



ADRA[®]
TIMOR-LESTE
ADVENTIST DEVELOPMENT
AND RELIEF AGENCY

CAPACITY STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is a global humanitarian organization with a mission to work with people in poverty and distress to create just and positive change. ADRA Timor-Leste belongs to the worldwide ADRA network, comprised of 120 supporting and implementing country offices. ADRA's seven core sectors include Food Security; Water, Sanitation & Hygiene; Health; Economic Growth; Education; and Emergency Management. ADRA Timor-Leste has developed its expertise in these sectors and in various subsectors, specifically in WASH. ADRA Timor-Leste employs a team of experienced staff that design, manage, and implements its programs in accordance with donor and ADRA network policies, and stakeholder requirements. ADRA's technical team includes WASH technicians, an agriculture expert, public health educators and technical staff. The administrative and managerial team includes the country director, program manager, finance manager and monitoring and evaluation unit.

PARTNERSHIPS

ADRA Timor-Leste has partnered with several development agencies, government ministries and departments, and educational and research institutions to deliver development programs to communities throughout the country. We view collaboration as a cost-effective and timesaving means for implementing projects, sharing lessons, and combining technical experience and expertise for maximum project impact.

ADRA has developed excellent relationships with both international and local non-governmental organizations (NGOs), community-based organizations (CBOs) and technical working groups in Timor-Leste, and often partner with organizations to further our objectives.

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

WASH

ADRA Timor-Leste implements water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programs that incorporate sanitation and hygiene training. In Timor-Leste 45% of the population does not have access to clean water in rural areas, and 70% of the population do not have access to sanitation facilities.

Objectives: Provide access to a safe and adequate water supply; provide access to basic sanitation facilities; and improve health through basic hygiene practices, especially for children ages 0-5.

Key Activities:

- Drilling bore wells in communities
- Publishing and dispersing hygiene and sanitation posters
- Holding hygiene and sanitation workshops

Community-led Total Sanitation (CLTS) encourages communities to build and use their own household sanitation facilities. ADRA Timor-Leste implements CLTS and hygiene training in six communities in Viqueque.

Our WASH programs in the Viqueque region have helped to reduce cholera and diarrheal cases due to increased access to clean water and sanitation facilities.

EDUCATION

In many schools in Timor-Leste there is no maintenance done on the buildings. Many roofs are leaking so much that school must be closed because of rain. ADRA Timor-Leste has been involved in improving school facilities and kitchens.

Objectives: Provide a clean and safe place for children to learn; enable education to continue during the rainy season; and provide access to a hygienic place for food preparation in conjunction with the school feeding program.

Key Activities:

- Mobilizing communities to rehabilitate their own school
- Providing materials necessary to fix roofs, walls, windows, doors, and sidewalks of the school
- Providing new paint for inside and outside of the school
- Constructing new, hygienic school kitchens

Rural communities have greatly benefitted from having a safe place for their children to study. They have also shown pride in owning a clean and functional school.

In partnership with the Ministry of Education and school leaders in Viqueque, ADRA Timor-Leste has been given approval to rehabilitate any schools in their district, as funding becomes available.



AGRICULTURE

Kitchen Gardens

High rates of food insecurity are prevalent in Timor-Leste's rural farming population. Much of the rural population in Viqueque subsists on a few staple foods such as maize, rice and cassava. The heavy reliance on such crops for the bulk of the country's dietary intake, with very little vegetable intake, has contributed to the undernourishment of 50% of children below five years of age.

Objectives: To increase household food production by 50% amongst participating farmers in Uma Tolu

Key Activities:

- Create farmers groups to build community gardens
- Training participants in growing vegetables in kitchen gardens
- Training participants in sustainable horticulture techniques including seed saving and harvest loss reduction.

ADRA Timor-Leste hopes to expand its food security portfolio by scaling up the kitchen gardens project as well as training farmers in improved farming methodology to increase productivity and developing programs that increase income and employment in farming communities.



HEALTH

ADRA Timor-Leste has engaged in activities to increase awareness of the dangers of tobacco and to reduce tobacco consumption. ADRA Timor-Leste has partnered with WHO to promote awareness on 'World No Tobacco Day' through banners, a parade, newspaper promotion, and distribution of various promotional materials.

