

Activity Report

2022



FFTL House : Campo Democracia, Av. Nu
Laran Nú. 04, Bairro Formosa(GRICENFOR),
Dili, Timor-Leste
Phone : +67073000123
Email : international@fftl.tl

Vision

To be one of the best in its region, with the best teams that will be competing at the highest level of the football tournament.



Mission

1

The reliable process to make the development and improvement of the association to be a success;

2

Development of football through strengthening the youth and national teams and advancing the facilities and infrastructure.

Value

Integrity

Teamwork

Inclusivity

Responsibility

Passion



Foreward from the FFTL President

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Football Activity Report for the year 2022. This report provides a comprehensive overview of the various football activities and achievements of the Federação de Futebol de Timor-Leste (FFTL) throughout the year.

In 2022, we witnessed remarkable growth and development in football across the country. Our dedicated players, coaches, referees, and administrators worked tirelessly to promote and enhance the sport at all levels. From grassroots initiatives to national team competitions, each endeavor contributed to the advancement of football in Timor-Leste.

The report highlights key events and milestones, including updates on domestic competitions such as the Women's Cup, Men's League, and Youth Competitions. It also encompasses the progress made in areas such as club licensing, referee activities, strategic partnerships, and national team performances.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all the individuals and organizations that have contributed to the success of our football activities in 2022. Your unwavering support, dedication, and passion for the sport have been instrumental in achieving our collective goals.

As we move forward, let us continue to work together to further elevate the standards of football in Timor-Leste. Through collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to excellence, we can create a thriving football landscape that brings joy, inspiration, and opportunities to all.

I encourage you to review the Football Activity Report 2022, and I am confident that it will serve as a testament to the remarkable progress we have made and the immense potential that lies ahead. Together, let us continue to foster the growth of football in our beloved nation.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

Sincerely,



Francisco M.C.P. Jeronimo
President of FFTL

I. Governance

1.1.7th FFTL Congress, 26 February 2022

The 7th FFTL Congress, held on 26th February 2022, played a significant role in the governance of the Federação de Futebol de Timor-Leste (FFTL). The main agenda of the Congress was the election of the Executive Committee for the 2022-2026 term, for the positions of President, Vice President, and five executive members, with a mandatory representation of at least one female representative.

Moreover, in order to enhance the participation and involvement of our stakeholders, the 7th Congress was attended by 21 member associations. Their active participation in the Congress served to underscore the significance of stakeholders having a voice in the highest decision-making body of FFTL, which stands as the supreme and legislative authority of the federation.

On the other hand, in 2022, FFTL took steps to establish financial procedures for the execution of activities. By adhering to the principles of integrity and ethical behavior, FFTL aims to ensure that all decisions are grounded in available information and that any potential risks can be evaluated.

By successfully and transparently conducting the 7th FFTL Congress and implementing innovative financial procedures, FFTL showcased its dedication to fostering improved governance practices. These initiatives also created a platform where all stakeholders could actively contribute to the progress and advancement of football in Timor-Leste.



7th FFTL Congress, Novo Turismo Hotel, Dili

1.2. STRENGTHENING OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

FFTL has taken significant steps to strengthen its organizational structure with the appointment of Mr. Gregorio Correia as the General Secretary. Under his leadership, the General Secretariat Office has initiated the reorganization of FFTL's structure, aiming for improved efficiency and effectiveness.

a) Establishment of the Member Associations Development Department:

A new department called the Member Associations Development Department has been established. This department works closely with the Member Associations of FFTL to promote and develop football in each municipality across Timor-Leste. Its primary focus is on fostering the growth and advancement of football at the grassroots level.

b) Renaming of the Competition Department to the Competition & Professional Football Department:

To enhance operational efficiency, the Competition Department has been renamed the Competition & Professional Football Department. This department now oversees various aspects such as Club Licensing, FIFA Connect, and ITMS. The name change reflects a more concentrated effort in ensuring streamlined football competitions, including player registration and adherence to regulations. It aims to facilitate the transition of football clubs from amateur to professional status in Timor-Leste.

c) Procurement Department:

FFTL has introduced the Procurement Department to ensure transparency and compliance in all procurement transactions. This department plays a crucial role in overseeing the procurement process and ensuring adherence to established procedures. The emphasis on transparency enhances FFTL's accountability and instills confidence in its operations.

d) Technical Department:

Under the leadership of a newly appointed Technical Director, the Technical Department focuses on the comprehensive development of football, from grassroots levels to national teams. A key unit within this department is the Coach Education Unit, which plays a vital role in training and certifying qualified coaches in Timor-Leste. By prioritizing coach education, FFTL aims to improve the quality of coaching across the country and ultimately elevate the level of football in Timor-Leste.

These structural enhancements reflect FFTL's commitment to fostering the growth of football at various levels and ensuring efficient operations within the federation.

By streamlining departments and establishing new units, FFTL aims to advance football development, strengthen partnerships, and promote transparency throughout its operations.

