To ensure the publication of EITI Report in timely manner and in accordance with EITI Standard 2016

Rationale: Following the Standard procedures, it is require an early selection of Independent Administrator (IA. Following the evaluation of the last IA performance, it was decided to re-tender the IA contract service to prepare the upcoming Timor-Leste (TL) EITI reports and conducting feasibility studies. 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 reduce discrepancies within reconciliation and carrying out research on non-implementing EITI Requirements (e.g. Req. 2.5 on Beneficial Ownership).MSWG decided to carry out research on mainstreaming and BO in 2019. MSWG acknowledged the recommendations from International Secretariat (IS) as described in previous mainstreaming feasibility held in 2017. The stakeholders has been pondered some recommended actions or decisions proposed by IS and hence agreed to hire an Independent Consultant to carry out a further analysis on the referred feasibility study. On BO implementation, MSWG intend to hire consultants to conduct an initial study in attempt to find a better approach for its implementation in 2018. MSWG expect that these consultancies would assist them in identifying the conditions/requirements, the benefits/drawbacks, and the gaps by implementing these requirements and also assist them in defining a real definition of BO and mainstreaming in Timor-Leste.

This objective wasnot fully implemented in 2018. MSWG members and TL-EITI Secretariat had also addressed in the previous work plan that the execution of this objective’s activities may not occur when the budget is shifted to the new government plans (elected in May 2018). Furthermore, the implementation of new activities was not possible to be covered by short term budgetary system (twelfths system) in the first semester of 2018. A state budget was approved in October 2018 under the VIII Government with limited allocations however the bidding process for the new IA service only finalized in December. MSWG decided to maintain these activities in this year’s work plan and expected an approval of 2019 public budget to cover the expenses.

ACTIVITIES	EXPECTED OUTCOME	TIMEFRAME	ESTIMATED COST	SOURCE OF FUNDING	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COMMENT /STATUS
Selection of new IA to reconcile the upcoming EITI reports (Fiscal Years 2016-2017) and to carry out studies on mainstreaming and Beneficial Ownership (BO).	To improve transparency in EI governance and relevant EITI activities as well as producing comprehensive TL-EITI report that can be used for public discussion.	Jan - Feb	\$ 150,000 (include 2018 EITI Report)	Ministry of Petroleum & Minerals (MPM)	All constituents and TL-EITI Secretariat	Final stage of the recruitment process.

Contract Award to IA.	To improve transparency in EI governance and relevant EITI activities as well as producing comprehensive TL-EITI report that can be used for public discussion.	Jan-Feb		MPM	TL-EITI Secretariat	Execution depends on the upcoming VIII Government budget.
Preparation of scoping analysis report and data reporting templates. This includes approval of data templates, Scoping study and Inception Report by reporting entities	To improve transparency in EI governance and relevant EITI activities as well as producing comprehensive TL- EITI report that can be used for public discussion.	Feb		MPM	IA and MSWG (reporting entities)	Execution depends on the upcoming VIII Gov. budget. To be issued after contract award
Reconciliation process for upcoming TL-EITI Reports. This includes reconciliation of revenue data templates submitted by reporting entities, draft report for MSWG reviews and comments and final publication.	To improve transparency in EI governance and relevant EITI activities as well as producing comprehensive TL-EITI report that can be used for public discussion.	Feb – Jun (2016 EITI Report) and up to November (2017 Rerport)		MPM	IA and MSWG (reporting entities)	Execution depends on the upcoming VIII Gov. budget. To be issued after new contract award
Develop consultancy of Beneficial Ownership (BO).Hiring of consultants to carry out research & assist MSWG with BO Roadmap and definition.	To improve transparency in EI governance and relevant EITI activities as well as producing comprehensive EITI report that can be used	Feb-Mar 2019		MPM	IA or relevant consultant, MSWG constituents and TL_EITI Secretariat	Proposed implementation by the new selected IA. However, depends on the capacity of the

	for public discussion.					IA in meeting the objectives for BO implementation, MSWG may also seek different consultant to conduct research. Execution depends on the upcoming VIII Gov. budget. To be issued after contract award
Develop consultancy on mainstreaming. Hiring of consultant(s) to conduct analysis on pre-existing studies on mainstreaming including those approached by IS. MSWG would further discuss on the findings of the research.	To improve transparency in EI governance and relevant EITI activities as well as producing comprehensive EITI report that can be used for public discussion	Feb-Mar 2019		MPM	IA, MSWG constituents and TL_EITI Secretariat	Proposed implementation by the new selected IA. Execution depends on the upcoming Gov. budget.
Develop and produce TL MSG Annual Progress Report (APR) 2018. Include: Discussion and approval of the draft and submission or publication of the final report.	To report the implementation progress of WP and measure the outcome and impact on EITI implementation in the country.	Feb – end of Jun.	N.A.	N.A.	All constituents and TL_EITI Secretariat	Deadline 30 June 2019. A draft is currently under preparation.

