

## Press Release

### NGO Belun's Early Warning, Early Response (EWER) System

#### Key project supporting Belun's EWER system, Civil Society Monitoring of Security Sector Development (CSM-SSD) as funded by USAID, to close

(Dili, 06 Setembro 2017) A key program supporting Timor-Leste's Early Warning, Early Warning (EWER) system will close next week on 12 September.

Through USAID's CSM-SSD program, Belun's Early Warning, Early Response (EWER) system ran from 13 September 2013 - 12 September 2016. Belun worked in partnership with Fundasaun Mahein to monitor for violent incidents and changes to human security. The project was extended by one year for monitoring electoral violence due to the Suku, Presidential and Parliamentary elections from 2016-17.

'While the CSM-SSD project supported by USAID will close, we hope that Early Warning, Early Response (EWER) will continue to exist to monitor incidents of violence and situational change across the country,' said Mr. Luis da Costa Ximenes, Director of NGO Belun.

The CSM-SSD project supported the operation of EWER in 13 municipalities, 43 Administrative Posts and 275 sukus (villages). The system used a volunteer monitoring network to gather data and information about violent incidents and situational change, which is then transmitted via tablet computer to the Belun's Incident and Conflict Potential Data Portal. Belun then informs partners in Timor-Leste and internationally, and shares information closely with local authorities to prevent and respond to conflict at the community level through local Conflict Prevention and Response Networks (CPRNs).

Through the USAID-supported program, Belun published 17 Alerts, 45 monthly Situation Reviews, 4 Election Reports, 6 Policy Briefs and 5 Trimestral Reports, and conducted 22 peace activities.

Belun would like to express its gratitude for the generous support of the American people and USAID in Timor-Leste through the Civil Society Monitoring of Security Sector Development and Monitoring Electoral Violence projects.

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