1.3.CAPACITY BUILDING

In terms of capacity building, FFTL places great emphasis on the professional development of its employees. In 2023, several FFTL staff members had the opportunity to participate in various programmes offered by FIFA and AFC. These programmes aimed to enhance their knowledge and skills in different aspects of football management. The following programmes were attended by FFTL employees:

a)AFC Football Management Certificate by Academic Centre of Excellence Edition 1 and Edition 2:

The AFC Football Management Certificate by Academic Centre of Excellence is a specialized training program offered by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) in collaboration with its Academic Centre of Excellence. Its purpose is to enhance the knowledge and skills of football professionals in different areas of football management.

The program covers both theoretical and practical aspects of football management and includes topics related to the management of clubs, leagues, and national associations. It is conducted over a specified period and consists of lectures, workshops, case studies, and interactive sessions.

On this occasion, the two staff members of the Football Federation of Timor-Leste (FFTL) have attended the program over a period of 5 months and have applied some of the valuable knowledge in their roles within the Football organization.

In the coming years, an increasing numbers of the staff members will be enrolling AFC Football Management Certificate course due to significant benefits it brings to the organization.

b) AFC Internship Programme:

The AFC Internship Programme offers selected individuals the chance to work closely with professionals in different departments of the AFC, such as competitions, marketing, communications, finance, development, and more. The duration of the internship can vary depending on the specific needs of the department and the agreement between the AFC and the intern.

The programme serves as a valuable platform for individuals passionate about football and aspiring to pursue a career in football administration. It offers a supportive learning environment, facilitates personal growth, and fosters practical skill development, ultimately benefiting the interns' professional advancement and the overall progress of football in Asia.

One of the staff members of the Football Federation of Timor-Leste (FFTL) had the opportunity to enroll in the AFC Internship Programme for a duration of 3 months in the MA division. During this programme, the referred staff member gained valuable experience and knowledge, which subsequently implementing within the Football organization.



Lizia Magno
Club Licensing Manager
FMC Edition 1



Solange Borges
Finance Director
FMC Edition 2



Carmelita Afonso,
General Administration and Programme Manager
Participate in the AFC Internship Programme.

c) FIFA Football Executive Programme for Asian and Oceanian Member Associations:

The FIFA Football Executive Programme for Asian and Oceanian Member Associations is a specialized program designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of executives working within the football associations of the Asian and Oceanian regions. This program is organized and conducted by FIFA, the international governing body for football.

The program combines theoretical knowledge, case studies, interactive discussions, and practical exercises to ensure a comprehensive learning experience. It also encourages networking and collaboration among participants from different associations, facilitating the exchange of ideas and best practices.

The Deputy General Secretary of the Football Federation of Timor-Leste (FFTL) had the chance to enroll in the FIFA Football Executive Programme for a duration of 12 months. During this program, he acquired essential skills and knowledge that have made a significant contribution to the development and growth of the football organization.



Frederico Pereira Martins,
Deputy General Secretary of FFTL
participated in the FIFA Football Executive Programme designed for
Asian and Oceanian Member Associations.

These programmes provided valuable insights and knowledge in various areas of football management, contributing to the professional growth and development of FFTL staff members.

By participating in these capacity-building initiatives, FFTL aims to strengthen its organizational capabilities and ensure the effective management of football activities in Timor-Leste.

2. National Teams

Timor-Leste's national teams' participation in various regional and international competitions in 2022 demonstrated our commitment to football development and showcased the country's footballing talent. These competitions not only provided valuable experience for the players but also fostered the growth of football in Timor-Leste. The achievements and performances of the national teams in 2022 serve as a testament to the dedication, skill, and potential of Timor-Leste's footballing community. With continued support and opportunities, the nation's footballing future looks bright, and the teams will undoubtedly strive for even greater success on the international stage.

2.1. 'A' Team – Friendly Match Indonesia vs Timor-Leste

On January 27th, 2022, Indonesia and Timor-Leste competed in a friendly football match at the Kapten I Wayan Dipta Stadium.

The match was an opportunity for both teams to prepare for future competitions. Indonesia defeated Timor-Leste with a score of 4-1. Indonesia showcased their attacking abilities, scoring early in the game and adding two more goals before halftime.



Match 1:
27th January 2022
Indonesia vs Timor-Leste
4-1

Timor-Leste displayed resilience and managed to score a goal, but Indonesia quickly responded with a counterattack goal, securing their victory. The second friendly match between Indonesia and Timor-Leste ended in a 3-0 victory for Indonesia. Despite Timor-Leste's defensive efforts, Indonesia managed to score three goals. The matches provided valuable learning experiences for Timor-Leste's team, highlighting areas for improvement in defence and attack.



Match 2:
30th January 2022
Indonesia vs Timor-Leste
3-0

The coaching staff will analyze the matches and work towards enhancing the team's overall performance in upcoming fixture. With dedication and training, Timor-Leste has the potential to achieve success in international football.



U23 National Team

2.2. AFF U-23 Championship 2022

Timor-Leste's Journey

The AFF U-23 Championship 2022, held in Cambodia from 14th to 26th February 2022, witnessed the participation of Timor-Leste's national U-23 football team.



