From Ashes to Reconciliation, Reconstruction and Sustainable Development
Implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Timor-Leste

2019 Voluntary National Review: 9 Focus SDGs

- 2. Zero Hunger
- 3. Good Health and Well-being
- 4. Quality Education
- 5. Gender Equality
- 6. Clean Water and Sanitation
- 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth
- 9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
- 17. Partnerships for the Goals
A snapshot of our achievements

- 4 peaceful elections since the restoration of Independence
- Significant reduction in poverty
- Strong decline in maternal mortality
- Gender parity in primary education
- Doubling of electricity access
- Saving proceeds of oil and gas resources through the Petroleum Fund
Challenges to implementation of 2030 Agenda

- **Challenges in data collection**: need reliable and timely data to make informed resource allocation and policy decisions.

- **To mobilise domestic revenue** and diversify non-oil economy.

- **Weak institutional and absorptive capacity**: need greater capacity to accelerate implementation.

- **Consolidating peace, justice & stability** (SDG 16) is crucial to accelerate progress on other SDGs.
Opportunities to accelerate implementation of 2030 Agenda

- **To invest in youth** to promote political and economic inclusion
- **To build human capital** by maintaining progress in education and health will require sustained investment
- To reap the **demographic dividend** by combining the right mix of policies
- **To promote economic diversification**, job creation and private sector development for sustainable development
Innovative partnerships for development

- Critical state-building phase
- Innovative financing and technical support required to accelerate progress
- Harness support to develop exit strategies as we graduate from LDC status
Message from the Private Sector

- The private sector is embryonic
- We need to empower our nascent private sector
- Reduce reliance on public projects and enhance entrepreneurship
- We want to engage with the Global Compact for Corporate Sustainability
Message from Youth

- Youth are at the forefront of the democratic process in Timor-Leste
- Creating jobs and investing in the political inclusion of youth is vital for our economy and to keep our country at peace
- Youth have a key role to play in speeding up progress on the SDGs