



## Friends of Klibur Domin

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*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 newsletter is to keep this friendship alive and to let you know what is happening at Klibur Domin in Timor-Leste.*

### Flood Support, Recovery and Mitigation

*Dear Friends and Supporters of Klibur Domin*

A huge THANK YOU to all Ryder-Cheshire and Klibur Domin supporters who contributed a whopping AUD \$43,500 to our Flood Appeal. This, together with NZD \$10,000 from our friends across the ditch converts to around USD \$37,000.

These monies will go a long way in a place like Timor. You can be assured that the monies are/will be well spent. An analysis has now been finalised by senior Klibur Domin staff as to how best to spend these funds. This will include supporting nearly 30 families in the immediate Tibar community who are either very poor, vulnerable or have disabilities.

Some monies will go to re-locate and re-construct one Klibur Domin building used for mental health, and the rest to build and place an extension to the gabion cage flood mitigation protection that K D already has around most of the southern (uphill) boundary.





## A word from Joaquim

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### Manager of Klibur Domin

#### Dear Friends and Supporters of Klibur Domin

It is pleasing to see Klibur Domin being funded by the Korean Government through its Agency KOICA in Dili to extend the sphere of our expertise to Baucau municipality and surrounds to do TB case finding, treatment and prevention. Further, The Global Grant funding has appointed Klibur Domin to set up a brand new office at Viqueque, on the south side of the island. Through the active TB case finding, many patients have been diagnosed for positive TB and we have put them on treatment for six to eight months.



*A KD staff member visiting people at home to screen for TB in Baucau municipality*



*KD's Radiologist prepares patient for X-Ray.*



#### COVID-19

It is pleasing to report a reduction in the daily tally of new Covid cases in the Dili area, but unfortunately the last few days have seen a concerning outbreak in Ermera municipality, literally just up the road from Tibar and KD. Further, they are still at significant risk of the Delta version getting hold. The good news is that virtually all of Klibur Domin's staff are now fully vaccinated – being essential health workers. This has allowed K D staff to get back out in the various communities they support and continue the fight against TB and resume Community Based Rehabilitation services both nearby and in remote villages. Leading Timor-Leste's fight against Covid is K D Board member (and former P M) Dr Rui Maria de Araújo (Co-ordinator, Task Force for the Prevention and Mitigation of Covid-19 Outbreak, Integrated Centre for Crisis Management).

Most of K D's longer-term residents are also now vaccinated. K D staff are now transporting people from the various Districts into Dili to get their shots – a slow process though, as it can take a full half day to transport 8-10 people.

**Joaquim Soares, Managing Director, Klibur Domin.**

# New Zealand Support for Klibur Domin

## Embassy praises food initiative

To help reduce the reliance on both imported packaged goods, and foods from other parts of the country, Klibur Domin received a grant from the New Zealand Embassy in Dili to establish additional facilities to grow more food on-site. New Zealand's Good Food, Good Life project funding has seen the K D veggie gardens greatly expanded, and animal pens set up for ducks, pigs and cattle. The project has a dual purpose, being not only to cut K D's food costs, but also to educate both the local community and patients that pass through Klibur Domin.

Now that the gardens and animal pens are well established, the benefits have been greatly enhanced in the ability to provide a range of nutritious foods for residents during the recent mandatory confinement and strict lockdowns. The Embassy congratulated the team in a recent Facebook post with photos that are testament to the great work being done by staff at K D to successfully implement this project.



## Playground update

We are pleased to report that there are now TWO sets of dis-assembled playground equipment at Rotary's Melbourne Donations In Kind depot, ready to be loaded into a container for shipment to Dili, then to Tibar. We appreciate the support from both Mount Gambier and Whitehorse City Councils and Rotary Clubs of Mt Gambier Lakes and Nunawadding and the team from RORP (Rotary Overseas Recycled Playgrounds).

To be added to the container are some shade sails and very large trampoline – all made possible by terrific fundraising at various individual donors, Church parishes, and in particular St Joseph's Primary School in Elsternwick – CONGRATULATIONS on the amount you raised. Their dollars went even further with the huge discount given to us by Vuly Play, based in Brisbane. (See link to view the trampoline they provided <https://www.vulyplay.com/en-AU/trampoline>)



**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 newsletter with friends, family, and K D colleagues.

Regards



**JOHN KIRBY**

**RCA Liaison Officer**

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