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ALOHA
Foundation



FUNDASAUN ALOLA

“Strong Women Strong Nation - Feto Forte Nasaun Forte”

VISION:

WOMEN AND CHILDREN ENJOY ALL ACCESS OF LIFE

*(Priority, Access, Participation, Role in Decision Making, Enjoyment of Benefits)
THROUGH DEDICATION, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC VIABILITY, STRONG WOMEN LEADERSHIP,
HEALTH, COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY DIALOGUES.*

MISSION:

*To Promote Women's Rights And Increase Women's Leadership Capacity,
To Strengthen Small Enterprises Of Women's Groups At Grassroots Level,
To Improve Women's And Children's Health Status,
To Increase Access To And Quality Of Education For Women And Children,
To Adopt Digital Technology As Much As Possible.*

Equality & Equity

Peace

Democracy

Non Violence

Integrity

Respect

ADVOCACY	MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH	EDUCATION	ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT	MANAGEMENT
Promote Women's Human Rights	Improve Women's And Children Health Status	Improve Quality And Access To Education	Strengthen Women's Economic Participation	Effective and Efficient Management & HR System
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campaign for women's human rights Strengthen women's leadership Strengthen networks with all partners Empower women in all areas in municipalities Assist women to access information and understand their rights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction of IMR, MMR, MMBR and Under 5 child malnutrition rate Promotion of exclusive breastfeeding and complementary feeding (through community-based groups at the village level) Empower community-based groups to support MCH at the village level Support MoH to implement Nutrition and MCH Program Program collaboration with international and government partners at national and district level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the importance of education with whole community involvement Provide training to improve teachers' teaching ability Resource development in Tetun and Portuguese and using local resources Work collaboratively with MoE and other education organizations to develop holistic education program Expand Education opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the status of women in enterprise Increase income generating opportunities Promote economic independence for women 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish responsive system from program management and evaluation Ensure transparency and accountability in financial management Ensure quality facilities' management and process Maintain endowment funds for future programs Performance appraisals annually and follow up on staff professional development Strong HR systems Continue to promote family friendly workspace



CHAIRWOMAN'S STATEMENT

Dr. Kirsty Sword Gusmão, AO

My greetings to all members of the Fundasaun Alola family – the staff, board members, partners and friends who I respect.

The year 2021 was one of intense suffering mixed with celebration. Suffering because the COVID-19 pandemic continued to impose hardship for many people and, moreover, in April 2021 Timor-Leste experienced one of the worst natural disasters for decades in the form of terrible flash flooding which affected communities across the country, but particularly in Dili. A number of Alola staff lost their homes and household belongings.

As usual, the Alola staff acted quickly to provide basic assistance to women and their families by establishing activities in the various emergency centres, including cooking demonstrations emphasizing the nutritional and other benefits of locally available foods and health promotion interventions including talks on the importance of exclusive breastfeeding, plus other crucial support to pregnant, lactating and new mothers. This work earned the recognition and praise of the Ministry of Health, UNICEF and the World Health Organisation (WHO).



In the same year, Fundasaun Alola celebrated its 20th anniversary in an in-person event at the Delta Nova Hall, in Comoro, Dili. On the evening of 19 November I participated in the event via ZOOM. My dearest wish had been to be able to travel to Dili to savour this moment in the presence of my colleagues at Fundasaun Alola, however international borders were still closed. That night as I listened to the staff and board of Alola singing the new anthem of Fundasaun Alola, I was quite overcome with emotion as I recalled Alola's humble beginnings and all the many remarkable achievements since. For the occasion, I made a short personal tribute to Alola in the form of a video which you can see here: <https://tinyurl.com/alola20>

I am extremely grateful to all our many partners who continue to trust us to represent and serve the interests of the women of Timor-Leste. With your financial and moral support, we will continue to consolidate all the many wins across all program areas to date and to develop new solutions to new problems on the way to achieving our goal of “strong women in a strong nation.”

Congratulations, Alola!


Mana Kirsty
Chair



CEO's REMARKS

Maria Imaculada Guterres

FUNDASAUN ALO

Dear Donors, Partners and Friends,

2021 has been a momentous and important year for Fundasaun Alola as it marks the twentieth anniversary of the Foundation's hard work and achievements for women's empowerment and well-being in Timor-Leste. On the other hand, the year 2021 has been one of tremendous challenges as Timor-Leste has continued to face the Covid-19 Pandemic. The government's infection control measures have included isolation, quarantine and State of Emergency lockdowns. This situation was aggravated when, in April 2021, heavy rains across the country provoked flash flooding. Dili, the capital, was the worst affected area, with thousands of people forced into temporary shelters.

Even though 2021 was the hardest time to achieve our mission, however the organization continued to serve its beneficiaries across the country by adapting its mechanisms and allocating a number of interventions during the year to continue to support our beneficiaries, especially for the women and children in rural municipalities. Therefore, I am pleased to present the 2021 Annual Report which includes a narrative and financial components to all partners, donors and supporters of the Foundation.

The following is a snapshot of some of our major achievements this year.

- ✦ To improve the health status of women and children, this year through the Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) project, the Maternal and Child Health program expanded health promotion activity into 22 primary and pre-secondary schools in 6 administrative posts in the Dili Municipality to raise awareness on the importance of hand washing. During the year, the CLTS target communities have made significant changes shown from the follow up data in which reported that 1082 out of 1,438 Household which had not built





toilets within last year had built their own toilets and started using them this year. Moreover, 277 out of 608 household who did not have septic tanks in last year have built their own septic tanks within this year. Further to the results mentioned above, HALIKU – Women's Cancer Support Project, educated 732 people on early detection and treatment of breast and cervical cancer and has referred 27 patients to the Dili National Hospital, as well as provided support to 35 patients including support for mastectomy bras and prosthesis.

✦ To promote the rights of women and girls, in 2021, the Advocacy Program ran two Spotlight projects which aimed to prevent gender-based violence. The Connect with Respect (CWR) project which targeted parents, teachers and students was implemented within 15 pre-secondary schools in Ermera, Bobonaro and Viqueque municipalities. As a result, 453 parents have been trained on CWR and Alola has established a national

reference group composed of representatives from the Ministry of Education, National Institute for Training of Teachers and Education Professionals (INFORDEPE), Secretary of State for Equality and Inclusion (SEII), Institute for Defense of Children's Rights (INDDICA), UN Women and MHVF. The other Spotlight project was implemented within seven villages of Viqueque Municipality and resulted in the establishment of youth activism groups in each of the targeted villages.

✦ To improve education quality and expand opportunities for girls, the Alola Education Program introduced a “Homestay” activity for targeted scholarship students during the Christmas and New Year holidays. The students were hosted successfully by foreign families living in Timor-Leste. The objective of the homestay is a cross-cultural exchange between students and host families as well as language learning, especially English and Portuguese. In the area of early Literacy, another 4 community reading centers were established in Manatuto to improve children's reading skills, while in Lautem Municipality, 23 teachers from primary school of grade 1 and 2 improved their teaching skills of Tetum literacy and in using the existing resources to support students' learning.



✦ To strengthen women's economic participation through handicraft development, culture preservation and livelihood programs, in 2021, the Alola Economic Empowerment program through a joint project with Timor Aid successfully established a pilot Weavers' Network for the first time in Lautem municipality and Oe-cusse region. The Network provided space for weavers to associate as an advocacy and capacity development mechanism centering weavers as drivers of their own empowerment as well as engaging young women in weaving practices for the culture preservation. As a result of the project, 100 weavers have been trained and each network has elected a leader to empower the voice of women at the municipal level to assert their intellectual property right in terms of Intangible Cultural Heritage. In addition, the program continued to integrate women's economic empowerment activities with gender-based violence risk mitigation which leverage the capacity of microfinance institutions (MFIs) and women's empowerment-focused civil society organizations that provided weavers with access to financial, entrepreneurial and social support.



