

SITUATION REVIEWS OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2018

The Early Warning Early Response system (EWER) has been developed over the past 10 years to monitor the frequency, trends and causes of violent incidents across Timor-Leste. The system uses a network of local monitors to gather data about incidents of violence. The monitors are trained and the data is reviewed and collated by Municipal Coordinators. This data forms the basis of the EWER reports.

The EWER system has faced serious funding challenges over the past year. The number of Municipalities being monitored, the number of monitors and consequently the volume of data has reduced significantly. This situation has occurred due to loss of funding. In September 2017 The EWER System covered 12 Municipalities and RAEOA in 43 administrative posts with 86 monitors. In October – November 2018, Belun's Early Warning, Early Response system (EWER) monitored only 3 Municipalities in Baukau, Covalima and the special administrative region of Oekusi in 10 Administrative Posts with 10 monitors (8 female and 2 male) and only 1 monitor in each administrative post.

ISSUES REQUIRING ATTENTION

- ▶ 78 Incidents cause by resentment and revenge jealousy.
- ▶ 18 violent incidents linked to the former martial arts groups.
- ▶ Domestic violence continues to occur, there were 24 incidents recorded;
- ▶ Sexual violation of 1 married woman and defamation of 1 young woman

Totál insidente fulan Outubru - Novembru 2018	
Munisipiu	Insidente
Covalima	25
Baukau	59
Oekusi (RAEOA)	38
Totál	122

TOTAL OF 122 VIOLENT INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN 3 MUNICIPALS (COVALIMA, BAUKAU AND RAEAO)

Belun through its Early Warning, Early Response (EWER) system recorded 122 incidents of violence in October-November 2018. This is a reduction when compared to the August-September 2018 period, however Dili Municipality was not included in October-November 2018, the data covered only 3 municipals in Baukau, Covalima and RAEOA.

Drunkness during the all soul's day increased violence. There were a total of 122 violent incidents with the majority of these incidents taking place in Baukau 59, RAEOA with 38 and the municipality of Covalima 25. The majority were male perpetrators, 96, There were 9 women perpetrators, male and female perpetrators 13 and unknown persons 5. Victims of these incidents; 62 men, 39 women and 21 women and men.

78 VIOLENT INCIDENTS CAUSED OF RESENTMENT, REVENGE AND JEALOUSY.

During October and November 2018 the highest number of violent incidents involved youth, these were primarily caused by resentment, revenge and jealousy. A total of 78 incidents occurred in the 3 municipalities. Many of these incidents happen due to relationships and unresolved conflicts in the community, continued jealousy, resentment and revenge for one another, and overriding violence in the community. The following chronology of incidents are an illustration and are connected with each other :

- ▶ On 3 October 2018, Buskaulari Village, Suco Nunira, Administrative Posts Laga, municipality of Baukau, at 21:00 night. The incident occurred when an unknown group was throwing rocks at a car owned by a owner of a salt company. The unknown persons escaped, but on 4 October 2018 victims provide information to the community authority and communities about those who were involved in this incident to resolve this amongst the families. The victims stated that the causes of this incident was unresolved disputes about salt lake.
- ▶ On 5 October 2018, PM 23:43 night an incident occurred between youth groups who physically assaulted the group of friends and family members coming from Dili to Laivai, taking the body of Afonso Soares, a member of the FDTL (Resistance name "Intel") . The incident happened in the area of the youth group in Buigira. There were several physical assaults for unknown reasons. The impact of this incident a motorcycle was destroyed, and rocks went into a bus. The glass in the window of the bus was broke and the passangers felt fear and trauma. In this case the victims immediately informed the Police station, Laga.
- ▶ Another incident occurred on 6 October 2018, approximately 00:48 in Buigira Village, Buskaulari Neighborhood, Suco Nunira, Administrative Posts Laga, Municipality of Baukau. An unknown person killed a young man on the beach. This incident occurred after the events of the youth groups and communities physical assault on the family accompanied taking the body of Afonso Soares. In this case the family did not want an autopsy of the young person who died on the beach
- ▶ On the 6 October 2018, now 00:55AM. In The Village Of Heu-Uai, Suco Soba, Administrative Posts Laga, Municipality Of Baukau. F-FDTL and PNTL member are physically aggressive to the Chief village Nunira due to a lack of cooperation with the security authorities. This incident occurred when members of the F-FDTL and PNTL detained youth groups about the physical assault on convoy of taking the body of Afonso Soares ("Intel"). The members of F-FDTL and PNTL called the village chief to accompany young people to the Police Station in Laga to provide a statement. The members of F-FDTL and PNTL asked the village chief "Do you recognize who are the perpetrators as mentioned by the community"? The village chief said why would you think I know? I am not the police so it was not my role to capture them. Members of F-

