



Friends of Klibur Domin

May update 2021

So many Australians are friends of Klibur Domin. Whether you have financially supported this Timorese NGO over the last 20 years, spread the news of their great work or have had the opportunity to visit, you are part of this great friendship. This brief update is to keep this friendship alive and to let you know what is happening at Klibur Domin in Timor-Leste.

Dear Friends and Supporters of Klibur Domin

This is just a brief, hurried, report to you as an update on what is happening at Klibur Domin and in Timor generally. Sorry it is not in the usual professional format, as our regular conscientious editor (and past K D volunteer) Ann-Marie O'Brien is in the process of temporarily re-locating to Darwin. (Once settled, and being right on Timor-Leste's 'doorstep' hopefully she will be able access so 'inside Information' on just what is happening over there.)

RYDER-CHESHIRE AUSTRALIA CYCLONE/FLOOD APPEAL

THANK YOU to those who have dug deep and generously donated to our Appeal to fund some repair works at Klibur Domin, fortunately minimal, but just as importantly to assist those staff and nearby community who have been much less fortunate. If you have not received your receipt just yet, please be patient, it will be on its way soon.

The Appeal is still OPEN. We can confirm that all monies donated will be accounted for separately in K D's books, and all spending will need the approval of two K D Board members. (To donate, please just search Ryder-Cheshire Australia's website, and mark your donation to KD Cyclone Appeal: <https://ryder-cheshire.org/>).

COVID-19 in Timor-Leste

It was very pleasing to learn that Ministry of Health visited Klibur Domin last week to administer the first “jab” to most of K D’s staff. At this stage it is just ‘front line’ health workers who are eligible, but more doses are due from Australia this week, plus some from China.

Sadly, Timor-Leste is still reporting some 88-133 cases per day in this ‘second spike’ (there were only 23 cases in the first ‘spike’ some 13 months ago). There have now been three deaths in the country.

A word from Joaquim (Manager of Klibur Domin)

Dear Friends and Supporters of Klibur Domin,

Dili is still under lockdown and the government put more restrictions where people can not go out of their homes. This just happened a few days ago. The staff and I who are living in Dili can not go to Klibur Domin to work unless our Covid-19 status is tested negative. We are now going through the Covid-19 swab test and if the result is negative, they will provide authorization to go outside of Dili.

The average of Covid-19 cases per day is between 88 to 133 cases. This number may be increased in the next few days as the government is now doing random compulsory tests for everyone who is out of their homes or when health workers are visiting the community.

I am sorry that we have not started the planning for the flood recovery project because of the lockdown. We hope that we will start this project soon when the lockdown is terminated in Dili.

Klibur Domin is still operating as normal but the only issue is that we can not go to project areas in the other municipalities. The staff in the municipalities are still doing their work as normal.

Other issues at KD are that currently, we have three staff have positive with Covid-19 and the number might increase in the next few days after all the staff and patients get swab tests.

I will update you more when the swab tests have completed for all staff and patients at KD.



Joaquim Soares
Managing Director
Klibur Domin.

Playground update

We are pleased to report that a small set of playground equipment was 'harvested' in Mount Gambier last week, which will hopefully set sail bound for Klibur Domin in the next couple of months. There will be a more detailed report in our next K D Newsletter.



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BIENNIAL REMINDER

Just a brief reminder that EVERYONE is invited to the Ryder-Cheshire Australia Biennial Conference to be held in Mt Gambier this Saturday 15 May. You can register for the whole day, just the Klibur Domin session, or just join us for dinner on the Friday night or Saturday night 'de-brief' dinner.

What's more, you can also watch proceedings from one of the Conference 'hubs in Melbourne, Ballarat or Casterton, or in your own home via Zoom or Youtube!!!!!!

The registration form and invitation to join the K D session are attached to this email. It is not too late to register.

THANK YOU once again for your interest and support for one of our nearest neighbours, Timor-Leste, and in particular the Ryder-Cheshire Australia supported facility Klibur Domin (meaning 'Shared Love' in Tetum.)

NB Please don't hesitate to share this important, although brief, update with friends, family, K D colleagues.

Regards

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