



**National Director, Methodology &
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Elias dos Santos Ferreira is the new National Director of Methodology and Data Collection. He will be responsible for organizing and managing demographic statistics concerning the population, particularly the National Census.

Elias was born in Samalari, on 11 April 1963. In 2012 he earned a degree in Economics and Accounting at the Cristal Higher Education Institute, Díli.

Elias has 24 years of professional experience in the public sector, focusing in the area of Statistics, having started his career as a civil servant in the Department of Statistics in sub-district Tutuala, in 1989. In 2004, he coordinated the population Census conducted in that year. From 2009-12 he was the National Director of Statistics in the Directorate-General of Analysis and Research.