In 2015 ADRA Timor-Leste supported community youth groups in training 20 peer educators who brought smoking awareness education to more than 120 young people Manufahi City, Same District.

ADRA Timor-Leste is also in the process of using advocacy as a tool to pass laws to protect minors from tobacco's harmful effects by creating strict tobacco control legislation.

ENVIROMENTAL

Fuel Efficient Stoves and Kitchen Improvement

The Ministry of Education in Timor-Leste implements a school-feeding program for all elementary schools, however many schools lack suitable kitchen facilities and adequate cooking stoves. Several pots of rice and beans are traditionally cooked on an open fire. This kind of cooking method creates a lot of smoke and consumes a lot of wood.

ADRA Timor-Leste has implemented fuel efficient stoves with smoke stacks that hold the promise of uplifting health, improving regional environments, reducing deforestation, and helping to stem global climate change.



Agriculture



Anti-Tobacco Campaigns



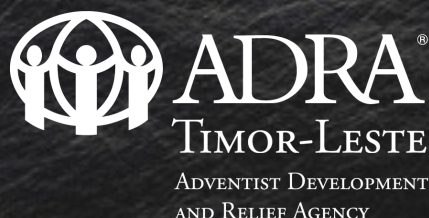
Fuel Efficient Stoves

PAST PERFORMANCE

WASH for Uma Tolu, \$200,000 <i>Improve health and quality of life in Uma Tolu by improved hygiene behavior, access to clean water and access to sanitation facilities.</i>	Donors: ADRA Australia/Portugal, ANZ Bank, and NZ Embassy Area: Community of Uma Tolu in Lacluta sub-district Beneficiaries: 4,752 Duration: Jan 2012 - June 2012
Tobacco Awareness Campaign, \$5,250 <i>Raise the awareness of the dangers of tobacco to the general population of Dili by 65% and outside of Dili by 45%.</i>	Donors: WHO and ADRA Timor-Leste Area: Urban centers in Timor-Leste Beneficiaries: 250,000 Duration: May 2012
Fuel Efficient Stove & Kitchen Improvement, \$10,000 <i>Provide a clean and safe educational environment and the continuity of the school-feeding program to ensure children's enhanced nutrition intake.</i>	Donors: New Zealand Embassy and ADRA New Zealand Area: Elementary School and pre-school of Uma Tolu (Lacluta) Beneficiaries: 361 Duration: May 2013 - October 2013
New School for Uma Tolu, \$10,000 <i>Ensure that children in Uma Tolu, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling with no interruptions due to weather conditions and school building inadequacy.</i>	Donors: ADRA Portugal and ADRA Australia Area: Elementary School in Uma Tolu sub-district of Lacluta Beneficiaries: 450 Duration: May 2013 - October 2013
WASH for Lacluta, \$75,000 <i>Improve health and quality of life in Uma Tolu by improved hygiene behavior, access to clean water and access to sanitation facilities.</i>	Donors: ADRA International Area: Communities of Boruc and Acaderu Hun (Lacluta) Beneficiaries: 1,520 Duration: May 2013 - June 2014
Bore Well Pump Replacement for Orphanage, \$2,000 <i>Provide clean drinking water for the orphanage and clinic.</i>	Donors: Rotary Club, ANZ Bank, ADRA Timor-Leste Area: Viqueque Orphanage/Clinic Francis de Assisi Beneficiaries: 75 Orphans, 200+ patients Duration: June 2013
WASH for CLU, \$500,000 <i>Improve the level of health of children 0-5 years, and increase the quality of life in the communities of Craras, Luca, & Uma Quic (CLU).</i>	Donors: ADRA Australia and AusAID Area: Communities of Craras, Luca and Uma Quic (Viqueque) Beneficiaries: 3,674 Duration: July 2013 - June 2016
Bringing Water to Schools, \$4,305 <i>Provide healthy and safe educational environment by providing functioning water systems to schools.</i>	Donors: New Zealand Embassy Area: Elementary School in Viqueque City Beneficiaries: 1,272 Duration: June 2014 - September 2014
Kitchen Gardens for Uma Tolu, \$10,300 <i>To improve the food security of vulnerable households.</i>	Donors: ADRA Australia and ADRA New Zealand Area: Community of Uma Tolu in Lacluta sub-district Beneficiaries: 203 Duration: April 2016 - March 2015



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