

## Press Release

### **Appreciations for the efforts of Timor – Leste' State and Government during the visit of UN Special Representative for Secretary General for Ending Violence Against Children and The Launch of Pathfinding Global Alliance**

**Dili, 12 March 2025** - On the occasion of the visit by the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Ending Violence Against Children (SRSG-EVAC), Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid, organizations working in the field of child protection in Timor-Leste—both international and national, including ALFeLa, ChildFund, JSMP, Youth Off The Streets, FOKUPERS, and JUS—extend their sincere appreciation and congratulations to the State of Timor-Leste and the IX Constitutional Government. In particular, they commend the Instituição Nacional para a Defesa dos Direitos da Criança (INDDICA, IP) for their outstanding efforts in successfully organizing this event.

We fully recognize the commitment of the State and Government of Timor-Leste to ending violence against children. This commitment was reaffirmed by the positive responses from all four Sovereign Bodies during the visit of the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General (UN-SRSG) to Timor-Leste, with outcome of the launch of the Pathfinding Global Alliance at the Ministry of Finance on March 5, 2025.

Furthermore, this visit was an honor and advantage for Timor – Leste State in its strong commitment at global level in the Protection of Children, especially for its efforts made and progress achieved by best practices of the State and Government in investing for child safeguard in Timor – Leste and the generations.

In addition, this also manifests the joining of Timor- Leste in Pathfinding Global Alliance to Ending Violence Against Children, to continue reaffirming commitment of Timor – Leste addressed the interministerial meeting held in Bogota to 10 commitments including Law and Regulation, Education, Justice for Children, Social Work Workforce, Parents and Caregivers, Prevention and Response Services, Enabling Environment, Information Management System.

Organizations working for Children in Timor-Leste, therefore, to continue promote and encourage all the relevant institutions, State Bodies the following points:

1. Continue strengthening and harmonizing international and national framework that reflect protection for children through effectively implementing regulations and national policies.
2. Strengthening and addressing 10 commitments to Child Protection addressed by Government of Timor-Leste in Bogotá during the interministerial, ensuring they serve as key principles for the realization of government programs.
3. Promote and Uphold Child Protection as enshrined in Constitution of Republic Democratic of Timor – Leste, while actively contributing to the Pathfinding Global Alliance for Ending Violence Against Children

4. Ensure Child Protection remains a priority of the Government in its mission, by integrating it into all the programs of IX Constitutional Government that reflects the principles of Child Protection.
5. Consideration and prioritizing to integrate Children's needs at all stage of program design, budgeting, implementation, monitoring and evaluation to ensure expected outcome for children directly and indirectly.
6. Within this, prioritizing child marker through the system "Dalan ba Futuru Timor – Leste", to assure the utilization among key ministries, institutions in order to benefit children.

Points mentioned above is to reaffirm Timor-Leste as sovereign state that upholds rights of children.

Once again, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for the efforts of all the parties involved in the realization of the visit successfully and smooth.

Finally, we continue to place our trust in HE. President of Republic Democratic of Timor – Leste for being a champion of the rights of women and children. His commitment is shown through real actions, as reflected in his own words to the press:

"My activism in defence and protection of children's and women's rights, including combating domestic violence, is carried out daily through concrete actions, not through occasional seminars or conferences."

We firmly believe that His Excellency uphold this commitment by ensuring the approval of the next State Budget and legislations that will directly and indirectly benefit for Timorese women and children.

## Komunikadu Imprensa

### Apresiasiun ba Esforsu Estadu Timor-Leste durante Vizita Representante Espesiál Sekretária Geral ONU ba Hakotu Violénsia Hasoru Labarik no Lansamentu *Pathfinding Global Alliance*

**Dili, 12 Marsu 2025** - Relasiona ho vizita Representante Espesiál Sekretária Jéral ba Hakotu Violénsia Hasoru Labarik, (*Sigla Inglés SRSG*), Dra. Najat Maalla M'jid, organizasaun sira ne'ebé servisu ba asuntu protesau ba labarik iha Timor-Leste, kompostu husi organizasaun Nasional no Internasional ne'ebé servisu iha Pillar Prevensaun, Protesaun no Asesu ba Justisa, mak hanesan ChildFund, JSMP, ALFeLa, Youth off the Streets, FOKUPERS no JU,S, hakarak apresia no kongratula Estadu Timor-Leste liuhusi IX Governu Konstitusional, representa husi Instituto Nacional Para a Defesa dos Direitos da Criança - INDDICA, IP ne'ebé esforsu tomak hodi realiza vizita ne'e la'o ho susesu.

