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DISASTER READY 2

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.

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The Disaster READY project is a component of the Australian Humanitarian Partnership Programme (AHP). In Timor-Leste, the project is implemented through a consortium of five Australian NGOs led by CARE, including the CAN DO consortium (represented by Caritas Australia), Oxfam in Timor-Leste, PLAN International in Timor-Leste and World Vision Timor-Leste, in collaboration with the national people with disabilities organisation, Ra'es Hadomi Timor Oan (RHTO) and other humanitarian partners.

The focus of the project is to build local partnership and collaboration in disaster management to increase collective impact. Building on the successes of phase 1 of the Disaster READY project (January 2018-June 2022), phase 2 of the project will work proactively to increase the resilience and reduce the vulnerability of communities at risk of disasters and climate change impacts. A key component of the project is to promote a focus on gender equality, disability and social inclusion by all humanitarian stakeholders in the country.

PROJECT GOALS

Save lives and reduce impacts by supporting local organisations and communities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters and other humanitarian crises.

Projected Participants:

7,575 people are expected to participate directly in the project.

KEY FACTS

Project duration: July 2022-December 2026

Donor: Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

Budget: US\$1,153,124

Government partner: Civil Protection Authority

Local implementing partners: FOKUPERS and Knuha Haberan Comunidade (KHC)

Impact group: Women, girls, people with disabilities and the elderly in remote, rural areas.

What do we want to achieve at the end of the project?

- Communities, especially vulnerable groups, in Viqueque will increase their capacity to plan and implement effective and inclusive, integrated disaster preparedness and climate change adaptation activities
- Two local implementing partners will improve institutional and technical capacity to effectively undertake their role in disaster preparedness and climate change adaptation
- Timor-Leste's national and sub-national governments' capacity will improve to lead effective, inclusive and coordinated disaster preparedness, climate change adaptation and response initiatives.

How will we get there?

CARE's focus in the project is to introduce and mainstream approaches to gender equality and reducing Gender-Based Violence, by ensuring active participation of women, men, and vulnerable groups, including people with disabilities, in disaster risk reduction and preparedness efforts.

CARE will strengthen community capacity to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters by:

- Strengthening the capacity of 15 Suco Disaster Management Committees (SDMCs), including 11 existing and 4 new sucos, to lead the development and implementation of suco disaster risk reduction plans, and prepare inclusive, costed Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) proposals
- Strengthening the capacity of 15 SDMCs to lead inclusive disaster risk preparedness, mitigation, and response activities by providing training on Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) and methods of engaging men and boys
- Supporting 11 existing SDMCs to integrate climate change and adaptation components into their DRR plans
- Supporting SDMCs to operate early warning systems
- Advocating for integration of suco DRR proposals into municipal planning processes, and monitor responses of service providers using the community score card approach.



CARE will provide capacity building and coaching of local NGOs to lead inclusive disaster risk mitigation, preparedness and response processes through:

- Institutional capacity strengthening of the two local implementing partners
- Training two local implementing partners on inclusive community based disaster risk management (CBDRM), DRR planning and implementation
- Providing technical support to a women-led organisation to advocate for gender inclusive DRR processes at national level.

CARE will strengthen the capacity of the national Civil Protection Authority (CPA) to coordinate and lead inclusive disaster preparedness and response processes by:

- Strengthening capacity on GEDSI, safeguarding and prevention of Gender-Based Violence among CPA and designated government emergency responders
- Building the capacity of national CPA staff on gender responsive budgeting to ensure inclusive DRR plans and implementation
- Strengthening DRR data management systems within the CPA by ensuring inclusive and timely data management by using digital tools (KoBo Toolbox).