

TOMAK – FARMING FOR PROSPERITY (TIMOR-LESTE)

TOMAK Supply Chain Partner - Expression of Interest (EOI) Form

HaburasMorisFoundation

Organisation Details

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OrganisationType: NGO

Business ABN/National Business Registration Number: Full register in FONGTIL: **485** & full register in Minister of Justice Timor Leste: TIN 5007063.

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Organisation Profile/Areas of relevant expertise/Link to website

(Maximum 150 words)

A.1. HaburasMoris Foundation's Profile

East Timor's farmers face many problems in being able to generate enough food to eat as well as being able to generate an adequate income. Analysis shows that economic growth in Timor-Leste has been inequitable, and that rural poverty is still stubbornly entrenched. Inequity and poverty are higher for women and youth, and further compounded by food insecurity and poor nutritional outcomes. The Government of Timor-Leste is deeply concerned about the need for the broader, equitable, economic development of its rural population.

HaburasMoris Foundation (in Tetum called Organization HaburasMoris/OHM, means "Develops Life") is an independent political none religious and none discriminatory organization supporting the development of rural communities in the Bobonaro Municipality is a community based non-governmental organization, promoting health, nutritional and educational programs with the aim of increasing the community's capacity, to improve livelihoods and develop agriculture in a sustainable ways. HaburasMoris Foundation offers a range of programs to enable the communities of the Bobonaro district to develop livelihood and income generation projects. HaburasMoris Foundation offers training and support so that the communities in the municipality will gain the skills and confidence required for establishing small rural enterprise.

HaburasMoris Foundation provides educational programs in the community relating to health and nutrition. Through these sustainable agriculture programs, OHM demonstrates about:

1. Establish a foundation of food security and good nutrition for targeted rural households; and
2. Improve their capacity to confidently and ably engage in profitable agricultural market in small communities throughout the municipal and national level.

The organization became a fully registered NGO in March 2005 and continued to growing a fully registered Minister of Justice **No. 372/DNRN-MJ/II/2015 Ministerio da Justica no TIN 5007063**. Expand became one Foundation in Bobonaro Municipality.

A.2. VISION and MISION

Vision: *The communities in Timor Leste able to look after itself: economically, socially & culturally - with justice and equity for all.*

Mission: *To develop the knowledge and skill of communities so that they can contribute to the development of a sustainable, equitable and justice in Bobonaro Municipality.*

A.4. Programs and Sectors of Work

- *Women's development*
- *Sustainable Agriculture & Forestry*
- *Public Health & Nutrition.*
- *Promote Economic Development*

Brief summary of relevant experience (Maximum 500 words)

Working in over 50 sucos in Bobonaro, OHM has already organized 28 community-based groups. Out of total 28 community-based groups, 20 groups are women groups. Many of these early projects focused on providing an income for widows. The first women's group OHM established is still in operation and selling vegetables in the Maliana Markets in daily basis.

OHM has worked on both short (4 month) and long term (5 year) projects with budgets ranging from \$1,700 to \$200,000 p.a. Under the guidance of OHM staff, the communities are now engaged in a variety of livelihoods projects such as:

- Improving home gardens and planting soybeans,
- Produces peanut butter, banana chips, tempe and tempe powder, soy milk, traditional *tais*, jewellery and craftwork,
- Making soy milk and nutritional supplements for children (from vegetables and soy milk),
- Producing organic fertilizer, making charcoal vinegar as an organic pesticide, fuel-efficient cooking stoves.

The groups usually sell their products in local Bobonaro Markets, as well as at schools and to the government (e.g. organic fertilizer). Many of the groups have perfected their products, for example, one group's peanut butter is considered among the best peanut butter in Timor-Leste.

OHM has implemented small-scale infrastructure projects with the local communities, such as water and sanitation solutions. Once implemented, OHM assists the community to set up groups/committees to manage the maintenance and use of these services, and monitors the follow-up activities.

OHM has also provided access to networking opportunities with other communities in Timor-Leste, so that they can share 'lessons learnt' and discuss other ideas for community development. This year, OHM organized the first women's exchange program in Timor-Leste, linking up several women's groups from the Bobonaro and the Covalima Municipalities in 3-days workshops.

The success of OHM's projects in Bobonaro has been recognized by other local NGOs, government departments and international donors, so that OHM teams have been asked to share their experiences and expertise.

OHM is currently working with another local NGO in Covalima to replicate techniques such as the 'Training of Trainers' and provide guidelines on how to establish strong community groups.

The success of OHM's techniques for community development planning at the suco-level has resulted in the Ministry of Home Affairs using their approach as the model for all of Timor-Leste.

| Summary of OHM Projects in the Bobonaro Municipality | |
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| Partner | Project/ Program |
| IWDA | 'Taking Steps' - empowerment of women in rural development. |
| MERCYCORP's | Agriculture sustainability focus on ; Efficient Seed Storage. |
| WFP | Pilot project - rehabilitation of school kitchens and the construction and installation of energy saving stoves |
| Japan Embassy | Construction Canal Irrigation to improve local products in villages. |
| RWSSP/Besik- AusAID | Community water systems, health education, sanitation and management in the future. |
| Australian Embassy & Australia Volunteer International | Aqua gallon (gallon clean water packing) project for social business to sustainability organization for future. |
| EU/GIZ | 'Community Development Program', suco-level development planning (50 sucos) |
| JICA-Japan | Horticultural pilot project - growing and processing soya bean See Note below* |
| Asia Foundation-USAID | Improve communication and cooperation between the suco councils |
| RWSSP- Aus AID | Community water systems and management in the future |
| Care International | 'Water and Sanitation', 'Health Education' and 'Food Security Program' |
| U.N. FAO phase III | Seed distribution |
| AustCare | Food Security Program (home gardens) |
| U.N FAO phase I and II | 'Food Security Program' - to combat malnutrition (45 sucos and 10 school gardens) |
| AusAID- ETGAS phase III | Irrigation rehabilitation project for improved agriculture |
| USAID-TAIS | Nutrition and general health training |
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