

## Highlights

- The 2015/2016 El Niño has peaked with a return to neutral conditions expected during the second quarter of 2016. The after-effects on people and their livelihood are critical.
- At the latest HCT meeting held on 1st April 2016 in Dili, Ministry of Interior/WFP, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries/FAO, and the Humanitarian Partnership (HPA) presented the results from recently completed Assessments, which highlighted the problems, including: water shortage, food insecurity, health, livelihoods, and others.
- 120,000 people are severely affected in the 5 worst affected municipalities, where the total population is 400,000. The number of affected people is likely to increase without timely assistance.
- The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment has procured 9,000 tons of rice to respond to food shortage.
- The Government has identified 6-7 warehouses in the most affected areas, which will be stocked with food supplies through a coordinated approach by 10 Government Ministries, led by Ministry of Interior.
- Overall funding requirements for the response is estimated at USD 25 million

## Recent Assessments and Results

Name	Results
<b>Rapid Assess't</b>	Coastal areas are heavily impacted
<b>HPA Assessment</b>	All communities across Timor-Leste have been affected at some level but the impact varies significantly. In worse impacted areas, crops have failed or yield has reduced, and animals have died due to lack of water and food.
<b>CLEAR Assessment (MOI)</b>	In Lautem, Viqueque, Baucau, Covalima and Oecusse, over 120,000 people are facing hardship, and livelihoods are at risk.
<b>Rapid Agriculture Assess't (MAF)</b>	Number of HH facing food insecurity expected to increase from 40,6% to 45,9% between April and June 2016

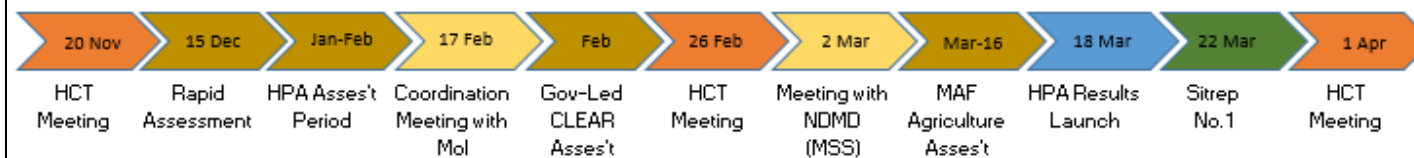
## Most Affected Areas and Population



### Municipality/ZEESM

Covalima  
Lautem  
Viqueque  
Baucau  
ZEESM Oecusse

## Timeline of Response Events & Preparedness



## Involved Government Ministries in El Niño

Ministry	Preparedness and Response
Ministry of Interior	Leading coordinating ministry on El Niño response, HCT Co-chair, CLEAR Assessment
Ministry of Social Solidarity	HCT Co-chair and monitoring EWS, CLEAR Assessment
Ministry of State Administration	CLEAR Assessment
Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment	Procuring 9,000 tons of rice, CLEAR Assessment
Ministry of Finance	CLEAR Assessment
Ministry of Health	Tracking of Health Surveillance
Ministry of Public Works, Transport, Communications	Drilling of water bore in Suai, and others including in Baucau municipality.
Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries	Rapid Agriculture Assessment
Ministry of Education	School feeding programme not yet started
Ministry of Defense	Prepared to support transportation of food stocks to warehouses

## Cluster Response

Cluster	Preparedness and Response
WASH	WASH kits available to provide for 3,000 families, and more procurement for additional 3,000 families
Food security	Limited stock available to treat severe and moderate acute malnutrition
Health	Regular monitoring is ongoing; various health kits available
Nutrition	Procurement of basic nutrition supplies ongoing
Logistics	Warehousing in process
Education	Contingency planning ongoing
Protection	Contingency planning completed
Early recovery	Contingency planning ongoing

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# Emergency Response Plan (ERP) for El Niño – Timor-Leste – April 2016