Finally, this progress would not have been possible without the support of our donors, partners and friends including Alola Australia team who continue to support our work and being part of our adventure to fulfill our missions. Therefore, I wish to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to all of you who have supported us. I also would like to thank the Alola Board for their valued contributions, for accompanying me and enabling me to drive the organization within the difficult year to overcoming our challenges and obstacles. In addition, a big thank you to the Alola managers, and all the staff who work together as a solid team to support each other in achieving our goals and objectives. **“Together we are strong - Strong Women, Strong Nation”**

Your sincerely,

(Maria Imaculada Guterres)
CEO Fundasaun Alola

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM



Maternal Child Health program continued its commitment to promote breastfeeding and timely complementary feeding for children less than 5 years old. The program achieved its objectives and improved the health of women and children through facility and community-based project. The facility-based program covered 4 municipalities and worked with 163 Mother Support Group (MSG) and Suco Hadomi Inan ho Oan (SHIO) members, who acted as points of referral to hospitals and community health posts.

The recent National data showed some changes in breastfeeding practices in which total 64.2% of babies were exclusively breastfed during their first 6 months of life while only 46.8 % babies were received early initiation of breastfeeding within an hour of birth which means more efforts need to be done to improve the practices. In addition, the data had also showed that babies who were continued breastfeeding till 1 and 2 years were 68.4% and 29.2%, (TLFNS 2020).

HEALTH FACILITY - BASED PROGRAM

The focus for Maternal and Child Health program for facility-based were primarily on the Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI) statute, Supporting Newborn Care Program, Promoting Breastfeeding, Skin to Skin contact and providing early intervention for premature and underweight babies by educating mothers on the importance of Kangaroo Care and how to cup feed breast milk. The facility-based programs were implemented in the National Hospital Dili, Regional Hospital of Maubisse and Baucau as well as Oecussi Referral Hospital.

In order to increase the exclusive breastfeeding rate, the Hospital Liaison Officers (HLO) in Dili National Hospital, Baucau Regional Hospital, Maubisse Regional Hospital and Oecusse Referral Hospital supported the skin-to-skin contact for 3,181 babies, including helping both mother and baby with the first initiation of breastfeeding. In addition, 6,308 breastfeeding mothers, and 7,665 family members who accompanied mother to the hospitals were received counseling and information on exclusive breastfeeding and postpartum care.

The staff also identified and provide technical assistances to the breastfeeding mothers who had breastfeeding problems and teaching them about breastfeeding positions and attachments. This support covered 109 women with inverted nipples, 187 mothers with no breast milk and 79 mothers with breast engorgement.

In order to support vulnerable women for safe delivery at hospital, The Alola Maternal Child Health Program has also distributed Maternity Packs (clothing for mothers and babies) to 49 mothers in the Regional Hospitals of Maubisse.



PLAYROOM FOR CHILDREN

In 2021, the children's playroom that was set-up to provide an entertainment center for children at the Baucau Referral Hospital provided activities such as painting, playing with toys, learning children's songs, drawing, writing, reading Lafaek magazines and watching cartoon with sick children and showing breastfeeding movies to the parents who assisted the children. In addition to the children's activities, HLO

provided counseling for mothers and families on the importance of giving birth in hospitals, importance of colostrum, exclusive breastfeeding, family planning, information on malaria, diarrhea and Acute Respiratory Infections (ARI). It also included the importance of personal hygiene such as regular washing of hands, brushing teeth and preparing healthy children's meals.

The playroom was accessed by 1,933 children and 1,789 parents and caregivers.

**Number of Beneficiaries
THE PLAYROOM FOR CHILDREN**

Children	1,933
Parents and caregivers	1,789

TOTAL	3,722
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COMMUNITY - BASED PROGRAM



The Community-Based Program promoted the Safe Motherhood Initiative, Birth Spacing, New Born Care and Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) and strengthened the existing community groups (Mother Support Groups and Suco Hadomi Inan ho Oan) in 63 villages.

Refreshing Training On IYCF, Women's Health And Nutrition For SHIO Members

In 2021, the MCH team had also provided refreshing training to 60 SHIO members on Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF), basic safe motherhood and birth spacing and the Community Management of Acute Malnutrition in Manufahi municipality. After training the Community-Based group members immediately used their newly attained knowledge to provide information on Danger Signs during Pregnancy, Childbirth, postpartum care and the benefits of Breastfeeding/Infant and Young Child Feeding to pregnant and lactating women in Manufahi municipality.

HEALTH PROMOTION

In 2021, the Maternal Child Health staff conducted a health promotion that included cooking demonstration, community discussions and celebrating milestones to increase awareness of pregnant and lactating women and caregivers. The following programs were conducted in 63 villages.

● Cooking Demonstration

The program staff collaborated with the Mother Support Group/ Village Loves it's Mother and Children to conduct cooking demonstrations that prepared and provided nutritional children's meals.

This activity had 14,137 participants comprised of 1,279 pregnant women, 4,093 lactating women, 2,610 community (caregivers) and 6,335 children under 5 years. It was implemented in the municipalities of Liquica, Aileu, Manufahi and Dili.



● Health Promotion at School

In November 2021, the **CLTS** (Community Lead Total Sanitation) team collaborated with Health Workers in the Community Health Centers to facilitate health promotions in schools. It included the importance of hand washing and also to motivate students to always wash their hands whenever needed. The activity was attended by 791 students (F 382 M 409) in 22 primary and pre-secondary schools in 6 administrative posts in the Dili Municipality.

● Celebration of World Handwashing Day

In October 2021, we celebrated “The World Hand Washing Day”, to help increase awareness in the communities of the importance of hand washing although a simple practice it has a huge impact on the health especially for the children to live healthy lives and to prevent diseases. For this activity we conducted quizzes, and those who responded



received a gift such as hygiene kits. The activity was attended by 2,625 people that was comprised of 56 pregnant women, 284 lactating women, 1,450 children under 5 years old (girls: 714 & boys:736) and 835 caregivers.

In addition, local leaders and Health workers in the Community Health Center and Health post in 36 villages, 6 administrative posts from the municipality of Dili attended.

● Celebration of World Toilet Day

In 2021 the CLTS (Community Lead Total Sanitation) team held a “World Toilet Day Celebration Event”, with the main purpose to remind communities the importance of toilets, for the healthy development of people, especially children. During the event the team do some socialization to the community members on “Water Sanitation and Hygiene Environment and COVID-19 Prevention”. In addition, the team convey the importance message to community regarding safe disposal of human urine and feces will help reduce many infections that are associated with water contamination.

This activity was attended by 2,644 made up of 109 pregnant women, 271 lactating women, 721 caregivers and 1544 children under 5 years old (Boys: 801 & Girls:743). It was conducted in 36 villages, 6 administrative posts in the Dili municipality.

● Celebration of World Breastfeeding Week - Healthy Baby Contest

On August 2021, MCH team and Mother Support Group/ SHIO conducted world breastfeeding week with the national theme, “Together We Support Mothers to Breastfeed their Babies at Any time”. The activity was participated by 10,831 people made up of 1,092 pregnant women, 3,654 lactating women, 1,098 community (caregivers) and 4,987 children under 5 years old.

Through this activity, 492 children between 6 months – 24 months of age participated in the selection of the Healthy Baby Contest. The result was 265 children were awarded winners with the gender of the babies as 135 females and 130 males. This activity was attended by local leaders, health workers in CHC and HP and DPHO nutrition.



COUNSELING TO PREGNANT AND LACTATING WOMEN IN HEALTH FACILITIES

In February – December 2021, Mother Support Group provided counseling to 6,862 pregnant women that were comprised of 1,543 pregnant women who visited a health facility for more than once and 987 pregnant women who visited health facility for the first time. Counselling was also provided to lactating women made of 3,131 women who visited health facility for more than once and 1,201 lactating women who visited for the first time. The topic of the counseling provided to the mothers were includes Infant young Child feeding, new born care and importance of immunization. The counseling were taken place at health facilities, SISCa Post and through home visits in 63 villages in Dili, Liquica, Manufahi and Aileu Municipality.



