



Timor Leste Vision Annual Report

1st January — 31st December 2021



Our Guiding Principles

Cultural Awareness	All activities are respectful, relevant and developed in consultation with local communities.
Sustainability	All activities are sustainable in that the benefits from the Association’s activities should continue on after the activities have ceased.
Ethical Practice	All activities are in accordance with ethical best practice.
Accountability	All activities will be undertaken professionally and transparently and there will be open communication with all stakeholders.
Capacity Strengthening	All activities will empower and develop capacity in local communities.
Co-Investment	All activities are undertaken in partnership with local Timor Leste individuals and organisations, with genuine contributions made by all parties, to

Incorporated, Charitable Status and Tax Deductibility Status

Date of Incorporation 1st August 2005
ABN Number 20 906 576 604
Registered charity with the ACNC since 3 December 2012
Registered for Overseas Tax Deductibility

United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals

TLV is proud to have been able to contribute to the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals through our projects:

- ⇒ Goal 3: Good Health and Wellbeing
- ⇒ Goal 4: Quality Education
- ⇒ Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
- ⇒ Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities
- ⇒ Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities





TLV has completed projects in the areas of:

Ermera

Ainaro

Manufahi

Manatuto

Chair's Report

2021 was a difficult year world-wide in regards to Co-Vid19 and for Timor Leste Vision (TLV).

Project implementation and fundraising opportunities were impacted due to lockdowns and necessary restrictions. Though there were these challenges, with modern technology we were able to communicate regularly via zoom and WhatsApp meetings. Abel, President of TLV Timor and Christian, Project Manager based in Perth, were able to begin to plan the kindergarten/pre-school project in Ponilala, District of Ermera. We were able to have the football tipping again, crowd funding for the flooding catastrophe and later in the year a movie night was shown and the TLV Quiz Night was once again held and was a sold-out event. Thanks to the TLV Fundraising team for the many hours of organisation given for our successful events.

On 4th April 2021 Timor Leste was hit with catastrophic flooding, causing:

- 33,177 total affected households across

country

- 13,554 temporary displaced people in Dili
- 40 evacuation facilities in Dili
- 44 fatalities that have been recorded
- 2,163 Hectares of agricultural areas affected across the country

Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, water pipes and other public infrastructure was either destroyed or damaged. A fundraising campaign was launched over three months and with funds raised we were able to assist many people who urgently needed help. More can be read on page 6.

Eduardo Oliveira stepped down as a General Committee member due to work and family commitments. We thank Eduardo for his time, energy and involvement, he was valued.

Congratulations to Anna, TLV Secretary, and her partner Nick, who welcomed into the world their new little baby daughter Ellie.

Finally, we would like to thank all of the TLV volunteers and supporters for your time, commitment and generosity in working together for the people of Timor Leste.

We thank the TLV Executive Committee for their enthusiasm, passion, ideas, fun, teamwork and hard work during 2021 and beyond.

Joanne Pollard and Klara Bungey-Starr
Co-Chairpersons

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TLV Timor—Inspirational and Tireless

Abel Da Costa Concecao - President

Antonio da Costa Martins - Project Officer



Timor Leste Vision is ready to be an extension of your hands to help those on the grounds.

Thank you for your solidarity!

Flooding Disaster—4th April 2021

The Flooding

The people in Timor Leste went through a heartbreaking time on Easter Sunday, being 4th April, when it was hit with torrential rain and storms, causing devastating flooding to a country already suffering terribly from Covid, and on its knees as one of the world's poorest and hungriest nations.

The impact of the 2021 flooding was staggering – significant loss of life, many thousands of people had been displaced and were living between 30 camps, lack of sanitation, water pipes being damaged or destroyed, infrastructure damage and destruction, thousands at risk of starvation, malnutrition and disease.

Together, the TLV Perth, TLV Timor and our supporters were able to give assistance and deliver critical items including food, water, baby needs and other essential items for the most vulnerable in the community. 125 university students also registered with us and also needed urgent assistance for food and accommodation. Due to CoVid19 restrictions families were unable to enter Dili to help their children.

We worked exclusively based on the immediate community needs as expressed by our TLV team in Timor Leste, and were able to assist besieged families within 48 hours of the catastrophic flooding. TLV Timor was able to give immediate response to urgent requests from communities and individuals in desperate need. Please see next page for a summary of the assistance TLV was able to provide.

- 250+ children under five, were in evacuation centres in Dili
- 43 evacuation centres in Dili
- 33,835 total affected households across country
- 13,534 temporary displaced people in dili
- 48 fatalities have been recorded
- 4,546 houses destroyed or damaged across the country
- 2,660 hectares of agricultural areas affected across the country
- Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, water pipes and other public infrastructure was either destroyed or badly damaged.

(UN Resident Coordinator's office)



TLV Flooding

Response Actions

TLV initiated an immense fundraising campaign in Perth, WA, and immediately were able to send funds to the TLV Timor team to assist those affected and in need.

