

TFET- FUNDED

GRANT NO. 8190-ETM

HERA PORT FISHERIES FACILITIES REHABILITATION

Implementation Status

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A. Project Objective

The Project's overall objective is to contribute to sustained food security of marine protein for the East Timorese. The goal is to achieve responsible fisheries management by promoting offshore pelagic fisheries and thus ease the inshore fishing pressure.

B. Project Cost

The total cost of the Project is estimated at \$1 million equivalent. The Project will be entirely financed on a grant basis from the Trust Fund for East Timor (TFET). Funds for the TFET have been committed by donors. The International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank Group is the Trustee of the TFET. IDA and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) are responsible for jointly managing the TFET funds. An imprest account will be established within the PMU with a ceiling of \$500,000, and operated according to ADB's guidelines.

C. Project Commencement and Closing Date

The project commenced in October 2001 and is expected to be completed by 31 December 2002.

D. Project Implementation Progress as of 31 March 2002

The Project was approved in October 2001. The project will be managed by the Project Management Unit of the TFET-funded and World Bank-managed Second Agriculture Rehabilitation Project in consultation with the Fisheries, Marine and Environment Division (FMED). Project preparatory works are in progress. Tender bids have been received. ADB is assisting with evaluation of the technical aspects, and the PMU will evaluate on the other aspects (e.g., use of labor, use of local materials, etc.). Final selection of the firm will be finalized in May 2002. Rehabilitation activities is expected in June 2002.

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E. Description of Component's Implementation Progress

The Project will rehabilitate the necessary harbor infrastructure facilities at Hera Port for larger offshore fishing vessels. Design and construction workplan preparation are in progress.

F. Implementation Arrangements

Under the Second Agriculture Rehabilitation Project (ARP II), which is administered by IDA, \$1 million has been allocated for a fisheries component. ADB has been requested to prepare and administer this component. The United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) will be the initial recipient of the grant from the TFET and will use the existing project management unit (PMU) of the ARP II, with support from FMED staff, to execute the Project.

The PMU will oversee project implementation and coordinate the various activities. In particular, the PMU will program, administer, and coordinate daily project activities.

G. Procurement

Procurement will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Guidelines for Procurement, except that the definition of "member countries" for purposes of procurement eligibility will, in addition to ADB member countries, include East Timor and all donors and members of international organizations that have contributed funds to the TFET. The project is in the process of preparing procurement details.

H. Consulting Services

The Project will require 6 person-months of domestic consulting services. The consultant will be selected in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants and other arrangements satisfactory to ADB. The PMU is in the process of recruiting the consultant.

I. Donor Coordination

Relevant donors will be consulted in the project implementation and in strengthening the marine and fisheries sector.