

In the reporting period July-August 2021, the Early Warning and Response System (EWER) continued to monitor violence incidents that occurred in four municipalities in Baukau, Covalima, Dili and Likisá municipalities. The EWER System is implemented in partnership with a monitoring network that gathers information about episodes of violence in the target communities. The Incidents collected regularly by the network are sent to the municipality coordinators who enter the data into the online national database. The national database manager uses the data to undertake the final verification and then send it to the program manager to analyze the causes that triggered the violence. For a complete overview about Belun's activities on conflict transformation, please visit our website at www.atres.belun.tl

The situation review for July-August 2021 was increased covers area to four municipalities such as Baukau, Covalima, Dili and Likisá municipalities. A total of 13 administrative posts in the four municipalities were covered by the System. There are ten (10) monitor partners (7 males and 3 females) which collected directly incidents that occurred in the field. The incident data in the four municipalities for this period are described below:

ISSUES THAT REQUIRE ATTENTION

- ▶ **Domestic Violence 50**
- ▶ **Violence incident triggered by land dispute 7**
- ▶ **Abandoned 3**
- ▶ **Sexual Violence to Minority 5**
- ▶ **Sexual Abuse 1**

Total Incidents 4 Municipalities	
Municipality	Total Incidents
Baukau	37
Covalima	24
Dili	70
Likisá	46
Total	177

VIOLENCE INCIDENTS IN BAUKAU, COVALIMA, DILI AND LIKISÁ FOR PERIOD JULY – AUGUST 2021

Belun and its EWER system, with the support from the civil society grant under the Prime Minister Office continued to collect incident data in Baukau municipality (Baukau, Laga and Vemasse Administrative Post), Covalima Municipality (Suai, Tilomar and Zumalai Administrative Post), Dili municipality (Dom Aleixo and Cristo Rei Administrative Post) and in Likisá municipality (Likisá Vila, Bazartete and Maubara Administrative Post) for period July – August 2021. Violence incidents that took place during this period amounted 177 cases. The number of incidents gathered during this period shown that in Dili municipalities remains high where 39% occurred, 26% occurred in Likisá municipality, 21% occurred in Baukau municipality and 14% occurred in Covalima municipality from the total 177 incidents.

From the perpetrator's sex, 157 incidents involved men, 11 incidents involved women, 6 incidents involved both men and women, while 3 involved people whose gender was unknown. Concerning the victim's gender, in 102 of the reported episodes of violence the victims were men, in 63 cases were women and in 12 cases the victims were both men and women.

Meanwhile the social position or status of the perpetrators mostly fall under the category 'others' and 'unknown' which amounted 68. Subsequently, there were 57 incidents involving extended family members living in other households, in 32 cases the perpetrators were neighbors, in 28 cases the perpetrator were the farm or rice fields or cattle, in 20 cases the

perpetrators were nuclear family members living in different household, In 11 incidents the perpetrators were unemployed people, martial arts members in 10 incidents, in 5 incidents involved students, in 3 incidents the perpetrators were not known, in 2 incidents involved National Police of Timor-Leste and in other 3 cases the perpetrators were government officers.

The majority tools used in these incidents was mouth (arguing or shouting etc.) 98, body part (ez. hands, feet, teeth, etc.) in 94 incidents, verbal threats in 59 incidents, stones in 22 incidents, club or pipe in 12 incidents, spear in 1 incident, gun in 1 incident and others in 11 incidents. However, other incident that was unable to identify goods used to commit violence was 16 incidents.

The generally causes of the incident were happened in this period were Abandoned or irresponsibility to the family, in some instances were loss of trust or dissatisfaction with government programs and policies, the problem of lack of money. In addition to other incidents such as illness, resentment and incident related to past problems in 102 incidents, house dispute, land disputes and farm fields in 14 incidents, confrontation between Martial Arts Groups in 3 incidents, incident of unidentified people continue occurred in 9 incidents. Gender based violence continues to occur, such as sexual harassment in 1 incident, sexual violence in 3 incidents, rape in 1 incident, adultery in 17 incidents, defamation of black magic in 2 incidents and others.

Based on the observation of EWR monitors and municipal coordinator on general situation, the incidents linked to the past problems, spite and revenge is often occurring with a high number of incidents monthly, as it does not address the underlying problems by the competent parties. Therefore, Belun believes that the likely incident would take place in the future to have a major impact on the community.