The TLV Timor team were able to hit the ground running, and worked tirelessly, within a few days, delivering food, water, vouchers for food and accommodation for students.

We had many requests on the ground asking for urgent assistance and conducted specific fundraising which raised sufficient funds to enable TLV Timor to:

- Distribute critical food, water, other essential items) to over 550 families.
- Distribute food to 137 students who had been unable to work to sustain themselves and had little or no food.
- Ensure 20 students had accommodation and living needs. The students were to be evicted due to being unable to pay for their accommodation due to consequences of the flooding and families unable to assist.
- Making deliveries of fresh water to areas and sucos within Dili that were in urgent need.



Delivering and collecting water from the water truck



Delivering food and essential items



Assisting students with supplies and accomodation



Completed projects

Manufahi Sanitation Project – Completed

In partnership with 3 communities in Manufahi and Youth Group, UJ Bertade, TLV built 19 community sanitation systems ending open defecation and promoting positive health outcomes. The communities prioritised this need recognising the activity's immense value. Limited access to sanitation negatively impacts community health, wellbeing and access to education. Community member Maria says: "We as young woman feel like this is a huge positive impact because it facilitates us as the grandchildren when we gather together to not go to toilet to the bushes or forest anymore."

Rialico Water and Sanitation – Completed

Rialico did not have access to water or sanitation facilities and TLV were contacted by Elders in the District informing us of the urgent need for water and sanitation. There are 64 families in Rialico, which consist of 420 community members. Having access to water will eliminate many diseases, especially skin disease in children, school children will have a toilet and agricultural crops can be grown.

Funar Water and Sanitation - Completed

Funar has two community schools and approximately 1,790 inhabitants. However, the only source of water available to the community was a 7km walk away, and the two toilets located at the schools had been badly damaged by the weather conditions and could not be used, and student's needed to use the nearby bush. The system has been repaired and extended to ensure water delivery to both schools and households. Public toilets have been constructed at the schools to ensure the children now have access to clean sanitation.

Hatete Water and Sanitation - Completed

Hatete is home to over 77 families, and has a community school, chapel and a small hospital. However the only source of water available to the community was an hour's walk away. The system delivers water to the community facilities including the school and hospital and to all households. Public toilets have been built at the school and other key areas identified by the community.



Biblioteca Ermera Library - Completed

In 2010, a new partnership was formed between TLV and Biblioteca Ermera. Biblioteca Ermera was set up by a not-for-profit organisation to help raise literacy levels in the District. TLV partnered with this organisation for three years. We supported the building of a new library branch in Hatolia, purchased furniture for the main library in Gleno and paid for Tetum books to be produced and distributed.

TLV Scholarship Program and Student Accommodation Fund – Completed

When the program commenced in 2005 there was no secondary school in the sub-district of Letefoho. In 2005, only 6% of boys and 4% of girls from the area had the opportunity to complete senior high school. In response to this, TLV started our Scholarship program. We select students for sponsorships based on their performance in the national examinations and ensure an equal gender balance. Student's sponsorship covers education costs such as tuition fees, books and transport to and from university.

Ainaro Boarding School - Completed

Despite having a population of 52,500, the capital of the District of Ainaro was the only place where students could access a high school education. Many students from neighbouring towns were missing out due to distance and limited transport options. There was a well-established Girls Boarding College in Ainaro, but the Boys Boarding College was completely dilapidated and could only accommodate a handful of students. On completion of the project, the school was able to accept extra 100 students.

Scholarship Student Accommodation Fund - Completed

Accommodation for students in Dili is extremely limited and TLV's sponsored students were all impacted by this shortage. Many students risked dropping out of school as their families could not afford to pay for private accommodation, or did not have the option of living with family in Dili. TLV identified other housing options to ensure that students were provided with suitable living conditions while they completed their tertiary studies.

Communities - Completed

Delivering much needed items to schools and an orphanage which is home to approximately 300 children. Items such as desks, chairs, uniform for school, stationary.



Pre-Primary School Ponilala, Ermera

TLV's current infrastructure project, a pre-school in the village of Ponilala in the district of Ermera, aims to provide a safe environment for children to learn and thrive. The construction of the pre-school will include two classrooms, an administration office, one sanitation/toilet block, and a library. This project, once completed, will benefit over sixty children from the ages three to seven.

In late 2019, TLV answered a request from the former TLV alumni, Basilio, to build a pre-primary school in his home village (aldeia) Ponilala. The design and planning of the project commenced mid 2020 with internal and external meetings regarding the feasibility of the project. Since then, COVID-19 and major flooding in many parts of the country and the consequent lack of funding put a hold on the project. In the meantime, strong efforts were made to raise more money for the project, which included a quiz night, a movie night and a Bunnings Sausage sizzle.



Over the last few months, TLV established a solid project team, comprised of both TLV Timor Leste and TLV Perth members. The project team is currently working on the final design of the pre-school before the final design can be incorporated into the Project Management Plan and signed off by the Executive Committee. This is a major milestone for TLV and the community of Ponilala. Once signed by all committee members, there should be nothing in the way of putting down the foundation and start construction. The expected duration of the build is around three months, depending on the local labour market and availability of construction materials.

