



FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN TIMOR-LESTE:

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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AFFORDABLE HOMES IN TIMOR-LESTE



Community Housing Limited (CHL) is the leading community housing organisation in Australia. CHL designs, builds and manages good quality, affordable homes for people who do not have sufficient income or assets to secure good housing.

FACTS ABOUT CHL

CHL is one of Australia's fastest growing businesses. Formed in 1993 it now has assets of US\$4.2 million, and annual revenue of US\$12 million, more than 1,000 houses under management and is contracted to construct 400 houses in Australia over the next two years.

CHL registered as a Non Government Organisation in Timor-Leste in 2004 to assist in the provision of good quality, affordable housing to people who could otherwise not afford it.

CHL IS A CHARITABLE ORGANISATION:

CHL is a *non-profit company*. It operates like any limited company but financial surpluses must remain in the company to be *reinvested in housing for the poor*. Further, community development is an integral part of CHL's approach and this has been a key component of success in Australia.

OBJECTIVES IN TIMOR-LESTE:

There are important similarities in the challenges and solutions for low income families seeking access to good quality housing in Australia and Timor-Leste.

CHL believes its Australian expertise can be used to benefit the people of Timor-Leste, not only to build a significant volume of housing, but also to promote local cohesion, employment opportunities, skills development and community associations.

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.

CHL 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 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 Aloia Foundation, Australian Volunteers International as well as the Tibar community.

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 Kampo Alor.