Group Stage Matches:

Timor-Leste was placed in Group A alongside Cambodia, Philippines, and Brunei DS. The team displayed determination and resilience in the matches, demonstrating the potential and competitiveness.

Match 1: Timor-Leste 2 - 2 Philippines

In the first group stage match, Timor-Leste showcased the attacking prowess, securing a hard-fought 2-2 draw against the Philippines. The match was characterized by intense competition and skillful play from both sides, highlighting Timor-Leste's ability to compete against strong opponents.



Timor Leste vs Philippines
2-2

Match 2: Brunei DS 1 - 3 Timor-Leste

Timor-Leste continued the impressive form in the group stage, securing a convincing 3-1 victory over Brunei DS. The team displayed excellent teamwork and capitalized on scoring opportunities, showcasing the potential to succeed in the tournament.



Timor Leste vs Brunei Ds
3-1

Match 3: Cambodia 0 - 1 Timor-Leste

In a crucial match against the host nation, Timor-Leste displayed great determination and discipline. The team emerged victorious with a narrow 1-0 win over Cambodia, showcasing the defensive solidity and ability to seize key moments in the game.



Timor Leste vs Cambodia
1-0

Semi-Final: Timor-Leste 0 (3 PS) - 0 (5 PS) Vietnam

Timor-Leste reached the semi-finals for the first time in the U-23 age category, setting the stage for a highly anticipated clash against Vietnam. The match was closely contested, with both teams displaying defensive resilience and attacking intent. After a goalless draw in regular time, the match went to a penalty shootout. Despite a valiant effort, Timor-Leste fell short, with Vietnam winning 5-3 in the shootout.



Timor Leste vs Vietnam
3-5

Third-Place Match: Timor-Leste vs. Laos

Due to the unfortunate circumstances of the Laos team, who were unable to participate in the third-place match due to COVID-related issues, Timor-Leste was awarded third place by the AFF. In a display of sportsmanship, Timor-Leste declared the intention to share the third-place position with Laos, highlighting the spirit of fair play and camaraderie in the competition.



3rd Place AFF U-23, 2022

Timor-Leste's journey in the AFF U-23 Championship 2022 showcased the team's growth and potential as a developing football nation. The team's impressive performances in the group stage, including notable victories and a well-fought draw, demonstrated the team's ability to compete against strong opponents.

Reaching the semi-finals for the first time in the U-23 age category was a significant achievement for Timor-Leste, highlighting the progress made in youth football development. Although the team narrowly missed out on a spot in the final, the team's determination and competitive spirit were evident throughout the tournament.

Timor-Leste's decision to share the third-place position with Laos exemplifies Timor-Leste's commitment to fair play and sportsmanship, further enhancing its reputation as a respectful and honorable footballing nation.

Under the guidance of Head Coach Fabio Maciel from Brazil, Timor-Leste's U-23 team has shown promising signs of growth and development. This tournament experience will undoubtedly contribute to future success and help in further nurturing young talents in Timor-Leste.

Timor-Leste's participation in the AFF U-23 Championship 2022 was a positive step forward, demonstrating our potential to become a competitive force in regional football. The team's performances and achievements in the tournament serve as a source of inspiration and motivation for the continued growth and success of football in Timor-Leste.

2.3. U23 Team – Friendly Match – Malaysia U23 vs Timor-Leste U23

On April 29, 2022, a friendly match took place between Malaysia U23 and Timor-Leste U23 at the UiTM Stadium. Timor-Leste U23 won the match 2-1, with an impressive performance that showcased their potential and resilience against Malaysia U23. In the first half, Timor-Leste U23 started strongly, demonstrating attacking intent and coordination, and scored a well-executed goal on a swift counterattack in the 25th minute.

In the second half, Malaysia U23 intensified their efforts to equalize, but Timor-Leste U23 remained resolute and organized, successfully thwarting the Malaysian attempts. Timor-Leste U23 extended their lead with a well-crafted goal in the 60th minute, and Malaysia U23 managed to pull one goal back as they persisted in their offensive efforts, but the Timor-Leste U23 defence held firm, securing a hard-fought victory.

The match was highly competitive, with both teams displaying determination and skill throughout.

The victory against a competitive Malaysian side is a significant achievement for Timor-Leste U23, indicating their technical abilities, tactical understanding, and determination to succeed. The match provided valuable insights for the coaching staff to assess the team's strengths and areas for improvement.



31st Sea Games
Timor vs Vietnam



31st Sea Games
Timor Leste vs Indonesia



31st Sea Games
Timor Leste vs Myanmar

2.4. 31st SEA Games - Men's Football

Timor-Leste's national football team participated in the Men's Football category of the 31st SEA Games. They faced tough competition in a challenging group that included the Philippines, Myanmar, Indonesia, and Vietnam. Despite showing resilience and fighting spirit, Timor-Leste suffered defeats against the Philippines (0-4), Myanmar (2-3), Indonesia (1-4), and Vietnam (0-2) in the group stage.

