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Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Timor-Leste

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1. ***Organization***

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Timor-Leste was established in 2010 and is registered with the Timor-Leste Ministry of Justice as an international non-governmental organization[[1]](#endnote-1).

Location: The head office is located in Dili on Travessa Hali Messak, Delta 2. ADRA Timor-Leste’s field office is located in Beloi, Viqueque Vila in Viqueque Municipality.

*Purpose Statement*

To serve humanity so all may live as God intended.

1. ***History***

On 17 March 2009, the ADRA Asia Regional Office Board approved the creation of ADRA Timor-Leste[[2]](#endnote-2).

*Water Supply projects:* Uma Tolu Water Development Project was implemented January – June 2012 jointly funded by ADRA Australia, ADRA Portugal, New Zealand Embassy in Timor-Leste, and ANZ Bank for $112,000[[3]](#endnote-3), which included hygiene education and building 10 bore wells for hand pumps benefitting 1,271 people[[4]](#endnote-4).

From April to September 2013, ADRA Timor-Leste implemented the Dig Wells and Provide Sanitation Project with $47,804 funding from ADRA International benefitting 445 people with community water pumps and household latrines[[5]](#endnote-5).

The Government of Australia and ADRA Australia, funded the WASH for Craras, Luca, and Uma Kiik project from July 2013 to June 2016 with $480,344.94 funding that constructed large scale water systems, community water access points, and provided sanitation and hygiene training benefitting 4,195 people[[6]](#endnote-6).

*Sanitation*: Sanitation for Uma Tolu Project (June 2012 – July 2013) constructed latrines and delivered hygiene training to 2,364 people supported by ADRA Australia with $82,417.00 funding[[7]](#endnote-7).

*School Renovations:* Uma Tolu primary school renovations to school facilities and addition of kitchen equipped with a fuel-efficient stove for cooking school lunches. The project was implemented in 2012 with $20,000 funding from ADRA Portugal, ADRA Australia, ADRA New Zealand, and the New Zealand Embassy in Timor-Leste[[8]](#endnote-8).

*Agriculture:* From October 2016 to June 2016 ADRA Timor-Leste conducted a pilot project in agriculture with $15,000 from ADRA Australia, ADRA New Zealand and Avondale Student Group COSMOS. The project created community vegetable gardens benefitting 24 households providing wells, agriculture materials and equipment, and training for growing a variety of vegetables with the goal increasing food security[[9]](#endnote-9).

From July 2016 to June 2019, ADRA Australia and the Australian Government provided $388,800 for the Livelihood Opportunities through Sustainable Agriculture Project that provided rural communities with training and resources for vegetable gardening, Conservation Agriculture methods, access to water, hygiene, sanitation, and nutrition messaging. The project benefitted 4,651 people[[10]](#endnote-10).

The five-year Viqueque Sustainable Agroenterprises Farmers to Markets Project began in May 2018 with $2,100,000 from ADRA New Zealand and the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The project’s objectives are to connect farmers to markets and agriculture support services so that incomes increase, while diets and general well-being improve[[11]](#endnote-11).

The Hamutuk Hadiak Nutrisaun Familia (Together Improving Family Nutrition) Project began in July 2019 with funds from ADRA Australia. The project will run until June 2022 and seeks to provide improved well-being through improved water access, vegetable and chicken production and nutrition training[[12]](#endnote-12).

*Health:* ADRA’s work in health has primarily focused on community messaging around nutrition and hygiene. Advocacy messaging discouraging tobacco use has been the focus of several initiatives. Starting in 2012, ADRA Timor-Leste has supported the World No Tobacco Day promoted by the World Health Organization. ADRA has distributed media materials and participated in yearly parades through the streets of Dili to spread the message of tobacco avoidance and in support of tobacco control legislation[[13]](#endnote-13).

*Partners and Donors*

International Donors: ADRA Australia, ADRA International, ADRA New Zealand, ADRA Portugal, ANZ Bank, Australian Aid Programme, Friends of Lacluta, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Rotary International, World Health Organization. Local Partners: Fraterna, FHTL, YUCP, Kalise, Alola Foundation, BESIK.

***Role and Place in Timor-Leste***

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 Timor-Leste’s support began with providing access to clean water, as well as sanitation and hygiene promotion. ADRA Timor-Leste 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 Timor-Leste, 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 Timor-Leste 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.

1. ***Directors***

Luc Sabot, (2011[[14]](#endnote-14) - 2014); Matthew Whitty, (2015[[15]](#endnote-15) -)

*Acting Directors*

Benjamin Keri, (2014 - 2015)[[16]](#endnote-16)

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