

## ASPBAE member, CSEP Timor-Leste, sustains participation in local education consultative group

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The Timor-Leste Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS) and UNICEF Timor-Leste co-convened a meeting with its partners under the local education group, known as Ação Conjunta para a Educação Timor-Leste (ACETL), to discuss the education sector planning process that will be conducted in the country and provide updates on its grant application to the Global Partnership for Education (GPE).



The Timor Leste Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS) and UNICEF convened a meeting with its partners under the local education group, ACETL, to discuss the education sector planning process.

A presentation was made by the World Bank lead consultant to prepare the Education Sector Plan, Andrew Blackwell, regarding the frameworks, scope, and timeline of the process. Among the frameworks presented by the lead consultant to determine the scope of the education sector plan are the existing 2011-2030 National Education Strategic Plan, the Government's 5-year Plan, GPE Guidelines, and ACETL Matrix for establishing Thematic Working Groups.

As an active member of the ACETL, the Civil Society Education Partnership (CSEP Timor-Leste) participated in this important meeting through its Programme Officer, Charles Moises, and joined by ASPBAE's Helen Dabu. In this meeting, ASPBAE and CSEP actively participated in the discussions and pointed out that SDG4/Education 2030 was missing in the frameworks presented by the lead consultant which should guide the education sector planning of governments.



ASPBAE's Helen Dabu participated in the meeting and spoke about how to strengthen the consultation process in developing the next Education Sector Plan and the key elements that should be considered - adoption of the full SDG4 agenda, ensuring equity, inclusion, and gender equality.

In addition, Helen provided intervention on how to strengthen the consultation process in developing the next Education Sector Plan of Timor Leste, and the key elements that should be considered and included, such as ensuring adoption of the full SDG4 in the sector plan, ensuring equity, inclusion, and gender equality.

ASPBAE and CSEP also recommended that all LEG/ACETL documents for discussion should be made available in the local language instead of just being in English and that LEG/ACETL meetings should also include teachers and youth representatives.

In this meeting, 11 thematic working groups were proposed to be formed to inform the consultation processes that will be conducted which will feed into the education sector plan of the government for the next five years (2020-2024).

CSEP Timor-Leste is part of five thematic working groups and will continue to recommend participation of local civil society organisations (CSOs), especially those representing the marginalised and vulnerable groups from the municipalities, in local and national level consultations that will be conducted by the government, UNICEF Timor Leste (GPE Coordinating Agency), and the World Bank (GPE Grant Agent). [END]