

## TL-EITI WORK PLAN 2021

### 1<sup>ST</sup> 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. 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.

ACTIVITIES	EXPECTED OUTCOME	TIMEFRAME	ESTIMATED COST	SOURCE OF FUNDING	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COMMENT /STATUS
Discussion on the recommendation(s) from the Board based on the last Validation in 2018.	To improve implementation of EITI Standard.		NA	NA	TL-EITI Secretariat and MSWG	Completed
Encourage implementation of the recommendations from the recently published TL-EITI report.	To improve implementation of EITI Standard.	Throughout 2021	NA	NA	TL-EITI Secretariat and MSWG	
Preparation for the upcoming EITI validation in 2021 using new validation procedures by EITI Board.	To improve implementation of EITI Standard.	June to 1 July	\$ 10,000	NA	TL-EITI Secretariat and MSWG	May involve self-validation. New templates will be released prior to July 2021

**2<sup>ND</sup> OBJECTIVE: To ensure the publication of EITI Report in timely manner and in accordance with EITI Standard 2019**

**Rationale:** An early selection of Independent Administrator (IA) is necessary and MSWG decided to re-tender the IA contract service to prepare the upcoming Timor-Leste (TL) EITI reports and conducting feasibility studies. The contract for previous IA terminated in December 2020 with the completion of three reports and two 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. Following the completion of the Beneficial Ownership (BO) feasibility study, the MSWG decided on the criteria to report for BO in the 2018 TL-EITI Report. Furthermore, 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 The draft was completed in 2020 but MSG still has not provide comments. 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. The systematic disclosure plans will be included in this year’s work plan as for contract transparency requirement which implementation comes to force in 2021.

In 2020, this objective was implemented by the MSWG members and TL-EITI Secretariat with the exception of mainstreaming implementation. A state budget was approved in October 2020 for this year’s expenditure and the funding allocation for TL-EITI could cover the preparation of one TL-EITI report (FY2019) and dissemination activities. . Also, this section still includes the Annual Progress Report and the review of impacts of EITI implementation for activities that were carried out between 2019 and 2020. With the flexibility on the deadline as per 2019 Standard, the document will be published prior to EITI Validation on 1 July.

ACTIVITIES	EXPECTED OUTCOME	TIMEFRAME	ESTIMATED COST	SOURCE OF FUNDING	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COMMENT /STATUS
Selection of new IA to reconcile the upcoming EITI report (Fiscal Year(s) 2019).	To improve transparency in EI governance and relevant EITI activities as well as producing comprehensive TL-EITI report suitable for public discussion.	June-July	\$70,000	Ministry of Petroleum & Minerals (MPM)	All constituents and TL-EITI Secretariat	Required evaluation of previous IA performance

Contract Award to IA.	To improve transparency in EI governance and relevant EITI activities as well as producing comprehensive TL-EITI report suitable public discussion.	W3 June	\$9,000	MPM	TL-EITI Secretariat	
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 suitable for public discussion.	June-July		MPM	IA and MSWG (reporting entities)	
Reconciliation Process for upcoming TL-EITI Reports. This includes reconciliation of revenue data templates submitted by reporting entities, BO list and 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 suitable for public discussion.	July-August		MPM	IA and MSWG (reporting entities)	
Develop consultancy on mainstreaming. MSWG to further discuss on the findings of the research, defining plans and definition for its implementation.	To improve transparency in EI governance and relevant EITI activities as well as producing comprehensive EITI report suitable for public discussion	Throughout 2021		MPM	IA, MSWG constituents and TL_EITI Secretariat	

Develop and produce TL MSG APR 2019-2021 and review impacts of EITI implementation. Based on 2019 Standard, report based on the timing flexibility of MSWG.	To report the implementation progress of WP and measure the outcome and impact on EITI implementation in the country.	Feb-Apr.	N.A.	N.A.	All constituents and TL_EITI Secretariat	
---	---	----------	------	------	--	--

**3<sup>RD</sup> OBJECTIVE: 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.

ACTIVITIES	EXPECTED OUTCOME	TIMEFRAME	ESTIMATED COST	SOURCE OF FUNDING	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COMMENT/ STATUS
Dissemination information for the published 2016-18 FY TL-EITI Reports, specifically to a relevant audience (e.g. Academics, public sector). It is encouraging discussion with individuals or organizations with relevant knowledge on transparency and extractive industry,	Increased public awareness on EI and EITI data. Improve capacity of stakeholders and TL-EITI Secretariat staffs with public engagements.	Jul – Nov	\$28,000	MPM	MSWG, TL_EITI Secretariat and relevant entities	Continuing the dissemination program from 2020.
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 capture EITI objectives-	Increased public awareness on EI and EITI issues for transparency purpose	Jul –Nov		\$8,000	MPM	MSWG, TL_EITI Secretariat and relevant entities
Maintained release information about transparency and EI such as: talk shows, media release, exposition tools (brochures, posters etc.).	Increased public awareness on EI and EITI issues for transparency purpose	Jul-Nov	\$10,000	MPM	MSWG, TL_EITI Secretariat	

**4<sup>TH</sup> OBJECTIVE: 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 the country’s legal framework. Current debates on maritime boundary, changes within the relevant extractive laws and policies and other legal reform issue, has been monitored by the MSWG . MSWG also acknowledge the inclusion of contract transparency requirement that must be adhered in 2021. MSWG awares that some activities from this objective were not fully implemented in previous year and would attempt to increase discussion on contract transparency.

ACTIVITIES	EXPECTED OUTCOME	TIMEFRAME	ESTIMATED COST	SOURCE OF FUNDING	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COMMENT/ STATUS
Compile data on draft laws created for the the Extractive Industry (i.e. Mining Law, PSC, Petroleum Mining Code, etc.)	To ensure that the Govt. system encompasses EI and EITI for transparency purpose. Promote reforms through institutionalization of policies and relevant laws.	March – May 2021		MPM	MSWG, TL_EITI Secretariat	
Develop schedule for discussion on recently drafted laws and policies (e.g. Mining Law, PSC, PMC, etc.)	To ensure that the Govt. system encompasses EI and EITI for transparency purpose. And increase participation from CSO.	March – May 2021		MPM	IA, MSWG constituents and TL_EITI Secretariat	

**5<sup>TH</sup> 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.

ACTIVITIES	EXPECTED OUTCOME	TIMEFRAME	ESTIMATED COST	SOURCE OF FUNDING	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COMMENT/ STATUS
Sharing knowledge between stakeholders on EITI Standard, TL-EITI Reports and extractive industry (EI) governance and legislation. Organize <i>virtual workshop</i> with the IA focusing on the requirements that are subjected for validation this year.	Improving capacity of stakeholders and TL-EITI Secretariat staff members. Increased public engagement on EI and EITI data.	May-June	\$59,000	MPM	All constituents, TL-EITI Secretariat & IA	Further plan will be discussed with the IA
Sharing knowledge with other implementing countries, includes participation in EITI regional conferences, workshops and other international events ( <i>if required</i> )	Improving capacity of National Secretariat staff members and the MSWG and strengthening the institutional development of EITI in the country.	Throughout 2021		MPM	TL-EITI Secretariat and all constituents	The international events would be scheduled by EITI Int'l.
Strengthening capacity of National Secretariat include salaries and hiring additional staffs ( <i>if required</i> ).	Improving capacity of National Secretariat staffs and strengthens the institutional development of EITI in the country.	Throughout 2021	\$50,000	MPM	TL-EITI Secretariat and MPM	Encouragement on the recruitment of National Coordinator for TL