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*Now one of the largest fair trade organic coffee exporters in the world, the USAID-supported Cooperativa Café Timor provides employment to over 20,000 farmers and 3,500 seasonal processing workers. Photo: Dorelyn Jose/USAID*

## OVERVIEW:

The Timor Economic Rehabilitation Program aims to: contribute to the rehabilitation of the economy of Timor-Leste; improve the income levels and living conditions of small-scale farm families; contribute to the development of a policy environment favorable to small-scale, export-oriented agriculture as well as small-scale and medium enterprise, and improve the business capacities and operations of rural enterprises.

## IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:

National Cooperatives Business Association

## FUNDING PERIOD:

October 1, 2002 to March 31, 2010

## FUNDING LEVEL:

\$17.5 million

## CURRENT PROGRAM:

Through its current grant from USAID, NCBA is supporting Cooperativa Café Timor (CCT), a federation of Timorese-owned agricultural and business cooperatives. CCT's largest activity is the production and export of premium organic coffee to the world's specialty coffee market. NCBA also helps farmers diversify their sources of

income and supports training initiatives that improve Timorese agricultural, business, economic and financial skills. Additionally, CCT provides basic health services for communities in the coffee-growing regions.

## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

**1. Markets.** The project helped improve production and marketed the Timor "single origin variety" coffee, introduced in March 2005 by major specialty coffee company Starbucks as "Arabian Mocha Timor". NCBA also developed an international market for vanilla, cloves and cattle.

**2. Cattle breeding, fattening and export.** NCBA has established cattle breeding operations in six districts; its cattle holding facilities in Covalima district (close to the Indonesian border) facilitate the exportation of cattle to Indonesia.

**3. Coffee Academy.** NCBA supported the establishment of the Klibur Institute of Business and Timor-Leste Coffee Academy training farmers and agriculturists.

**4. Agroforestry.** NCBA established a nursery producing and distributing nearly 500,000 seedlings of hard wood, fuel wood, cattle fodder, vanilla, host plant vanilla and coffee shade tree annually.

**5. Clinics.** The project helped establish a network of 11 fixed clinics and 28 mobile clinics in the coffee district areas to provide health services to communities.

**6. Coffee Rehabilitation.** Rehabilitation of 1,000 hectares per year of Timor-Leste's small holder coffee farms.

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