FDTL and PNTL became angry and physically assaulted the village chief. The case was reported and recorded and is in the General Prosecutors office to process in law. The community continues to be concerned about some youth groups conducting assaults while in the area, the communities are concerned about the many problems and social conflicts that occurred in the community but there has been no resolution. Community authorities, security and Government policy measures need to seek to solve problems and social conflict that negatively impacts on community life.

INCREASED VIOLENT INCIDENTS (18) CAUSED BY FORMER-MEMBERS OF MARTIAL ARTS GROUPS

There is continued violence between the former martial arts Groups (MAGS). The community and local authorities continue to be concerned and did not feel safe in society, the Government must give attention to this situation. Violent incidents linked to former MAGS continues in the 3 municipalities (Baukau, Covalima and RAEOA)

The data shows that in October and November 2018 there were a total of 18 incidents with the majority, 16, happening in the municipality of Baukau, Covalima 2 and this has made the community very concerned. Former MAGs continued grievances and revenge fighting between them. In the 2 month period there were no incidents in RAEOA from former MAGS. The data show that the Incidents occurred in MAGS:

► Incidents occurred on 2 November 2018 all soul's day, about 15.00, Santa Cruz, Zowac village, Suco Beco, Suai, Covalima Municipality Administrative Posts. Fighting occurred between former members of the MAGS. This incident occurred on all soul's day when the community went to the Cemetery to place flowers on the graves. At that time several of the former MAGS with others triggered by drunk youth from other former MAGS started fighting between them. Two young people were injured, the community of women, men and children in Santa Cruz were in fear, trauma and they ran away. This incident is under investigation by the police station, Suai, and sent to the Public Prosecutor to process to the Court, although the perpetrator's family asked the families of victims to resolve culture but the victim's families did not accept.

► Incidents took place in the village of Caibada, the administrative post of BauKau in connection between the former members of MAGS, incidents occurred on October 21, 2018, at 16:22 in the afternoon. In the Village of Caibada, aldeia Kaibuilale, Administrative post, Baukau, Municipality Baukau. Youth groups former MAGS (A) physical aggression made by young men, a former member of MAGS (B), because of jealousy or resentment or revenge on the issue of martial arts in the past. This incident occurred when the victim was out to her friend's house, suddenly they arrived in the road she was assaulted by youth groups former MAGS (A). This case is now in the process in the police station, the process under the law is continuing

► Incidents took place in the village of Caibada, the administrative post of Baukau in This incidents is related to the above and former members of the MAGs continued violence on October 21, 2018, at 24:00 night. In the aldeia data-Ua, Caibada Village, administrative post of Baukau, municipality of Baukau. Occurred youth group's members of the former MAGS physically assaulted a married man in his house because of the above incidents related to the martial arts group problems. This incident occurred when married man was sitting in his house and there was suddenly a group of young people came and physically assaulted him without reason. The result of this incident was that the a house was destroyed and a married man is in trauma. These cases were recorded in the police station and are in the process of the law.

