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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of Ba Futuru,

This last year was difficult for families and communities around the world and Timor-Leste was no exception. While Timor-Leste managed to limit the spread of Covid-19, Timor-Leste faced its largest natural disaster in 40 years. When Cyclone Seroja hit Timor-Leste on Easter Sunday it caused severe flooding and landslides. Approximately 15,000 people sought refuge in evacuation centers and many more families experienced significant damage to their houses, belongings, and livelihoods.

Even though many of our staff were personally impacted by the floods. It was amazing to see how they still responded to the needs of affected children and families. Under these difficult circumstances, Ba Futuru's Board and the co-founder played an important role to raise funds to support Ba Futuru's staff who were badly affected by the flooding.

Ba Futuru felt proud because with the funds that we raised we were able to share resources with some of the former Ba Futuru staff families and children who live nearby Ba Futuru.

Ba Futuru staff continued working hard during this challenging time. Five of Ba Futuru's staff voluntarily joined the UNICEF program with other CSO partners who responded to the emergency situation and worked in 14 refugee camps with those families affected by the flooding. This program included the development of a Mental Health Psychosocial Support toolbox, and was part of the Child Protection in emergency flooding response. The volunteers facilitated the activities related to Child Friendly Spaces in the camps so that children would have a safe place where they could express their emotions, play, and learn.



Ba Futuru also continued to carry out our vital mission to build a peaceful, positive and productive Timor-Leste through using innovative approaches to protect children, reduce violence, empower women and inspire young learners. We did this through various projects including films, theater and training that you will read about in this annual report.

We celebrated our "Sweet 17th Sparkle" Anniversary as an organization with Ba Futuru's current and former staff, donors, and key stakeholders to share our happiness and achievements. Ba Futuru has directly served more than 50,000 Timorese people including children, youth, women, teachers, community leaders, and farmers in 12 municipalities and RAE OA Oecusse. Ba Futuru aims to keep shining through its programs to support the development of our beloved country Timor-Leste.

I feel truly proud of the success that Ba Futuru has achieved in 2021 through theater and film, as well as through the Child Friendly Spaces and youth changemaker programming. I would like to thank Ba Futuru's donors, partners, Ba Futuru's Board and Ba Futuru's staff who supported us to get through this difficult time and challenging year enabling us to run our program smoothly.

Once again, thank you for all of your support.

Sincerely,



Juliana "Lica" Marçal
Executive Director



OUR WORK IN 2021

PROTECTING CHILDREN



- Child Friendly Spaces Project Funded by UNICEF
- Child Friendly Spaces Funded by CFTL/MFAT
- Hametin Familia – KAP end-line survey

REDUCING VIOLENCE



- Youth-led campaign to stop Covid-19 fake news project
- Youth4Change project funded by GIZ
- Spotlight SBCC products including 2 films funded by UNICEF

INSPIRING YOUNG LEARNERS



- Youth Leading Together Funded by Oaktree
- Inspiring Youth Changemakers in Lautem funded by CFTL
- Ba Futuru's Preschool
- Circus project from CPS worker

EMPOWERING WOMEN



- Women Leading COVID-19 response through Peace and Economic Development
- Street Theatre Shows for Fall Army Worm (FAW) Campaign Project funded by MDF
- Transformative Leadership based on Gender Equality funded by UNWOMEN
- Linkage Plan project funded by Grameen Foundation



CHILD-FRIENDLY SPACES WITH UNICEF

Psychosocial Support Toolbox Project

UNICEF and the Ministry of Social Solidarity and Inclusion (MSSI) developed the Psychological Support Toolbox as part of the Social Welfare Workforce Strengthening Program. Ba Futuru NGO was one of the national organizations selected to implement the Psychosocial Support toolbox project to create the Child Friendly Spaces.

Ba Futuru utilized the toolkit with more than 1,000 children and families in communities affected by the flooding and COVID-19, to effectively restore, strengthen, and mobilize family and community support and systems.



“ I feel happy because through this activity our big sisters (facilitators) made me feel safe. I am also happy because I could draw, play ball, and play together with my friends.”