As a result of these incidents was 3 people died (2 male and 1 female), 6 people were heavily injured (1 men and 5 woman), 50 people were slightly injured (36 men and 14 women), in 10 incidents, people feel insecure and flee from their home, house or construction destroyed or burned 100 houses or construction damaged or burned 112, vehicle destroyed, burned or damaged 3, 1 animal died and other items damaged 4 incidents.

THERE WERE 10 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS IN FOUR MUNICIPALITIES

Domestic violence that occurred during this period at Likisá municipality amounted 6, Baukau municipality 13 cases, Covalima municipality 5 cases and Dili municipality 5 cases. Violence between intimate partners amounted 1 case and between family members living in the same household amounted 48 cases. Those violence's happened because of dissatisfaction for the behavior of the parties including, jealousy over adultery, intoxicated, gambling, household economy problems, hitting children, and late paying debt. From those domestic violence incidents, there are 2 incidents resulted in death, 1 incident happened in Dom Aleixo Administrative Post which the wife was killed because the husband was suspect his wife is having an affair with another man, and other homicides was happened in Likisá Administrative Post which the father insulted his son and a fight broke out between them, and in the end the father slashed his son to death at the scene. The majority of the incident got the intervention of

National Police of Timor-Leste (PNTL) and continue to the legal process, while 15 other incidents were solved by intervention of family members of the perpetrator and well as the victim. 5 incidents were solved by intervened of neighbors and village council members while in 1 other incident nobody intervened.

VIOLENCE INCIDENTS TRIGGERED BY LAND DISPUTE 7 CASES

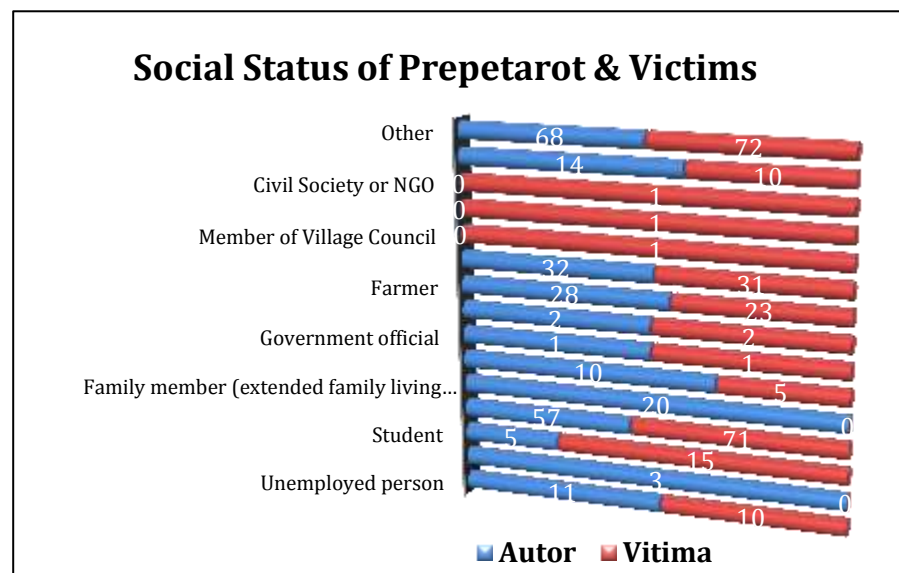
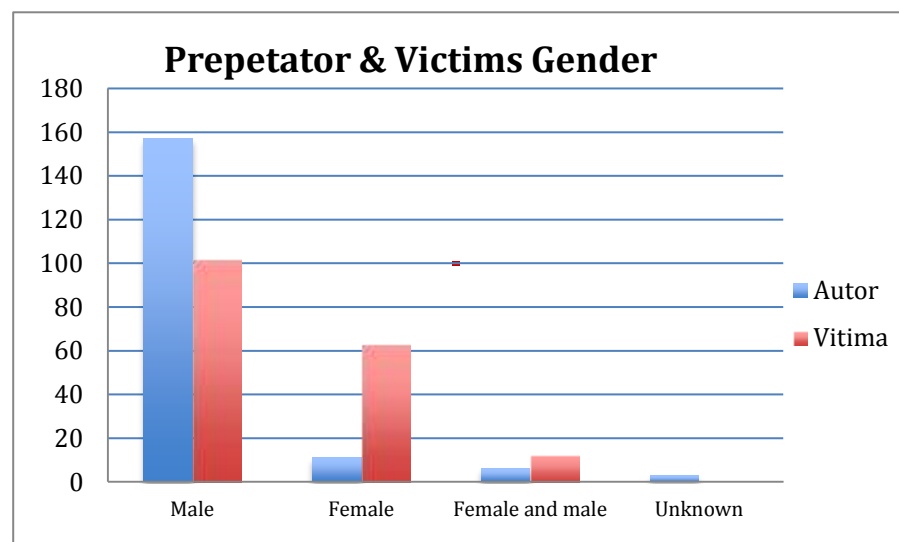
The Incidents violence related with land, boundary of farm and property issues during this period were 7 incidents, 3 incidents in Baukau, 2 in Covalima, 1 in Dili and 1 in Likisá. From the Incidents relating to land disputes over home, inheritance land, land boundary disputes and boundary of farm, 4 incidents were reported and required the intervention of the Timor-Leste National Police (PNTL), 1 incident was solved by family and community members, another incident awaits mediation process facilitated by the National Directorate of Land and Property (DNTP) because the land is considered to be the state of disputed over the ownership of the DNTP but to rehabilitate the house was intervention by the second party because the land is considered the second party is land. The incident was happened in Nain Feto Administrative post, Dili Municipality. The perpetrators of those 7 incidents are male, while the victims are female in 5 incidents and male in 2 incidents.