24 INCIDENTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RECORDED IN OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2018

Violent incidents of domestic violence persist in the municipality of Baukau, Covalima and RAEOA, domestic violence occurred mostly in the municipality of Baukau 14, Covalima 5 and RAEOA 5. An incident occurred on 15 October 2018, at 09:30, in the aldeia Onu-laran, village of Maudemo, Administrative Posts Tilomar, Municipality Covalima.

An incident occurred between a wife and her husband who were fighting about money. This incident occurred when the wife asked her husband for money to buy rice. Her husband played SDSB (Lottery) and he had spent all the money. The husband was verbally abusive and beat his wife. The incident was resolved by members of the family.

Domestic violence occurred on 16 October 2018, at 13:20pm. In Bairo Mopo, aldeia, Suco Nipane Sakato, the administrative post of Pante Macassar, RAEOA. There was domestic violence by a married man who beat his wife and his children because there was no money to buy rice. The family intervened and the solution was accepted by the husband and wife.

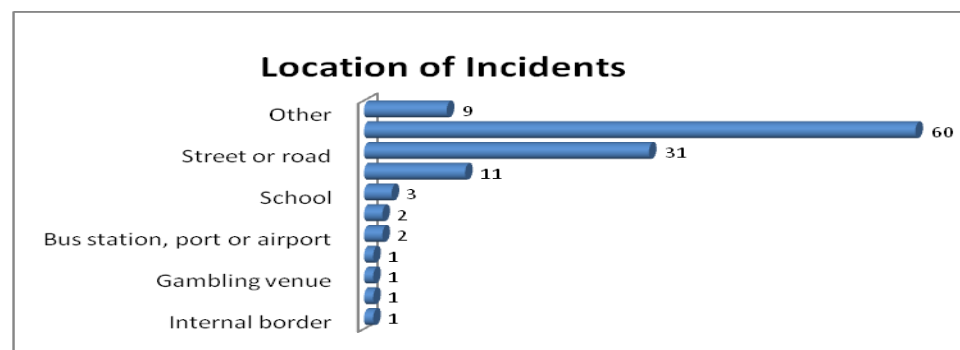
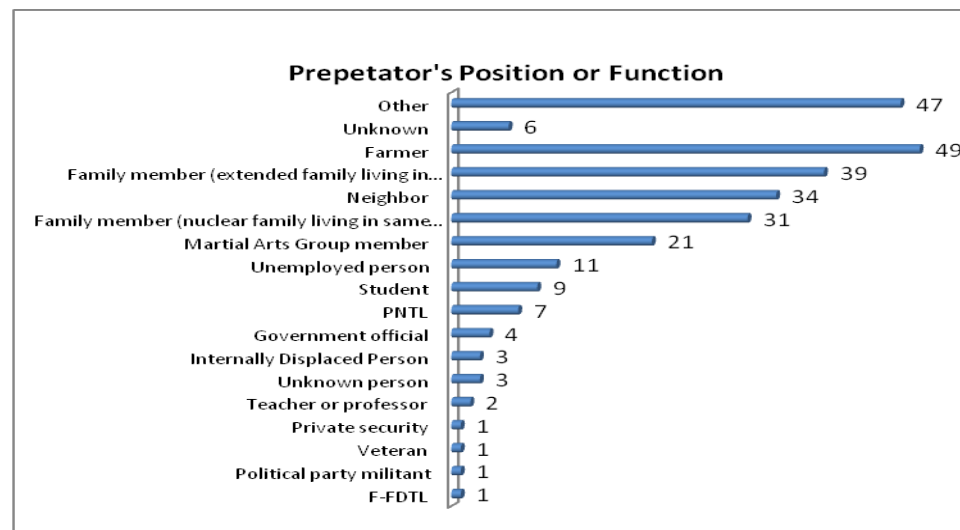
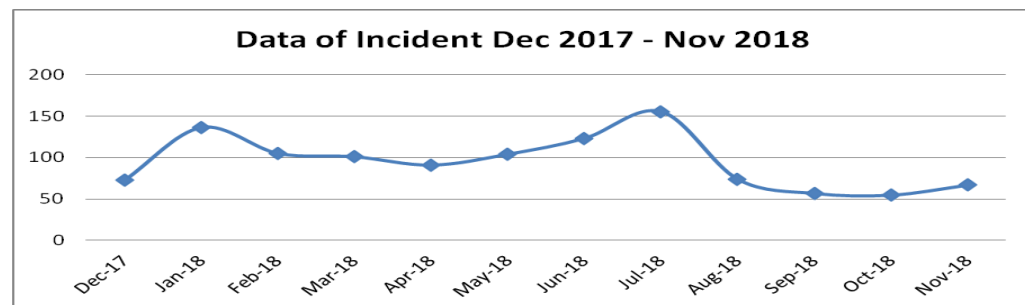
Domestic violence is an important national issue. Timor-Leste's society is culturally/traditionally patriarchal this meant that in the past domestic violence was resolved in the family. There is now a law, No. 7/2010, against domestic violence, there is limited community understand of this law. Causes of domestic violence include; unemployment, no food, alcohol, and illegal games. These are all important factors that the Government needs to focus on.

