

## TOMAK (To'os ba Moris Di'ak or Farming for Prosperity)

**Program:** TOMAK  
**Duration:** 2016 - 2026 (Phase 1: 2016 - 2022; Phase 2: 2022 - 2026)  
**Funding:** AUD\$50 million over 10 years  
**Partners:** Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, Ministry of Health, NGOs, private sector

### What is TOMAK?

TOMAK is a 10-year, AUD\$50 million Australian Government program which aims to improve food systems in rural communities in Timor-Leste through sustainable agricultural livelihoods. TOMAK is delivered in partnership with the Government of Timor-Leste, NGO and private sector partners.



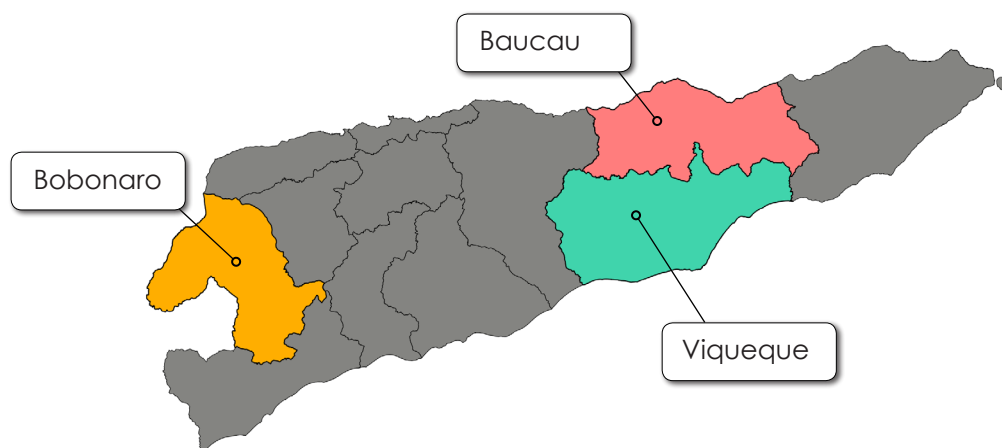
### What will TOMAK achieve?

Food systems consist of everybody and everything involved in bringing food from 'farm to fork'. TOMAK and partners are transforming the food system by improving **food supply chains** (from production to market), enhancing **food environments** (ensuring nutritious food is locally available), and influencing **individual factors** such as household dietary practices. By 2026, TOMAK will address these 3 key outcomes:

- 1 Outcome 1:**  
Improved and sustainable government policies, programs and services
- 2 Outcome 2:**  
More resilient agriculture-based livelihoods and improved economic empowerment
- 3 Outcome 3:**  
Improved household food security and dietary diversity

### Where does TOMAK work?

TOMAK operates in Baucau, Bobonaro and Viqueque municipalities.



In Phase 1 (2016-2022), TOMAK reached 83 suku. By 2026, TOMAK will reach **all 124 suku** in Baucau, Bobonaro and Viqueque.

## Key achievements (July 2016 - June 2022)

**17,208**

rural women and men were reached between August 2016 - June 2022 (Phase 1)

**911**

service providers involved in capacity strengthening activities between August 2016 - June 2022



Data shows TOMAK beneficiaries had **improved dietary diversity** & household **food consumption**

**83%**

of farmers said their local extension worker provided **good advice** after training and mentoring from TOMAK

## Improved and sustainable government policies, programs and services

TOMAK is committed to capacity development and strengthening of government institutions to deliver improved programs and services to rural communities. This includes strengthening the capacity of Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) extension workers to deliver inclusive, nutrition-sensitive services to farmers (including women, youth and persons with disabilities). It also includes improvements to how MAF manages delivery of key veterinary and livestock services.



## More resilient agriculture-based livelihoods

Together with government and NGO partners, TOMAK is supporting the development of resilient agriculture-based livelihoods by promoting improved natural resource management at community level, as well as climate-smart agriculture practices for improved production of high potential crops and livestock. The program is fostering greater economic empowerment by establishing community savings and loans groups and supporting farmers to build sustainable links with market actors to sell their produce and invest in agricultural inputs.

## Improved household food security and dietary diversity

TOMAK is improving household food security by encouraging farming households to both produce nutritious food and reserve part of their production for year-round home consumption. The program promotes the benefits of a diverse diet for all family members and encourages the use of agricultural income and savings to purchase nutritious food as required.

## Leaving no one behind – building an inclusive program

TOMAK includes a particular emphasis on women, youth and persons with disabilities as while these groups face similar challenges to other farmers (limited access to services, markets, and assets) these are compounded by institutional and structural barriers as well as discrimination that prevents them from participating equally in the agriculture sector.