

In **2009** CHL designed and completed a tourist accommodation facility including six houses with additional features such as landscaping, pool etc.

Additionally CHL has built a variety of individual houses and small multi unit developments in the capital Dili and Farol.

In **2010** CHL completed its largest project yet – a residential complex of six apartments and it's construction activity continues to include civic and community facilities, such as a recently completed 240m<sup>2</sup> office for the Red Cross. It is also preparing for upcoming opportunities for new housing projects.

CHL is currently working with the Spanish Cooperation Project on several community projects in District Liquica, about 40 KM from Dili including a restaurant for the community which is being managed by the locals and is also a source of income for them. CHL has played a vital role in providing on-the-job training opportunities for all unskilled workers. The office also recruits trade-skilled graduates from training centres such as Don Bosco, Sennai, and Fatumaca College, and being hired by CHL has become a well-regarded first step for young Timorese looking to gain valuable experience in the market place. The organisation has trained and employed 16 locals to assist with the building and construction of the restaurant.

### Our Future Developments

CHL believes the development of a professional residential building industry in Timor-Leste over the next 10 years could provide training and employment for up to 10% of the working population. CHL is prepared to provide significant assistance to develop this industry and improve housing conditions for the Timorese people.

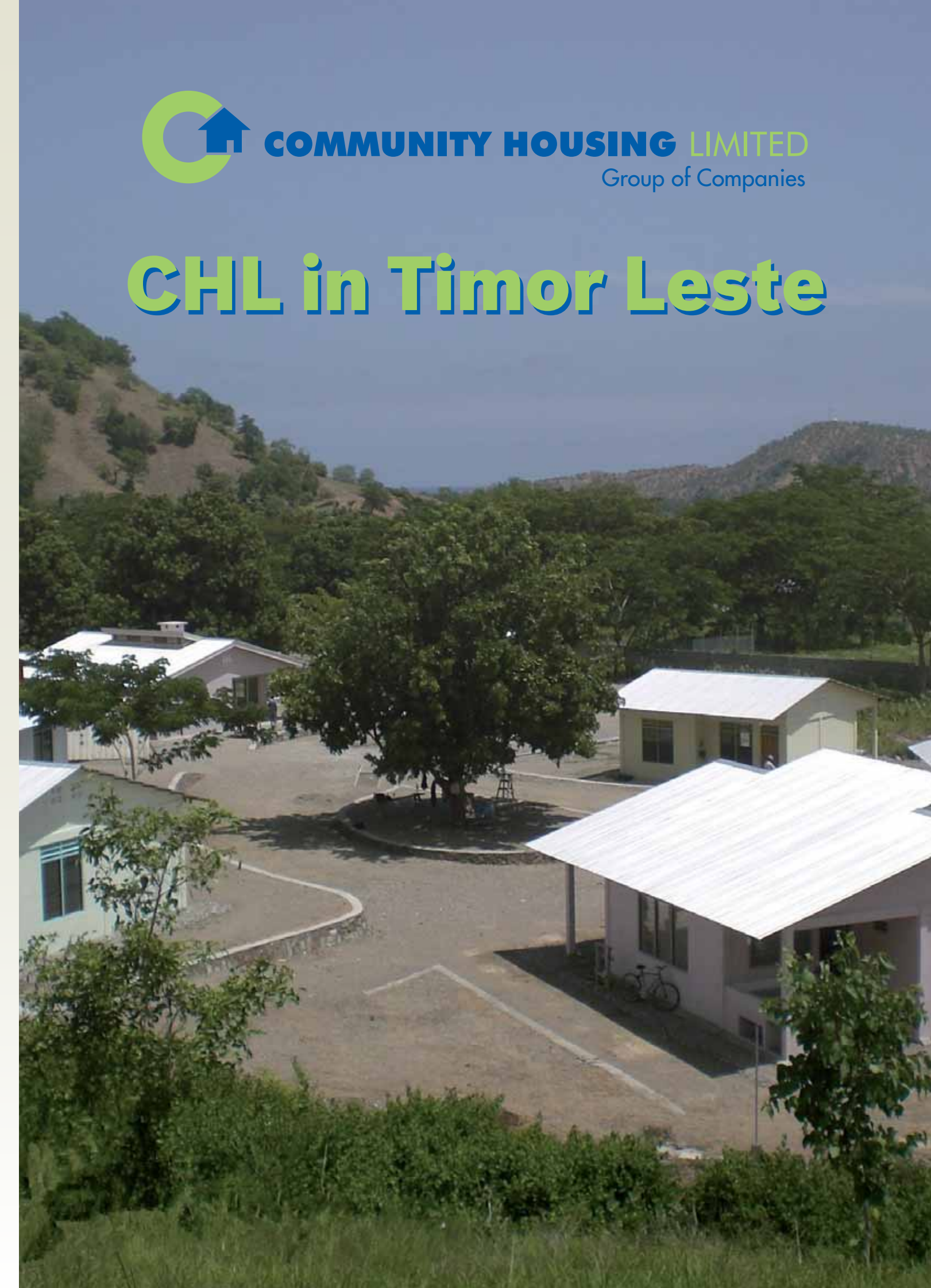
The growth of a professional building industry would also encourage the generation of many jobs through increased spending power of workers, increased production of local building materials and associated goods and services.