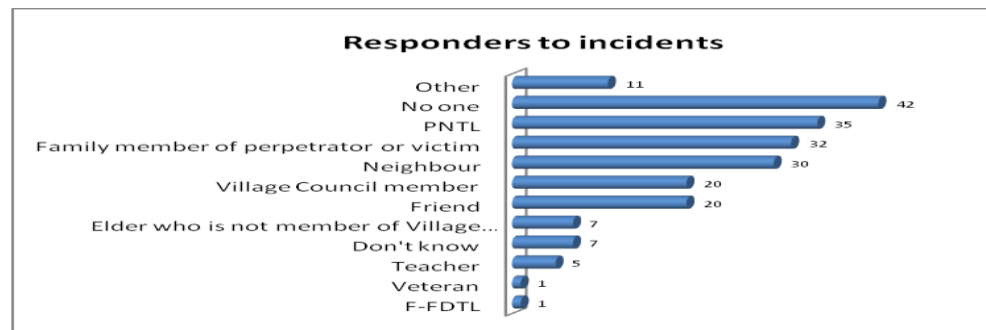
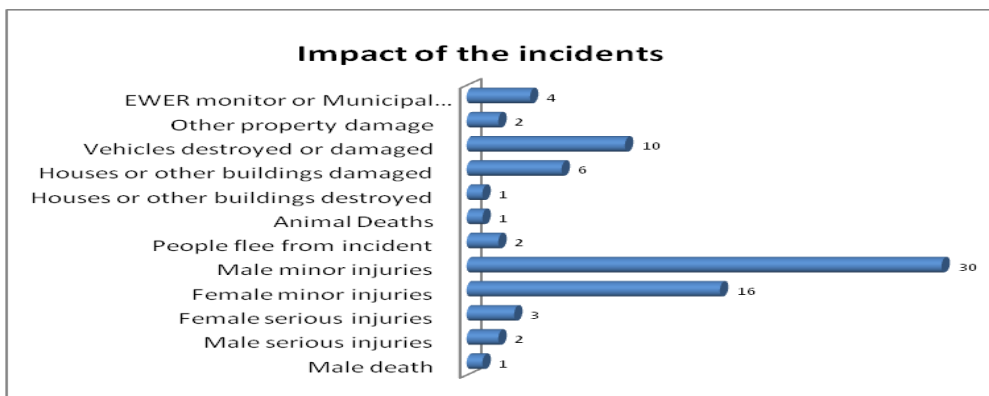
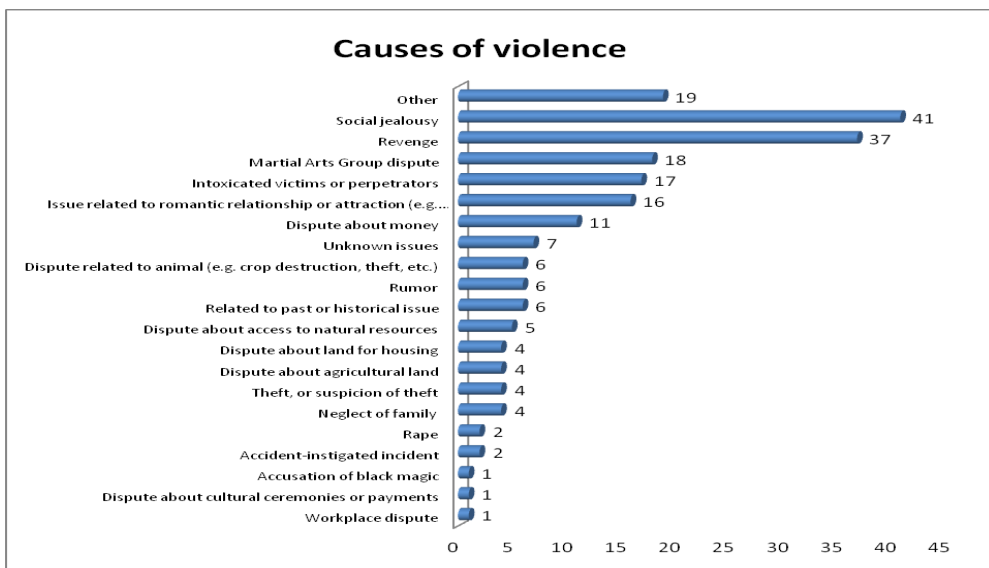
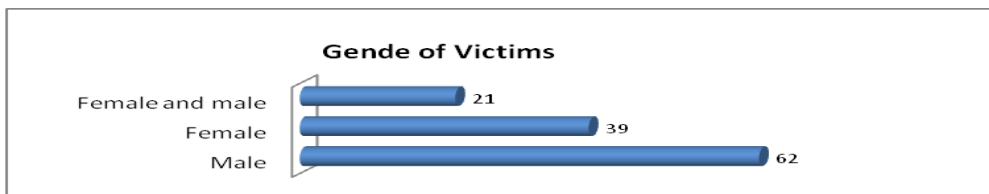
SEXUAL VIOLATION OF 1 MARRIED WOMAN AND DEFAMATION OF 1 YOUNG WOMAN

