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U.S. Assistance to Timor-Leste: Nine Years of Partnership

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The Goal of U.S. Assistance

U.S. assistance aims to help Timor-Leste become a **stable, secure, democratic, and prosperous country**

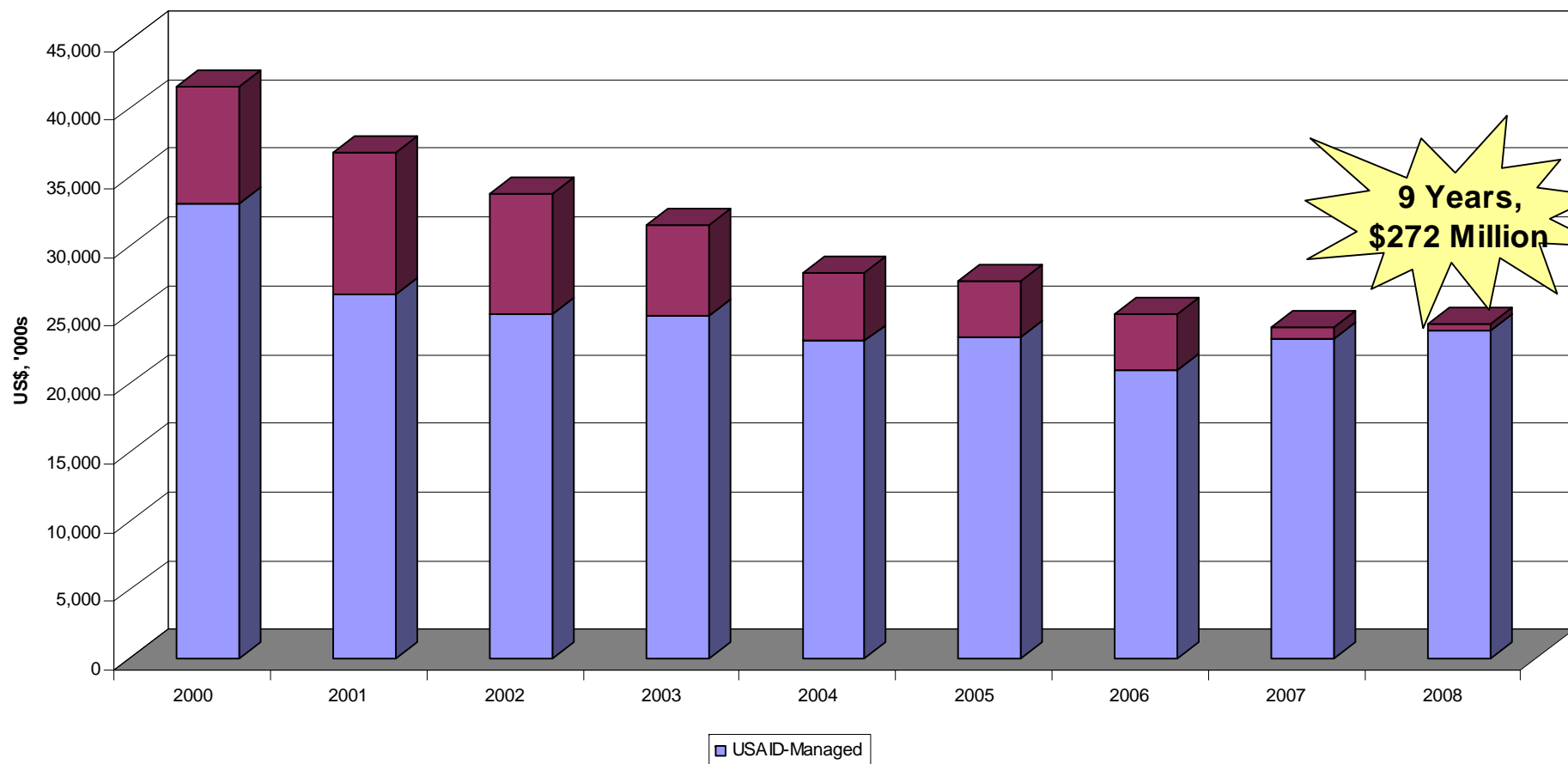
- Strengthening key foundations of governance
- Accelerating economic growth
- Improving the health of Timorese people, especially women and children

The U.S. also remains committed to responding to Timor-Leste's humanitarian needs in times of emergencies, and has to date provided nearly \$9 million in direct response to the 2006 crisis.