MALE/FATHER ENGAGEMENT

Within the year of 2021, there were 24 father's engagement meetings held in 8 targeted villages. The topics covered pregnancy care, safe delivery and family planning. Total of 135 parents (93 fathers, 105 mothers) participated in the sessions. From the meeting, some fathers reported that they were willing and committed to assist their wives during Ante Natal Care at health facility and SISCa posts. From the result of the pre-test showed that 70.21 % fathers had prior knowledge about the topics covered, and the percentage increased to 79.26 % after the sessions.

SHIO/ MSG MONTHLY MONITORINGS AND DISTRIBUTION OF MATERNITY PACKS

Monthly meetings with 1,020 SHIO members (F:987 & M:33) continued from January 2021- December 2021. The meetings were conducted to follow-up, monitor and supervise the SHIO members on counselling activities, as well as collect the data for referrals, counselling conducted at SISCa / mobile clinic and at health facilities.

From these meeting, the SHIO members reported that they have referred 786 pregnant women to health facilities for safe delivery, 207 sick children were referred for treatment on illness, and in addition, they have distributed 316 maternity pack for mothers with new born babies.





YOUTH PEER EDUCATOR

The Youth Peer Educators with guidance from the Alola Team, held peer-to-peer sharing sessions. However, with every session they conducted, they conducted one on their own in their community. They have reached a total of 218 young people and adolescents (M: 84 & F:134) including 69 girls age < 18, and 38 boys age < 18. The topics covered in the meetings include how to know a body and function, ideal age to get married and diseases transmitted through sexual contact.

During the session, the team also distributed pre and post-test that was completed by the participants before and after the session to measure their knowledge and as a result the average of pre-test was 72.98% and post-test was 82.4%.

BASELINE DATA COLLECTION ON HOUSEHOLD SANITATION

In 2021, the **CLTS** (Community Led Total Sanitation) team collaborated with health workers in the health post and Community health center to continue the baseline data collection and to do approached in 4 sucos (villages) and 35 aldeia (hamlet) that an assessment had not been conducted in the previous year In Dili municipality.

The results identified that 53 households did not have a toilet while 155 households have toilets but did not have septic tanks and were connected to the sewer. This activity was conducted in Dom Aleixo and Cristo Rei administrative post.



MONITORING AND FOLLOW-UP CLTS PROGRAM

In July - December 2021, the CLTS Team and health worker did a follow-up in aldeia to conduct triggering and assessment focusing in Dili Municipality. According to the first assessment, 1438 Household had not built toilets and 608 Household had toilets but did not have septic tanks.

However, after the intervention, 1082 Household had built toilets and were using them, while 415 households were still in the process of building (dug a hole) and 59 households had not started. Out of the 608 households that had toilets but no septic tanks, we found 277 had built septic tanks and 30 households shared the toilets.



SUCCESS STORY

“I am very grateful because I was able to participate in CLTS PAKSI (Community Led Total Sanitation) project and I received the knowledge on how to build toilets. Before this, we used our yard near our houses as toilet as long as no one saw us,” said Maria Dias Masa, a 35-year-old woman who has 5 children. Through this program, we learnt that the toilet is part of human dignity and can impact our family health which was why I chose to build a toilet, she added. In the beginning, due to lack of finances I built a simple toilet with local materials but I was not happy about it, she continued. So, I saved some money for 6 months and built a better toilet which made me happier and not afraid or embarrassed and I can help promote and influence others to build their own toilets, proudly proclaimed Maria.



NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

Counseling to pregnant women, lactating women & family members 13.973

Maternity Pack distribution 365

Complementary feeding Cooking Demonstrations 14.137

Health promotions in schools 791

Celebration of World Breastfeeding Week - Healthy Baby Contest 10.831

Celebration “The World Hand Washing Day”, 2.625

Celebration of World Toilet Day 2.644

Supported skin-to-skin contact for newborn babies 3.181

Supported The children's playroom at Hospital for children & parents 3.722



HALIKU – RAISING AWARENESS, PROVIDE SUPPORT AND REFERRAL FOR WOMEN'S CANCER

Fundasaun Alola's women's cancer project “Hau Hili Atu Kura” (HALIKU) means “I choose to be healed”. In 2021, HALIKU undertaken several activities to raise awareness on the importance of women's cancer prevention and early detection for the target groups especially for women and girls. In addition, HALIKU provided direct support to patients, including support for the referral of patients to Dili National Hospital. HALIKU collaborates with the Ministry of Health through National Breast Cancer Committee based at the National Hospital in Dili.

To continue the dissemination of breast cancer information to the community, HALIKU with the National Breast Cancer Committee provided mini-workshops for University of Oriental

students in Dili to raise awareness about breast cancer, cervical cancer and its risk factors of breast cancer, symptoms, how to prevent breast cancer, and a film show. In addition, a representative of the National Breast Cancer Committee provided information about breast cancer treatments (surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, and hormone therapy). These activities were attended by 83 students (F: 56, M: 27).



Furthermore, in August 2021 HALIKU raised awareness of women's cancers for members of Mother Support Groups and PRO EMA staff in Dili municipality which attended by 86 participants. In addition, HALIKU hold an event on Pink October as breast cancer awareness month and for this time, the celebration's was focus to raise the awareness for health workers. Thus the event was celebrated at the Community Health Center (CHC) in Liquica Municipality and with health workers at Suai Referral Hospital of Covalima municipality. This activity was attended by 89 participants (F: 59, M: 30).



The HALIKU team continued to be trusted by Ms. Cidalia Nobre Guterres, the First Lady of RDTL, who showed her support for raising awareness about breast cancer. She invited the HALIKU team to join her at workshop events with Rede Feto (women's Network), Nuns convent and with youth groups of Leijaval in Dili municipality to present on women's cancer specifically on cervical cancer to the targeted audience with approximately of 150 participants.

During the year, HALIKU continue maintained its role in raising awareness for youth on nutrition, sexual and reproductive health, and women's cancers as well as for parents and community members which hold within 15 villages of Liquica, Dili and Manufahi municipality. This activity was attended by 410 participants (F: 343, M: 67).

The HALIKU project team has referred 27 patients to the Dili National Hospital, as well as provided support to 35 patients including support for mastectomy bras and prosthesis.





EDUCATION PROGRAM

The objective of the Education Program is to increase access to and quality of education in Timor-Leste. The program supports teachers, students, children and communities to gain skills and knowledge to fulfil their goals. The Education Program projects are Scholarships, Teacher Training, Mobile Library and Community-Based Preschools. The projects are implemented in close collaboration with key partners such as the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MoEYS), the National Institute for Training of Teachers and Education Professionals (INFORDEPE) and other educational organizations and institutions.

SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT

The scholarships are awarded to students to study in Timor-Leste. They are granted so that disadvantaged students can access education in primary, high school, technical vocational and university levels. The scholarships provide a monthly living allowance and tuition fees based on their level of study.



In 2021, 218 students (F: 138 and M: 80) were scholarship beneficiaries. Funding was provided by individual donors, agencies, friendship committees, and Alola Australia. 25 students (F: 13 and M: 12) graduated this year from universities in Timor-Leste with excellent results.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, face-to-face learning switched to online classes during 2021. In response, 5 university students (F: 2 and M: 3) were able to receive laptops from their donors (Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee and Indigo Shire Atauro Island Friendship Committee) to support their study. The Alola Scholarships team administers students' monthly allowance and tuition fees, and

maintains regular communication between donors and the students including following up students' learning progress through visits to family and communicating with students' parents.

