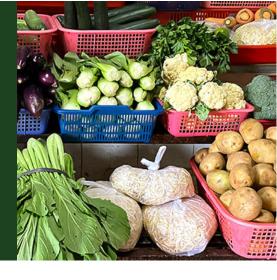


# Scoping for the implementation of plant health support in Timor-Leste



# Key details

# Location

Timor-Leste

**Duration** 

Start Oct 2023 End Dec 2024

Budget AUD 150,688

# Commissioned organisation

**CABI** 

### **Partners**

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# Overview

This project will collaborate with local, national, and regional partners to propose options for a Timor-Leste plant health system to serve vegetable farmers and ensure inclusivity and social context.

A functional plant health system would assist in promoting healthy plants, preventing pests and diseases, and ensuring sustainable agricultural practices, benefiting vegetable farming, food security, and safety in a resource-constrained country.

The research will guide local partners in co-designing an effective plant health system, ensuring equitable access to knowledge, services, and resources through training and skill development in Timor-Leste.

# **Expected project outcomes**

- Characterising the plant health system in Timor-Leste related to vegetable production systems
- Mapping of key stakeholders in the vegetable production system in Timor-Leste
- Identifying the main challenges for extension services and for smallholder women farmers in the plant health system through interviews, advisory activities, and farm visits
- Summarising the biosecurity issues related to the plant health system in the vegetable production system

 Proposing an improved plant health system for vegetable growers that would contribute to reduced food loss, higher income, and food security in smallholder farming systems.