Ami apresia tebes ho kompromisu Estadu Timor-Leste nian hodi hakotu violénsia hasoru labarik. Ida ne'e hatudu liuhosi reazen pozitivu husi orgaun soberanu haat (4) durante vizita SRSG-ONU Iha Timor Leste ne'ebé ikus konkretiza kompromisu Estadu nian ne'e liuhosi lansamentu *Pathfinding Global Alliance*.

Vizita ne'e nu'udar onra no vantajen ida ba Timor-Leste hodi haforsa liutan kompromisu global Estadu nian ba asuntu protesau labarik, liu-liu ba esforsu no progresu liuhusi prátika diak sira ne'ebé estadu ida ne'e halo ona hodi investe no salva-guarda Timor-Leste nia jersaun foun sira.

Ida ne'e mós atu manifesta Timor-Leste nia adezaun ba *Pathfinding Global Alliance ba hakotu violénsia hasoru labarik* no reafirma kompromisiu governu husi enkontru Interministerial iha Bogota ba pontu sanulu ne'ebé estadu Timor-Leste kompremente ona, hanesan Lei no Lejislasaun, Edukasaun, Justisa ba Labarik, Forsa traballu ba Servisu-na'in Sosial, Inan-aman no Kuidadór, Servisu Prevensaun no Protesaun, Protesaun Online, Protesaun Labarik ba asesu alkóliku no tabaku, Aselera Planu Asaun Nasional, no Integrasaun ba Sistema Jestaun Informasaun.

Nune'e organizasaun sira iha Timor-Leste ne'ebé servisu ba asuntu protesau labarik hakarak fó hanoin ba Orgaun Soberanu haat (4), ba pontu sira hanesan tuir mai:

7. Kontinua haforsa liután armonizasaun enkuadramentu internasionál ne'ebé refleta ba asuntu protesau labarik iha implementasaun lei no polítika nasional sira;
8. Haforsa no aborda kompromisu sanulu (10) ba Protesaun Labarik ne'ebé Estadu Timor-Leste kompromitidu iha inkontru interministerial Bogota nian nu'udar xave prinsipál hodi konkretiza programa governu nian;
9. Promove no tane-as asuntu Protesaun Labarik iha tuir Konstituisaun Repúblika Demokrátika Timor-Leste hodi kontribui ba *Pathfinding Global Alliance for Ending Violence Against Children (EVAC)*;

10. Asegura asuntu labarik nian nu'udar ajenda prioridade Estadu nian, liuhosi integra iha programa hotu IX Governu Konstitusionál no instituisaun Estadu nian ne'ebé refleta prinsípiu Protesaun Labarik;
11. Presiza prioritiza no integra asuntu labarik hahú hosi dezeña planu, alokasaun orsamentu, implementasaun no monitorizasaun, hodi asegura katak planu no programa sira ne'ebé benefisia duni ba labarik sira tantu direta no indereta;
12. Liu ida ne'e, presiza prioritiza markadór labarik iha Sistema Dalan ba Futuru Timor-Leste, hodi asegura katak liña ministériu no instituisaun Estadu hotu utiliza duni instrumentu refere hodi benefisia labarik sira.

Pontus hirak iha leten atu reafirma ita nia soberania nu'udar Estadu ida ne'ebé tane-as direitu labarik nian.

Dala ida tan ami hakarak espresa ami nia agradese ba esforsu husi parte hotu hodi realiza vizita importante ne'e.

Ikus, ami fiar katak Prezidente Republika nu'udar aman ba nasaun kontinua sai kampaun ba direitu feto no labarik nian iha asaun konkreta, hanesan afirma iha deklarasaun Presidente Repúblika nian iha Konferénsia Imprensa:

"Ha'u-nia ativizmu iha defeza no protesau ba labarik no feto sira-nia direitu, inklui kombate violénsia doméstika, hala'o loroloron liuhusi asaun konkretu sira, laós liuhusi semináriu ka konferénsia ne'ebé okazional."

Ami fiar katak Prezidente Repúblika sei konkretiza ida ne'e liu aprovasaun sira tuir mai ba Orsamentu Jeral Estadu no Lei sira sei benefisia duni ba feto no labarik Timor-Leste tantu direita no indireita.