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U.S. Assistance to Timor-Leste 2000 – 2008

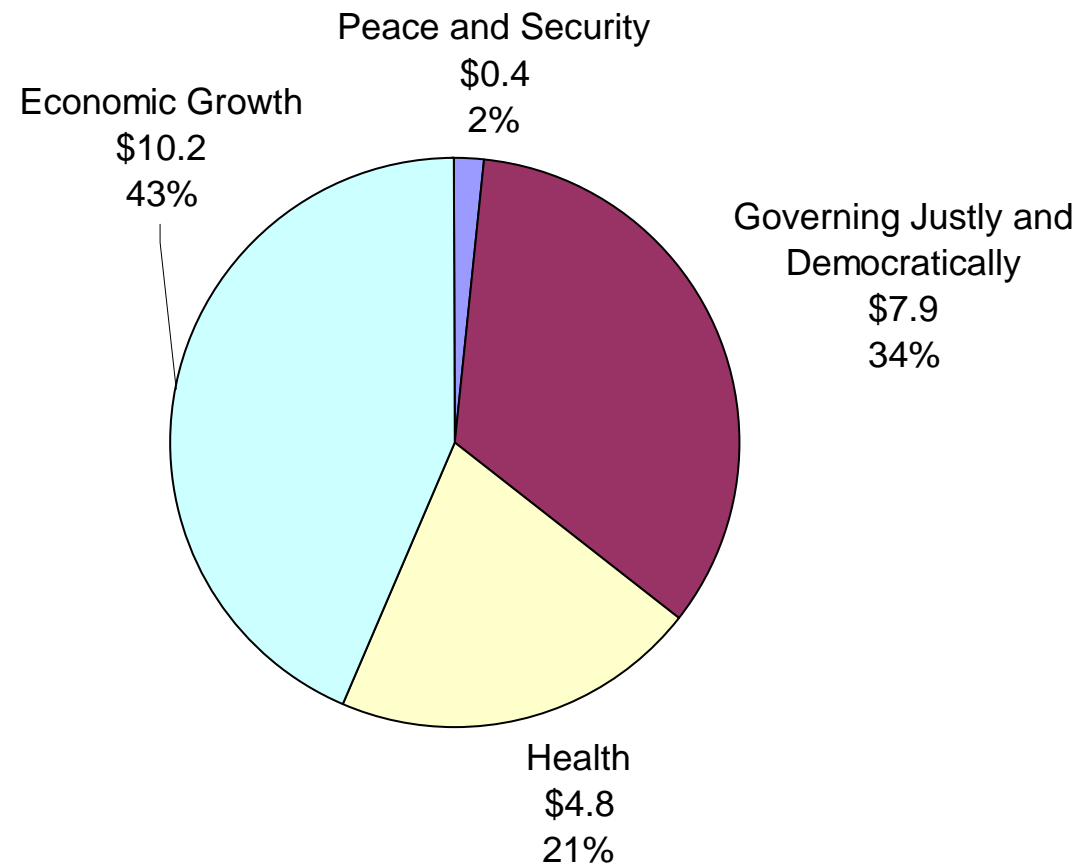


Notes: Appropriations, except IDA/IDFA, PL480, TI, and some State-managed funds, which are obligations.
FY08 is an estimate pending conclusion of 653(a) negotiations.
Source: CBJ, various.



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Distribution of U.S. Assistance by Objective 2008, Millions of US\$



Note: Figures are estimates pending conclusion of 653(a) negotiations.
Source: FY09 CBJ.



Success Stories

Exporting Agricultural Products

- Cooperativa Café Timor (CCT) exports \$7m/year of premium organic coffee to Starbucks & other world markets
- CCT developing new exports: e.g., cloves & vanilla to McCormick's
- CCT cattle exports to Indonesia surpassed \$150,000 in 2007
- \$250,000 of candlenut oil exported to Hawai'i by local company Acelda



(Above) Cattle waiting to be off-loaded to cross the border at Salele into Indonesia. (Below) Higinio Freitas, Director of Acelda, celebrating the inaugural export of candlenut oil to the U.S.





Success Stories Generating Employment



CCT's sorting facility in Dili. Most of the seasonal workers CCT employs for sorting coffee beans are women.

- Temporary Employment Program (TEP) launched by USAID & UNTAET in 2000 employed 63,000 people through physical rehabilitation projects
- CCT provides employment to its 22,000 farmer-members, 3,500 seasonal processing workers & 300 full-time staff



Success Stories Strengthening Governance

- Since 2001, over \$10m of electoral assistance for successful *suco* (2004) & national (2007) elections
- Helped establish Office of Provedor for Human Rights & Justice
- Support to legal aid providers resolved 200 cases in 2007



(Above) Lining up to vote in the 2007 Presidential election in Cova Lima. (Below) The U.S. Ambassador and Provedor preside over the hand-over of a movable office for the Provedor.