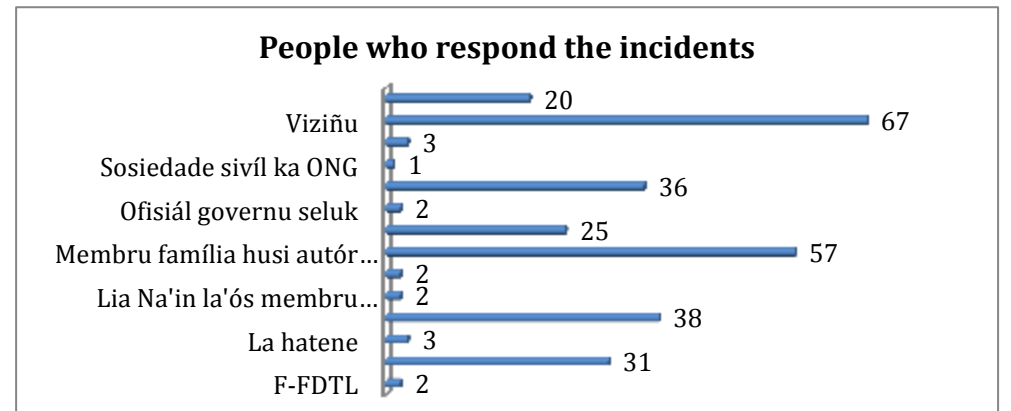
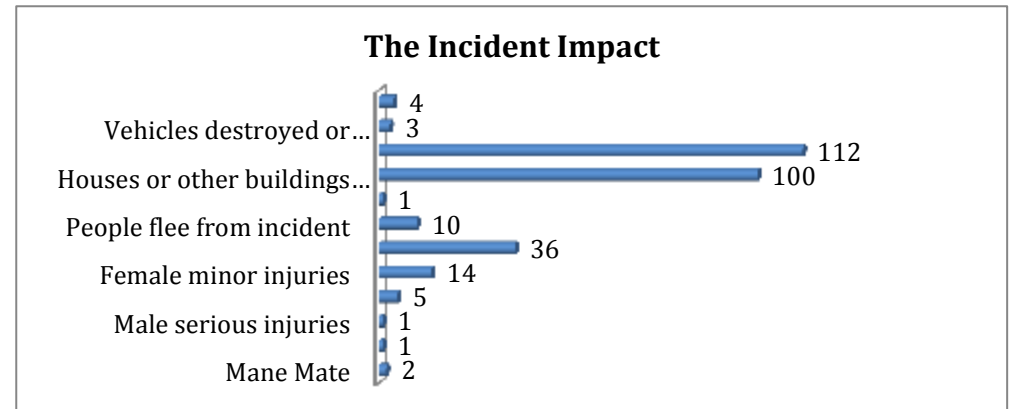
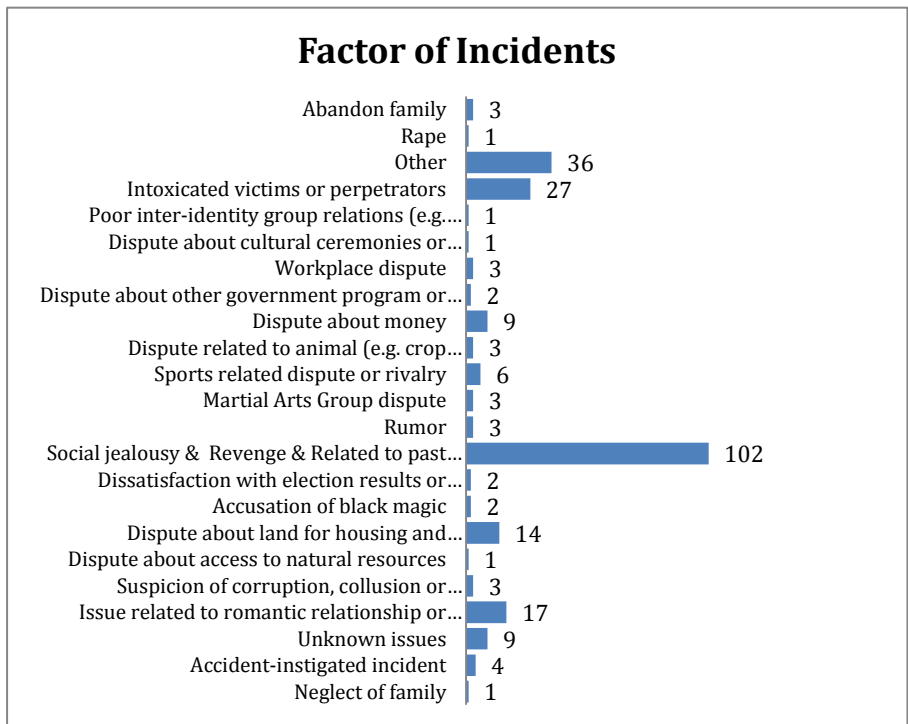
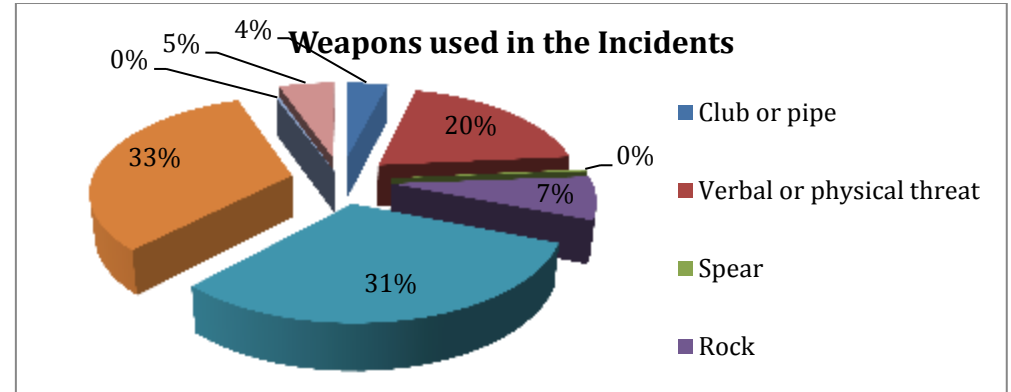