2.5. Training Camp in Qatar and Friendly Match – Timor-Leste vs Nepal

Timor-Leste's national team 'A' played a friendly match against Nepal as part of their training camp in Doha. Timor-Leste took an early lead with two goals, but Nepal showed resilience and fought back, eventually equalizing the score at 2-2. The match ended in a draw, highlighting the competitive nature of both teams. The training camp and friendly match provided valuable opportunities for Timor-Leste to enhance their skills and team dynamics. The experience gained will contribute to the team's growth and development in future competitions. Timor-Leste can now reflect on their performance and continue working towards their goals with renewed confidence.



Friendly Match
Nepal vs Timor Leste

2.6. FIFA Match Day Friendly Match: Timor-Leste vs Cambodia

On June 3, 2022, Timor-Leste and Cambodia faced off in a friendly football match as part of the FIFA Match Day. The game, held in Cambodia, was an opportunity for both teams to fine-tune their strategies and assess their performance ahead of future competitions.

The match started with both teams showing great energy and determination. Timor-Leste, known for their skilled players and teamwork, aimed to assert their dominance. However, Cambodia, playing in front of their home crowd, proved to be a resilient opponent.

As the game progressed, Cambodia found their rhythm and created scoring opportunities. Their efforts paid off as they scored two goals, taking the lead. Timor-Leste fought back and managed to score a goal, narrowing the deficit.

Despite their best efforts, Timor-Leste couldn't equalize before the match ended. The final score was 2-1 in favor of Cambodia, who emerged as the winners.



U23 Team Training Camp in Doha, Qatar



U23 Team Training Camp in Doha, Qatar

2.7. Timor-Leste's Journey at the AFF Women's Championship 2022 in the Philippines

Timor-Leste's participation in the AFF Women's Championship 2022 in the Philippines was a challenging journey for the national women's team. Before the tournament, they had a training camp in Bali to prepare and played friendly matches to gain experience.

In the group stage, Timor-Leste faced tough opponents. In their first match against Myanmar, they were unable to overcome the strong opposition and lost 7-0. Their second match against Laos also ended in a defeat, with Laos winning 2-0.

Their third match against Vietnam proved to be another difficult challenge, as Vietnam secured a 6-0 victory. In their final group stage match against Cambodia, Timor-Leste fought hard but ultimately lost 3-1.

Although Timor-Leste faced setbacks throughout the tournament, their journey provided valuable learning experiences and opportunities to showcase their skills on a regional level.



Senior Women's National Team- Training Camp in Bali



Senior Women's National Team in AFF Women's Championship



Timor Leste vs Cambodia
0-6



Timor Leste vs Laos
2-0



Timor Leste vs Myanmar
0-7

2.8. Timor-Leste's Performance at the AFF U19 Championship 2022 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Timor-Leste's U19 national team participated in the AFF U19 Championship 2022 held in Jakarta, Indonesia. They were placed in Group B alongside Malaysia, Laos, Cambodia, and Singapore.

In their opening match against Laos, Timor-Leste couldn't secure a victory and lost 2-0. However, they bounced back in their second match against Singapore, displaying determination and skill to win 1-0.

Their third match against Malaysia was highly competitive, with both teams showing excellent attacking abilities. Unfortunately, Timor-Leste lost 4-3 in a closely contested game.

In their final group stage match against Cambodia, Timor-Leste performed impressively, securing a convincing 4-1 victory. Despite facing challenges, Timor-Leste ended their group stage campaign on a positive note with two wins and two losses.



U19 National Team in AFF Jakarta , Indonesia

2.9. AFF U19 Championship

Timor-Leste's U16 national team participated in the AFF U16 Championship 2022 held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. They underwent intensive training in Korea Republic prior to the tournament, including friendly matches to improve their skills and coordination.

In the group stage, Timor-Leste was placed in Group B with Thailand, Laos, and Brunei Darussalam. They started with a 1-1 draw against Laos, showcasing determination and skill. In their second match, they secured a dominant 10-0 victory over Brunei Darussalam, highlighting their attacking prowess.

However, in their third group stage match against Thailand, Timor-Leste couldn't secure a win and lost 4-1. Although they didn't advance to the knockout stage, their performance demonstrated potential and progress.



U16 National Team in AFF Championship Yogyakarta, Indonesia



2.10. Timor-Leste's Performance in AFC Asian Cup U20 Qualifiers Group F

The AFC Asian Cup U20 Qualifiers Group F took place in Jakarta, Indonesia, with Timor-Leste's U20 national team participating alongside Indonesia, Vietnam, and Hong Kong, China. Timor-Leste faced tough competition from these teams as they aimed to qualify for the prestigious tournament.

In their first match against Indonesia on September 14, 2022, Timor-Leste suffered a 4-0 defeat, unable to overcome the strong Indonesian team's home advantage.

On September 16, 2022, Timor-Leste faced Vietnam, understanding the importance of a positive result for their qualification chances. However, they struggled against the Vietnamese side and experienced another 4-0 loss.

