

SITUATION REVIEWS DEZEMBRU 2018-JANEIRU 2019

The Early Warning Early, 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 the Municipal Coordinators. This data forms the basis of the EWER reports www.atres.belun.tl.

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 have reduced significantly. This situation has occurred due lack 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

- ▶ Domestic violence continues to occur, there were 47 incidents recorded;
- ▶ 41 Incidents cause by resentment and revenge jealousy;
- ▶ 15 violent incidents linked to the former martial arts groups;
- ▶ 5 Incidents related to Gender Base Violence (GBV);

Total Incident December 2018- January 2019	
Municipals	Incidents
Covalima	23
Baukau	43
RAEOA	50
Total	111

TOTAL OF 111 VIOLENT INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN 3 MUNICIPALS (COVALIMA, BAUKAU AND RAEAO)

Belun through its Early Warning, Early Response (EWER) system recorded 111 incidents of violences in December 2018 - January 2019. This is a reduction 5% when compared to the October-November 2018 period.

The number dropped in the period of December with the celebration of Christmas 2018 and the New Year in January 2019. The reduction was also due to the Government who announced an order of joint operations between the institutions of the National Police of Timor-Leste (PNTL) and FALINTIL-Defense Force of Timor-Leste (F-FDTL) to patrol in Municipalities to prevent conflict and violence. However, serious incidents occurred, there was fighting between

members of the former MAGs in Baukau Municipality and the community felt unsafe and were in fear.

Domestic violence remains high in the RAEOA, and Covalima Municipality. There were 50 incidents in RAEOA, 43 in the municipality of Baukau and 23 in Covalima municipality. The actors were male perpetrators 96, 7 women actors, male and female actors 7 and 1 unknown. The perpetrators of these incidents were 45 men, 50 women, 15 women and men together. The majority were farmers, family members, neighbors, students, PNTL officers, and members of the former MAGs.

There were 47 domestic violence incidents recorded in this period, 41 Incidents cause by resentment and revenge jealousy, and 15 clashes between members of the former MAGs. There were also 3 incidents involving for MAGs and the community. The impact of these incidents above includes a young man from Laga administrative post who was murdered by a youth group in Uai'aca Mulia, this incident happened when the victim with his friend travelled from Baukau to Laga. Other incidents resulted in 10 people being seriously injured; 7 men, 3 women, 19 men and women with minor injuries and 42 men, destroyed and burnt 6 community houses, destroyed 4 more houses, 10 property and vehicles were burned and destroyed and about 3 animals killed (livestock) as well as other items. These incidents made the community, especially women and children fearful and suffer trauma. The community did not go out to doing their activities as usual. Public transportation did not move in the area of administrative post Baukau and administrative post Laga.

41 INCIDENTS CAUSED BY RESENTMENT AND REVENGE

The period of December 2018 to January 2019, violence incidents numbers were down but in January 2019 there were serious incidents resulting a person's death, serious injuries, burning of houses, property destroyed, community trauma, students and the community did not go about their activities as usual. Local Government and society very concerned about these acts of violence which were caused by members of the former MAGs, particularly in the municipality of Baukau, the problem of revenge and resentment among youth of former members of MAGs and communities in these situations in the past is still to be resolved and therefore revenge continues among them. The incident occurred in the municipality-concerned 41 people in 3 municipals. The incident occurred in connection with each other as chronology as follows:

- ▶ On the 8th of December 2018 at 18:00 pm, in the village of Samalakuliba, Buibau village, Baukau, Municipality of Baukau an incident of physical aggression of young men occurred. This happened because a problem of jealousy or resentment revenge between members of the former MAGs. This incident happened when the victim went to market to buy cement and medicine for his mother and was suddenly attacked without a reason. The

victim was injured in his mouth because he was hit by a man and injured. These cases are recorded in the Police Station in Baukau.

