ADRA Timor-Leste
Program Strategy 2016-2021

BACKGROUND

Since 2010, ADRA Timor-Leste has been implementing community development programs in Viqueque Municipality. In partnership with the Ministry of Public Works, *Serviço De Águas e Saneamento* (SAS), and the Ministry of Health, ADRA TL's support began with providing access to clean water, as well as sanitation and hygiene promotion. ADRA TL has also implemented school refurbishment and tobacco awareness projects. Building on the experience and relationships developed with community members and local leaders in Viqueque, ADRA TL, in coordination with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, expanded its support to agriculture livelihoods through nutrition-sensitive horticulture and conservation agriculture activities. Past projects have been supported by funds from Australian Aid, ADRA International and ADRA network offices in Australia, Portugal and New Zealand. ADRA TL is committed to inclusive, participatory community development and supporting the government of Timor-Leste in achieving its goals articulated in its Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030.

OUR ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TIMOR-LESTE

ADRA Timor-Leste is a professional, learning and efficient faith-based organization driven by values of compassion and integrity. We see opportunity for progress through transformative and sustainable partnerships with local and national government, civil society, churches, as well as academic and professional organizations. We are committed to long-term engagement with communities in Timor-Leste, mobilizing and focusing communities toward collective action. At ADRA Timor-Leste we believe in the tremendous human potential of women, men, boys and girls and are committed to supporting the energy, talents and aspiration of people in shaping their own futures and strengthening the nation.
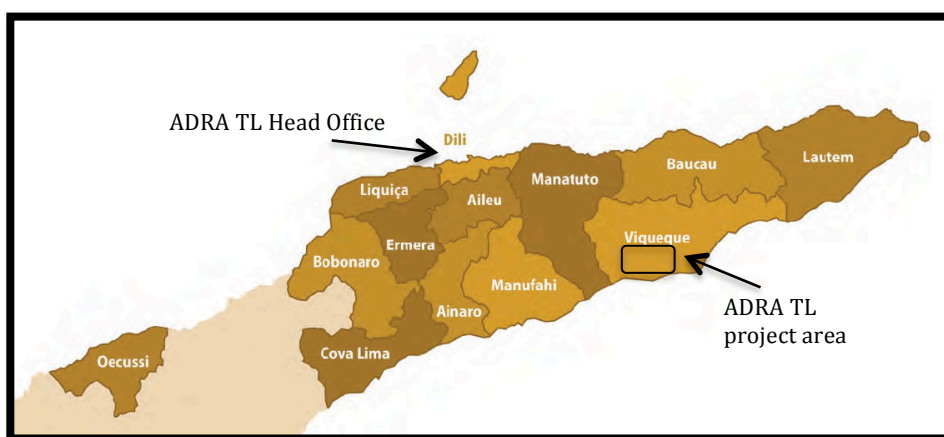
OUR APPROACH

Our strategy is closely aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Strategic Development Plan of the government of Timor-Leste. Our support of the development of rural areas of Timor-Leste focuses on water and sanitation and hygiene (WASH), support to the agriculture sector promoting food security and improved nutrition, livelihood development, and support to formal and non-formal education opportunities for all. Additionally, we are well positioned to respond to emergencies and disasters by providing aid, strengthening resilience and reconstruction. Designed along a rights-based approach, our programs seek to increase wellbeing and address inequality for vulnerable populations. Our programs are responsive and relevant to the felt needs of the communities in which we work and have the flexibility to be adapted to various contexts and be scaled up for increased impact. All programs are embedded with values and actions contributing to social inclusion, gender equality, environmental and child protection.

Geographic Focus

We are committed to working in underserved areas of Timor-Leste focusing on vulnerable communities in Viqueque Municipality. For the next three years (2016-2019) we plan to continue integrated programming in Lacluta and Viqueque administrative posts where ADRA TL has established positive working relationships. The following phase will seek to expand programs to other high needs *sukos* in Viqueque Municipality.

Past and Current Programs

WASH
>   Large and small scale water systems
>   Community-led Total Sanitation
>   Hygiene promotion in communities and schools

Agriculture livelihoods
>   Horticulture training
>   Conservation agriculture
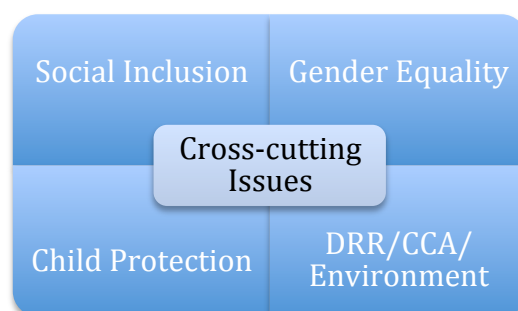>   Access to finance through savings and loan groups

Nutrition
>   Integrated nutrition programming
>   Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition

Education
>   School rehabilitation
>   Horticulture training in schools

Future Program Areas
>   Technical vocational training
>   Livestock
>   Agroforestry
>   Renewable energy

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