Success Stories

Improving the Health of the Timorese People



(Above) The U.S. Ambassador inaugurates a rehabilitated CCT clinic in Airacalau.

(Below) The USNS Mercy docked off the coast of Dili in August 2006. The Mercy will return to Timor-Leste in July 2008.



- Over 1.2 million patients treated by CCT's 11 fixed and 28 mobile clinics since 2000
- Over 85,000 treated bednets distributed to children under 5, utilization as high as 94%
- Established 1st nat'l HIV/AIDS program, led to 5-yr., \$9m million Global Fund grant
- In August 2006, USNS Mercy treated 4,500 patients & performed 40 "complex" surgeries



GoTL 2008 National Priorities & U.S. Assistance

(1) Public Safety & Security

- PNTL/F-FDTL Professionalized & Earn Public Trust
 - Investigative training for PNTL & customs/immigration officers (ILEA, ICITAP, UNODC)
 - Development of logistical capacity w/in F-FDTL (DS2)
 - Professional military education/training, incl. English language instruction, for F-FDTL (DoD)

- Access to Justice
 - Project to strengthen administrative capacity of various justice sector institutions, including Office of Provedor (MSD)
 - Legal information/aid; access to dispute resolution/mediation services, targeting women & other disadvantaged citizens (TAF)
 - Public awareness/training to combat trafficking in persons (IOM/Alola)



GoTL 2008 National Priorities & U.S. Assistance (2) Social Protection & Solidarity, (3) Addressing Needs of Youth

- Support to & Reintegration of IDPs
 - \$2.5m of non-food humanitarian assistance since April 2006 (CARE, CRS, others)
 - \$4.35m of emergency food aid since April 2006, incl. to IDPs (U.S. is largest donor to WFP – 18% of total contributions)
 - Exploring additional assistance for shelter (DoD)
- Supporting Youth
 - Peace education for pre-secondary school students (CARE)
 - Peace building for youth on *suco* councils (Mercy Corps)
 - Donations of sporting equipment for district youth



GoTL 2008 National Priorities & U.S. Assistance

(4) Employment & Income Generation

- Employment Generation
 - CCT: 22,000 members, 3,500 seasonal workers, 300 staff (NCBA)
 - New 3-yr., \$5m project to provide 2,500 rural youth w/ skills development & on-the-job training (EDC)
- Private Sector Development
 - Project to strengthen agribusiness, financial & commercial services, business enabling environment (DSP)
 - New 5-yr., \$10m project to provide land tenure security & property rights (ARD)
- Agriculture & Food Security
 - NCBA, DSP, WFP
 - 1-year agribusiness certificate program at 3 ag high schools (Land O'Lakes)
 - Development of Candlenut Enterprises (CRS)
 - Exploring Food for Progress program (USDA)



GoTL 2008 National Priorities & U.S. Assistance (5) Improving Social Service Delivery

- Education
 - Introduction of basic business/economics concepts in primary school curriculum; piloted in private schools (Junior Achievement)
 - University scholarships: East-West Center, Fulbright
 - English language instruction

- Health
 - Delivery of key maternal, child, & newborn health interventions at district, sub-district, community, and household levels (TAIS, HAI)
 - Expand knowledge of family planning methods & services (HAI)



GoTL 2008 National Priorities & U.S. Assistance (6) Clean & Effective Government

- Government Accountability, Transparency & Integrity
 - Support to Office of Provedor (MSD)
 - Project to strengthen independent media, including specialized journalism training on business & economy, development of culture of investigative journalism (ICFJ)
 - New 3-yr. project to develop local quantitative research skills, e.g., corruption perceptions survey (Democracy Int'l)



