



Klibur Domin News

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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 for the donors, volunteers, supporters and friends of Klibur Domin, a Ryder-Cheshire home in Timor-Leste.

Computers for Students

Students at Immaculate Heart of Mary School - Tibar are very appreciative of the gift of \$1000 raised by students at Tenison Woods College, Mount Gambier.

The gift funded the purchase of three refurbished laptops, which were recently presented.

Two machines have been designated for the girls' boarding house at the Convent, and the other for the 10 disability students living at John Garton Cottage, Klibur Domin.

We were lucky to strike up a friendship with Dili technology firm Inovar4 and the Souter family, who had just received a shipment of second-hand equipment.

They had their technicians refurbish the three machines, and agreed to provide the laptops at cost. THANK YOU.

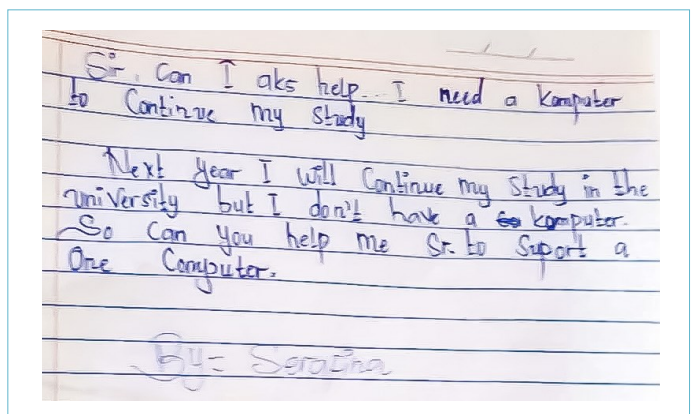
Technology expert volunteers

Thanks to Volunteer technology expert Andrew Seabrook who has since ventured over to the school, and John Garton Cottage, to conduct 'Computers 101' classes (Photos page 4).

The students are extremely grateful for both financial and physical support (and, as you will see from the letter right, a personal request from one of the disability students intending to go to University).



Refurbished laptops received with thanks.





A word from Joaquim

Manager of Klibur Domin

Dear Donors, Volunteers, Supporters and Friends of Klibur Domin

Bondia!!

It was of great benefit to welcome several Volunteers back to Klibur Domin over the last two months, displaying a range of skills. These have included general administrative advice/suggestions, accounting and finance expertise, and computer and related technology advice.

TB program targets exceeded

Klibur Domin's TB program results continue to exceed the targets set by the organisations funding these activities. We have a team over on Atauro Island again this month testing those displaying symptoms of TB.

The Government is very keen to try and eliminate TB on Atauro by 2025, and it is expected that KD will continue to play a major role in that initiative. More information on the work being done by Klibur Domin is set out in our Quarter Two Report (Pages 5 and 6).

Queue for dental treatment

Elsewhere, there has been quite a line up of patients seeking (free) treatment at the Dental Clinic. We thank the dedicated staff providing this much needed, and appreciated, service to some of the poorest people in our nearby communities.

Thank you also for the continuing support of a dedicated group of Australian dentists, and to Maluk Timor, who provide most of the funding for this program.

Inflation bites

The only downside is that Klibur Domin is struggling to cope with Timor-Leste's near 10% inflation rate, considering that most of our funding is locked in by contracts agreed to and signed up to three years ago.

So, PLEASE continue to support us, both financially and with Volunteers.

Regards,

Joaquim

**Joaquim Soares,
Managing Director, Klibur**

FLOOD APPEAL UPDATE

School roof repaired

It has been difficult to get contractors to attend to some outstanding tasks such as re-building some homes either washed away or severely damaged, but work is approaching completion.

One facility that suffered significant damage was the convent High School over the road from Klibur Domin. We will let the letter below speak for itself.

Dear Mr. Kirby,

Peace and good will.

In behalf of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Hearts here in Tibar, Liquica, Timor-Leste, I would like to express again our gratitude for your financial assistance for the amount of US\$5,000.00 for the repair of the roof of our school the Immaculate Heart of Mary – Tibar

As you already know, we have received half of the amount which is US \$2,500.00 from Klibur Domin. We are glad herewith to send to you the summary of the expenses we incurred for your reference. We hope to receive the full amount as soon as possible. Rainy days are here now and we hope to finish the repair of the roof immediately.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Very truly yours in the Love

Sister Paula Gustavo Soares, SFSC

Local Animator



THE PIGS ARE BACK!!

After Klibur Domin's pig herd had to be dispersed earlier in the year due to Swine Flu, we now have seven young pigs to grow out and eventually sell.

This group have goats, cattle and ducks as neighbours.



NEW WEBSITE COMING

Pro bono help

Unfortunately our previous website is no longer available, but hopefully we will soon have a new site and domain.

We will let all of our Friends and Supporters know when it is available.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH to Volunteer Andrew Seabrook, a Rotarian from Casterton, for his expertise and time dedicated to setting all this up.



