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## FACT SHEET

# Redeveloping Timor-Leste's international airport

**Project Name:** Timor-Leste Airport Facility Development

### AIFFP INVESTMENT

**LOAN:** AUD57.1 million  
USD40.0 million

**GRANT:** AUD43.7 million  
USD30.6 million

### PARTNERS

Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste  
Asian Development Bank  
Japan International Cooperation Agency  
Australian Government's Partnerships for Infrastructure program

### CONSTRUCTION

2025 onwards

### COMPLETION

2028

## About the project

Australia, through the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (AIFFP), has provided a loan and grant package to the Government of Timor-Leste to upgrade a range of operational and public-facing ground facilities at its main international airport. With the airport a main international gateway and key to driving further economic opportunities for Timor-Leste, the upgrades will facilitate increased tourism flows by expanding passenger capacity and improving customer experience.

Additionally, the works will support the airport to meet critical international safety and security standards and expand its capabilities to include cargo handling and quarantine facilities. The project is also supported by a bilateral grant of AUD22.1 million via the Australian Government's Partnerships for Infrastructure program. Australia's investment complements additional work being undertaken at the airport by the Asian Development Bank and the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

## Map



## Infrastructure highlights

In partnership with governments and private sector firms in the Pacific, the AIFFP facilitates the delivery of high quality, resilient infrastructure. The project's anticipated infrastructure footprint will include:

				
<b>SUPPORT FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMPONENTS</b>	<b>NEW CARGO TERMINAL BUILDING</b>	<b>ANIMAL AND PLANT QUARANTINE FACILITY</b>	<b>UPGRADES TO SURROUNDING ACCESS ROADS AND FOOTPATHS</b>	<b>IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TERMINAL CARPARK AND DROP-OFF ZONES</b>

## Impact at a glance

Across all its projects, the AIFFP prioritises lasting development and economic outcomes for people and communities. Its approach is guided by five impact areas: local content; climate resilience; social and environmental safeguards; gender equality, disability and social inclusion; and quality and integrity.

The project aims to increase economic opportunities and connectivity with the region, through support for the airport's international traffic operations, safety and security compliance.

### LOCAL CONTENT

It is expected the project will **create local 280 jobs** during the construction phase, with further local employment and economic growth in the **local tourism industry** through the airport's increased capacity.

The redevelopment will deliver new facilities to **improve capability for cargo and quarantine management**, which will provide long-term growth opportunities for Timor-Leste's important agricultural sector, particularly the live fisheries industry.

### SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARDS

The works will **improve transportation options and safety in and around the airport for women and people with disabilities**, with measures including **widening of footpaths and gradient adjustments on pathways**. This work will be undertaken in collaboration with the Disabilities Association of Timor-Leste.

### GENDER EQUALITY, DISABILITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

Airport facilities, including off-airport components, will include **gender-sensitive and disability-inclusive design features**.

To support staff and contractors working on the project, **training will be delivered on gender-based violence and the prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment**. The project will also **strengthen the gender capacity** of Air Navigation Administration of Timor-Leste, Civil Aviation Authority of Timor-Leste and the Ministry of Transport and Communications by supporting the creation of an **inclusive human resources development plan**.

