

FUNDASAUN ALOLA FAMILY



WISHING YOU

**KSOLOK BA KOSOK OAN NE'EBE FOIN MORIS NO FELIX
TINAN FOUN 2010**

BOAS FESTA DO NATAL E FELIZ DO ANO NOVO 2010

SELAMAT HARI NATAL DAN TAHUN BARU 2010

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND Happy New Year 2010

Alola Christmas Fair for Christmas and New Year

Dili - Local product is part of Timor Leste' culture. Therefore, to celebrate Christmas and New Year, Fundasaun Alola open a fair to promote local product to public and also to sell them as present for Christmas and New Year 2010.

The objective of the Product Local is to make promotion and also to give opportunity for producers and also to all of the society to be able to purchase materials that created by Alola' producers as Christmas present for their families. In addition, the Director of Fundasaun Alola, Kristy Sword Gusmão indicated that the "Principal Objective" is on how to create product that superior and important for our nation development and also to develop the potential resources of product that available in order to assist our nation development and also to improve community quality of life in the future".



She believes all of these activities in the future, Alola will receive helping hand from donors in the area of Women Groups in order to be able to work in the Textile Industry. All of the Women Groups are essentially important for women to give guarantees of quality productions. Mrs. Gusmão also indicated that " We also will try to find more assistance and contributor to find a Market site for the producer group to operate their selling activity."

According to Alola observation on traditional culture, mainly on the weavers groups particularly the elderly weavers, they don't give the importance to share their knowledge and introduction of Timorese Culture for younger women to learn. The local product based on its importance is to give guarantee for women' status, dignity around community and society, because weavers play significant part in our nation's cultures.

According to Kristy, Alola will assist women' group to find a market site for their product business, because market is significantly a barrier for women from rural area. Kristy also said that " the women produce Tais but no one bought it, we have 2 shops in Dili, we also try to export with small scale at the moment, with hope that it will become a employment field for women in the rural area."

The Christmas fair was participated by women from different districts to sell their local products based on their cultural area products (which means that the Tais are created based on their district style).

The Manager of Economic Development, Cecilia da Fonseca, indicated that in the Christmas fair the groups came from 8 different districts with aim to sell their materials that they have produce during this time.



It is indicated that the group that successfully sell their products with big budget are from kór Timor, Alola Espransa Shop, Tais Market, Boneka Ataúru and group Moris Kiak. The total budget for groups that sell their products on the 5th of December are US\$ 9,857.50



Before the groups start on their selling during the Christmas Fair, they were given a training session on how to attract consumers to fill up a form that provided by USAID.

According to the observation, it is indicated that all the groups felt happy with the Christmas fair because they were able to get some benefits (a little bit of income and recognition of their products).



The women groups are selling different goods during the Christmas fair and foreigners and local community visited to buy materials that included in the fair as well as enjoying the demonstration of tais making process, cotton dipping process using simple natural materials for thread coloring.

duction must not occur only in one day but extended to 2 days or a week in order to give opportunity to purchase materials that sold in that day. " the activities was excellent however time was very limited" according to Marta. (*)

Education' Activities at the Christmas Fair

The Christmas fair was not only for parents to come and sell their local product but also for their children who come along with their parents at the Christmas fair, they were also given opportunity to participate in educational activities that prepared by the Alola Education team. The activities that included such as reading story that produced by the Alola Education, painting, singing and outdoor games.

The total of children who participated in Educational activities were 150 chil-



The children who participated in the educational activities. At the Christmas fair.

With varieties of strategies, Fundasaun Alola give courage to all the groups in the 13 districts to be able to use natural materials such as clay, morinda, indigo, wood-skin, leaves that could produce colors for the tais cotton string, such as follow:



Taum produce black color



Lalakasa tahun make black color



Silare make blue color



Rufa make orange color



Fofonasa make green color



Tahu make blue and black color



Timorese cotton



Nenuka make red color

Mrs. Tun Dr.Siti Hasmah Visited Alola

Dili— Ex Prime Minister of Malaysia Mahatir Muhammad' wife Mrs. Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah make a visit to Fundasaun Alola to see directly the works that have been done by Alola during this whole time in Timor Leste.

Fundasaun Alola Director, Kirsty Sword Gusmão who accompany Mrs. Mahatir during her visitation at Alola Production Centre in Taibesi and Alola' office on 11th of December, said that this was Mrs. Mahatir second visit . The first visit was 4 years ago.