In the final group stage match on September 18, 2022, Timor-Leste played against Hong Kong, China. Despite their challenging start in the tournament, the Timorese players showed their determination and fighting spirit, securing a hard-fought 2-1 victory. This win highlighted their resilience and ability to compete, even in the face of adversity.



U20 National Team in AFC Asian Cup, Jakarta, Indonesia

2.11. International Friendly Match - Philippines vs Timor-Leste

On July 16, 2022, the Philippines and Timor-Leste national football teams competed in an international friendly match in Bali, Indonesia. The game allowed both teams to refine their strategies and evaluate their performance before upcoming tournaments. The Philippines took an early lead, demonstrating their attacking skills and precise finishing. They consistently created scoring opportunities and put pressure on Timor-Leste's defense. Timor-Leste struggled to contain the Philippines' relentless offense, as the Filipino team dominated possession and applied constant pressure.

The first half ended with the Philippines comfortably in the lead. During halftime, Timor-Leste regrouped to regain control and reduce the deficit.

In the second half, Timor-Leste showed improvement, displaying resilience and determination.

They launched counterattacks, utilizing their speed and agility to exploit gaps in the Filipino defense.

Despite Timor-Leste's efforts, the Philippines remained composed and defensively solid, thwarting most of their opponent's attempts. The Filipino team demonstrated versatility by seamlessly transitioning between solid defense and quick attacking transitions.

The match concluded with a 4-1 victory for the Philippines. They showcased their dominance and ability to convert scoring chances, while Timor-Leste demonstrated resilience against a strong opponent.

2.12. AFF Futsal Championship 2022: Timor-Leste's Performance

The Timor-Leste Futsal National Team participated in the AFF Futsal Championship 2022 held in Thailand. Placed in Group B alongside Vietnam, Myanmar, and Australia, they faced tough competition throughout the tournament. In their opening match against Australia, despite a valiant effort, they lost with a score of 4-7. The following matches against Vietnam and Myanmar also resulted in defeats with scores of 1-7 and 3-10, respectively.

Despite the challenging results, the Timor-Leste team displayed resilience, commitment, and determination throughout the tournament. They trained rigorously before the championship and showcased their love for the game on the court. Participating in such a prestigious tournament provided valuable experience and allowed them to learn from encounters with strong opponents.

The AFF Futsal Championship serves as a platform for teams to showcase their abilities and contribute to the growth of futsal in the region. Timor-Leste's participation in the tournament contributes to the development of futsal in the country and provides valuable exposure for its players.

While the results may not have been favorable, the Timor-Leste team can analyze their performances, identify areas for improvement, and work towards enhancing their skills and tactics. Their participation in the tournament lays a foundation for future growth and improvement, aiming for better results in upcoming competitions.



Timor-Leste vs Australia



Timor-Leste vs Myanmar



Timor-Leste vs Vietnam

2.13. AFF Futsal Club Championship 2022: Ramelau Futsal Club's Performance

Ramelau Futsal Club represented Timor-Leste in the AFF Futsal Club Championship 2022. Placed in Group B with teams from Malaysia and Vietnam, they faced tough competition. In their first match against Sahako from Vietnam, Ramelau lost 0-2. In their second match against Selangor MAC from Malaysia, they suffered a 0-6 defeat.

Despite the results, participating in the championship provided valuable experience for Ramelau Futsal Club. Competing against strong regional teams allowed them to assess their performance, identify areas for improvement, and learn from skilled opponents. Their participation contributes to the growth of futsal in Timor-Leste.

While the tournament did not go in their favor, Ramelau Futsal Club's involvement showcased their dedication to the sport and commitment to representing their country. They can analyze their performances, learn from the experience, and work on enhancing their game through continued training, strategic development, and participation in similar competitions.

Overall, Ramelau Futsal Club's participation in the AFF Futsal Club Championship 2022 serves as a steppingstone for the development of futsal in Timor-Leste. Their efforts inspire other futsal clubs and players in the nation, promoting the growth and popularity of the sport.



Ramelau Fc

2.14. AFF Mitsubishi Electric Cup 2022 Qualification Round: Timor-Leste's Performance

Timor-Leste participated in the qualification round of the AFF Mitsubishi Electric Cup 2022 against Brunei DS. Despite losing the first match 6-2, Timor-Leste fought back in the second leg, winning 1-0. However, Brunei DS advanced to the group stage with a total aggregate score of 6-3. Timor-Leste's participation showcases their dedication to regional competition and the growth of football in the country.

Although they did not progress, the experience gained will contribute to the development of the national team. Timor-Leste's involvement in the tournament reflects their commitment to raising the profile of football in the nation. They can learn from this experience and work towards future success by identifying areas for improvement and continuing their training programs.

While their journey in the AFF Mitsubishi Electric Cup ended at the qualification stage, it serves as a steppingstone for their football development journey and provides motivation to strive for better results in upcoming tournaments.