- Boy, Kapela Bedik

Project Beneficiaries

- **69 volunteers coming from 15 communities in Dili** (Becora Motalun, Kintal Ki'ik, Lahane Osidental, Hera – Igreja Akanunu, Mota Ki'ik, Hera Kapela Bedik, Canosiano, Bidau Metiaut, Bidau Masaur, Bidau Santa Ana, São João Paulo II, Tasitolu Ex Pameran, Tasitolu BTN Talilaran, Tasitolu BTN Talilaran, Tasitolu Dom-Bosco, Tasitolu Raikoak, Tasitolu Raisokat and Tasitolu Ailalet)
- **1,609 children**
- **80 participants** received a TOT on use of the toolbox (these included selected volunteers and staff from MSSI, Pradet, Alola, Plan International, Scouts, Dominican Sisters, Casa Vida, Fokupers, FFCJ, Anur Orphanage, Centru Quesadhip Ruak, Rotaract, Youth off the Streets, Girls Alliance, and Environmental Education Heroes as well as preschool teachers.

CHILD FRIENDLY SPACES - CHILDFUND

CHILDFUND WITH FUNDING FROM MFAT ALSO BEGAN A CHILD-FRIENDLY SPACES PROJECT AS ONE OF THEIR RESPONSES TO THE EMERGENCY SITUATION RELATED TO THE FLOODING.

BA FUTURU PARTNERED WITH CHILD FUND TO ESTABLISH 10 CHILD-FRIENDLY SPACES IN THE VILLAGES MANLEUANA AND COMORO.

THESE INCLUDED: 1) EVACUATION CENTER OF MANLEUANA , 2) EVACUATION CENTER OF DOM-BOSCO, COMORO, 3) TASU-ULUN A, 4) TASU ULUN B, 5) RAI-KUAK, 6) MANE-IKUN, 7) BESI-MEAN, 8)TALI LARAN, 9) FATU-BANKU AND 10) MASIN-LIDUN.



Photo: BF/Angelo Pereira

The children stood in a circle and sang a song together with the volunteer tutors in Fatu-Banku

"I really appreciated Ba Futuru's program being implemented in my community. My children and I learned many things through using the provided psychosocial materials. My children really enjoyed engaging in this activity because the psychosocial support activities helped them to recover from stress and trauma. This was especially helpful as they lost their school materials in the flooding. I also felt happy because I could get a chance to participate in a parenting session. The information I received about identifying the children's rights and needs, child protection, and positive discipline have all been really useful for me to apply in my family. Now I avoid using violence and abusive behavior with my children. I am aware now that it is positive for my children to expect me to show them affection and love."

- A Female, age 24 from Tasu-Ulun



Photo: CFSV/Afonso

Volunteer tutor, Neusa, from Masin-Lidun together with children making flowers from the cards and sticking them to the flip chart during a creative activity session.

The project directly benefited:

- 20 volunteers (M: 14 & F: 16) trained in the areas of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support;
- 799 children (girls, 383, boys, 416) from the 10 target areas; and
- Parenting sessions were implemented in 10 CFS corners with 266 (F: 234 & M: 23) parents/caregivers.



YOUTH4CHANGE - HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP DISCUSSIONS ON PREVENTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

Ba Futuru received funding from GIZ for the period of October 2021 – March 2022 to implement the Youth4change project. In this project, Ba Futuru used its existing Unlocking Love (Domin Nakloke) entertainment-education film series, and discussion manuals including to train 20 youth (10 from the municipality and 10 from Dili) to become youth changemakers. These youth changemakers were empowered to utilize training modules and workbooks to show films and hold discussions with the viewer groups information on Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights. The four films used were: "Selfie" – on discouraging controlling relationships, the underlying cause of domestic violence, "Shout it Out" – on domestic violence prevention, "No means No" – on sexual assault prevention, and "Love is Respect" – on preventing teenage pregnancy.

"I am very happy to conduct screenings and viewer group discussions with young people in my community. The participants were very interested in watching the Domin Nakloke films and enthusiastic about discussing the messages in the film. The film conveys information about healthy relationships for teenagers and also about how family members can help and respect each other to prevent domestic violence occurring in their family."