This incidents occurred on 19 October 2018, in the administrative post of Baukau, a married man had made sexual advance to a young woman but these advances were rejected. The man then published a photo of the woman on Facebook saying that she was a young prostitute. The victim's family saw the photo on Facebook and were shocked and unsatisfied and made a complaint to the police station in Baukau. The case has been referred for the Public prosecutor.

A sexual assault occurred on 28 October 2018, In the administrative post of Baukau, a man sexually assaulted a married woman. This incident occurred when the married women's colleagues and their families called a man to come to the victim's house to heal victim (because this man was matan dok or traditional healer), the perpetrator came to the victim's house, the perpetrator did not heal the victim, but sexually violated her. The victim was very concerned and afraid and the family became very angry and made a complaint to the PNTL. The case is in process at the police station, Baukau, municipality of Baukau.

INCIDENT CHARACTERISTICS





CONFLICT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

Early Warning, Early Response activities (EWER) through the Women Peace and Security (WPS) program

- ▶ In October trimestral meetings were held in 10 administrative posts in 3 municipalities (Baukau, Covalima and RAEOA) to present incident analysis reporting period July-September 2019

In October 2018, Belun with its partners in conflict prevention and response Network (CPRN) held a meeting analysis in 10 administrative posts in the municipality of Baukau (Baukau, Laga and Vemasse), Covalima (Zumulai Suai and Tilomar) and RAEOA (Pante Makasar, Oesilo, Passabe and Nitibe).