Timor-Leste vs Brunei Ds



Timor-Leste vs Cambodia

3. Domestic League

3.1. Rosa 'Muki' Bonaparte Cup 2022

The Rosa 'Muki' Bonaparte Cup 2022 was a prestigious women's football tournament in Timor-Leste. It featured 11 women's clubs competing over several weeks, with S'Amuser FC emerging as the champions after a thrilling final match against AD SLB, winning 3-1.

The participating clubs were as follows:

- 1) Buibere FC**
- 2) Maudoko FC**
- 3) UNITAL FC**
- 4) Academica FC**
- 5) VDL FC**
- 6) Sao Jose FC**
- 7) S'Amuser FC**
- 8) Maranatha FC**
- 9) AD SLB**
- 10) ASS Baucau**
- 11) Nain Feto FC**

The tournament showcased the talent, teamwork, and determination of the participating clubs, highlighting the growing interest and support for women's football in Timor-Leste. The success of the tournament reflects the progress and development of women's football in the country, serving as an inspiration for aspiring female footballers and encouraging further investment in the sport. S'Amuser FC's victory will be celebrated as a significant milestone and motivation for other women's clubs to strive for excellence, fostering the growth and competitiveness of women's football in Timor-Leste.

Overall, the Rosa 'Muki' Bonaparte Cup 2022 was a remarkable event that showcased the talent and dedication of women's football in the country, setting the stage for a promising future for the sport.



Buibere FC



1st Place in Taca Rosa 'Muki' - S'Amuser FC



AD. SLB vs Maranatha FC

3.2. Timor-Leste League 2022/2023

The Timor-Leste League for the 2022/2023 season encountered significant obstacles and was eventually postponed due to a lack of financial support from the government. Previous seasons had received substantial funding from the government, but the amount was gradually reduced, causing financial constraints. To mitigate the situation, the Football Federation of Timor-Leste (FFTL) secured \$200,000 from FIFA's Covid-19 Relief Plan Funds. With limited resources, the league was organized using a one-round-robin system, affecting players' performances due to the shortened duration.

Due to financial difficulties, the league, initially scheduled for August 2022, was delayed and began on February 17, 2023, ending on April 30, 2023. Karketu Dili FC became the champions of the First Division, while DIT FC claimed the championship in the Second Division.

The participating clubs in the First Division were Karketu Dili FC, Emmanuel FC, AD SLB, AS Ponta Leste, Assalam FC, FC Coracao, Porto Taibessi FC, Academica FC, and Aitana FC (relegated to the Second Division for the next season). The Second Division consisted of DIT FC, AS Marca, Zebra FC, Santa Cruz FC, Fitun Estudante FC, Lica-Lica Lemorai FC, Nagardjo FC, and Kablaki FC.

Apart from financial difficulties, the league also faced challenges with inadequate football infrastructure. Matches were held at Dili Stadium, which had poor conditions, making it difficult to attract sponsors and generate additional funds.

Although all matches were streamed live on Facebook by TV Educacao, no company expressed interest in investing in the league. This lack of sponsorship and financial support hindered the league's development and growth.

The challenges faced by the Timorese League emphasize the importance of consistent financial backing and investment in football infrastructure to ensure its smooth operation and growth. Securing adequate funding and attracting sponsors will be crucial in overcoming these challenges and establishing a sustainable and competitive football environment in Timor-Leste.



1st Place in Top division Clubs
Karketu FC



1st Place in Second division Clubs
DIT FC

4. Technical Development

4.1. Coaching Courses

The Football Federation of Timor-Leste (FFTL) is dedicated to improving coaching knowledge in the country. Has implemented the AFC 'B' License Coaching Courses as part of FFTL's efforts.

The first module of the course took place on November 27, 2022. The objective of this program is to provide coaches with advanced coaching techniques and strategies, allowing them to enhance their abilities and contribute to the overall development of football in Timor-Leste.

These coaching courses play a crucial role in improving coaching quality at all levels, ranging from grassroots to professional. By providing coaches with the necessary skills and knowledge, FFTL aims to elevate the standard of coaching, leading to improved performance by players throughout the country.