Above: Volunteer technology expert Andrew Seabrook has run 'Computers 101' classes for students and is co-ordinating the development of a new website.

Left: John Garton Cottage students try out a refurbished laptop.



Klibur Domin Quarterly Report - Q2, 2022



A. Introduction for the Quarter

The Klibur Domin teams are very proud that the result of the implementation for the activities are continuing to progress well. Please see the following program data for more detailed information. Services provided by Klibur Domin include: Tuberculosis testing and treatment in four Districts and nation-wide MDR-TB treatment, Community Based Rehabilitation, Female mental health patients, Accommodation for disability students, Outpatient medical clinic and emergency transport, Dental Clinic and oral health education, Accommodation for dialysis and other national hospital patients, and Covid-19 testing and education program.

B. Progress achievement

Program	Funding Partners	Q2	Year to date
TB patient detection and treatment	Global Fund	158	317
TB patient detection and treatment	IOM / KOICA	122	261
Multiple Drug Resistant TB (MDR-TB) patients	MOH	7	12
TB Inpatients (TB)	RCA	28	61
Presumptive TB patients	RCA	29	69
Physiotherapy patients	RCA and MSSSI	12	17
Garton Students	RCA and MSSSI	-	11
Mental Health Patients	RCA and MSSSI	1	7
Dialysis Patients	RCA and MSSSI	2	5
Outpatient Medical Clinic	RCA	640	1278
Emergency Transport Services	RCA	53	102
Dental Clinic services and outreach	RCA / Maluk Timor	623	737
Beneficiaries for Cyclone Relief project	RCA and RCF-NZ	0	66
Covid-19 detection and prevention	GDSSIL	47	47
TOTAL		1,722	2,990

C. Comments

1. There are 13 students in the Garton Program. 11 reside at Garton Cottage and 2 students live with their families in the community
- 2 Australian Catholic University (ACU) conducted interactive Occupational therapy sessions with the CBR team using Zoom for remote student placements.
3. The number of patients who accessed dental clinic and dental outreach services is continuing to increase this quarter.

D. Program photos

WHO Regional Green Light Committee visiting MDR-TB patients



The garden staff continue to grow vegetables



KD Dental clinic with Jenifer (Dentist) and Efi (Dental)



Patients waiting for digital chest X-Ray in Baucau



F. Challenges

The costs for the maintenance of Klibur Domin's vehicles are continuing to increase every quarters. The food and fuel costs are also continuing to increase and there are no signs to decrease in the near future.

G. Plan for the next quarter

Klibur Domin will continue to implement active case finding and treatment for TB in all target municipalities, provisions of inpatient care and services, social support and rehabilitation to children and adult with disability and provision of dental care to school children and general community. Klibur Domin will also focus on supporting MOH for Covid-19 detection and prevention.

H. Appreciation

Our deepest appreciation to the members of Ryder Cheshire of Australia and the RCF of New Zealand for continuing their funding support to Klibur Domin. Thank you for all your dedication and commitment to continue to support the people of Timor-Leste who are sick, disabled and destitute.

WANTED - VOLUNTEERS

Klibur Domin has been lucky to have successfully attracted one Volunteer for 12 months under the Australian Volunteers Program (AVP, formerly AVI).

However, we would welcome another one or two, for a six month period.

Particularly we are seeking someone with finance/accounting skills to help oversee the introduction of a new accounting system, and to train and mentor our staff.

KD is also seeking a Clinical Services improvement/redesign specialist. Both of these could potentially be funded under the AVP scheme. ALSO, we would love to have a Volunteer with plumbing expertise.

It was pleasing to hear recently from a group in Northern NSW planning to visit Klibur Domin early next year.

We would welcome enquiries from other like minded supporters of Klibur Domin. For more information, have a look at our new website (available soon), then contact John Kirby or Susan Mackerras.

For more information and/or to register your interest in volunteering, please contact:

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0438 232744, and/or

Susan Mackerras,

rydercheshirevolunteersaus@gmail.com.

RYDER-CHESHIRE AUSTRALIA – Membership and Donations

Klibur Domin greatly appreciates the ongoing support of Ryder-Cheshire Australia, and the State based R-C Foundations.

Donations from KD's many supporters are channelled through RCA, the entity with tax deductible gift status, and then paid to Klibur Domin on a quarterly basis. These monies, topped up from RCA's reserves, are used to meet KD's budgeted annual running costs for our in-patient services and to run the KD compound. Separate Grant monies are received for TB detection and treatment and the Community Based Rehabilitation programs.

Ryder-Cheshire Australia is now inviting all Friends, donors and supporters of Klibur Domin to join as members of RCA. Full details can be found on the RCA website: www.ryder-cheshire.org

Needless to say, your donations are VERY much needed – 100% of which will go to Klibur Domin!!

Thank you in Anticipation!!

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 'Sharing with Love' in Tetum.)



NB Please don't hesitate to share this newsletter with friends, family, and KD colleagues.

Regards

JOHN KIRBY,

RCA Liaison Officer, For The Relief of Suffering