3RDOBJECTIVE: To encourage discussions on transparency in public expenditures, including investment decisions focus on economic diversification

Rationale: Enabling communication tools to the communities for accessing information about public expenditures and extractive activities in transparent manner. Through EITI, we expect local community can use EITI data to emphasize public debate and create discussions on extractive industry governance and on government activities in accordance to the relevant Laws. This objective particularly emphasized CSO active participation in EITI, thus sought the importance of CSO contribution within contextual information of EITI report as it has been implemented with the last two published reports. This objective was include in previous Work Plan and some activities were implemented. However, MSWG foresee the need to sharing information with specific audiences who may benefit the use of EITI information. The implementation of the activities subscribed in the table below relies on the approved state budget.

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Dissemination information from the published 2014, 2015 and/or 2016 TL-EITI Reports, specifically to a relevant audience (e.g. Academics, public sector).	Increased public awareness on EI and EITI data. Improve capacity of stakeholders and TL-EITI Secretariat staffs with public engagements.	Mar – Nov	\$ 18,140	MPM	MSWG, TL_EITI Secretariat and relevant entities	Continuing the dissemination program from 2018. Expected approval of 2019 budget
Encouraging active participation of CSO members within EITI report, such as CSO analysis on their public engagement/discussions on extractive industry, PF, etc. towards development and relating information that captured EITI objectives.	Increased public awareness on EI and EITI issues for transparency purpose	During EITI reports preparation		MPM	MSWG, TL_EITI Secretariat and relevant entities	Continuing the dissemination program from 2018. Expected approval of 2019 budget
Maintained release information about transparency and extractive industries such as: talk shows, media release, exposition tools (brochures, posters etc.).	Increased public awareness on EI and EITI issues for transparency purpose	Throughout 2019	\$ 30,000	MPM	MSWG, TL_EITI Secretariat	Expected approval of 2019 budget

4THOBJECTIVE: To encourage discussions on legal framework and maintain contract transparency within extractive industries and other revenues generate in Timor-Leste

Rationale: MSWG acknowledge the importance of strengthening the EITI implementation within Timor-Leste legal framework. With the current debates in regards to maritime boundary and legal reform issues in extractive industry sector, it is important to monitor the changes which may affect transparency and EITI implementation. MSWG also maintain conducting research on standard policies against the country's policies to implement unfulfilled requirements e.g. Req. 2.5. This includes consultation with relevant institutions and other EITI implementing countries which have established legal regime to govern EITI. MSWG awares that some activities from this objective were not fully implemented in previous year and thus choose to maintain them.

ACTIVITIES	EXPECTED OUTCOME	TIMEFRAME	ESTIMATED COST	SOURCE OF FUNDING	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COMMENT/ STATUS
Active participation in discussions on draft laws/ regulations to promote EITI principles e.g. oil & gas regulations, PSCs and Mining Law, Petroleum Act Law	To ensure that the Govt system encompasses EI and EITI for transparency purpose. Promote reforms through institutionalization of policies and relevant laws.	Throughout 2019		MPM	MSWG, TL_EITI Secretariat	
Maintain update EITI Transparency Law study/research.	To ensure that the Government system encompasses EI and EITI for transparency purpose. Promote reforms through institutionalization of policies and relevant laws.	Throughout 2019		MPM	TL_EITI Secretariat and MP	

5TH OBJECTIVE: To enhance EITI institutional development include capacity building for MSWG and National Secretariat members

Rationale:: This objective is to continually emphasize capacity building programs in order to enable stakeholders' fully participation within EITI, particularly for CSO constituents and TL-National Secretariat Staffs. With the high demands concerning new EITI Standard, it is required stakeholders are fully trained and prepared to implement the established requirements and and enable to create advocacies.

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Sharing knowledge between stakeholders on EITI Standard, TL-EITI Reports and extractive industry (EI) activities and legislation e.g. updates of Law 13/2009, maritime boundary issue and oil & gas fields in Timor Sea.	Improving capacity of stakeholders and TL-EITI Secretariat staff members. Increased public engagement on EI and EITI data.	Mar – Dec	\$ 20,575	MPM	All constituents	Associated with capacity building for CSO as recommended on CSO's 2017corrective actions plan. Companies to present oil & gas exploration in the Field (i.e. BU field)
Sharing knowledge with other implementing countries including participation in EITI regional conferences, workshops and other international events.	Improving capacity of National Secretariat staff members and the MSWG and strengthening the institutional development of EITI in the country.	Throughout 2019		MPM	TL-EITI Secretariat and all constituents	
Strengthening capacity of National Secretariat include salaries and hiring additional staffs (<i>if required</i>).	Improving capacity of National Secretariat staffs and strengthen the institutional development of EITI in the country.	Throughout 2019	\$ 103,416	MPM	TL-EITI Secretariat and MPM	