3 Administrative posts in the municipality of Baukau, were held on July, 12, 17 and 27 October 2018, RAEOA administrative posts 4 realised on: 15, 17, 19 and 20 October 2018 and administrative posts in the municipality of Covalima 3 on: 22, 23 and 24 October 2018. The meeting was attended by the administrator Posts, members of the CPRN, KPK members, village Council members, Representative from Church, education, Rep. PNTL, the coordination of the municipality of DNPCC-MDS, monitors, MSSSI focal points and women's groups.

The total of 57 participants (46 men and 11Women) composed of 3 Administrative Posts in the municipality of Covalima. Total with 79 participants (men and Women: 22:57) composed of sub region 4 in RAEOA. With a total of 57 participants (men and Women: 12:45) composed of Administrative Posts 3 in the municipality of Baukau.

On 5 November 2018, Belun invited by RTTL/EP to participate in Sala Redasaun or Talk show between Belun attended by program manager Ms. Marilia O. Oliveira da Costa and the PNTL Commissioner Júlio da Costa Hornay, to talk about the security situation also linked to the problem of the former martial arts group continuing violence in the country.

After the talk show they continued an interviewed in 7 minutes in RTTL/EP on the operation in the area of conflict prevention violent incidents linked to monitoring data.

On 17 November 2018, Belun and through EWER through Women Peace and Security, was invited by NGO HATUTAN, as a speaker at the seminar with the topic of Youth discussion on teenage pregnancy. Belun presented monitoring data about violent incidents linked to young women and how the prevention of pregnancy in young women. In this event there were speakers from Belun, Marie Stopes, Plan International, health and UNICEF. Participants from the Young men and women in general and students.

On 30-31 October 2018, Representing Belun, Director Luis Ximenes attended meetings at the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) in Sydney, Australia. This year's meeting, one of the main speakers was the former President of the Republic of Timor-Leste and Nobel Peace laureate, Mr. José Ramos-Horta. Mr. Ximenes had the privileged opportunity as a speaker together with Pacific partners from Australian organisations from across Oceania. The central topic was "the role of civil society and peace building in Timor-Leste and the Pacific" Mr. Ximenes presented on Belun's conflict prevention program through the early warning and response system system. Mr. Ximenes also attended meetings with NGO partner's events in Australia, DFAT representatives and university students with more sharing on Belun's peace building, conflict prevention and strengthening networks.



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Conflict prevention and response activities carried out by the team Clinics Access to Justice (CAJ)

In October the team CAJ facilitated Peace activities through 5 land-dispute mediations, 3 dispute mediations in the municipality of Baukau and 2 Judicial dispute mediations in Covalima. From 5-dispute mediations, the 3 disputes of the municipality of Baukau reached judicial remedy and signing extra process immediately and in the municipality of Covalima 2 of the judicial disputes remain unresolved and will continue on to the second phase of the mediation. The 3 mediations in Baukau were attend by 6 claimants 2 female and 4 male, and dispute the 2 mediations in Covalima participate by 4 claimants, 1 woman and 3 men.



Clinics Access to Justice (CAJ) Facilitate land dispute Mediasaun in Judicial of Covalima



Director of Belun officially handed over of the Election Monitoring Report to Director of CNE

NGO Belun delivers the Anticipated Election Monitoring Report to CNE

On Thursday-29 November 2018, Belun officially handed over of the Election Monitoring Report to CNE. The report was delivered by Belun's Director, Luis Ximenes to Mr. Adáo Soares, a representative of CNE. There was a commitment to continue discussions and review the key recommendations in order to develop and improve in the future.

ABOUT THIS REVIEW

This situation review reports on key issues related to violent incidents and trends from data collection through the Early Warning Early Response (EWER) system, Timor-Leste during the October-November 2018, this Situation Review covers only 3 Municipalities; Baukau, Covalima and RAEOA due to reductions in funding and this reducing the ability to support monitoring data collection. Belun strives to keep information up-to-date and accurate however we are aware that situations change rapidly and we appreciate receiving information to clarify or update data acquired through EWER system.

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