

Highlights

- Between January and June 2025, the Civil Protection Authority (CPA) of Timor Leste, as the national lead agency for emergency response, reviewed the outcomes of the 2024 Humanitarian Logistics Preparedness Inception Workshop, including capacity needs mapping (CNM) results and the recommendation to establish a Logistics Technical Working Group. These efforts laid the groundwork for a second workshop planned in the second quarter of 2025.
- In June, the CPA led the conduct of the second Humanitarian Logistics Preparedness Workshop in Dili, with support from the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Global Logistics Cluster Field Based Preparedness Project (FBPP). The workshop brought together over 100 participants representing 42 organisations to review CNM findings, validate the Terms of Reference for the Logistics Technical Working Group (LTWG), and formalise the group to strengthen nationally led emergency logistics coordination.



*Stakeholders gathered at the Second Humanitarian Logistics Preparedness Workshop
Dili, Timor Leste, 23-24 June 2025*

Background

Based on risk indices and national-level logistics performance and capacity indicators, in 2024 Timor Leste was recommended to the Global Preparedness Network as a new country candidate in Asia to implement the [Logistics Cluster's Field-Based Preparedness Project](#). The Project aims to support national actors as they strengthen their capacity to autonomously prepare for and respond to humanitarian crises. A key element of this is the facilitation of a coordinated approach towards improving the resilience of local humanitarian supply chains and supporting effective information exchange between the government, national actors and the private sector, to ensure all actors are well prepared for joint humanitarian logistics responses. In the event of a large-scale disaster, should the Government of Timor Leste request international humanitarian assistance, the Global Logistics Cluster capacities can support national actors in facilitating a coordinated response.

Timor-Leste, a small island nation-state located in the Ring of Fire, is prone to earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, landslides, floods, storms, and forest fires. The rugged terrain, mountainous interior, and poor infrastructure make accessing remote communities difficult. Heavy rains from Tropical Cyclone Seroja in March 2021 caused severe flash floods and landslides across all municipalities, worsening the challenges posed by COVID-19. The crisis event caused widespread damage to infrastructure, disrupt livelihoods, and displace populations, straining humanitarian resources and requiring rapid and coordinated response.

The Civil Protection Authority (CPA) of Timor Leste is responsible for coordinating emergency responses across various sectors. CPA's primary role is to ensure effective response coordination that contributes to the wider country emergency preparedness framework, i.e., the Integrated Civil Protection Operations System. CPA brings together key stakeholders including line ministries such as the Ministry of Public work, the National Logistics Centre – responsible for food movement and storage, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Transport, and the sub-national coordination sector taking the lead on the ground and are the first responders in emergency response.

The Seroja Cyclone highlighted the need for strengthening capability within the CPA as the national lead agency in emergency response coordination, as there were no preparedness plans, insufficient human resources, and inadequate coordination mechanisms in place. The FBPP aims to enhance the CPA's capabilities in humanitarian logistics preparedness using the [Institutional Capacity Strengthening](#) approach, particularly in managing logistics coordination among stakeholders to address common gaps, prevent duplication of efforts, and achieve shared priorities for an effective emergency response.

Since July 2024, a national Preparedness Officer (Logistics) has been taking up his role in the FBPP to commence the Project implementation process. He collaborates closely with CPA through series of consultative meetings, activity planning, and engagement with various national logistics stakeholders. In November 2024, a Humanitarian Logistics Preparedness Inception workshop was organised to form a National Logistics Preparedness Working Group to identify humanitarian logistics needs, challenges, and priorities. The logistics working group will define key priorities and guide relevant agencies under the Ministry of Interior's leadership for disaster management.

Coordination

- From January 2025 to June 2025, CPA reviewed the outcomes of the Humanitarian Logistics Preparedness Inception Workshop held in November 2024, in consultation with WFP. Based on the review, CPA developed the concept note for the follow-up workshop and identified key stakeholders to ensure broad and inclusive participation in the consultation. This planning phase reflects Timor-Leste's commitment to shaping its own logistics preparedness agenda through collaborative, nationally driven processes.
- In March, CPA and the FBPP National Preparedness Officer actively engaged in national coordination platforms to advance localisation of emergency logistics preparedness. At the Anticipatory Actions Technical Working Group, the FBPP was presented as a nationally led initiative focused on strengthening local logistics capacity and institutionalising logistics coordination and information-sharing systems, in line with broader early action and disaster risk management efforts. At the National Disaster Risk Management

Network, CPA also reaffirmed its commitment and leadership by sharing plans to establish a Logistics Technical Working Group as a coordination mechanism embedded within national disaster management frameworks.

- On 23 - 24 June 2025, CPA led the second Humanitarian Logistics Preparedness Workshop in Dili, co-facilitated by WFP with support from the FBPP. The workshop convened over 100 participants from 42 organisations, including government entities, UN agencies, I/NGOs, Red Cross, academia, and the private sector. The workshop provided a platform for inclusive consultation and joint planning, where participants reviewed the capacity needs mapping (CNM) results, refined the Terms of Reference for the Logistics Technical Working Group (LTWG), and discussed the formalisation of its establishment. This marked an important step towards institutionalising logistics coordination and advancing a more cohesive, collaborative, and locally led emergency response system in Timor-Leste.



Participants collaborated on defining the Technical Working Group's Terms of Reference during the Second Workshop in June 2025.

Information management

- The six-month report and infographic updates on the FBPP implementation between July and December 2024 have been published on the [Timor Leste Preparedness webpage](#).
- Communication outreach and advocacy materials:
 - National Coverage: [Click link to watch the video interview](#) (local language)
 - WFP Timor Leste: [Facebook](#) post | [WFP News Release](#)
 - Logistics Cluster Media Channels: Click links to posts on [Facebook](#) | [LinkedIn](#)



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