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Covalima and Ainaro

District Electoral Officers arrived at polling centres in Covalima and Ainaro districts at 5:30 am to prepare the centres for polling. Voting started low key but gained momentum later in the day. By noon, most polling centres had a few voters trickling in at intervals. Electoral Officers say the voting process was much faster and less complicated than the Constituent Assembly elections (August 30, 2001), because of increased polling centres and the discontinuance of the voters' roll.

At a press briefing in Dili on 14 April, Chief Electoral Officer Carlos Valenzuela said the preliminary estimate of voter participation nationwide was 86 per cent.