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Thematic	Problem	Scope of Intervention	Most Affected Municipalities/ ZEESM	Response Time frame	Ministry
WATER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduced quantity of water for drinking and household use</li> <li>Lack of clean protected water sources</li> <li>Lack of clean water for hygiene</li> <li>Lack of clean water for HH level</li> <li>Occurrence of disputes over water due to water shortage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment of water supply situation, alternative sources, and solutions including design of sustainable water systems for communities, schools and health facilities</li> <li>Provide water access to communities, schools and health facilities through emergency water trucking, water borehole drilling, piping extensions, piping system construction as indicated by assessment and design</li> <li>Provide water purification treatment, hygiene kits, buckets</li> <li>Undertake repairs in existing water systems, including fixing leaks in community water systems, and repairing taps, fittings and pipelines</li> <li>Immediate protection of unprotected water sources</li> </ul>	Covalima Lautem Viqueque Baucau Oecusse/ZEESM	0-3 months	Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communications
FOOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of food</li> <li>Restricted diets and disruption of normal food sources</li> <li>Reduction of number of meals</li> <li>Lack of sufficient food stock at HH level</li> <li>Less than normal yield from crops</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribution of nutritious food</li> <li>Implementation of Voucher System for food purchase, or cash transfer for food purchase</li> <li>Distribution of food storage containers</li> <li>Intensive monitoring of HH food security situation</li> </ul>	Covalima Lautem Viqueque Baucau Oecusse/ZEESM	0-3 months	Ministry of Social Solidarity
NUTRITION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>El Niño likely to elevate malnutrition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sensitization towards risks of malnutrition and its impacts</li> <li>Provide supplementary food to moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and timely identify severe acute malnutrition (SAM) including timely referral to nearest health facilities</li> <li>Enhance malnutrition screening and referral program</li> <li>Training and Capacity building of health service providers for preventative nutrition services</li> <li>Nutrition supplies (RUTF, F75, F100, MNPs, VA, deworming, zinc, iron folic acid)</li> <li>Nutrition anthropometric equipment (height boards, weighing scales, MUAC tapes)</li> <li>Strengthened information management through development of nutrition surveillance module</li> </ul>	Covalima Lautem Viqueque Baucau Oecusse/ZEESM	3-6 months	Ministry of Health
HEALTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased cases of skin rashes due to lack of water</li> <li>Increased diarrhea cases due to use of unprotected water sources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staffing of health service providers, including relevant medication and water supply</li> <li>Improve access to health services, and continue to provide safe water and sanitation services at health facilities, health and hygiene promotion, vaccination services</li> <li>Establish surveillance system for timely detection of SAM cases and enroll in the therapeutic feeding program (TFP)</li> <li>Preposition emergency health kits, diarrhea diseases kits, reproductive health kits, insecticide treated bed nets etc.</li> <li>Promote ODF communities and hygiene messaging</li> <li>Strengthen the MoH disease surveillance system</li> <li>IMCI training of health care providers to enable them to manage childhood illnesses</li> <li>Provision of supplies for treatment of childhood illnesses (ORS, Zinc, ARI timer, Amoxicillin)</li> </ul>	Covalima Lautem Viqueque Baucau Oecusse/ZEESM	3-6 months	Ministry of Health
LIVELIHOODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delay in planting due lack of rain</li> <li>Stressed or failed crops due to lack of rain and/or inconsistent rain</li> <li>Low seed stocks due to crop failures and/or multiple planting</li> <li>Loss of livestock due to sickness or death</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish rain water harvesting or dig wells in drought affected areas for livestock</li> <li>Distribution of seeds (if possible climate resistant seeds)</li> <li>Fingerlings distributions to farmers with functional fish ponds</li> <li>Maintenance and management of the irrigation systems</li> <li>Promotion of climate smart /conservation agriculture</li> <li>Increase coverage of Agro-meteorology information</li> <li>Increase coverage of micro finance and promotion of savings and loans groups</li> <li>Increase Promotion of access to social transfers</li> </ul>	Covalima Lautem Viqueque Baucau Oecusse/ZEESM	3-12 months	Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
EDUCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of water at schools</li> <li>Lack of school feeding programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment of water supply situation, alternative sources, and solutions for schools</li> <li>Repair and improve school WASH facilities</li> <li>Ensure school feeding program is operational</li> </ul>	Covalima Lautem Viqueque Baucau Oecusse/ZEESM	3-6 months	Ministry of Education

**Source of information:** HCT meeting minutes; Rapid HCT Assessment 2015; HPA Assessment 2016; MOI-led CLEAR Assessment 2016; MAF-led Rapid Agricultural and Food Security Assessment 2016, Census 2015 preliminary results