- Youth Changemaker from Bidau

Project beneficiaries

- 20 youth changemakers
- 236 viewer group discussion participants



The two films created have received 95,000 views across social media platforms!

Social Behaviour Communication Change Project

NGO Ba Futuru worked in partnership with UNICEF Timor-Leste through the Spotlight Initiative to create Social Behavior Communication Change (SBCC) tools to break the cycle of violence against women and girls in Timor-Leste. This initiative aligns with Timor-Leste's "National Action Plan on Gender-based Violence (2017-2021)"

Ba Futuru worked in collaboration with UNICEF to develop two new films (that are episodes 5 and 6 of the award-winning Domin Nakloke series), brochures, posters and a film screening discussion manual.

Ba Futuru also worked to select 27 youth and CSO representatives (14 of Male and 13 of Female) to become changemakers. For this Ba Futuru collaborated with local authorities and the MSSI in Ermera, Viqueque and Bobonaro municipalities.

These Changemakers are working in 2022 to gather youth in their communities to watch the films and participate in discussions about healthy relationships, including child protection and violence prevention

Ba Futuru undertook the following activities:

- Script Development & Film Production;
- Drafting Pre-post Surveys, training materials, and brochures for youth changemakers to receive training and then for them to use for outreach in their own community;
- Created brochures on anger management, positive discipline, and conflict resolution;
- Developed a poster series with key messages on violence prevention;
- Development of a discussion manual on the two films so that they would be well equipped to facilitate discussion groups about the films;
- Provided 5-Day training for Changemakers;
- Created & implemented a chat bot to help collect impact data.



**Iniciativa
Spotlight**
*Atu elimina violência
kontra feto no labarik-feto*

FoLiHa - Phase 2 Implementation

In the implementation of the FoLiHa project in 2021 the team completed the following activities:

- Curriculum Development of 3 new modules: Theater Training Guides, Civic Journalism and Participatory Video Production;
- Provided online training during the lockdown related to the Covid-19 pandemic; and
- Provided trainings to the youth changemakers.



Ba Futuru continued to work with the youth changemakers from the FoLiHa year 1 program in Manufahi and Lautem municipalities, while also recruiting new youth representatives from the youth centers in both of these municipalities.

In 2021 youth built upon the knowledge and skills that they gained in the first year to make more positive change within their community. Changemakers learned how to spread positive behavior change messages in their communities through different communication methods such as theater performances, the use of social media channels, and the shooting of a participatory video.

“I am so lucky to have gotten the opportunity to become a youth leader. I learned many new things, especially how to lead a group and plan activities with local authorities. I feel more confident now and I don't feel ashamed anymore. I am sad the Ba Futuru team will leave us when the project is over, but I know we will continue to work together as a FoLiHa team to continuously make changes in our community.”

- *Romançia Magno Gonçalves*, Female Youth Leader



The youth changemakers of Lospalos developed three news articles. The first was about a veteran who strongly encouraged the youth to participate more in their community. The second was to address a lack of facilities in one of the public schools, and the third was around the lack of water in the Lospalos Center village. They are able to research and write articles about these pressing issues and preoccupations they faced in their community, coordinate with the main people impacted by the issue and developing critical questions for their interviews.

Inspiring Youth Changemakers

Ba Futuru conducted life-enhancing training programs for young people through the implementation of the five-year 'Inspiring Youth Changemakers' (IYC) project in partnership with ChildFund Timor-Leste.

Ba Futuru's IYC project team in cooperation has done several training and activities with the Youth Changemakers in Lautem in 2021. The main objective of the Inspiring Youth Changemaker program is to increase the social and emotional skills of youth so that they can build better futures for themselves and be agents of positive change within their communities.

Prior to the pre-test, 15% of the youth stated they did not understand about the different types of Leadership. However, in the post-test, 100% of youth stated that after participating in the leadership training they can advocate for the issues of the young people in the community.

