

Hand-over of Backup Generator, Walk-in cold and freezer rooms and Ultra-low Temperature Freezers for SAMES regional Warehouses in Baucau, Ainaro, Maliana and RAEOA

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- **Kolega sira husi Embaxada Japaun no parseiru dezenvolvimentu sira**
- **Media**
- **Kolega midia**

Good Morning to everyone!

Bom dia ba ita hotu!

In March 2020, three years back Timor-Leste registered its first case of COVID-19. In response to pandemic, the Government of Timor-Leste has made tremendous efforts, mobilized resources and used it as an opportunity for building the health system of the country. One of achievements made since then has been to establish an effective cold chain system at all levels.

Iha fulan Marsu tinan rihun rua, rua-nulu, tinan tolu liu ba Timor-Leste rejista ona kazu COVID-19 dahuluk. Atu hatan ba pandemia ne'e, Governu Timor-Leste halo ona esforsu boot, mobiliza ona rekursu sira no uza hanesan oportunidade hodi harii país-nia sistema saude. Atinjimentu ida halo ona hahú iha tempu ne'eba mak estabesimentu sistema kadeia malirin efetivu iha nivel hotu.

Today, we are here to celebrate the investment which the Government of Timor-Leste has made in partnership with the Government of Japan and UNICEF.

Ohin loron, ita mai iha ne'e atu selebra investimentu ida ne'ebe Governu Timor-Leste halo parseria ho Governu Japaun no UNICEF.

As of today, we have equipped four SAMES regional warehouses in Baucau, Ainaro, Maliana and RAEOA with walk-in cold and freezer rooms. The cold and freezer rooms can be used to store vaccines for routine immunization including COVID-19 vaccine, as well as all required medicines and reagents, allowing for faster the distribution of the vaccines and immunization supplies.

To'o ohin loron, ita ekipa ona SAMES-nia armazen rejional haat iha Baucau, Ainaro, Maliana no RAEOA-Oecusse ho kámara refrigerofíku ho konjelador sira. Kámara refrigerofíku ho konjelador ne'e bele uza ona ba armazena vasina sira ba imunizasaun rutina sira inklui vasina COVID-19, medikamentu sira hotu

no reajente neserariu sira no facilita distribuissun vasina no suprimentu imunizasaun sira lais liu.

We have also equipped SAMES regional warehouses with backup generators. These generators will be used as a backup system to address the issue of power cuts which regularly happen in the country, and it will help the Ministry of Health to maintain the quality and effectiveness of the vaccines and all medical supplies. We thank Government of Japan for the collaboration and financial support.

Ami mós ekipa ona SAMES-nia armazen rejional sira ho jerador rezervadu sira. Jerador sira ne'e sei uza hanesan apoiu sistema hodi rezolve asuntu eletrisidade mate ne'ebe sempre akontese iha país ne'e, no ida ne'e sei ajuda Ministeriu Saúde atu mantein vasina no suprimentu médiku sira-nia qualidade no efikásia. Ami agradese ba Governu Japaun ba koperasaun no apoiu financeira.



We also supported the Ministry of Health by providing the procurement service and installing 1 Ultra Low Temperature Freezers in each regional warehouse. These 1 ULT freezers can store up to 27,000 Pfizer vaccines at any given point of time.

Ami suporta ona Ministeriu Saúde hodi fasilita servisu aprovizionamentu no instala konjelador Ultra Baixa Temperatura ida iha armazen rejional ida-idak. Frigorífiku Ultra Baixa Temperatura ida ne'e bele armazenena vasina Pfizer rihun rua nulu-resin hitu iha tempu hotu.

I would like to publicly congratulate the Ministry of Health for their continuous effort in building a stronger health system in the country. We would also like thank the Government of Japan for their financial support in the procurement of these supplies. With their support, we have contributed to ensure the quality of the vaccines and shorten the time spent in the distribution of the supplies.

Hau hakarak publikamente kongratula Ministeriu Saúde ba esforsu kontinua ba harii sistema saude ida forte iha país ne'e. Ami mós hakarak atu agradese Governu Japaun ba sira-nia apoiu finansial sosa ekipamentu sira ne'e. Ho sira-nia apoiu, ami kontribui ona hodi garante qualidade vasina sira no habadak tempu distribuissun suprimentu sira.

Today we are here to handover the cold chain equipment and backup generator procured with funds from the Government of Japan.

Ita mai ohin loron iha ne'e hodi entrega ekipamentu korente malirin no jerador rezervadu sosa husi fundu Governu Japaun.

Following this handover, I'm confident that the Government of Timor-Leste will ensure an adequate operation and maintenance of the equipment and make the local health teams accountable for it as well.

Hafoin seremonia entrega ne'e, hau fiar katak Governu Timor-Leste sei garante operasaun no manutensaun nato'on ba ekipamentu no halo ekipa saude lokal responsabiliza ba sasan sira ne'e.



Wish you all the best. Thank you.

Hau dezeja diak hotu ba imi. Obrigada.