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### **Dangerous Goods Re-certification Course**

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, the re-certification course for Dangerous goods (DGs) for Timor-Leste was conducted in the National Laboratory Conference Hall, Dili. This training followed a request by the National Laboratory, the National TB program, and Ministry of Health with support from WHO Country Office Timor-Leste. The training was implemented by World Courier (Australia). Fifteen participants attended from the National Laboratory, the National TB Program, WHO, the Hospital Laboratory and Comoro Community Health Centre.



**Dr. Maria Santina de Jesus Gomes, Director General, National Laboratory , opening the Re-certification course on Dangerous Goods at the National Laboratory**

The training was conducted on Dangerous Goods regulations, proper packaging and shipment of dangerous goods in order to certify and re-certify the participants for the next two years. The one day intensive training expected to upgrade the knowledge and skills of the participants to package and transport dangerous goods, including biological samples, according to the International Air Transport Association (IATA) regulations. Biological samples (including sputum, blood and serum samples) are routinely sent from the National Laboratory in Timor-Leste to laboratories in Australia, Thailand and India to test for multi-drug resistant TB and Japanese Encephalitis.

After successful evaluation and examination during the training all fifteen participants were certified for Dangerous Goods Packaging and Shipping for the next two years effective from June 4<sup>th</sup> 2013.



**Participants in the training on Dangerous Goods at the National Laboratory**



**Participants and Ms. Astrid Siviour, World Courier, Sra. Julia Dos Reis M. Magno, Dr. Maria Santina de Jesus Gomes, Director General, National Laboratory, Dr. Vikas Inamder, MDR specialist, MOH and Dr. Lungten Z. Wangchuk, Technical Officer-WHO**