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On the Road With Sebaru Nanges

Taking the Bird Flu Communication Campaign to Remote Timor Leste

It’s true. There have been government explanations. The audience is varied. The vehicles are limited. The equipment is basic. But the time is right to think about the role that communication can play in supporting the efforts to fight avian influenza and other diseases. In fact, it’s a great opportunity for coming together. The local farmers and rural communities are evermore willing to learn new skills to ensure sustainable and productive agriculture.

With the support of CADPI and FAO, we are reaching out to villages and towns. We provide messages, advice, information, and knowledge about avian influenza and other diseases. We are promoting actions that can help to prevent the spread of these diseases. We are encouraging farmers and rural communities to adopt the necessary practices to protect themselves and their livestock.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Promoting agricultural growth and sustainable food security

The national strategic framework for FAO in medium-term strategies has been developed by the Government of Timor Leste and FAO. The framework is based on the identification of priority areas and the establishment of a national development strategy to increase food production and achieve sustainable food security. It also provides a roadmap for the implementation of the national strategy.

The framework is the result of a series of consultative meetings with the Government, development partners, and civil society organizations. It outlines the key priorities and actions needed to achieve the desired outcomes. The framework is being used to guide the development of the National Program for Food Security.

The framework will be soon published in English and Tetun and shared within the government and with development partners. This document should form the core of MAF’s Medium Term Strategy and will be used to guide the development of the national strategy.

Subsequently, MAF and FAO circulated the draft strategic programme framework for the Government and its development partners chaired by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

This document was shared with key stakeholders and was used to discuss the implementation of the programme. The framework will be finalised and approved by the MAF and FAO Steering Committee in the coming weeks.

The framework is based on the following key priorities:

1. Strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) and its development partners

2. Strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Fisheries (MFA) and its development partners

3. Strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Education and Culture (MEC) to support the implementation of the programme

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Priorities for both 2009 and 2010

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Moving Forward: Caring for the Livelihoods of Small Fishers in South and Southeast Asia

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