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**Timor Lorosae**

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## **Centre for Applied Research and Policy Studies (CARPS)**

We are a group of eight researchers, seven of whom are located in Timor Leste, offering our services to carry out research related to program evaluation and other applied research related to public policy and service delivery. We have set up the Centre for Applied Research and Policy Studies (CARPS) at the Dili Institute of Technology.

Timor Leste has benefited in recent years from a range of programs funded by International agencies and international NGOs. However, the impact of a particular program is often unclear in the absence of information collected in a systematic way. There may also be considerable scope to increase the effectiveness of programs by finding out more about what parts of the program have worked and what parts may have been less successful,

We believe that much can be learned by planning evaluations carefully to assess program outcomes. Also valuable is collecting information about the processes associated with successful program performance.

We have structured our research centre to operate as a commercial consultancy. This means we will have full time research staff working on individual projects headed by a project manager. The Centre Director will be responsible as principal researcher and project director for each project. Dr Richard Curtain, an experienced program evaluator, will act as mentor and a source of feedback on methodology and other aspects of quality control.

### **Our capabilities include:**

- Research in Timor Leste into local governance structures
- Evaluation Survey for AusAID on Rural Development Program
- Experience at a senior level in district administration in Timor Leste
- Team member, country assessment mission 1999, World Bank
- Workshop facilitation in four languages
- Experience in agricultural research

- Experience in health research
- Experience at Principal level in a senior secondary school in Dili
- Postgraduate studies in Australia, Brazil, Indonesia, New Zealand and USA.

**Our competencies include:**

- Use of qualitative research techniques such as focus groups
- Use of participative processes appropriate to different policy objectives and stages of the development process
- Quantitative research methods based on representative sample survey methodology
- Secondary data analysis of datasets of the Timor Leste population eg Suco Village Survey August 2001, Poverty Assessment Household Living Standards Survey December 2001
- Major languages English, Bahasa Indonesia and Portuguese

**Personnel**

**Director**

- Joao Cancio Freitas BA (Hons) UniBrow, Ind., Master of Business in Public Sector Management, Victoria University, Melbourne; PhD (cand) Victoria University, Melbourne  
  
PhD thesis: A model of public management for East Timor: a local governance framework

**Mentor**

- Richard Leigh Curtain BA (Hons) LaTrobe; MA Rutgers State University of New Jersey; PhD The Australian National University  
  
Consultant to UN (Social Development Division, NY), ILO Bangkok, Australian federal and state governments, NGOs, and enterprises.

### **Project managers and senior researchers**

- Hipolito Aparicio, Postgraduate Diploma in Portuguese, UFAC Brasil; Drs IPL Indonesia; former Principal, Crystal Senior High School, Dili
- Angela Rodrigues Lopes, agronomist, Masters candiate in Natural Resource Management from The University of Melbourne
- Virgilio Dias Marcal , BA Hons from Gajah Mada University, Indonesia; ex-District Administrator (Bupati) of Baucau under the Indonesian administration
- Nelson Martins, Medical Doctor and Masters degree in Applied Management from the University of Newcastle, Australia; and PhD candidate, University of Northern Territory (UNT)

### **Research analysts**

- Manuel Florencio Vong, Masters degree in Public Policy, Gajah Mada University; former senior public servant in Manatuto District Administration (Vice Secretary) under the Indonesian Administration.
- Jose da Costa Tilman, Bachelor of Engineering, Gajah Mada University, Indonesia
- Jose Maria Xavier, Bachelor of Engineering from Widya Karya Catholic University in Malang, East Java, Indonesia.

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