- ▶ On 09 January 2019, more or less 16:00 pm. In the village of Afacai Manu, Uailili village, Administrative Post Baukau, Municipality of Baukau. Two young men stoned and destroyed water pump machines in a water spring Uailili because of jealousy or resentment revenge. This incident occurred because the perpetrators were not satisfied with the distribution of water to a few people only; they were unhappy and destroyed the water-pump machine. This case was registered in the Police Station, Baukau.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONTINUES OCCURED, THERE WERE 47 INCIDENTS RECORDED

Incidents of domestic violence persisted in the municipality of Baukau, Covalima and RAEOA with 47 incidents being recorded. That number has increased by 24% compared to the situation review in October-November 2018. Domestic violence occurred mostly in the RAEOA 28, in the municipality of Baukau 9 and 10 in Covalima. These cases of domestic violence remain in process authority under the law against domestic violence. The following incidents that took place in December 2018 and January 2019, namely:

- ▶ On 06 January 2019, about 13.20 pm. In the region of RAEOA (Pante Makasar) there was a quarrel between a wife and her husband because her husband abandoned the family. This incident occurred because her husband abandoned the family and her husband decided not to provide money to ensure the survival of his family. For these reasons of abandonment by her husband, his wife went to complain to his family to demand her husband to give the dowry. But her husband did not accept to provide a dowry to his wife's family, as well as family appeared arguing, insulting each other's until there was fighting between his wife families beating her husband. The case remains unresolved.
- ▶ On 16 December 2018, about 08:25 am, in the region of Passabe a drunk husband quarreled with his wife. This incident occurred because her drunken husband beat his wife, due to his attitudes and actions of physical aggression of her husband, their son came to calm them down but his father did not accepted and his son was not satisfied and beat his Father's and this resulted in a head injury. This case was resolved among family members.

Domestic violence is a national concerns and Patriarchal culture system is strong in Timor-Leste, although the law No. 7/2010 law against domestic violence has been approved, but the majority of the community do not understand these laws yet. The causes of domestic violence are; high unemployment, lack of food, economic factors family (low income), alcohol and illegal gambling which the Government should pay attention to.

15 INCIDENTS VIOLENCES LINKED TO THE FORMER MARTIAL ARTS GROUPS

The violence between members of the former martial arts Groups (MAGs) continues to occur; the number of incidents is down 8% in December 2018-January 2019 compared to situation review in period October-November 2018. However, this incident happened mostly in the municipality Baukau and resulted in damage to community property.

This situation still impacts on the community, local authorities and the sovereign remains were concerned. Furthermore, in this situation the community unfelt safe to perform their daily activities because, some members of the former MAGs were continuing movement and revenge for violence, assault with rama ambon and fighting amongst themselves. These incidents occurred in two municipalities in Baukau and Covalima. However, in RAEOA was safe from violence by members of the former MAGs. The data shows that December 2018 to January 2019, there were together 15 incidents by members of the former MAGs. In the municipality of Baukau 13 and 2 in Covalima districts. The following former members fighting incidents from MAGs through monitoring data in December 2018 – January 2019 as happened:

- ▶ On the 8th of January 2019, about 19.30 pm,. In Builele sub village, Bahu village, administrative post Baukau, Municipality of Baukau. Fighting occurred between former MAGs. This incident happened when some former members from MAG Group A and their family went to the funeral home and then there appeared to be provocation from members of MAG B such as physical threats to each other who were also participated in this funeral House. However, did not become an incident because there was intervention by the family. But, when former MAGs B and their family returned to home and arrived in the House they were suddenly physically assaulted by members of the former MAGS A without reason. The impact of this incident was resulted one member injured from former MAGS B was hit with an arrow by the perpetrators. This case was recorded in Police station Baukau and has been referred to the process of the law.
- ▶ The above incidents were continuing occur on 09 January 2019, at 00:00 midnight. In The Village Of Macadai, Bahu Village, Baukau town, Baukau Municipal. Fighting occurred among former members MAGs. This incident was the cause of another incident on 08 January 2019, in the sub village of Buile, the village of Bahu that some former members went to participate in a funeral. Other former members MAGs appeared provoked other members in the road without reason attacked another former members when former MAGS return home. The impact of this incident were; a traditional house was set on fire, a house and the kitchen was burned, one person had minor injuries, a person serious injury, a pig was killed and one pig injured. These cases were recorded in the Police Station and have been referred to the process of the law.
- ▶ On 31 January 2019 at 10:43 am. Suliwa sub-village, Buruma Village, administrative post of Baukau, Municipality of Baukau. A situation occurred among members of the former MAGs of physical aggression. This incident happened when former MAGs members accompanying a convoy with their friend who was dead from Baukau hospital to Administrative Posts Laga, then during the convoy occurred violence (throwing up). The impact of this incident was 2 houses burned, 1 kitchen and 3 vehicles. The case was recorded in the Police station and submitted to the public prosecutor.