During the Christmas and New Year holiday period (2020-2021), for the first time Alola Scholarship team in collaboration with Jurídico-Social (JU,S) implemented a homestay program for scholarship students. 6 students (F: 6) were hosted by foreign families who stayed in Timor-Leste during Christmas and New Year holidays. The objective of the homestay program is for cross-cultural exchange between students and host families as well as language learning especially English and Portuguese.



SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT		
Number of beneficiaries.		
	Women	138
	Men	80
TOTAL		218

TEACHER TRAINING PROJECT



In 2021 the Teacher Training Project managed the Intensive Literacy Support Project (ILSP) and Leadership Support through Mentoring and Learning (in Tetum Apoiu Lideransa liuhusi Mentoria no Aprendizajen – ALMA). These projects are funded by Australian Embassy.

The ILSP project focuses on supporting the literacy skills of Tetum literacy teachers of grade 1 and 2 primary school students by using the national curriculum. The project was implemented in Lautém municipality in 10 schools. The project benefited 23 teachers (F: 11 and M: 12) and 689 students (F: 305 and M: 284) in grades 1 and 2. The following table shows details:

Grade	Number of Teachers			Number of Students		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1	7	6	13	221	184	405
2	7	5	12	163	121	284
Total			23*	284	305	689

*2 teachers handled multi-classes

The 23 target teachers improved their teaching skills of Tetum literacy and in using the existing resources to support students' learning. The project was implemented through classroom observation which was conducted by a team of 5 staff with 1 to 3 visits per month to each individual teacher's classroom.

During the classroom observation, the teachers accessed support from ILSP team in 4 main areas of teaching: teacher's preparation (e.g. teaching resources, lesson plans), classroom management (e.g. timing, activities), reading techniques (e.g. voice projection, engage students), and assess the lesson (e.g. students' comprehension). Students were engaged in interactive and fun activities in meaningful ways. In addition to classroom observation, ILSP team also supported teachers to use school libraries and set up reading corners in their classrooms for students to use story books.



The 10 target schools were selected based on the results of student testing using Early Grade Reading Assessment (EGRA) and Early Grade Mathematics Assessment (EGMA). The assessments were conducted by Partnership for Human Development (PHD) in Lautém municipality. The 10 target schools were:

For the ALMA sub-project, the Education Program administers local mentors' monthly allowance from phase 1 to 4, and administers local mentors' monthly allowance and salary for phase 6. In addition, Alola has one Technical Officer who supports local mentors and school leaders in Covalima municipality on classroom observation, organizing sharing sessions between teachers and school leaders (GTP – Grupo Trabalho Professores and GTL – Grupo Trabalho Lideranca).

1. EBF 1,2 Titilari,
2. EBF 1,2 nu 1 Laspalos,
3. EBF 1,2 Mehara,
4. EBF 1,2 Malahara,
5. EBF 1,2 Chai
6. EBF 1 Tono,
7. EBF 1,2,3 laikara,
8. EBF 1,2 Pairara,
9. EBC 1,2,5 Odofura no
10. EBC 1,2,3 Leusari

MOBILE LIBRARY PROJECT

The Mobile Library Project establishes community-based reading centers in collaboration with parents, communities and local authorities.

Through ChildFund Timor-Leste funding, the Mobile Library project established 12 community-based reading centers within 3 administrative posts (Laclo, Laclubar and Manatuto Vila) in Manatuto municipality. 4 out of 12 centers were newly established this year, starting from July.

In 2021 the project engaged 178 tutors (F: 118 and M: 60) across the 12 centers. They included 55 parent tutors (F: 44 and M: 11) and 85 peer tutors (F: 74 and M: 49) selected in respective villages where the project was implemented. The tutors led the reading sessions, with close

supervision by a team of 3 Mobile Library staff (1 Coordinator and 2 Project Officers). The reading sessions were conducted in the afternoon for 2 hours per day, for 2 to 4 days each week.

All tutors participated in 2-day training led by the Mobile Library team. The training focuses on reading facilitation skills, COVID prevention, understanding of child safeguarding and child protection; and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Assault and Harassment (PSEAH). Tutors' knowledge of the topics was assessed through pre and post-tests.

The project targets community children in grade 1 to 3 primary school and also includes children in grade 4 and beyond who need literacy support. The children's literacy skills were assessed before and after the project through pre and post-tests. Pre-test were done for children in the 12 centers in September 2021. The post-test result will be conducted at the end of the project implementation (June 2022).

The Mobile Library team also celebrated International Literacy Day with communities in Raebutigeon, Laclo Administrative Post of Manatuto municipality. 160 people participated including local authorities, community members and children from 3 reading centers (Labitin,



No	Carry Over Centers	Newly Established Centers
1	Mantane	Bua
2	Cara	Raebutigeon
3	Hatuconan	Diric-Un
4	Labitin	Funar
5	Caunua	
6	Bahareduk	
7	Orlalan	
8	Batara	



Raebutigeon and Bua). The activities included reading competitions and games, and speeches by school leaders, local authorities and Alola representatives on the importance of literacy. Local authorities and school leaders emphasized the importance of reading for children and called on parents to encourage and support their children's reading.

During the financial year (July 2020 – June 2021) the post-test results showed 377 children (F: 177 and M: 200) participated in reading sessions and attended pre and post-tests across the 12 centers. Overall, children's literacy skills have increased 18% on average based on pre and post-tests results administered by the Mobile Library team.

In 2021 the Mobile Library also visited 5 communities in Dili with the support from Alola

Australia. The Mobile Library van was packed with reading resources (e.g. reading stories, balls, musical instruments) and visited each community for 2 hours each week. 524 children (F: 231 and M: 293) accessed the reading session from grade 1 to 3 of primary school. A total of 53 reading sessions were conducted in the 5 communities throughout the year.

5 communities in Dili where the project is implemented:

Community	Adm. Post	# of Children	
		M	F
Camea Rai-Hun	Cristo-Rei	72	54
Camea Ailele-Hun	Cristo-Rei	38	36
Mota-Klik Hera	Cristo-Rei	93	79
Casnafar	Vera-Cruz	41	33
Beduku	Tibar-Liquica	49	29
Total		293	231

Number of Students



COMMUNITY-BASED PRESCHOOLS PROJECT

The Community-Based Preschool (CBPS) Project manages home-based and center-based community-based preschools in Ermera and Viqueque. This year, CBPS continued managing 104 centers which are facilitated by 193 trained facilitators. A total of 2,892 students enrolled this fiscal year while 1,655 students transitioned from upper kindergarten to primary schools in both municipalities. 184 facilitators (F: 141 and M: 43) participated in 2-day refresher training which was facilitated by project staff in respective municipalities. The training focused on classroom management and creating learning material with locally available resources.

CBPS is funded by the New Zealand Embassy through UNICEF



Timor-Leste. The schools continued collaborating with 150 School Management Committees for overall management and were regularly monitored by 9 project staff in both municipalities.

4 preschool buildings were constructed by UNICEF and handed over to communities. The handover ceremony participants included Vice-Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, New Zealand Ambassador, UNICEF Representative, Alola Foundation staff, local authorities, communities, School Management Committees and facilitators. The 4 centers are accessed by 174 students with 10 facilitators (F: 9 and M: 1).

Municipality	Administrative Post	Center	Students	
			M	F
ERMERA	Railaco	Titibuti	12	24
	Atsabe	Biliubu	28	28
VIQUEQUE	Uatulari	Uaical	18	12
	Ossu	Nahareca	25	27
Total			83	91

A Success Story

COMMUNITY-BASED PRESCHOOL LEADS CHILDREN ACCESS TO EARLY EDUCATION

The government prioritized the education sector when Timor-Leste gained its independence in 2002. The Ministry of Education Youth and Sport worked with various organizations of local and international to support education development progress within the country – it aims to bring people, communities, and children access to early education.