Project activities have included:

- Outreach and the selection of 60 youth (F=32 M=28) Changemakers;
- PeaceJam Training;
- Leadership Training;
- Life Skills Training;
- Economic Empowerment Training;
- Theater and Script Development Training;
- PeaceJam conference in Dili;
- Youth engagement activities in the community and schools;
- Peer-to-Peer session led by Youth Changemakers; and
- A community event showcase in Lautem.



Inspiring Youth Changemakers

A Changemaker from Lautem reports:

"Before joining the IYC Project, I was a person who had no confidence to speak in front of people. I just stayed at home and helped my parents with their business. Also, I lacked knowledge about peace, leadership, economic empowerment and theater.

I was really proud to be selected to be involved in this program. Moreover, I have felt changes during my involvement in this program. Now I have more confidence to speak in front of many people and share the knowledge that I have learned in this training program with my community. I am able to understand the information and the history of the Peace Nobel Laureates and how to create peace in the community. I also understand how to be a good leader and how to advocate for the issues or problems that are faced by our community. This experience has really motivated me to become a good person.

The life skills training helped me to understand how to write a good CV and application letter. The economic empowerment training has increased my knowledge about income and savings. Through the information that I've learned in economic empowerment training, I am able to support my family's small business much better. Furthermore, this training has enabled me to develop my own small business. In addition, the theater helped me to become a good actor, and perform stories about the social issues in my community. The theater taught me how to avoid the negative attitudes in my life and help me to do the good things in the community, and it has also improved my confidence.



Lastly, I feel that there are a lot of differences that have been made in my life. Back then I was a person who had strong emotions and it was difficult to control myself, but after attending the training I have changed myself and I am able to manage my emotions. "

Ba Futuru PreSchool

From January to December we had 36 children enrolled. 32 children were active in the classes. 6 of those were full-time, 10 were from the community and 22 were fee-paying children and 4 children stopped during the lockdown.

Ba Futuru's preschool teachers implemented these topics during 2021:

- **Term 1 – Focused on welcoming, self-regulation, identity, culture and the environment**
- **Term 2 & 3 – Focused on E-learning program due to Covid – 19 lock down**
- **Term 4 – Focused on diversity of attributes**

" I am glad that my child was able to enroll in Ba Futuru's Preschool for 3 years. I have noticed my child has developed a lot of skills, knowledge, dispositions, and positive attitudes while participating in preschool. She is confident in talking with people and can speak English. As parents, we appreciate all of your hard work taking care of our child with passion, love and affection.

Thank you very much. "

- Octavia Tong, Seroja Community



Circus Activities



Ba Futuru's children's' circus group is an offering for children aged 6 to 14 years old on Friday afternoons for 2 hours.

We have 25 girls and boys participating who live in close vicinity to Ba Futuru.

During the group lessons the children learned in a playful way to juggle, do acrobatics, clowning and acting.

The pedagogical goals of the activities are learning new skills, which require discipline, perseverance and frustration tolerance, as well as learning and experiencing together with others. Knowing and mastering a juggling utensil and the body skills to perform acrobatic feats helps children develop a positive body image, strengthens their sense of self-worth and consideration for the needs of others.

Besides the above-mentioned activities, the methods from the circus training were also used in the Child-Friendly Places, where Ba Futuru helped families with their children who lost their housing after the floods in April 2021. The Preschool also likes to use the methods from the circus training.



Street Theatre Shows for Fall Army Worm (FAW) Campaign

Ba Futuru received funding from Market Development Facility (MDF) to carry out 40 theater performances and video screenings on controlling and preventing FAW throughout Timor-Leste.

In this project, Ba Futuru worked closely with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) throughout the project to strengthen the messages related to FAW prevention to agriculture.

These campaigns aimed to raise awareness about Fall Army Worms and help farmers protect their crops from this newly migrating species and utilize other traditional methods to reduce FAW attacks on their gardens and fields.



"As a farmer I would like to ask NGO Ba Futuru and MDF to keep implementing the FAW prevention program in my village because most of the maize in our field has been destroyed by FAW. During the harvest of the maize we got less as compared with the result some years ago. If possible, next year please put in your plan to visit our village again and spread more information regarding Prevention and controlling FAW in order to help the maize farmers to protect their maize from the FAW."

