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# Investment Phase: Progress update

## Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

January 2026

Systematic Observations  
Financing Facility

**Weather  
and climate  
data for  
resilience**



## General Information

<b>Country</b>	Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste	
<b>Implementing Entity</b>	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	
<b>Agreement effectiveness date</b>	25 March 2025	
<b>Duration</b>	60	
<b>Anticipated end date</b>	<b>03 February 2030</b>	
<b>Reporting period</b>	<b>From:</b> 30 June 2025	<b>To:</b> 31 December 2025
<b>Approved amount</b>	UNEP: USD 5,364,692 WMO: USD 392,050	
<b>Disbursed amount</b>	UNEP: USD 4,828,223 WMO: USD 130,670	

## Summary

### Highlights of key achievements

The SOFF Investment Phase for Timor-Leste was approved by the SOFF Secretariat in February 2025, and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) received the initial disbursement on 25 March 2025. Following approval, UNEP initiated coordination with the designated partners: the National Directorate of Meteorology and Geophysics (DNMG), which will serve as the Executing Entity; the Meteorology, Climatology, and Geophysical Agency of Indonesia (BMKG) and the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES), which will serve as Technical Partners; and the Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI), which will serve as the Peer Advisor. During the reporting period, coordination efforts focused on formalizing cooperation arrangements, including the completion of the Project Cooperation Agreement between UNEP and RIMES, continued internal review of the agreement by BMKG, and the signing of the Partner Declaration with the Ministry of Transport and Communications (MoTC) of Timor-Leste, alongside completion of due diligence and validation processes related to MoTC-DNMG.

To support the establishment of the legal and cooperation framework, UNEP convened a series of introductory and coordination engagements with DNMG, BMKG, RIMES, and

FMI during May 2025. These engagements provided a common understanding of the SOFF Investment Phase in Timor-Leste, including implementation arrangements, roles and responsibilities, financial oversight, and the legal instruments required for partner engagement. UNEP subsequently shared the template package of legal instruments with each partner and continued follow-up coordination to support internal review and clearance processes.

The Project Cooperation Agreement between UNEP and RIMES was finalized, with UNEP signing on 12 November 2025 and RIMES countersigning on 13 November 2025. For BMKG, UNEP signed the Project Cooperation Agreement on 12 November 2025 and transmitted the signed agreement to BMKG for countersignature. As of the end of the reporting period, the agreement remains under BMKG's internal review and clearance process, with coordination ongoing to support its conclusion.

With respect to the Project Cooperation Agreement with MoTC of Timor-Leste, MoTC has signed the Partner Declaration. Following this, due diligence and validation processes have been completed. Work is ongoing to finalize the remaining legal instruments, including the budget and implementation planning documentation. Progress at this stage is linked to confirmation of the appropriate banking arrangements required for fund transfers and financial administration. UNEP continues to coordinate with MoTC to address this requirement in line with applicable procedures.

In parallel, to support preparedness for future SOFF Investment Phase activities, MoTC participated in a [five-day procurement capacity-building workshop](#) held at the RIMES headquarters in Bangkok from 13 to 17 October 2025. The workshop was co-organized by UNEP and RIMES and delivered by a UNEP procurement expert. It focused on procurement planning, application of UN procurement procedures, and contract management in project contexts. Participants included staff from the Maldives Meteorological Service involved in the ongoing SOFF Investment Phase in the Maldives, as well as representatives from MoTC Timor-Leste, who are expected to play a role in the forthcoming SOFF Investment Phase in Timor-Leste. The workshop provided an opportunity for practical learning and cross-country exchange relevant to both ongoing and upcoming SOFF-supported activities.

UNEP will continue to coordinate with all partners to complete the outstanding legal instruments and administrative arrangements. Completion of these steps will enable the transition to the implementation of SOFF investment phase in Timor-Leste once the Project Cooperation Agreements are fully concluded.

## Progress of implementation

Output	Indicator	Target					Actual					Status	Milestones achieved	Challenges and risks	
		Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5				
<b>1. GBON institutional and human capacity developed</b>															
1.1 <b>National consultations</b> , including with CSOs and other relevant stakeholders conducted	Number of stakeholder engagement workshops	1	1	1	1	1						Not yet started			
	Percentage of female participants	49	49	49	49	49						Not yet started			
	Number of National Climate Outlook Forums (NCOF) held			1	1	1						Not yet started			
	Data sharing policy developed		X									Not yet started			
1.2 <b>NMHS institutional capacity</b> required to operate the GBON network developed	Add indicator as per approved funding request											Not yet started			
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1.3 <b>NMHS human capacity</b> required to operate the GBON network developed	Number of technical staff paid by the project	4	4	8	8	8						Not yet started			
	Number of technical trainings conducted	2	2	2	2	2						Not yet started			
	Percentage of female participants	20	20	20	20	20						Not yet started			
<b>2. GBON infrastructure in place</b>															
2.1 <b>New land-based stations</b> and related equipment, ICT systems, data management systems and standard operating practices in place	# of new stations installed as per the GBON National Contribution Plan											Not yet started			

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		Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5			
2.2 <b>Improved land-based stations</b> and related equipment, ICT systems, data management systems and standard operating practices in place	# of stations improved as per the GBON National Contribution Plan			1								Not yet started		
2.3 <b>New upper air stations</b> and related equipment, ICT systems, data management systems and standard operating practices in place	# of new stations installed as per the GBON National Contribution Plan			1								Not yet started		
2.4 <b>Improved upper air stations</b> and related equipment, ICT systems, data management systems and standard operating practices in place	# of stations improved as per the GBON National Contribution Plan											Not yet started		
<b>3. Sustained compliance with GBON</b>														
3.1 <b>GBON land-based stations' commissioning period completed</b> , country-specific standard cost for operations and maintenance established, and data sharing verified by WMO Technical Authority	# of stations commissioned as per the GBON National Contribution Plan					10						Not yet started		
3.2 <b>GBON upper air stations' commissioning period completed</b> , country-specific standard cost for operations and maintenance established, and data sharing verified by WMO Technical Authority	# of stations commissioned as per the GBON National Contribution Plan					1						Not yet started		