



MEDIA RELEASE: Hatete water project July update

TLV are very pleased with how the water project is progressing. Members of the team visited the village early in July. When they arrived they were overwhelmed by the welcome they received. The whole community had come out to greet them with school students lining the road singing, and community leaders greeting them with a traditional Timorese welcome.

During the day it was clear that the community, along with the Timorese engineers engaged, are all very pleased with how the project is progressing. Community involvement has exceeded everyone's expectations and water has already reached Hatete!

TLV members along with those involved walked a 3km journey, from Hatete alongside the pipes and up to the reservoir tanks, which are located near the water source. Along the way, the community proudly showed their work including the trenches where the pipes are laid; the connections between the pipes; and the water pressure at the different distribution points.

The local maintenance crew was also introduced, who are being training on the skills required to successfully maintain the water system into the future.

Long-term plans were also discussed on the distribution of water from the main distribution tank to individual homes; and the construction of public toilets in key locations around the village including the school and church.

This partnership between TLV and Hatete is a continuation of a relationship that began in World War II, when an Australian soldier (from the 2/2nds Commando force) was helped by the community leader's father. It is an important relationship that all are proud of and look forward to strengthening in the years to come.

'This project will change the lives of every person in the community.' Antonio Marcel

Hatolia is a sub-district of Ermera that is located south west of Dili, the capital of Timor Leste and Hatete is a small village located in the eastern mountains of the sub-district.

This small, isolated village is home to over 77 families with a community school, chapel and a small medical clinic. And the only source of water that

is available to the community is a 3km walk away. Timor Leste Vision is now working with the Hatete community to address this important need.

TLV were introduced to the people of Hatete when, together with the Parish of Hatolia, they submitted a project proposal to TLV in 2013. The proposal detailed Hatete's urgent need, along with the commitment of the community to the project. They also detailed their strategy for ensuring the long-term maintenance of the water delivery system.

After gaining the support of the Department of Water and Sanitation, TLV formalised the partnership with the Hatete Community through the signing of a detailed partnership agreement. It has been agreed that this project will be completed in 2 phases:

Stage1: Water delivery system

The system will deliver water to the community facilities including the school and medical clinic and all 77 households.

Stage 2: Sanitation

Public toilets will be built at the school and TLV will work with the school to develop and deliver lessons regarding the importance of hygiene.