The Millennium Challenge Account

Timor-Leste remains eligible for a compact, BUT

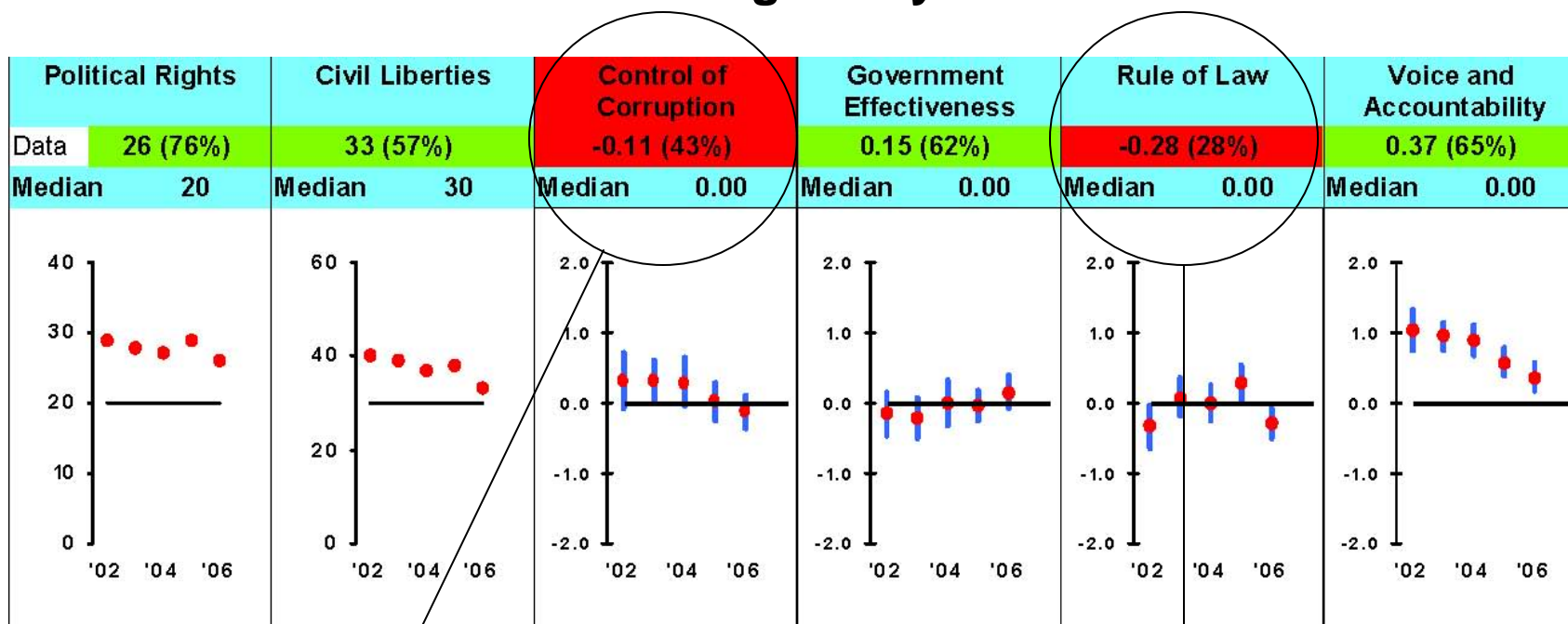
- scores below median on Control of Corruption indicator, a “hard hurdle,” and
- does not score above median on at least half of Investing in People indicators

GoTL must develop & implement a **“remediation plan”**



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Maintaining MCA Eligibility & U.S. Assistance: Ruling Justly



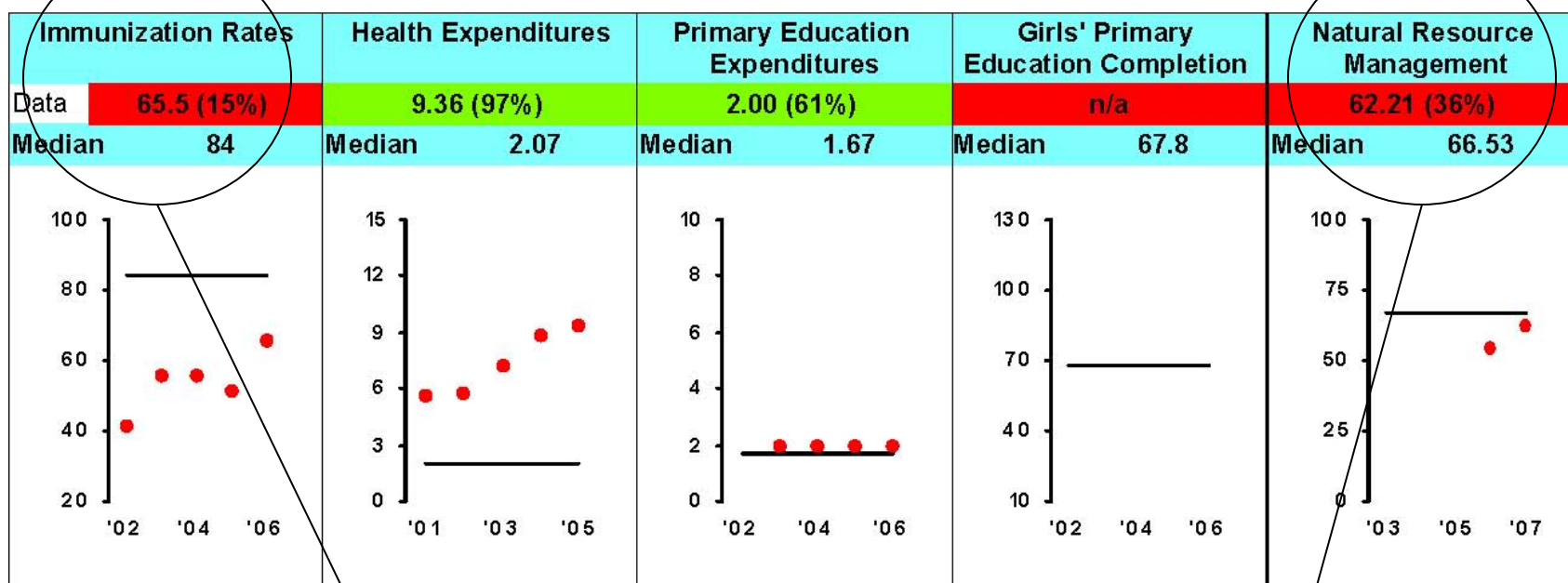
support to Office of Provedor (MSD),
advisor to Inspector General (UNDP)