Mrs. Kristy Gusmão indicated that during her visit at Alola Taibesi, Mrs.Mahatir can see directly on what Alola produce, such as Tais, Maternity packet, product to make Tais, and produce materials based on the order.

During her visit in Alola Office, Mrs. Mahatir use her time about 20 minutes to purchase some of the local product in the Alola Shop. The visitors were also given some information and explanation regarding the program from each Managers from different sectors at Alola Foundation.

During her meeting with the managers, Mrs. Mahatir show her contentment with Alola particularly in the area of Health, Education, Advocacy and Economic Development because all of these works do assist the society of Timor Leste particularly the women in the rural area.



Mrs. Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah and Director Fundasaun Alola, Mrs. Kirsty Sword Gusmão have a group photo with Alola' staffs at the end of the meeting.



Mrs. Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah accompanied by Mrs. Kirsty Sword Gusmão and Taibesi Product Manager looking at maternity pack at the Taibesi Production

Mrs. Mahatir also very impressed with the explanation from MCH Division regarding the work that they have performed during this time in giving counseling for Mothers to use hospital facility for delivering and clinic counseling which including counseling for Mother on breastfeeding. In addition, the education team also work to give scholarship for potential students who economically disadvantage and also orphanage children.

In this visitation, Mrs. Mahatir presented Alola with financial assistance of \$1,000.00 to support their program in the future.(*)

The Renovation of Region I Baucau has Finished



Alola' office in Region I Baucau

Dili— the office renovation for Fundasaun Alola in region I Baucau, has finished. At the moment the staffs starting to use the building in order to carry out their work activities in the area of advocacy, health and education.

As the operational Manager, Alzira dos Reis, indicated that Alola' office that was destroyed in 2007, -

started their renovation in November 2008 with financial approval with value of twenty thousands (Australian Dollar) from ACT Government (Australian Government). She also indicated that the office is in good condition and the staff also starting to use the facility to realize their work.

In addition Australian Government also give a tank for the women' group such as District Support Working to build a garden in front area of the office. ALzira indicated that Alola Baucau office will have a garden that created by DSW.

She also inform that Baucau Office is under Alola' Structure, however with administration it is submitted to General Operational .

The Region I Baucau Office, organize Alola' activities for district including district Baucau, Viqueque, Lautem and also Manatuto. Alola Office in Baucau facilitate activities that covers in the area of health, education and advocacy. "The activities that we carry out for Health Program such as MSG, hospital National Liaison, Advocacy, SSD Program (programa Servidor Suporta Distritu), and for education program it is friendship school program. (*)



Alola commemorate 16 Days Campaign Anti Violence Against Women

Dili—Fundasaun Alola celebrated Anti Violence Against Women Day and training activities that started from the 3rd till 9th of December.

The theme of the training was "with commitment and strong aim, we can stop violence against women

The training was specially for the group that always use Alola; computer and collaborated with community centre of Becora and Manleuana. The total participant in that training was 75 people, with 3 groups that made up of 25 people.

This training activity was supported by UNFPA with aim to develop participants recognition particularly youths about

Gender, Human Rights, Gender Based Violence and Impacts, Human Traffic, Law on Domestic Violence and CEDAW (article 1-16 and its substance that include Observation Conclusion from CEDAW committee.

Majority of youths that participated in the training were 18 years old and over or the ones that still in Secondary School. The youth are from Mascarenhas, Caicoli and Kintál-boot. The trainers are from ONG Pradet, Oxfam, Sentru Esperansa ba futuro (Liquica), Fokupers, mane kontra violéncia and from Alola.

This training went for 2 days and divided into 3 sections and the topic was focus more on CEDAW or Rules that give protection for women.



Mrs. Maria Jose from Fokupers explaining to participant about Law on Domestic Violence that supported from Mana. Apolonia (A) as the coordinator for Women Resource Centre.

And law on domestic violence that just have been approved by the Ministry councils.

The expectation of the training is on how to share information and recognition to the youth about gender and women protection. (*)

Who is Alola Fundasaun? Fundasaun Alola was established in 2002 with dedication to enforce women access in sector such as Health, Education, Leadership and opportunity in work field. It was built as National NGOI, Alola is lead by Kirsty Sword Gusmão. Group Leader: CEO: Alita Verdial. Program Manager: MCH-Veronica Correia, Advocacy —Alita Verdial; Education — Inacia Temele, Economic Development—Cecilia da Fonseca, Operational Manager—Alzira dos Reis