Preschool Bili-Ubu is located in Obulo village, Administrative Post of Atsabe, Ermera Municipality. In 2015, Non-Governmental Organization Institutu Matadalan Integradu (IMI) conducted a mobilization to communities and local authorities to establish a new preschool in the community. Parents and local authorities indeed assent to establish a new preschool. They decided to choose facilitators to attend the 10-day training on teaching methodology in Gleno before conducting teaching in the preschool. A few days later, they started to register new children for community-based preschools to start learning.

Community's house was their first 2-year home-based center for the learning process activities as this preschool was continuously engaged by the School Management Commission members. Then, Field officers, SMC members, and communities conducted a





meeting and decided to contribute nails, woods, and tin to build a new center-based preschool. Provisionally, they moved from home-based to the constructed center-based for 2 years to run their learning activities. Alola Foundation supported this preschool from the first until now by doing the monitoring and providing training to facilitators and SMC members.

A local facilitator Armindo Maria Horta said; “we feel proud of the training on teaching basic methodology, School Management, Child Development, Child Protection, and Parenting Education. It is about how to carry out children's learning, health, and social relationships in the classroom and help them learn and understand fast. The advantage of given materials is helpful for us to use for teaching in the class and it attracts children who desire to learn more – they can write and read as we use these materials based on the session plan.”

In 2019, Alola Foundation and UNICEF carry out a survey and decided to build a new Preschool for Bili-Ubu. The construction took the duration of 2-year and a half by the tradesman and communities from commenced until finished. On 29th November 2021, the inauguration of this preschool by the Ministry of Education Youths and Sports was participated by New Zealand Ambassador, UNICEF Country Representatives, and Alola Foundation and Care International Timor-Leste.

Dr. Armindo Maia spoke in his remark, “*Today children started to grow more within*

the societies with various creativities, and even they stay in rural areas. That is why the development of partners in cooperation with Unicef, Alola Foundation, Care International, and New Zealand Ambassador constructed a community-based preschool building in Bili-Ubu to facilitate children from 3-5 years old can be participated in the learning process. In addition, a UNICEF country

representa

tive spoke on his remark and said, “To the children of Biliubu, I ask that you grab this opportunity to learn and be prepared for school so that you can realize your dreams of becoming anything you want. That is why New Zealand Ambassador was proud as can work with the dedicated team of Unicef and Alola to construct the building for communities. Meanwhile, the head of village Obulo asked the MoEYS to keep attention to the preschool, especially



Municipality	Schools		S – LKG		S – UKG		Facilitators		Administrative Posts Covered
	HB	CB	M	F	M	F	M	F	
ERMERA	21	37	362	381	585	490	35	74	Railaco, Gleno, Alsabe, Letefoho & Hatolia
VIQUEQUE	16	30	231	263	316	264	10	74	Ossu & Uatulari
Total	104	1237	1655	193	7				

HB: Home-Based | CB: Center-Based | S-LKG: Students in Lower kindergarten
 *S-UKG: Students in Upper Kindergarten – Students who transition from UKG to Primary School.

*to the facilitators, when at the end of the Alola warrant, facilitators continued to contribute their knowledge by supporting MoEYSs. Responding to those preoccupations, MoEYS Dr. Armindo Maia said that MoEYS has worked with partners with Alola Foundation to keep supporting the referred preschool as education prepares our future and education is our wealth. ”**

**(Source at facebook page; Unicef Timor-Leste and [Ministério da Educação, Juventude e Desporto on 25th July 2022](#))*

Alola Foundation and UNICEF supported Community-Based Preschool from 2015 until now despite the preschool getting its inauguration by the MoEYS. The advantage of the new preschool building that was built by Alola and UNICEF made can provide a worthy place for the children in the community.

That is why; the teams keep supporting this preschool through monitoring and mentoring so far. The main objective is to bring children from 3-5 years old access to education in rural areas.



A photograph of three women in a workshop setting, surrounded by various colorful woven textiles. One woman in a white shirt is holding up a piece of light purple fabric with a fringe. Another woman in a pink floral shirt stands to the right, and a third woman in a red shirt is partially visible on the left. The background is filled with hanging and folded textiles in various patterns and colors like green, blue, pink, and brown.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

The Economic Empowerment Program (EEP) works with vulnerable women to identify and develop economic opportunities through the handicraft development, culture preservation and livelihood programs. Alola Foundation supports these groups through skills development in business and financial literacy, product quality improvements, access to markets, provide gender-based risk management and connect beneficiaries to microfinance institution for economic support to sustain livelihoods. The program goal is to strengthen women's economic participation in order to improve the status of women, increase their income generation opportunities, promote women's economic independence, and culture preservation.

HANDICRAFT DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE PRESERVATION PROJECT

In line with culture preservation goals, the Alola Foundation's Economic Empowerment program (EEP) continued to support the artisanal producer groups around Timor-Leste through the yearly Alola Market Fair. This year, 53 artisanal producer groups attended the fair to showcase their unique and creative merchandise and earned a total revenue in the amount of USD 8,274.50. This market event was a great opportunity for all artisans to showcase and promote their individual creativity and also provided a market to sell their merchandise to the customers.

The products showcased during the fair varied from traditional Tais fabrics, traditional Tais scarves, ceramic home decor, dolls, wood carvings, recycle plastic pot plants and flower pots, miniature homes using recycle material, various accessories for women, local soap, virgin coconut oil, traditional herbs, local coffee and food. During the fair, EEP team arranged a weaver from one of the municipalities who demonstrated the intricate art of weaving a traditional Tais to all customers who attended. This was a great learning and experience for



buyers who were able to understand the work and value carried out in weaving a traditional Tais.

Prior to the Market Fair, the EEP Team in partnership with Mercy Corps facilitated a workshop to upscaling the artisanal group capacity. It was attended by 16 participants. The sessions covered innovative ways to recycle plastic that produced attractive and saleable products, sharing experience and knowledge with the artisans on how to understand customer needs and improve their product quality, be able to market their product and the importance of transparency.





WOMEN AND GIRLS EMPOWERED-BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SUPPORT TO FEMALE ENTREPRENEURS IN TIMOR-LESTE (WAGE/BEST) PROJECT

This project integrated women's economic empowerment activities with gender-based violence risk mitigation. It was aimed to address the intertwined social, economic, and regulatory challenges faced by female micro-entrepreneurs in starting, maintaining, and expanding their businesses. It leveraged on the capacity of microfinance institutions (MFIs) and women's empowerment-focused civil society organizations (WE CSOs) who provided female entrepreneurs with access to financial, entrepreneurial and social support. Economic health is one of the critical issues in Timor-Leste due to Covid-19 pandemic and lockdowns.

Women in Timor-Leste are faced with greater challenges developing and scaling their businesses than men, including intertwined, gendered business and social barriers. This year, Alola Foundation (AF) and Moris Rasik (MR) conducted linkage plan activities to help address these issues through mutually-beneficial linkages between MFI's and CSO's in Timor-Leste. It was formalized to expand female entrepreneurs' access financial, business, and gender-based violence (GBV) services. One of the benefits of this activity was that Alola Foundation beneficiaries were able to access financial services from MR and vice versa the MR clients were able to get business education information from the Alola Team. These activities were held in Liquica and Ermera municipalities with 300 participants who took part in the program.



We identified a need that the MFI's who served women as the majority of their client portfolio, needed to improve their staff's understanding of the multifaceted gendered barriers and dynamics women entrepreneurs face that included GBV which prevented them from starting and maintaining a successful business and how these could be addressed through gender responsive financial products and linkages to social services. Alola Advocacy Team facilitated a workshop to 90 MRF Team members addressing this and building their capacity on gender responsive sensitivity.



