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- Heads of Departments of Ministry of Health and Hospitals
- Colleagues from national, HOREX and partners
- Friends from Media
- Ladies and gentlemen,



Bondia!

It is a great pleasure to join you today for the handover of the health care waste management equipment from UNICEF to the Ministry of Health.

Our sincere appreciation goes to H.E Vice Health Minister Dr Flavio Brandao for the strong partnership to enhance the quality of essential health services that are accessible to the general population, including the most vulnerable and those in

hard-to-reach areas. Thanks also go to the National Hospital of Guido Valadares and all regional and referral hospitals for their great collaboration in ensuring that climate-friendly equipment is installed at 5 referral and national hospitals.

Today, we are handing over 6 units of health care waste management equipment. These machines provide a safe and environmentally friendly way to treat infectious health care waste. They will help in reducing the risks to health workers, patients, waste handlers, and nearby communities. They also reduce the carbon footprint and support green environment initiatives.



With this equipment, UNICEF provides a full package, including installation, commissioning, and training for the staff who will operate and maintain them.

UNICEF will also provide maintenance support for the next 2 years, to help build local capacity and keep the equipment operating safely and efficiently. Here, we

request the Ministry of Health technician to utilize the learning opportunities for the sustainability of the equipment.

Further, UNICEF has supported the refurbishment of health care waste storage shelters in 5 referral hospitals; an important part of the waste management system.

And here at this National Hospital, we are pleased to see the construction of a new health care waste shelter by the hospital authority. I would like to congratulate the HNGV management and team for your leadership in mobilizing resources to make this possible.



Finally, I would like to thank everyone who helped make this project a reality, including the Government of Canada, through the UNICEF Supply Division, for funding the project.

UNICEF remains committed to working closely with the Government of Timor-Leste and our partners to build a stronger and more resilient health system for every child, every family, and every community.

Obrigada barak.