However, Belun's Monitoring and Evaluation Officer of Women Peace and Security met with community representative members and found that community were very concerned

and afraid. People hope that no more incidents like this among former MAGs will happen again. There was organisation by the community to establish a group to prevent conflict. Women, children, elderly were just staying at home but they did not sleep well because of fear and trauma. This situation has affected the community for almost a month.

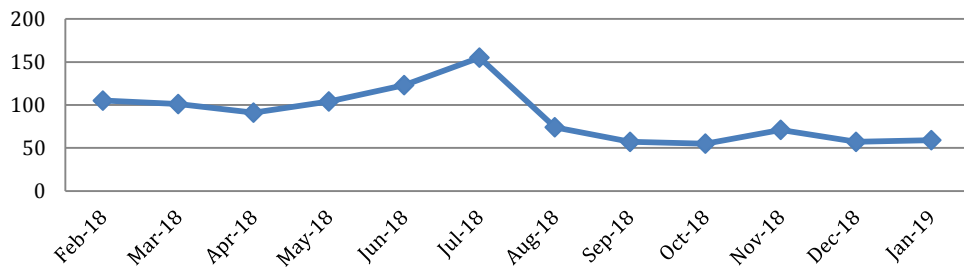
5 INCIDENTS RELATED TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

There were 5 Gender-Based Violence (GBV) incidents in December 2018 – January 2019. 3 were RAEOA, Baukau 1 and Covalima 1. There were incidents were gender-based violence in 1 sexual assault 3 GBV and 1 incest. The perpetrators of these incidents were almost all men.

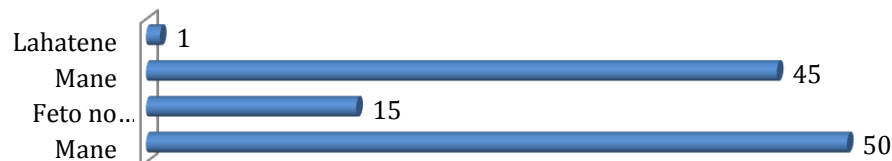
► One incident occurred on the 23rd of January 2019 at 09:00 am, in the region of Passabe, RAEOA, a quarrel occurred between a man with a girl under aged 14 because this girl was pregnant. This incident occurred from her family which asked about her condition when she was 4 months pregnant, thus victims stated, there were 4 perpetrators were against rape victims in different times and continuing asked these perpetrators to solve and at the same time during the family of victim and the perpetrators came to solve this but quarreled between the victim and perpetrators because the perpetrators were defended as well as continued arguing until the perpetrators recognized did this violence against the victim. The four perpetrators had to provide compensation, which followed their culture, by providing 1 buffalo and \$100.00. These goods were delivered to the victim, and the PNTL continues the process of the case to the prosecution in accordance with the legal process. The victim has received assistance from the NGO Pradet.

INCIDENT CHARACTERISTICS

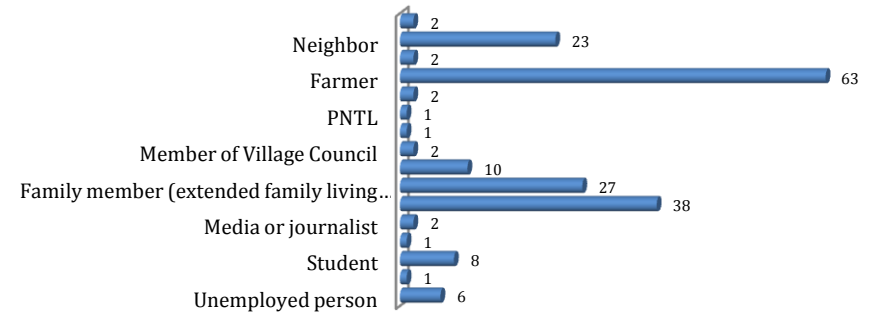
Violence Incident during one year - Feb. 2018-Jan 2019