WEAVERS NETWORKING – SHARING STRATEGIES FOR EMPOWERMENT, OWNERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

This joint project by Timor Aid and Fundasaun Alola (TAFa), supported by UN Women was aimed to support weavers access and participate in spheres where they may influence economic policies and access their economic rights, contribute to Timor-Leste's vision of a 'gender-fair society where human, dignity and women's rights are valued, protected and promoted by our laws and culture'.

The project was focused on the existing pilot phase Weavers' Network established in Lautem and Oecusse. The network acted as an umbrella to unite the existing weaving groups in each municipality for the purpose of political advocacy, and as a focal point for communication with external stakeholders, skill and capacity development, and collaboration on supply chains and market opportunities. They provided space for weavers to associate as an advocacy and capacity development mechanism centering weavers as drivers of their own empowerment. Several activities were carried out to enhance the capacity of the Weavers' Network in 2021 that included training on leadership, gender sensitive, proposal writing, budgeting, and reporting as well as basic financial management to 100 women weavers in the two municipalities.

In addition, in line with culture preservation and livelihoods, the Weavers' Network also received training on weaving practice to engage young women, product diversification, material calculation as well as how to standardise pricing.

With regards to empowering the voice of women from municipality level according to their intellectual property right in terms of intangible culture heritage, the TAFa Team supported each of the elected leaders of the Weavers' Network from the two municipalities. The team developed their advocacy plan and recommendations which was then presented to the Municipality Authority, local leaders and stakeholders to influence policy, and to access their economic rights and decent work.



Double The Impact:

INCREASING MICROCREDIT FOR LIVELIHOODS AND SUSTAINING COMMUNITY LED SUPPORT FOR ISOLATED MOTHERS AND BABIES

The Economic Empowerment Program joined the Maternal and Child Health program (MCH) to monitor microfinance activities carried out by the Village Love Mother and Babies/Suku Hadomi inan no Oan (SHIO) group in the Municipality of Ainaro, Aileu and Liquica. This activity was supported by Sunrise Joint Venture (SJV) and SANTOS through the MCH program carried out when the SHIO group was ready to graduate. The grant objective was to support SHIO members in carrying out savings and loan activities in the village to empower them to be financially sustainable and also assist them to be capable to serve the community when the need arose.

This year, we noticed that the average revenue earned from the activities did not significantly increase due to the Covid-19 impacts. However, the little amount earned from the activities went towards supporting the program which enabled us to be able to provide the necessary support that the SHIO groups required to ensure sustainability of community outreach programs. It also ensured that the SHIO groups established, remained strong and were able to continue to disseminate their knowledge and community services as stated in their testimony shared at this year's SHIO's graduation.

Furthermore, during the monitoring process, the SHIO group members and local leaders provided an update on the micro lending activities and advised that it had improved community lives. The micro lending activity supported the communities by financially enabling the SHIO group members through the use of the interest gained in the transactions and were able to hire local transportation to transport pregnant women to the health facility for delivery.





ADVOCACY PROGRAM

To promote women's rights in 2021, the Advocacy program implemented several activities including advocacy for the rights of victims of Gender Based Violence, capacity building for women and youth, socialization on COVID-19 prevention as well as raising public awareness regarding Women's Human Rights. The key objectives of the program are to strengthen Women's Leadership as well as strengthen collaboration with stakeholders at the national and municipality level to ensure gender equality and to eliminate violence and discrimination against women and girls.

During this year, with the support of UN Women and UNFPA, the SPOTLIGHT project has been introduced at both community and school levels. These activities were implemented through 2 (two) sub programs under the Advocacy Program: National Women's Resource Center and Municipality Support Program (MSP).

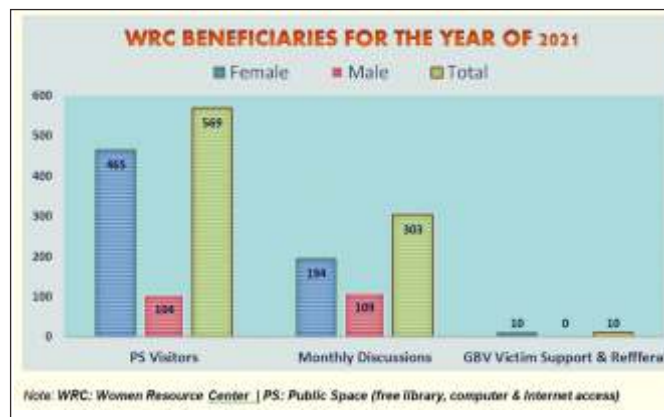
The program achievements in 2021 are as follows:

WOMEN RESOURCE CENTER (WRC)



Based on the mission of the Women's Resource Center (WRC) as a link to information, the WRC conducted activities including monthly discussions which targeted youth and women's groups to increase their knowledge on HIV/AIDS, Sexual and Reproductive Health, and Human Trafficking prevention. The WRC's regular activities also included training on public speaking and introducing the Law Against Domestic Violence. Moreover, the WRC provided public spaces for visitors to access the mini library, free internet and public computer, as well as assisted victims of Gender Based Violence (GBV).

The outcome of the Women's Resource Center in 2021 included: Basic computer use, free access to internet and mini library with total attendants of 569 students (F: 465 & M:104), and monthly discussions engaging 303 people (F:194 & Male:109). Within 2021, the Alola WRC team supported and referred a total 40 victims of GBV and provided 10 humanitarian packages. The details of the participants are as follow:



MUNICIPALITY SUPPORT PROGRAM (MSP)

The principal objective of Municipality Support Program (MSP) is to strengthen women's participation at both National and municipal levels. In 2021, this project focussed on building the capacity of school teachers, parents and students through training, and regular discussions on several topics including GBV, Domestic Violence law and Human Trafficking law.



Below are the activities undertaken by the MSP within 2021:

A SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE ON “CONNECT WITH RESPECT” AT SCHOOL LEVEL

In 2021, Fundasaun Alola led an innovative project entitled “Connect with Respect” (CWR) in a consortium with a local NGO named Mane Ho Vizaun Foun (MHVF). The CWR is a project supported by European Union's Spotlight Initiative through UN Women. The



project aimed to prevent gender-based violence at the school level by working with parents, teachers and pre-secondary school students. The CWR was implemented in three municipalities of Ermera, Viqueque and Bobonaro within 15 targeted schools. To implement the CWR project, Fundasaun Alola established a national reference group composed of representatives from Ministry of Education (Curriculum Department, Planning Department, and Gender Focal Point), National Institute for Training of Teachers and Education Professionals (INFORDEPE), Secretary of State for Equality and Inclusion (SEII), Institute for Defence of Children's Rights (INDDICA), UN Women and MHVF. The Alola team delivered training on CWR for 453 parents (F: 263 and M: 190) in the target municipalities.

Number of beneficiaries on CWR	
 Women	263
 Men	190
TOTAL	453

Below are the success stories from parents regarding their participation in the training.

SUCCESS STORY FROM PRISCA AMARAL, A HOUSEWIFE

Violence always happened in my family life. Through the training I increased my knowledge about how to change negative behaviour to positive behaviour. After attending the 5 days training, I feel happy because it's useful for me and my family, and also for the community. The knowledge that I have gained, I will apply to my family and friends on how to prevent or avoid all forms of violence in society including in Lacluta Sub District.



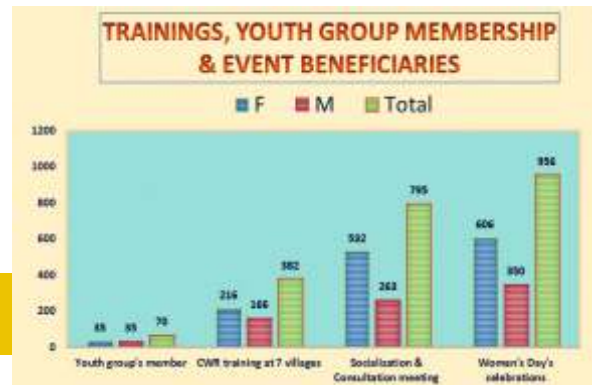


SUCCESS STORY FROM CESARIO MARIA CLEREK, A FARMER

“Before attending this training I never understood the types of violence and how to educate my children as well. After participating in the five days trainings, it has increased my knowledge about the types of violence and how to educate children with respect. I promise to practice what I got in this training with my family and neighbors, for example: implementing gender equality through giving balance opportunities to my daughters and sons to access formal education, and respecting mutual decisions”.

A SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE ON “PREVENTION OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE” AT COMMUNITY LEVEL

With the support from UNFPA through European Union funding, in 2021, Fundasaun Alola delivered another Spotlight Project focusing on the prevention of Gender Based Violence (GBV) at community level.



The activity was implemented in Viqueque Municipality with good support and collaboration from local authorities including community leaders. The project also targeted the youth within 7 villages of Bahalara Uain, Bibileo, Luca, Loi Hunu, Uma Tolu, Babulu and Uani-Uma of Viqueque municipality and established 7 youth groups as youth activism within the targeted villages. The youth activism groups were established through a process of consultation and socialization meetings with community members in each of the villages which were attended by total of 211 participants. During the implementation, the team also delivered a campaign on the prevention of early pregnancy, and sexual reproductive health with 795 youth (F: 532 and M: 263) attending. In addition, the team organised celebrations of International Rural Women's Day, National Women's Day, and 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence at the targeted villages which reached a total of 956 participants (F: 606 and M: 350).

Moreover, the team also conducted CWR training within the seven targeted villages with the total of 382 participants consisting of students, teachers, youth, members of villages councils, veterans and community members. In order to increase knowledge and improve practices, the team also distributed 3,200 Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials including T-shirts, umbrellas, water bottles, stickers, pamphlets, and brochures as well as COVID-19 prevention materials to the beneficiaries in Viqueque Municipality.

SOCIALIZATION ON PREVENTION OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

In addition to the activities of GBV prevention mentioned above, the Fundasaun Alola was also held socializations on the prevention of gender based violence in 9 municipalities (Baucau, Viqueque, Ainaro, Bobonaro, Liqueca, Aileu, Manufahi, Oecusse and Manatuto).

The beneficiaries of this activity were the women who access health facilities and received maternity packs delivered by Fundasaun Alola and supported by UNFPA. There were 245 women from 14 health facilities in the nine targeted municipalities.



EMPOWER RURAL WOMEN'S GROUP ON BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP



In 2021, with the support of Blue Mountain East Timor Sister (BMETS), Fundasaun Alola supported 7 rural women's groups of Mauchiga, Mulo, Nunumoge, Taurem, Apostolu, Hauteo and Tatiri Village from Hatubilico sub-district of Ainaro municipality. During the year, the Alola Advocacy team delivered training for these women's groups on how to manage a business and Leadership with the aim of enabling the groups to run a small business to better support their own livelihoods and decision making. As the result of the business management training, the women's groups run small businesses such as providing furniture for hire for events, as well as Savings and Loans

groups that generate income to support their group and family needs. The graphic below showed the result of small business income generated by the 7 women's groups in Hatubuilico.

STRENGTHEN CSO'S CAPACITY AND RAISING AWARENESS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN TIMOR-LESTE

In 2021, Fundasaun Alola in partnership with The Asia Foundation implemented a project entitled “Strengthen the Capacity of Civil Society Organizations (CSO) in Public Outreach and Awareness on Trafficking in Persons”. The project focused at the National level by strengthening civil society organizations through the Human Trafficking (HT) Working Group, and awareness raising at the community level for Dili Municipality. During the implementation, the team undertook activities including facilitating meetings, updating membership of the HT Working Group, and promoting action on the human trafficking issue. Furthermore, the Alola Advocacy team convened HT Working Group meetings to update information for the members and discuss the possibility to take action for the human trafficking problem in Timor-Leste. Ten members participated in the meeting which includes: Fundasaun Alola, JSMP, ALFeLa, PRADET, Cabinet of Civil Society Support Office (GASC) of the Prime Minister, Women's Network, MHVF, MOFFE and ADTL.

In addition, in order to raise awareness, the Alola Advocacy team socialized the Human Trafficking Law as well as its prevention and protection for the community members within 3 villages (We Nunuk, Santa Cruz, and Becora) of Dili municipality. The event was a successful collaboration with the local authorities and attended by the community members including youth and community leaders with the total of 115 (F: 90 & M: 25) beneficiaries. As a result, the participants gained a better understanding of the law against Human Trafficking as well as how to prevent and protect against human trafficking in their villages. ***





ALOLA SUPPORTED WOMEN AND CHILDREN **DURING EMERGENCIES (FLOOD AND COVID-19 PANDEMIC)**

SUPPORT CHILDREN THROUGH CHILD FRIENDLY SPACE DURING FLOOD EMERGENCY IN DILI



Within 2021, in partnership with UNICEF and Ministry of Social Solidarity, Fundasaun Alola had supported children who were affected by flood in April 2021 at 3 IDP camps in Dili. Fundasaun Alola through its Advocacy and Education team extend their support through the creation of a child-friendly space activities at the IDPs of Cristal Catholic School, September 4 School and Metiaut IDP camps. The objective of the child friendly space is to promote protection and psychosocial wellbeing for children in emergency setting. At this space, the team introduced and facilitate activities of reading and learn together with children age 2-14 years old for painting, and



writing, singing together, dancing and playing games.

In addition, the children including their family were also received face masks and hand sanitizer to prevent

from COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, children age 7-14 years old who were from 2 IDP camps of Cristal and September 4 had been assisted by the Alola team to visit to the Alola's Public Space under its Women' Resource Center to learn basic computer and had a free access to the internet as well as mini library.

Number of beneficiaries (children)	
 Women	858
 Men	663
TOTAL	1,521

Total 1,521 (Girls: 858 & Boys: 663) children participated in the space provided and being as the beneficiaries of the program to increase their skill and knowledge.

NURTURING CARE SAFE SPACE (COMMUNITY SETTING & EMERGENCIES)

In solidarity for the flood victims (4th April 2021) and to support Ministry of Health, Fundasaun Alola's Maternal and Child Health team with technical and logistical support from MCH-IYCF Consultant, Dr. Magdalena Whoolery established the first "Nurturing Care - Breastfeeding Rescue" safe place for the emergency response. The Nurturing space is compact and mobile, providing an innovative

means to integrate Maternal Child Health (MCH) and Infant, Young Child Feeding (IYCF) recommended practices for emergencies. The Nurturing Safe Space can be scaled up in the non-emergency context to rural communities, linked to Sisca, for antenatal period to 5 years of age. Forming grandmother and mother groups for nurturing care, to build community capacity, so that Nurturing Care spaces can subsequently sustain on their own.

The Nurturing space provides comfort to all mothers, children and their families in difficult times, where they can access life-saving breastfeeding support, including relactation to re-establish breastfeeding for mixed/formula feeding mothers. To prevent child morbidity and mortality, high risk groups including mixed and formula feeders can be quickly identified to avert malnutrition. The program includes a “Bottle Amnesty”, whereby Alola sensitize families who are bottle feeding about the risks, teach safe cup feeding and remove the bottle in exchange for a cup and sensitise on nutrition and where needed, begin the process of relactation.

In collaboration with MoH, UNICEF, WHO and IBFAN the Alola team monitors and reports violations of the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes. This work includes sensitizing people onsite on the need to protect breastfeeding and prevent for the prevalent and dangerous unethical marketing and distributions of formula, bottles, milk products and other items that could undermine child survival, especially during emergencies. Support is provided for pregnant women and recommended health interventions, such as skin-to-skin contact, education on eating local nutritious foods and other maternal-child health and nutrition counselling integrated.

The program also provides support for families in responsive caregiving, early childhood development learning, including play, reading and activities such as singing to bring some joy and learning to children and their families.