PNTL training (ILEA, ICITAP, UNODC), Justice
Institutions Strengthening Program (MSD), Access
to Justice Program (TAF), inspectors for Superior
Councils of Judiciary & Prosecution (UNDP)



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Maintaining MCA Eligibility & U.S. Assistance: Investing in People



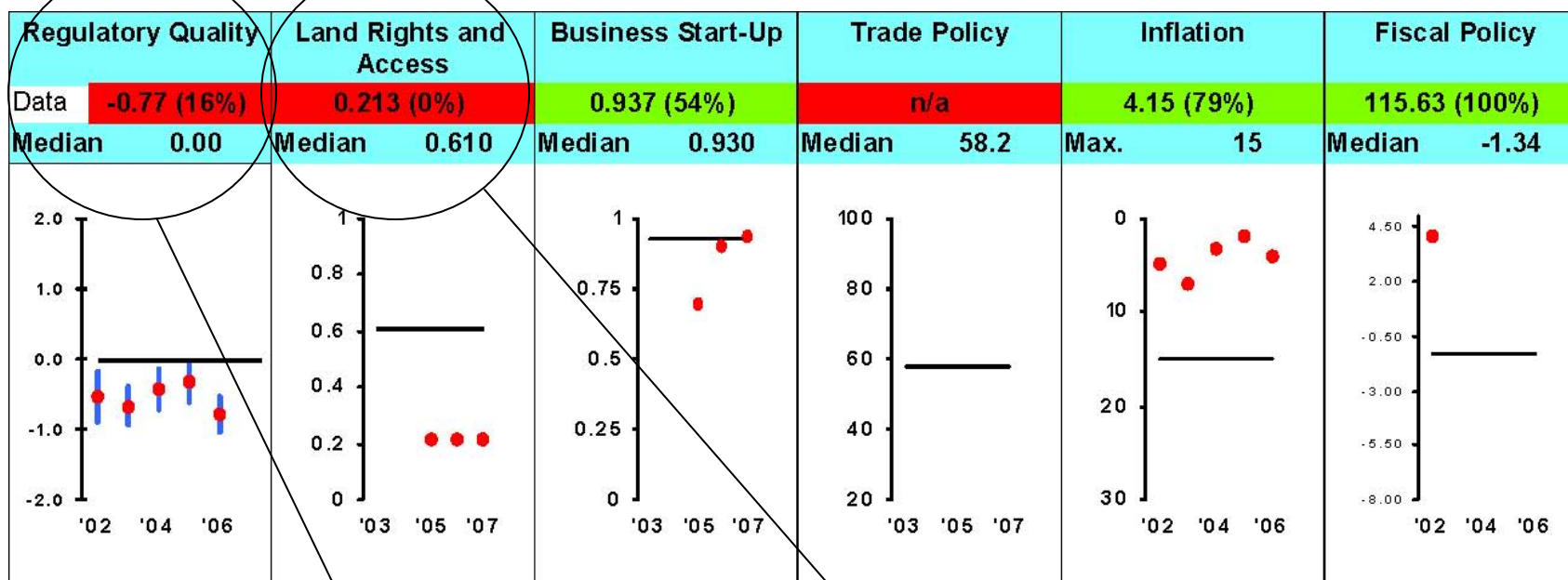
child health program (TAIS)

child health program (TAIS), new water/sanitation program in 2008



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Maintaining MCA Eligibility & U.S. Assistance: Economic Freedom



private sector development project (DSP), advisors on business registration (UNDP)

land tenure & property rights project (ARD)