- Male Farmer, age 58, from Tutuala, Mehara, Poros.

Project achievements

- Ba Futuru's drama team delivered 33 street theater performances in 11 municipalities
- Ba Futuru's drama team held video screenings related to the FAW prevention in 11 municipalities
- 970 (M: 555 and F: 415) farmers have engaged in the street theater performances

Linkage Plan

funded by Grameen Foundation

Ba Futuru will provide 150 Kaebauk Clients with a 4 days Economic empowerment and GBV training on key topics – Identification of assets, how to use assets for a business, using existing resources to see the opportunity for business, and how to start a business plan. For these training topics, Ba Futuru facilitators will deliver a five days training per group per municipality. Aside from the business skills and financial management training, the 150 Kaebauk clients will also receive a GBV Prevention and Response services training from the Ba Futuru trainers.





The project focus on organizing and provide training program to promote gender equality in elections and strengthen capacities and skills of local women and men leaders from diverse backgrounds in meaningfully participating in the elections in Timor-Leste, and producing audiovisual materials to promote gender equality in the elections as well as gender-responsive planning and budgeting. The project started in November 2021 where in the in the first two months the team conducted project planning, coordinating with the stakeholders and curriculum development.

Strengthening Women's Participation in the Politics



Expected project results:

- Strengthened partnerships, coordination and capacity of municipality and community based women-led groups to promote evidence-based advocacy
- Strengthened linkages between women and men leaders at the local, municipality and national levels, and enhanced networks at the municipal and village level in project targeted areas.
- Women and men will have a strengthened capacity to participate and influence national and local decision-making processes and to become actively involved in conflict resolution and advocacy in order to inform conflict prevention and peacebuilding processes.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Current Assets

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Cash and Cash Equivalents	6	197,272.75	225,899.51
Trade and other Receivables	7	43,661.68	56,605.40
Total Current Assets		240,934.43	282,504.91

Non-Current Assets

Property, Plant and Equipment		0,00	0,00
Total Non-Current Assets		0,00	0,00
Total Assets		240,934.43	282,504.91

Current Liabilities

Trade and other payables	8	6,258.17	11,817.76
Grant Commitments	8	25,831.13	71,208.01
Total Current Liabilities		32,089.30	83,025.77

Total Liabilities

32,089.30 **83,025.77**

Net Assets

208,845.13 **199,479.14**

Equity

Retained Earnings		199,479.14	207,668.42
Funds Available for Future Use		9,365.99	-8,189.28
Total Equity		208,845.13	199,479.14

INCOME STATEMENT

Income

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Program Revenue	2	660,184.62	434,058.52
Program Costs	3	-688,940.30	-454,790.94
Gross Income		- 28,755.68	- 20,732.42
Other Revenue	2	36,584.30	60,795.91
Occupancy Costs		0.00	0.00
Administration Expenses		-127,497.00	-190,122.54
Project Support Contribution		129,034.37	141,869.77
Excess of Revenue Over Disbursements		9,365.99	- 8,189.28

Note: The financial summary (balance sheet) and income statement taken from the organization's annual independent audit. All figures are in US dollars (USD).

Please request the full report for details and notes.

ABOUT BA FUTURU

Ba Futuru provides women young people, and children in Timor-Leste with knowledge and skills to protect themselves from violence. We also offer opportunities for self-expression, education, and job and leadership preparedness that can help them overcome the negative effects of conflict and gain the skills to create a positive, peaceful and productive future. We work to develop the skills of those who impact the lives of women, young people and children. We are helping to build the structures, systems and legal frameworks in the areas of conflict mitigation, protection, and education. Our name means "For the Future."

MISSION

To build a peaceful, positive and productive Timor-Leste through using innovative approaches that will: protect children, reduce violence, empower women and inspire young learners.

VISION

To create a Timor-Leste free of violence, where all citizens, especially women, children and young people, can engage meaningfully in the country's development in a peaceful, positive and productive way.

