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Radio UNTAET political coverage monitoring
(see attached graph)

Party/candidate	News coverage July 15- Aug 28	Interview coverage (In regular programs) July 15- Aug 28	Total coverage (News and regular programs) July 15 –Aug 28
ASDT	25m 53s	1hr 12m 18s	1hr 38m 41s
Fretilin	2hr 1m 58s	1hr 50m 52s	3hr 53m 20s
KOTA	37m 4s	1hr 16m 17s	1hr 53m 21s
PD	1hr 4m 45s	1hr 37m 23s	2hr 42m 8s
PDC	30m 1s	1hr 18m 5s	1hr 48m 6s
PDM	25m 48s	1hr 25m 43s	1hr 51m 31s
PNT	11m 28s	1hr 20m 53s	1hr 32m 21s
PPT	40m 29s	1hr 16m 45s	1hr 57m 14s
PSD	41m 26s	1hr 42m 39s	2hr 23m 47s
PST	27m 31s	1hr 13m 46s	1hr 41m 17s
PL	13m 44s	1hr 36m 21s	1hr 50m 5s
PTT	16m 31s	1hr 7m 27s	1hr 23m 58s
UDC/PDC	14m 24s	1hr 13m 26s	1hr 27m 50s
UDT	45m 3s	1hr 20m 33s	2hr 5m 36s
Parentil	13m 38s	1hr 15m 6s	1hr 28m 44s
APODETI	15m 5s	1hr 23m 48s	1hr 38m 53s
Maria Olandina (nat. independent)	3m 27s	49m 55s	53m 22s
Maria Domingas Fernandez (nat independent)	7m 50s	1hr 5m 0s	1hr 12m 50s
Teresa Maria de Carvalho (nat independent)	0s	47m 30s	47m 30s
Daniel da Silva Ramalho (nat. independent)	2m 50s	46m 48s	49m 38s
Domingos Alves (nat. independent)	2m 0s	55m 5s	57m 5s

As well as the regular news and program coverage, as tabled above, **more than four and a half hours** of broadcast time was made available each party through our special election programs.

They also received substantial coverage through our broadcasts, totaling **about 40 hours**, of four national debates. The details are as follows:

Soro Muto:

A half-hour program, featuring a different political party/national independent candidate each day. The media and civic groups questioned one/two representatives of the particular party in each program about their vision, policies etc. Each of these programs was broadcast twice, at 11am and 8pm. This program, therefore, gave each party **an additional hour** of coverage. Three parties, who met the specified quota of women candidates in winnable positions, were given an additional program, featuring women representatives. These parties were Fretilin, UDT and Kota. These parties, therefore, got a further hour of broadcast time. The programs for the male independent candidates ran for 15 minutes each, and as they were also broadcast twice, this meant an additional **30 minutes of coverage**. The female independent candidates were given 30 minutes for their programs, meaning **one hour** was made available to each of them through the program.

Direct Access:

This program gave each political party five minutes per week to broadcast a message. In line with our guidelines, each male independent candidate – district and national – were given two-and-a-half minutes for their messages, while female independent candidates were given five minutes. In line with the guidelines, parties that also had a specific number of women candidates in winnable positions also received an additional five-minute slot each week.

These messages were broadcast unedited. A new program was made each week and it was broadcast each day for the following seven days. The first program was broadcast at the start of the campaign on July 16, with the last program broadcast on August 28, the final day of the campaign. Therefore, an additional **35 minutes of broadcast time each week** was made available to each party and female independent candidates. Male independent candidates had 17.5 minutes each week.

This meant that over the course of the election campaign, each party and independent women candidates had **more than three hours and 30 minutes** of broadcast time made available to them through this program. Male independent candidates had half this amount.

National debates:

There were **four** national debates during the election campaign – Radio UNTAET organised two - a women's political debate and a national debate in Baucau (in co-ordination with Civic Education and other OCPI staff). All parties were invited to participate in the debates. National independent candidates participated in all, except for the first debate, which was not organised by UNTAET.

Radio UNTAET broadcast three of the debates live (technical limitations prevented us from broadcasting the Baucau debate live), and all four debates were broadcast twice. The first debate, organised by the Timor Lorosae Journalists Association, started at about 9.30am and finished at 5pm. The other three debates went for between 45 hours. Therefore, during the campaign, Radio UNTAET broadcast about **40 hours** of national political debates.

REPORT FROM RADIO UNTAET ON ELECTION COVERAGE
By Head of Radio Jacqueline Toupin

1. The total figures show that Radio UNTAET worked to ensure that all parties and national independents received some coverage.
2. In particular, the coverage attempted to be fair and equitable, as mandated by our guidelines. However, there is no doubt that equal coverage was not possible: we found during the six weeks of the campaign that the major parties created news, and controversies which needed to be covered at greater length. Also important was the fact that some of the smaller parties were simply not very active, and often were not responsive even to requests for interviews. There was also some difficulty in that planned events did not always in fact take place. Assignment Editor, Matthew Abud, is to write a summary of the decisions and difficulties in making coverage equitable.
3. All parties received substantial coverage, as did national independents. All parties received, as a minimum, more than one and a quarter hours of total coverage. The independent candidates each received more than 45 minutes total coverage. Larger and more controversial parties did receive more news coverage, in particular, and as such, have received more total coverage.
4. However, in the area which Radio UNTAET had more control in setting the agenda, we worked to ensure that all parties had more than one hour of interview time on Radio UNTAET, and that national Independents had at least 45 minutes. As such, the figures of interview coverage varies far less. This time was on top of the *Direct Access* promised to parties according to a special formula, and additional to the 30 minute, question and answer program, *Soro Muta*, which featured each party, in turn, on a daily basis.
5. Another issue in coverage was the attempt to cover events throughout the nation. Radio UNTAET has difficulty doing regional coverage because of the lack of trained journalists in the regions. We identified this as a major problem in election coverage more than a year ago, when through a World Bank and USAID project, we organized to hire and train reporters in each district for the election and to improve district/national coverage. This has been done, although delayed, and several district reporters have just one week ago been sent out to the districts.
6. These new district reporters did help address the situation throughout the country as far as reporting from the districts. However, these people are still very new, relatively untrained and inexperienced reporters.
7. We were also able to send out teams from Dili to cover events, although the capacity to do so was limited both by numbers of reporters and vehicles. Another initiative to improve district reporting is through the District Election Reporting Team, a project funded by UNDP.
8. Radio UNTAET has not received complaints regarding interviews conducted as being biased or slanted.

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