The aim is to start the foundation of the pre-school and sanitation block in June 2022 and finish the construction prior to Christmas 2022. This would allow the inauguration of the pre-school with the community and TLV representatives and allow enough time to be ready for the new school year in Timor Leste. We, as Timor Leste Vision, are looking forward to seeing young children have an opportunity to learn and thrive at the new pre-school by the beginning of 2023!

Christian Berger, Projects Co-Ordinator



Basilio



Having an online presence and community based following has always been an important feature to TLV. In our ever changing world this has become the most important tool for communicating and marketing.

TLV's primary tools are its social media platforms and online newsletter. TLV has grown substantially during this financial year.

According to recent statistics:

- Our audience is mainly spread between Timor Leste and Australia.
 - Comprised of 45% Women and 55% Men.
 - Our top cities from which our posts receive interaction are Dili, Perth and Same.
- Our largest age bracket are 25-30 year olds who are around 25% of our audience

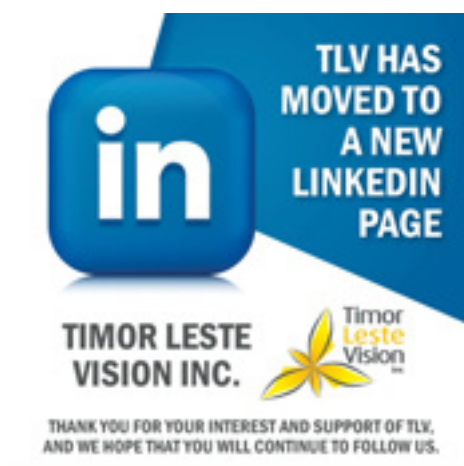
Some successes throughout the year include:

- Increasing our Facebook page (close to 2,500).
- Incredibly, roughly 250 have been in the last 28 days alone.
- Collaborating with Timor Oan Australia and Subtle Timorese Traits to promote our events/successes/organisation.
- Promotion of the Chuffed Campaign during the 2021 flooding in Timor Leste which raised a considerable amount of money and awareness.
- Images of the 2021 Quiz Night reached close to 4000 people (our highest reaching post).
- Being featured on Timorese national news (GMN TV).

Eric Afonso, Marketing Officer



Tickets: trybooking.com/790582 | Contact: 0407 195 555



TLV fundraising during CoVid19 has been a challenge once again with a limited number of fundraising opportunities, though the TLV team and fundraising team worked very hard and raised over \$60,000. The annual Quiz Night was held in October 2021 and raised an amazing \$16,188.46 for the pre-school/kindergarten project. \$2,000 of this was specifically for the children's first year of education, enabling purchase of stationery and other items for them. Activities for the year consisted of:

- On Sunday 31st January 2021 we held a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, which was interrupted by a lockdown that afternoon.
- The annual football tipping competition had 34 tippers, and was run by Stephen Pollard and Denny Roberts.
- A crowdfunding fundraising campaign was held to raise funds for the victims of the catastrophic floods in Timor Leste on 4th April.
- An Emergency Relief raffle was organised quickly to raise funds for urgent need for flooding victims.
- A movie night was held at the Windsor Cinema in Nedlands showing Respect.

Thank you to the amazing fundraising team for the so many hours of tireless work, passion and care that you have given!

Heartfelt thanks to our volunteers and supporters.

We appreciate your time, commitment and your care that you offer in so many different ways.

You have made a big difference to so many.



TLV Perth

Executive Committee

Co-Chairpersons

Klara Bungey Starr and Joanne Pollard

General Executive Committee Member

Lynda Blanchard

Marketing Officer

Eric Afonso

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Sister Schools Team

Anna Cranney

Joanne Pollard

Klara Bungey Starr

Days for Girls Team

Klara Bungey Starr

Joanne Pollard

Maria Rosales (Timor Leste)



Profit and Loss

Timor Leste Vision Incorporated For the 12 months ended 31 December 2021

JAN-DEC 2021

Trading Income

Corporate Donations	403.28
Footy Tipping (43000)	1,020.00
General Donations	43,154.00
Ticket Sales - Movie Night	5,603.71
Ticket Sales - Quiz Night	16,188.46
Total Trading Income	66,369.45

Gross Profit

66,369.45

Operating Expenses

Flood Relief	32,885.00
General Admin Expenses Timor Leste	2,484.65
Insurance	649.00
Monitoring & Evaluation - Manufahi Project	5,179.84
Scholarships Costs	5,000.00
Venue & Equipment Hire	2,580.00
Total Operating Expenses	48,778.49

Net Profit

17,590.96

Note:

- Scholarships Expenses were funds used to assist students with food and accommodation, due to them being in extreme difficulty and urgent need during CoVid19 and the Flooding in April.
- Venue & Equipment Hire includes movie tickets that were paid for at a discounted price for group bookings and audio equipment for the Quiz Night.