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WATER FOR WOMEN

ABOUT CARE

CARE is an international development and humanitarian organisation that has been working in Timor-Leste since 1994. With programmes that extend across all parts of the country, CARE works with partners to save lives, defeat poverty, and achieve social justice.

CARE works with remote, rural communities and civil society partners to combat gender inequality, as this has been shown to be one of the most effective ways to create sustainable development outcomes.

Ensuring well-being and a voice for women and girls in rural, disadvantaged areas is at the heart of CARE's work. This is achieved in four priority areas of Education, Women's Economic Empowerment, Health, and promoting Women's Voice in society through development and humanitarian programmes.

ABOUT WATER FOR WOMEN

The Water for Women project is a five-year initiative funded by the Australian Government to improve health, gender equality and wellbeing of communities in Liquiça and Manufahi municipalities of Timor-Leste.

The project achieves this by ensuring inclusive, sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services for women, girls, people with disabilities and the LGBTIQI+ community, as well as tackling harmful social norms and providing support for survivors of Gender-Based Violence.

The Water for Women project has been implemented between July 2018 and December 2022 by WaterAid and CARE. The project harnesses WaterAid's expertise in WASH and CARE's expertise in Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) to achieve the project's outcomes. CARE is leading the work to strengthen gender equality through capacity building, mentoring, resource development and activities, like the community scorecard tool, which facilitates community feedback, input and advocacy to address harmful social norms and behaviours.

PROJECT GOALS



The project aims to improve WASH services in Liquiça and Manufahi municipalities and challenge social norms that put women, girls, people with disabilities and the LGBTIQI+ community at risk when accessing WASH services.

The project focuses on:

- Strengthening WASH partnerships with municipal and national government
- Bringing positive change in gender equality and social inclusion in WASH, through partnership with civil society and rights groups.



PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

11,580 people have directly participated in activities to improve WASH service delivery, gender dialogue and through community scorecard activities within selected communities in Liquiça and Manufahi.



KEY PARTNERS

The Water for Women project is proud to partner with:

- WaterAid
- Fundasaun Hafoun Timor Lorosa'e
- Asosiasaun HAK
- Naroman Timor Foun
- Luta Ba Futuru
- Feto Asaun ba Sustentabilidade
- Ra'es Hadomi Timor Oan
- Asosiasaun Grupu Maneja Fasilidade
- Municipal Government Departments.



PROJECT ACTIVITIES



- **Facilitate women's leadership training** and support women to take on leadership positions in the field of WASH
- **Identify technical support for key partners** so that they can better understand, support and assist survivors of Gender-Based Violence. This is delivered through support for safe houses and activities to reintegrate survivors back into communities
- **Provide Social Analysis and Action (SAA) training** to key partner staff, where they are trained to reflect, and identify and challenge harmful gender norms and behaviours.

