

TIMOR LESTE

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ANAPROFIKO was formed in March 2015 with assistance from MAF-Seeds of Life. It is registered at the Ministry of Justice on September 2015. It is established with objectives to represent the interests of the commercial seed producers and to promote the development of commercial seed trade. It is being operated on a voluntary basis. An independent Secretariat is set up in Dili to coordinate its activities in serving the interests of members.

ANAPROFIKO is an umbrella organisation of Commercial Seed Producers (CSP) which are registered with the Seed Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to produce, process and/or market quality seed in Timor-Leste. CSPs include a number of farmer organisations or farmer groups.

ANAPROFIKO works closely with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) to achieve seed security and seed sovereignty leading to food and nutrition security. It assists in MAF's effort to stop importation of seeds of maize and paddy and to realize self-reliance on commercial seeds of major food crops.

In 2014-2015, ANAPROFIKO members (i.e. commercial seed producers) have produced 354 tonnes of seeds of MAF released varieties which are ready for distribution for the 2015-16 cropping season:

1. Maize variety Sele: 135 tonnes
2. Maize variety Noi Mutin: 64 tonnes
3. Maize variety Nai: 6 tonnes
4. Paddy variety Nakroma: 130 tonnes
5. Peanut Variety Utamua: 19 tonnes

ANAPROFIKO members have actively contributed in the process of drafting 'Timor-Leste National Seed Policy'. ANAPROFIKO has a permanent seat in the National Seed Council at the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. It is fully committed to implement the National Seed Policy.