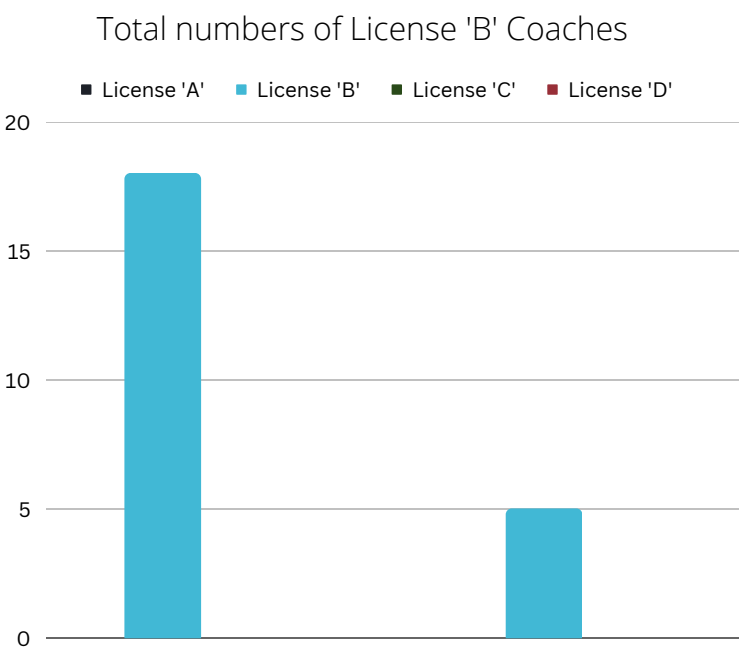
Participants attend practical lesson



Participants attend practical lesson



Participants attend theoretical lesson



4.2. FFTL hosts landmark futsal coaching course

The AFC Futsal Level 1 Coaching Course took place in Dili, Timor-Leste from June 13 to 18, 2022. The course was attended by 20 participants, including four former members of the Timor-Leste national futsal team. The course was instructed by Mr. Efraim Ferdinand Bawole, in conjunction with Mr. Gopal Krishnanan A.S Ramasamy, the Head of Coach Education at FFTL. Impressively, all 20 participants successfully completed the course, earning their AFC Futsal Level 1 Coaches certification



2nd day theoretical lesson



1st day - Theoretical lesson



2nd day theoretical lesson



1st day practical lesson



Futsal coaches & Instructors

Grassroots Activities

The Football Federation Timor-Leste (FFTL) has been providing financial support to each municipality's football association to aid in the development of grassroots players. This assistance allows the associations to organize and conduct their own grassroots activities, which play a vital role in nurturing young talents and fostering their passion for the sport from an early age.

In 2022, several grassroots festivals were held, providing young players with opportunities to showcase their skills, engage in friendly competitions, and embrace the spirit of the game. These grassroots activities not only contribute to the growth of football at the grassroots level but also support the overall talent development pipeline in Timor-Leste.



Grassroots activity in Ainaro Municipality



Grassroots activity in Ainaro Municipality



Grassroots activity in FFTL



Grassroots activity in FFTL

FFTL's investment in coaching courses and grassroots activities highlights their dedication to the technical development of football in the country. These initiatives aim to enhance the quality of coaching, identify and nurture promising young players, and establish a strong foundation for the future of football in Timor-Leste.

5. Referee Development

5.1. FIFA Referee Course 7 – 12 September 2022

A significant event in this regard was the FIFA Referee Course held from September 7 to 12, 2022.

The course was led by Mohamad Rodzali Yacob, a FIFA Refereeing Development Officer, and aimed to provide aspiring referees with the necessary training and education to improve their officiating abilities. Participants received comprehensive instruction on the laws of the game, match management, decision-making, and other essential aspects of refereeing. Practical sessions and simulations allowed referees to apply their knowledge in realistic game scenarios.

The course was led by Mohamad Rodzali Yacob, a FIFA Refereeing Development Officer, and aimed to provide aspiring referees with the necessary training and education to improve their officiating abilities. Participants received comprehensive instruction on the laws of the game, match management, decision-making, and other essential aspects of refereeing. Practical sessions and simulations allowed referees to apply their knowledge in realistic game scenarios.

Organizing the FIFA Referee Course demonstrated FCTL's commitment to raising the standard of refereeing in Timor-Leste. The course enhanced the knowledge and skills of the participating referees and provided them with valuable learning opportunities from an experienced FIFA Refereeing Development Officer. This training contributes to the overall development of referees and ensures the availability of competent officials for football matches in the country.

FCTL continues to prioritize referee development through ongoing programs and initiatives.



Participants attend theoretical lesson



Participants attend practical lesson



Participants attend fitness test on the field

5. Referee Development

5.2. FFTL Referee Refresher Courses

The Football Federation of Timor-Leste (FFTL) conducted Referee Refresher Courses alongside the FIFA Referee Course to support the continuous development and improvement of referees in the country. Mr. Nivio Fernandes, the Head of the Referee Department and an experienced Referee Instructor, organized these courses in collaboration with various municipalities in Dili.

The refresher courses aimed to provide existing referees with updated information, clarify rule changes, and reinforce key refereeing principles and techniques. By refreshing the referees' knowledge and skills, FFTL ensured they stayed abreast of the latest developments in refereeing.

These courses were conducted prior to the commencement of local competitions in each municipality, emphasizing the grassroots level of football activities. The focus was on promoting consistency, fairness, and accuracy in decision-making to maintain the integrity of the game.

Mr. Nivio Fernandes, with his expertise and guidance, played a crucial role in delivering the refresher courses. His experience as the Head of the Referee Department and a Referee Instructor provided valuable insights and practical advice to improve referees' performance on the field.