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## About Community Housing Ltd

Community Housing Limited (CHL) is an international not-for-profit affordable housing company providing services in four regions of the world- originating in Australia in 1993 it has spread its operations to South and South East Asia and South America in over four countries including Australia, Chile, Timor Leste and India. It has over 16 years of experience in the delivery of affordable housing to those in highest need.

In Australia CHL is a vertically integrated organization managing full housing development and management operations. It currently has over 2600 properties under management across the country providing long term affordable rental housing to those disadvantaged from the private rental market or for whom home ownership is a distant reality.

CHL has its own in house design and construction division and is well known for the design of its homes. The CHL architectural team balance innovative design and appealing aesthetics with budgetary benchmarks for each project. It has won several industry awards that are testimony of its design standards.

### Our Vision

A world without housing poverty.

### Our Mission

Working to ensure the provision of affordable and sustainable housing for all by:

- Providing housing which is affordable, with security of long-term and appropriate services to live comfortably.
- Assisting residents to access housing and to maintain links with their communities.
- Developing appropriate housing solutions and retaining social diversity to support the development of strong communities.
- Ensuring that the development of housing improves social, economic and environmental sustainability.
- Creating employment and training opportunities in the development of housing wherever possible.

### CHL in Timor Leste

In **2004**, CHL established its first international operation in Timor Leste providing housing advocacy and housing policy advice to assist the Government of Timor Leste to develop programs which will assist housing the people where 80% of the population require housing improvement. CHL also carries out design and construction of housing; training and employment in construction skills for long-term unemployed people and develops construction projects providing essential infrastructure for community organisations .

CHL has played a vital role in providing on the job training opportunities for all unskilled workers. CHL has become recognized as a catalyst in the professional skilled trade market, a key player in nurturing and investing in Timor Leste's new generation of building and construction workers.

## Our Objectives in Timor-Leste

CHL foresees four main activities in Timor-Leste:

- Building housing to improve the quality of life for targeted groups
- Introducing durable, modern and affordable housing types that suit Timor-Leste
- Providing on-the-job training in construction skills
- Providing employment to assist income generation

For these purposes CHL seeks to strengthen its partnerships with the Government of Republica Democratica De Timor Leste (RDTL), international and national stakeholders to make a real contribution towards developing Asia's newest nation.

## Our Projects in Timor-Leste

In **2004** CHL consulted local people in the development of appropriate housing designs for Timor-Leste.

In **2006** these designs were applied to build 7 demonstration homes at a project site in Tibar. In doing so CHL provided on-the-job training and work experience for 60 local vocational graduates and tradesmen. This experience has strengthened confidence that CHL can help improve housing standards as well as provide training and employment opportunities for the people of Timor-Leste on a much larger scale.

This effort has been made possible by the generous encouragement and support of the Ministry of Labor and Community Reinsertion (MLCR) and its vocational training centre in Tibar (CNEFP), the Ministry of Education, and its vocational training centre in Becora (Senai), the Ministry of Public Works, the International Labor Organization (ILO), the Alola Foundation, Australian Volunteers International as well as the Tibar community.



In **2007** CHL designed, constructed and rehabilitated ILO Employment Centers in four districts (Dili, Baucau, Bobonaro & Oecuse). This was part of the implementation of the work for Peace Project in Timor Leste in 2007 under the State Secretary for Vocational Training and Employment.

Further, in a joint effort to assist in overcoming the present situation in Timor-Leste, CHL has assisted Servi Nasaun and ILO in renovating 5 police stations (Comoro, Bidau, UNDIL, Bebonuk and Hera) and constructed a "Sport for Peace" facility at Kampos Alor.

CHL has partnered with local NGO's such as ALOLA Foundation that works with women in Timor Leste, in the areas of maternal and child health, Education, Economic development and Advocacy. CHL has built facilities such as:

- Shade facility at ALOLA main office funded by USAID
- Four room School at Dare funded by Xanana Trust Fund and Rotary Club
- Shelter for child care in an orphanage at Bairro Pite. CHL built the shelter for fourteen children who are managed by a Catholic sister of Putri Reinha Rosari congregation.

CHL built elementary schools with for children at Metinaro camps to reduce distance for the children to enable them to attend school regularly. This project was funded by IOM Timor Leste.

In **2008** CHL tendered to The GoTL and secured the contract to refurbish the Minister's residence. This job required high level of expertise and experience which was demonstrated in the final output. It highlighted the quality of workmanship that CHL tradesman were able to produce.

CHL has completed the development of 16 homes for people with a disability in Dili commissioned by a local NGO, Ahisaun.