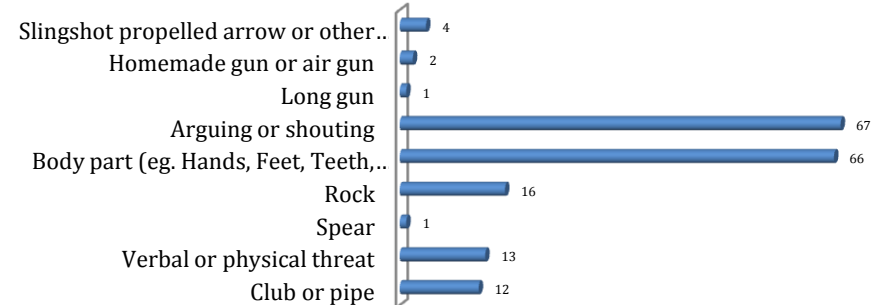
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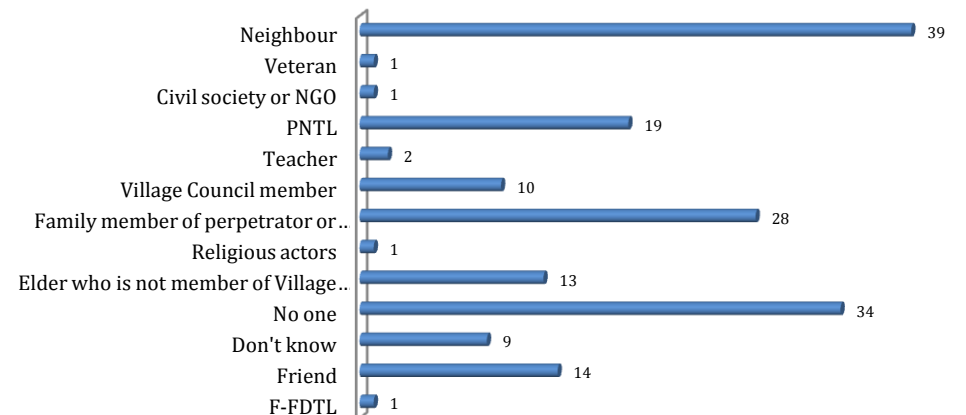
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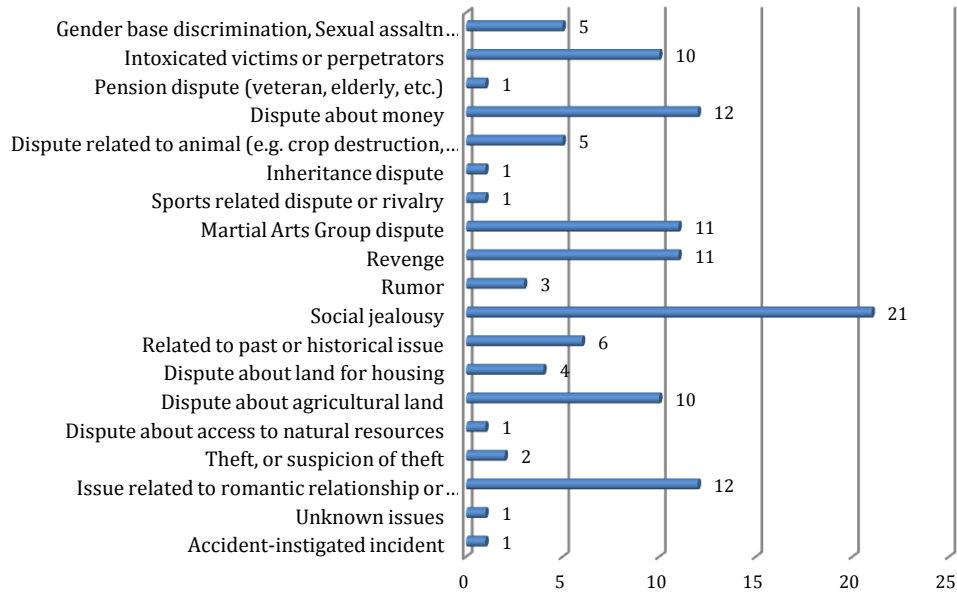
Weapons used / from of violence