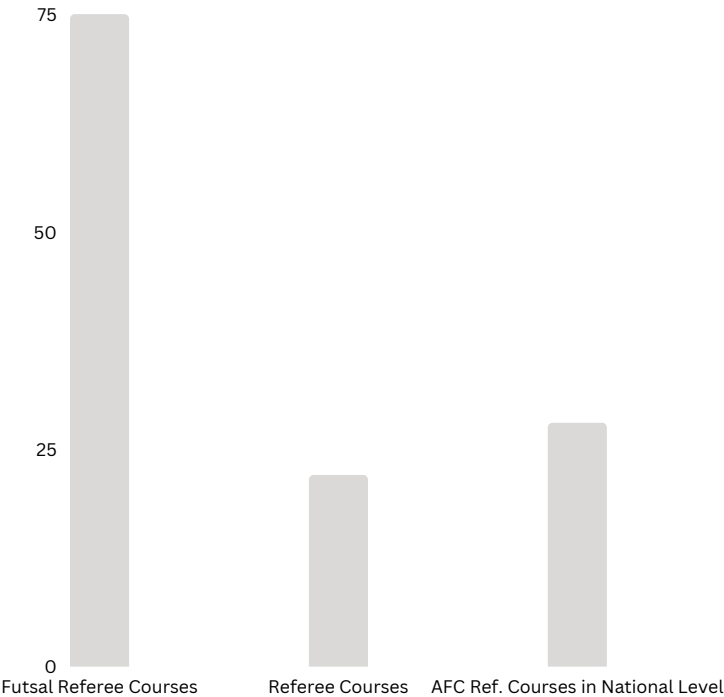
The Referee Refresher Courses not only served as a means to refresh referees' knowledge but also fostered camaraderie and unity among the referees' community. It provided a platform for referees to network, share experiences, and learn from each other, ultimately creating a stronger and more cohesive refereeing fraternity in Timor-Leste.

Through these courses, FFTL demonstrated its commitment to the ongoing development and improvement of referees at all levels. By investing in their education and training, FFTL aims to ensure that referees in Timor-Leste are well-prepared, confident, and capable of officiating matches effectively. This contributes to the overall growth and success of football in the country.



Participants attend theoretical lesson

Total numbers of Referee Course's participants in 2022



6. FIFA World Cup Trophy Tour by Coca Cola

The FIFA World Cup Trophy Tour, in partnership with Coca Cola, arrived in Dili, Timor-Leste, on June 11, 2022. This highly anticipated event allowed football fans to witness the prestigious FIFA World Cup Trophy up close. The tour began with a visit to the Presidential Palace, where the trophy was received by President Jose Ramos Horta and Christian Karembeu, a renowned French footballer and World Cup winner.

At the Presidential Palace, President Horta expressed his gratitude for the tour's visit and emphasized the nation's passion for football. The trophy was presented to him, symbolizing the unity between football and the country's highest office.

The tour then continued at the Dili Municipal Stadium, where over 5000 spectators gathered in a vibrant atmosphere. The stadium was decorated with flags and banners, reflecting the Timorese people's love for the sport. Christian Karembeu addressed the crowd, sharing his personal journey as a footballer and emphasizing the transformative power of the World Cup. His words resonated deeply with the audience.

The highlight of the event was the unveiling of the FIFA World Cup Trophy on stage, which captivated the spectators. Fans eagerly took turns to have their photographs taken with the trophy, creating a sense of camaraderie and excitement. The presence of the trophy in Timor-Leste served as a reminder of the nation's football passion and aspirations to participate in the World Cup in the future.



Christian Karembeu with President of Timor Leste in Presidential Palace



Christian Karembeu with President of Timor Leste in Presidential Palace



Christian Karembeu with President of Timor Leste in Stadium Dili Municipality



Christian Karembeu with the representative young players

Summary

FFTL took steps to establish financial procedures for the execution of activities. By adhering to the principles of integrity and ethical behaviour, FFTL aims to ensure that all decisions are grounded in available information and that any potential risks can be evaluated.

FFTL has taken significant steps to strengthen its organizational structure with the appointment of Mr Gregorio Correia as the General Secretary. Under his leadership, the General Secretariat Office has initiated the reorganization of FFTL's structure, aiming for improved efficiency and effectiveness.

By participating in these capacity-building initiatives, FFTL aims to strengthen its organizational capabilities and ensure the effective management of football activities in Timor-Leste.

The tournaments and matches have allowed Timor-Leste's football teams to gain valuable experience, assess their strengths and weaknesses, and work towards improving their performance in future competitions.

FFTL's investment in coaching courses and grassroots activities highlights its dedication to the technical development of football in the country. These initiatives aim to enhance the quality of coaching, identify and nurture promising young players, and establish a strong foundation for the future of football in Timor-Leste.

FFTL continues to prioritize referee development through ongoing programs and initiatives. By investing in their training and education, FFTL aims to uphold the highest standards of officiating, benefiting players, clubs, and the football community in Timor-Leste.

The highlight of the event was the unveiling of the FIFA World Cup Trophy on stage, which captivated the spectators. Fans eagerly took turns to have their photographs taken with the trophy, creating a sense of camaraderie and excitement. The presence of the trophy in Timor-Leste served as a reminder of the nation's football passion and aspirations to participate in the World Cup in the future.



Federação de Futebol de Timor-Leste



international@fftl.tl



www.fftl.tl