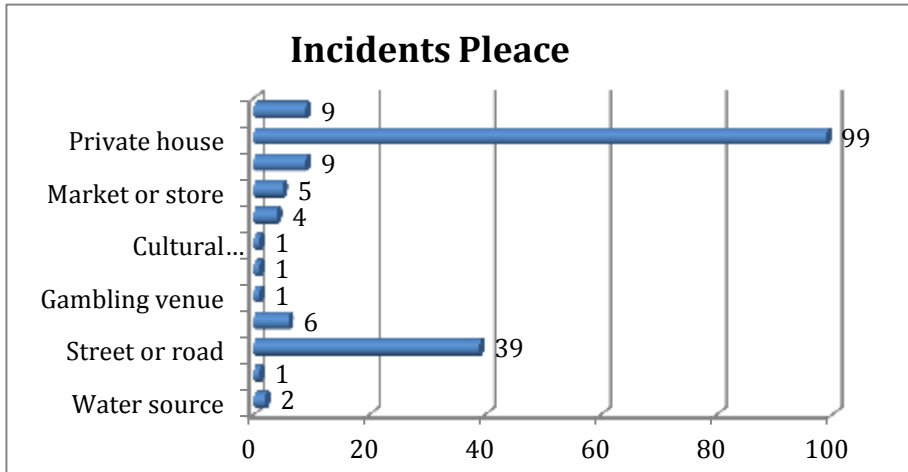
ABANDONMENT 3 CASES AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST MINORS 5 CASES - SEXUAL HARASSMENT 1 CASE