Incident responder



Incidents cause



Perpetrator sex



CONFLICT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PEACE ACTIVITY

Women Peace and Security

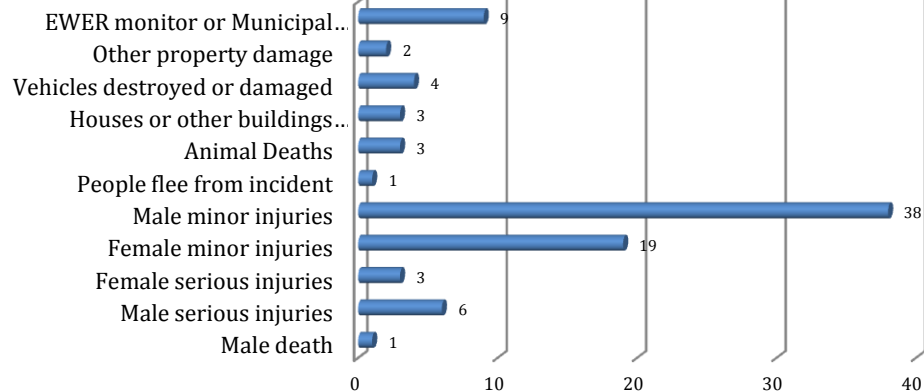
- ▶ Belun through Women Peace and Security Programs provided training on "Enhancing Resources and Management of Small Grants to women's groups and community based groups. The training was took place in the municipality of Baukau, Covalima and RAEOA, the training activities were implemented over 3 days for each Municipality. The opening in the training officially opened by local Government Authorities, as administrator Posts. The two trainers from Belun facilitated this training and one trainer from Belun's partner IADE was 6 (each Municipality had 2 representatives). The total Participants were 94 (men: 14 and women 80). These participants came from women's groups, members of the Conflict prevention, Response Network (CPRN), the Council of community policing (CPCs), and Belun monitors.



Photo 1: Training activity for women Group in RAEOA

- The main objectives of this training were 1). to enhance participants skills and knowledge in depth how to writing proposals and management of small funds for sustainable economic development in families and communities. 2). Through these skills and knowledge that they can improve their families economy to reduce economic dependence on others and can reduce gender-based violence in society. 3.) Women participants will have the confidence and creativity to find solutions and participate in conflict prevention and peacebuilding.
- ▶ Belun's monitoring and Evaluation Officer (M&A) of Women Peace and Security conducted monitoring and assessment (M&A) through interviews and shared questionnaires to partners who were as the primary beneficiaries of the programme to obtained information the results of the implementation of the activities of the program itself. Women Peace and Security through training activities, which were funded from the Government of Japan and supported through UNWOMEN.

Incidents Impact



► Dili, on 17 January 2019, the Director of Belun met with the Secretary of State for Equality and Inclusion, Ms. Maria José da Fonseca de Jesus accompanied by the General Director Mr. Armando da Costa and Mr. Fidelis Bery as legal Officer for The Secretary of State for Equality and Inclusion at Meeting room Maria Tapo Caicoli. The objective of this meeting to get an update about SEII's programs and policy of eighth constitutional Government and sharing of information about Belun's work on, conflict prevention, mediation and resolution of land disputes, Community Policing Support Program and Women Peace and Security program which continue to collect data and also the security situation changes with its verification data as collected through Belun's Early Warning, Early Response (EWER) System, capacity building for women in rural areas who were particularly vulnerable and monitoring and evaluation. Also strengthening of partnerships in the future in the area of conflict prevention in regards to gender awareness in this country.



Photo 1: Meeting with Miss. Maria José da Fonseca de Jesus, SEII

PRESENTATION OF THE EWER SYSTEM FOR AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL (AVI)

On 25 January 2019, Belun did a presentation through its conflict prevention program about the early warning and early response system to Belun's partner, Australian Volunteers International (AVI) at Belun meeting room Farol, Dili. There was data shown on conflict monitoring as detected with Belun's monitors partners in the municipalities. Participants from Belun team were women 2; men 4, AVI presented, included Belun's program manager were 14 people (8 female and 6 male).

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.



Photo 2: Conflict prevention presentation to AVI

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