

# TIMOR-LESTE



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## History of Partnership

The House Democracy Partnership (HDP)<sup>1</sup> approved a legislative strengthening partnership with Timor-Leste in 2006. The partnership focuses primarily on supporting the creation of a new parliamentary research service, integrating information technology into parliamentary operations and encouraging greater legislative oversight and efficiency. HDP also authorized an expenditure of \$175,000 to build and outfit a parliamentary library to improve the parliament's capacity for research and analysis and an additional \$175,000 project to improve the information and communication technology infrastructure of parliament.



## HDP Engagement with the National Parliament of Timor-Leste

- **MP and Regional Seminars:** MPs have participated in seminars with a focus on committee structures and processes, public hearings, legislative drafting, oversight and constituent services.
- **Staff Delegations and Technical Assistance Consultancies (TACs):** HDP has organized TACs and staff delegations with a focus on parliamentary research, citizen engagement, public hearings, committee process, transportation legislation and legislative analysis.
- **Staff Seminars:** Parliamentary staff have participated in over a dozen staff seminars that focused on parliamentary research and library services, legislative drafting, committee operations, budget analysis and forecasting, and media relations.

## HDP Congressional Delegations (CODELs)

- HDP has organized six U.S. Congressional delegation visits to Timor-Leste.
  - February 2006
  - February 2008
  - July 2009
  - February 2011
  - August 2015
  - July 2019

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<sup>1</sup> At the time the partnership was initiated, the House Democracy Partnership was known as the House Democracy Assistance Commission (HDAC). The name was subsequently changed to reflect the nature of HDP as a partnership with partner countries.