The Nurturing safe space provides psychosocial care to families, including peer support and practical lessons and guidance on parenting. For newborns, psychological support means skin-to-skin and breastfeeding, and if babies are separated for some reasons from their mothers, that other parents and or family members are supported to do skin to skin, responsive feeding and other care / parenting aspects.



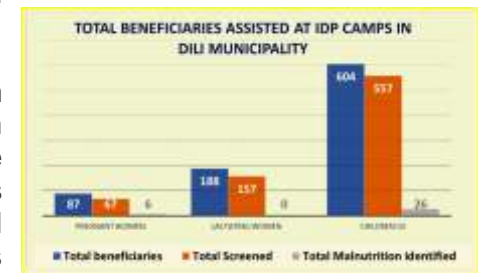


To help scale up efforts, the Alola team with the support of Thailand Embassy of Timor-Leste, identified 48 peer counsellors of Mother Support Group and train them to continue nurturing care practices in the emergency. Any urgent maternal or child cases are flagged, checked, helped and referred to health facilities/Ministry of Health and followed up by the Alola team. The program builds from the Breastfeeding Cafe concept at the National Hospital (HNGV) and our efforts for a more family-friendly environment in the emergency context.

EMERGENCY NUTRITION RESPONSE DURING FLOOD IN DILI MUNICIPALITY

In April 2021, Timor-Leste was affected by a disaster caused by the heavy rains across Timor-Leste which caused flash floods and landslides across all 13 municipalities. Dili municipality was one of the worst affected by the flood which had resulted in the number of people and families being temporarily sheltered at the evacuation center for life saving. In order to support mother and children's health and nutrition specially to increase IYCF practices in the evacuation centres in Dili which aims to protect, promote, and support the infant and young child feeding,

Fundasaun Alola with the support from UNICEF and in collaboration with Ministry of Health organized and facilitate Mother Support Groups (MSG) members of Dili Municipality in undertake a flood emergency nutrition response as well as COVID-19 prevention toward pregnant, lactating women and children under 5 years old. The activities undertaken at the evacuation center were includes Support the evacuation centres to prepare food for children age 6-23 months as well as for pregnant and lactating women. The team assist the mother and children by providing local food supplies and hold a daily Cooking Demonstrations to educate caretakers on preparation of recommended diversified diet for children 6-59 months as well as for pregnant and lactating women.





In addition, an individual counselling on the importance of optimal infant and young child feeding which includes breastfeeding and disadvantage of formula feeding using the IYCF flowcharts were also provided to mothers and caregivers by the MSG members at the evacuation centers.

Apart from this, the team had done a regular weekly screening on malnutrition for all of the children age 0-59 months as well as pregnant women and lactating mothers who had a baby under 6 months old in Evacuation centres. In order to prevent COVID-19, the team also distribute face mask and hand sanitizer to the target groups at the evacuation centres.



As a result, 1030 household with the total of 87 pregnant women and 188 lactating women as well as 604 children being assisted by the team within 22 evacuation centers of Dili municipality. Out this number, there were 67 pregnant women and 188 lactating women attended screening for malnutrition. From the screening result showed that 6 out of 67 pregnant women were suffer malnutrition and they had referred to of lactating women nearby CHC for better treatment while none having malnutrition.

Despite pregnant screening for 557 and as the result, 15 from moderate malnutrition. referred to health mothers received Young Child intake during



and lactating women, the team also did children under 5 years old at the IDP camps children were identified as being suffered malnutrition and 11 were on severe Children who suffer from malnutrition had facility for better treatment. In addition, 629 individual counselling as well as 668 family family education on optimal Infant and Feeding and the importance of nutrition pregnancy and lactation.

ALOOLA SUPPORTED WOMEN AND CHILDREN DURING COVID LOCKDOWNS

The Timor-Leste government put a lot of effort to prevent its population from COVID-19 pandemic, through vaccination rollouts, COVID testing, isolation and quarantine measures, and State of Emergency lockdowns. During lockdowns, Alola staff in Dili worked in the office in rotation to enable the organization to continue to function and support beneficiaries. Trips to municipalities required staff to have COVID tests, and written approval from the Government's Center of Integrated Crisis Management (CIJK) to travel outside Dili. Staff of Maternal and Child Health and Education programs were authorized by CIJK to travel to support our beneficiaries and target communities out in municipalities. All activities were adapted to include COVID prevention measures such as, distribution of materials for COVID prevention, as well as to support some beneficiaries who have been affected by the flood in April 2021.

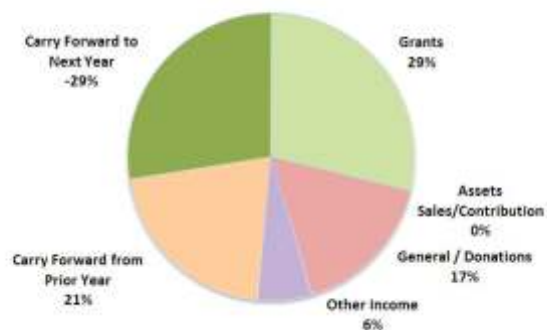


FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ALOLA

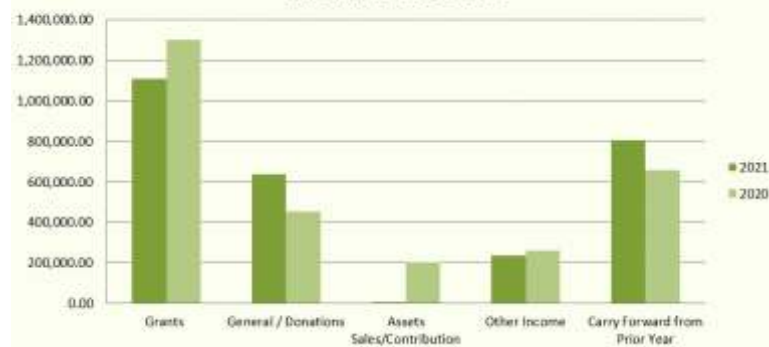
INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2020	2021
		\$	\$
Income	2	1,810,530.60	1,493,423.43
Cost of Projects		-1,278,640.67	-1,074,671.28
Expenses		- 579,013.19	- 635,228.58
Other Income		258,016.63	236,093.18
Surplus/deficit after income tax		210,893.37	19,616.75
Note 2: Revenue			
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME			
Grants		1,302,232.12	1,107,926.18
General / Donations		450,860.56	637,760.43
Assets Sales/Contribution		204,222.98	382.55
Other Income		258,016.63	236,093.18
Carry Forward from Prior Year		657,909.86	804,694.92
Carry Forward to Next Year		- 804,694.92	- 1,057,340.65
Total Revenue		<u>2,068,547.23</u>	<u>1,729,516.61</u>

Revenue & Other Income



Revenue 2020-2021



BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER, 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,068,523.01	919,731.88
Account Receivables and Other Debtors	446,880.45	273,756.75
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,1513,403.46	1,193,488.63
<u>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Property and Equipment, net	239,583.57	297,998.35
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	239,583.57	297,998.35
TOTAL ASSETS	1,754,987.03	1,491,486.98
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Accounts Payables and Other Payables	1,015,497.71	824,952.00
Payroll Liabilities	91,086.63	37,749.04
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,106,584.34	862,701.04
<u>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,106,584.34	862,701.04
NET ASSETS	648,402.69	628,785.94
EQUITY	648,402.69	628,785.94

SUMMARISED INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF FUNDASAUN ALOLA

We have audited the financial statements of Fundasaun Alola, which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2021 and the profit and loss statement for the year then ended.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Management of Fundasaun Alola is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these annual financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

Our audit procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, the evaluation of the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that audit evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provides a basis for our opinion.

Auditors Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Fundasaun Alola as at December 31, 2021 and of its financial performance for the year then ended.

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