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COMMUNITY CATTLE RAISING PROJECT UNDERWAY

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The Ermera Community Cattle Raising micro-project will provide sustainable employment opportunities for 30 veterans and ex-combatants. The official launch for the project, which is funded by UNDP RESPECT, took place on 19 March in Mirtutu, Ermera.

Implemented by the Secretary of State for Labor and Solidarity, the USD \$12,230 Community Cattle Raising project provides 'Agricultures Ermera', an organization formed by veterans and ex-combatants from the Ermera district, with specialized training in cattle raising techniques.

Once the training is complete, 'Agricultures Ermera' will purchase and raise 60 cattle in 7 different locations, Gleno, Letefoho, Hatulia A, Hatulia B, Fatuquero, Umboe and Mertutu. The cattle will then be used for agricultural activities, such as ploughing, and their offspring will be sold to local communities at a reduced price.

The Minister for State Administration, Dr. Ana Pessoa attended the ceremony marking the beginning of the micro-project on Saturday 19 March. Representatives from SSLS, MAFF, F-FDTL, the State Secretary of Defense and UNDP also attended.

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