



CARE Timor-Leste Dili Flood Response Program 2021



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Responding to the Dili floods of 2021 CARE Timor-Leste mounted a rapid emergency response securing ECHO funding and proceeding to develop an integrated shelter strategy responding to the acute needs of those affected by the floods. This included initial emergency distribution of shelter and non-food items but also went on to develop an innovative program of community-led recovery projects informed by a highly consultative gendered shelter assessment. In parallel, CARE played a key role in the development of a national Information, Education and Communication campaign around safer home construction.

Gendered Shelter Assessment

CARE developed an innovative protocol to capture nuanced community data related to homes and communities through qualitative assessment tools such as focus group discussions and key informant interviews. This engages groups such as women, men, girls, boys, the elderly and persons with disabilities. These gendered perspectives helped empower community voices and shaped the project through ongoing consultation and meaningful engagement.



Community-Led Recovery Projects

CARE facilitated each affected community through a participatory process or risk assessment and project identification that led each aldeia (village) to develop their own set of CARE-funded project activities. This resulted in a diverse set of community managed projects such as waste disposal management, drainage clearing, water system repair, protection wall construction and community building construction.



Safer Shelter Awareness Campaign

CARE took on a key role at the national level to develop information, education and communication materials including a shelter manual and poster. CARE developed the technical messages in coordination with the National Government and Technical Working Group of INGOs. CARE also worked with Lafaek, publisher of a community magazine that CARE launched over 20 years ago, to illustrate the materials in a culturally appropriate and accessible style.



About CARE

CARE International has been working in Timor-Leste since 1994 with a focus on humanitarian and development programming. CARE has over 180 staff with a head office in Dili. CARE's current programming reaches all 13 municipalities in Timor-Leste.

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