



# Timor Leste Vision

Timor Leste Vision Inc (TLV) is a not for profit, non government organisation which is raising funds for the people of Timor Leste (East Timor). Timor Leste is located to the north west of Darwin in the Indonesian archipelago. It is Australia's closest neighbour and is also considered one of Asia's poorest nations.

TLV began after a group of university students travelled to Timor Leste in 2004 as part of an immersion program to teach English in rural schools. After seeing the challenging conditions there, the group was motivated to work in partnership to set up grass-roots sustainable programs to benefit rural communities.

TLV became an incorporated association in August 2005 and with the support of new members became a registered Charity in April 2007. Our Executive Committee comprises of people from a diverse range of professional backgrounds with experience in the leadership of charitable organisations. The majority of committee members have worked in Timor Leste in various roles and all are dedicated to the long term development of the nation. This passion and dedication is evident in our mission statement: *'Working in partnership with the people of Timor Leste to support and strengthen local communities.'*

The group, in conjunction with the people of Letefoho have worked together to design a program that assists students to attend well resourced Senior High Schools in the nation's capital, Dili. It is our collective aim to improve their life chances by giving them access to opportunities they would not otherwise have and thus contribute to the East Timorese community.

We continue to increase our support through implementing programs that focus on the further development of rural communities. Examples of such programs include:

- Supporting a currently dilapidated boarding college in Ainaro that would allow rural students to have access to a safe and comfortable place to study, thereby encouraging students to reach their potential.
- The expansion and resourcing of a library that will be accessible to the whole community.
- The development and resourcing of a guest house which will provide a source of income for the community.
- The development of a sustainable community centre, which will run a range of courses such as English, computing, screen printing and carpentry.

By working with local communities, we ensure our programs reflect the changing needs of the people of Timor Leste.

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*Thank you on behalf of TLV and the people of  
Timor Leste*

