

PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING

TOILET BLOCK AT THE NUNUPU KINDERGARTEN AND PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you to the 2/2 Commando Association for the opportunity to request a grant to support the Toilet Block at the Nunupu Kindergarten and Primary School in Ponilala, Ermera for Timor Leste Vision (TLV).

BACKGROUND

Timor Leste Vision (TLV) is a volunteer run, not-for-profit organisation based in Perth, WA and partnering with Timorese communities on in-country projects. TLV became an incorporated association on 1st August 2005 and received Overseas Aid Gift Deduction Scheme (OAGDS) status on 7th November 2018 which allows for members of the Australian community to claim their donation as a tax deduction. TLV has an in-country team – Abel Da Costa Concecao (President TLV Timor-Leste), Antonio Martins (Project's Officer – Contractor), including other alumni at Australian Universities who have returned and currently working in the country. Abeto Da Costa Nunes (Chair, Western Australia) has returned to Timor-Leste and will take on a new role, as part of TLV Perth.

TLV's reliance upon a multidisciplinary volunteer team has been well placed with a proven track record of project delivery – safely, on time, on budget, to specifications and within scope. The team consists of experienced project managers, professionals, and engineering professionals based in Perth and Timor-Leste who successfully delivered project deliverables in the past. A document outlining previous projects is attached.

2/2 COMMANDO ASSOCIATION FUNDING REQUEST – US\$3,700 – AU\$4773.74

No funding has yet been identified for the toilet block and TLV is asking for financial assistance with this project. The cost for each unit to be built, referencing our similar design requirement and cost in the past is US\$1,850 per unit, inclusive of materials, mobilisation/transportation of materials and contractor wages during the building process.

THE PROJECT

The toilet block is a stand-alone project, alongside another project that TLV are currently planning – the building of a kindergarten and pre-school. The project will consist of two toilets – one for male and one for female, both with disability access. There will also be handwashing facilities and children will be taught hand hygiene. No funding has yet been allocated to the toilet block.

The location of the project is based in Ponilala, a small village in the district of Ermera, south west of Dili. Ponilala has access to electricity and running water including a water tank. The population of Ponilala village was 3,372 in the latest Census of 2015.

The project is the initiative of TLV Alumni, Basilio Martins Pereira, who was a scholarship recipient of TLV and who wants to encourage others to obtain an education. Currently, Basilio teaches at a high school at a nearby village.

At this time there are 53 students at the pre-primary and kindergarten - 26 students are taught at Basilio's home and 27 students at the community gathering place. Students are aged between 3 and 7 years of age.

Community groups will also make use of the school for workshops, meetings and gatherings. The toilet facility will be an essential component and much needed infrastructure for the village. There are currently only two toilets in the village – one at the village office, and the other one at Basilio's home.

The community reached out to TLV for assistance. A solid early start to an education gives good grounding for a student to start school prepared. In Timor-Leste:

- Only 20% of children are enrolled in pre-school in Timor-Leste.
- Approximately 70% of grade one students don't meet basic learning outcomes.
- Nearly 37% of rural youth (15-24) are illiterate, compared to just 6% in urban areas.¹

¹ : UNICEF Timor Leste – Realising rights to quality education for all children



Long Term Sustainability

- The community works together, weaving and growing vegetables to then sell the products at a market, and in doing so, raising funds for any on-going maintenance of the toilet block as well as the pre-school.
- The community has a maintenance group of parents who will ensure the ongoing maintenance and sustainability of the toilet block.
- The design is that the community can replace the filled pit with one dug in the space provided when full.

Workforce on the Project

TLV Timor and the community of Ponilala will be implementing the project on ground with:

- Antonio Martins, who is the TLV Project's Officer in Timor-Leste.
- Eduardo Alves and Bernardino who are qualified surveyors and have worked on TLV Water and Sanitation Projects in Hatete in Ermera, Funar in Laclubar and Alas in Manufahi.
- The project team will have continual consultation and involvement from the Ponilala community.
- After the completion of the project, an identified group of the community will be trained and supported to maintain the new facilities into the future.

TIMELINE OF THE PROJECT

The toilet block is anticipated being completed in 2021, alongside the school, depending on COVID-19 requirements and weather restrictions.

EDUCATION ABOUT THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MEN BETWEEN 1941 AND 1946, ENLISTED IN THE NO. 2 AUSTRALIAN INDEPENDENT COMPANY OF THE AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY FORCES, ALSO KNOWN AS THE 2/2 COMMANDO SQUADRON

- Photos of the history of the 2/2 Commando Squadron in the school, educating the students from a young age and the community when they access the school for ceremonies and weekends.
- The teacher of the school including information on the achievements of the 2/2 Commando Squadron in class.

TO HONOUR THE MEMORY OF THE 2/2 COMMANDO SQUADRON UNIT AND MEMBERS AND RECOGNITION OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Plaque – At the commissioning of the toilet block a ceremony and plaque will be presented to the village acknowledging the 2/2nds. A photo is attached of the plaque installed in the village of Manufahi.
- A representative of the 2/2nds will be invited to attend the commissioning ceremony to participate if COVID-19 travel restrictions are lifted.
- Media will be invited to the opening of the school and of the toilet block.
- Social Media and the TLV Website.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

The toilets at the school will provide sanitation for the children as well as on weekends when the community uses the building for community workshops or meetings. Sanitation hygiene will be taught, which will help with the eradication of diseases. The community fully supports the project and is involved in the planning, participation, and ongoing maintenance.

ACCOUNTABILITY

TLV has measures in place to ensure transparency and accountability, including receipt of budgets, progress reports, receipts for expenditure, Annual Audit, and photographic monitoring.

APPENDICES

- Photo of plaque in the village of Manufahi
- List of TLV Projects and Locations
- Bill of Quantity for previous project of same design
- Design of Manufahi toilet. We have included a similar design we used for Manufahi, and the design for this project will be completed once the funding has been raised, plus the BOQ for the same project. CoVid19 restrictions in Timor, lack of funding opportunities in Perth due to CoVid and cancellation of events, and the wet season caused delays. We would send you the design and BOQ once completed.

