Strengthening services for survivors of gender-based violence in Timor-Leste - Phase 2

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

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UNFPA Timor-Leste, with support from Zonta International, is working to enhance the quality of services available to survivors of gender-based violence.

Building on the strong foundation of Phase I of the project, Phase II will aim at further improving the long-term recovery and availability of opportunities to leave the cycle of violence for women and girls in Timor-leste.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

1. Health service providers have the necessary knowledge and capacity to deliver quality, essential health services to GBV survivors.

2. Relevant government authorities have the capacity to strengthen multi-sectoral GBV response services and coordination mechanisms.

59% of women in Timor-Leste have experienced some form of physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime, among the highest gender-based violence prevalence rates in the world.

Only 0.2% sought help from health service providers, and 3% from police.

Source: Asia Foundation 2015
KEY ACHIEVEMENTS - PHASE I

The health sector’s response capacity to GBV cases was assessed in Liquica municipality and an action plan developed.

The National in-service training package for healthcare providers to address GBV was developed in partnership with MoH.

Through a Training of Trainers on the in-service training package, a group of national and municipal facilitators was established with the leadership of the National Institute of Health, and the training was rollout in Liquica Municipality.

Community awareness sessions on GBV were conducted in Liquica Municipality.

Health care providers’ participation in GBV referral pathways and case management systems was strengthened.

FOCUS OF PHASE 2

1. Assessing the health sector response capacity in Launtem and addressing key gaps

2. Strengthening the capacity of health care providers and managers in Launtem municipality

3. Supporting governmental stakeholders in institutionalizing the interventions within existing systems

4. Generating evidence on existing gaps and what works for effective health sector response to GBV

“As a health service provider, it is my responsibility to support survivors of gender-based violence to access all available services, including access to legal services.”

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