

Technical Cooperation

Advise and Training to the Maritime Related Industries

Context

As an island state Timor-Leste is dependent on an efficient maritime commerce regime. 95% of all imported and exported goods are required to be transported by sea. The Timorese maritime transport and port management is still at an early stage of supporting the international commerce and transport logistic of the country efficiently.

Objective

The Timorese Maritime Sector increasingly operates in accordance with internationally recognized standards from a legal, institutional and human resources standpoint.

Approach

In close cooperation with its partners the project aims to strengthen institutional and personnel capacities of maritime management staff and of vocational training institutions connected to the Timorese maritime sector. Further it addresses the strengthening of the new maritime administration in the country and the improvement of procedures in the maritime sector, which should be in accordance with international standards. Therefore it provides: advice for national decision-makers and authorities during the continued process of ratifying IMO and ILO conventions; technical and institutional support to the government and its relevant authorities through capacity and organizational development measures; and contributes to meeting the partners' immediate need for professionals through short-term measures and advice to TVET institutions on developing and introducing specific training courses for consolidation of ratified international conventions

Current Achievements

- The following three international conventions were approved by the Council of Ministers: *the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, of November 1st, 1974 (SOLAS Convention)*; *the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (MARPOL)*; and *the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW-78)*.
- The new facilities of the Timorese-German Maritime Training Unit (TGMTU) have been equipped and prepared for the delivery of training activities. Since the beginning of the project 153 participants have participated various courses on the topics of safety, marine environment, cargo handling, etc. A Maritime Induction Training Program for deck crew is currently ongoing in the Unit where 28 trainees are prepared to occupy rating positions on board Timorese ships.
- The process of Berlin Nakroma maintenance has substantially improved during the last three years. The ferry is currently going to a dry dock every 12 months according to the international standard.

Future Prospects

- The project will continue to support the ratification process of relevant international conventions and the approval and implementation of national maritime regulations.
- The project plans for the near future are also to support the implementation of a Seafarer Licensing System and a Ship Inspection System. Both procedures are required in order to be in line with the maritime international standard.
- The project will continue to provide training to the Timorese maritime administrators and marine personnel.



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