Based on the monitoring in period of July-August 2021 shown that there were 3 cases of abandonment, 3 cases sexual violence, while 2 cases sexual violence against minors and 1 cases of sexual harassment. The family abandonment was happened in 2 cases in Likisá Municipality (Likisá and Maubara), while other family abandonment happened in Covalima municipality (Suai). There were incidents of sexual violence occurred in Baukau Municipality (Baukau Vila), while rape of a minor occurred in 2 incidents in Baukau Vila and Suai Vila in one incident. One incident of sexual abuse occurred in Baukau Vila, where incidents have been referred to the National Police of Timor-Leste (PNTL) and the investigation process is underway. Incidents of abandonment in the municipality were resolved by PNTL and the Perpetrator agreed to be responsible for his wife and child. The incident of sexual abuse occurred in Baukau administrative post is get intervention by PNTL in Baukau Municipality were under investigation process.

In relation to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, were attacked all the world including Timor-Leste, the World Health Organization (WHO) alerted and regulation to prevent, so that each country may comply with the declaration of a state of emergency resolution, lockdown, mandatory confinement to increase the immunity of its citizens so that they can avoid it. However, the fact that this situation globally results negative impact to the community economy. In Timor-Leste the community continues to groan and protest to the Government's balance measures to prevent the pandemic COVID-19 and the economic impact to the community.

GRAPHIC OF GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INCIDENTS





CONFLICT PREVENTION AND PEACEBUILDING ACTIVITIES

Early Worrning and Early Respons (EWER) Sistem and Mediation

The EWER System and Mediation and dispute Resolution programs were invited as a speaker in a Talk Show and Roundtable Discussion. On 12 August 2021, the representative of Belun, through its EWER System, was a speaker in Talk Show which organized by the National Center of Chega! I.P in Radio and Television of Timor-Leste (RTTL.EP) related topic on “Promoting and growth/strengthen Reconciliation”, the objective was to introducing community reconciliation mechanisms based on local culture and local knowledge adopted by ancestors. On August 18, 2021, Belun's representative also continued to be as a speaker in Roundtable table discussion which organized by Asosiasaun Peskizadór or research association Timor Anan (APTA) with topic “Peace Education”, to shared experience on conflict prevention where Belun has been working on.

Meeting of Cooperation Between Belun and General Public Defenders Office

In June 2021, Belun, through its early warning and early response system and mediation and Dispute Resolution program held a cooperation meeting with the Office of the general Public Defenders which is as a key partner to talk about strengthen partnership between Public Defender Office and Belun in terms of Conflict Prevention, specifically the mediation of disputes in judicial Municipality in Baukau and Judicial Municipality Covalima. The meeting will continue to talk about the MOU because both institutions are willing to strengthen their partnership in order to reduce the land conflict and civil cases that existing in the judicial areas of Baukau and Covalima. There is to strengthen partnerships with all development partners in the Municipality where Belun working on, in July and August, we continue to introduce Belun program to all key stakeholder partners such as the Public Defender Office in Covalima, the President of the Municipal Authority, the Municipal Commander of PNTL, the post administrator and the community leaders in Belun covered area.

Mediation and Dispute Resolution Program

In August 2021, Belun through its Mediation and Dispute Resolution programme with the Covalima Public Defender's Office, facilitated 3 mediation in area of Covalima judicial. From those 3 mediation was mediated, 2 mediation were get resolved because the plaintiff and the male respondent accepted and signed an agreement, 1 Mediation was unsuccessful and wasn't agreed between the Applicant and the Respondent and will proceed to the second phase of mediation.

Spotlight Initiative Research-UN Women

Belun in partner with UN Women Timor-Leste got support from the European Union through the Spotlight Initiative for a research on the impact of the implementation of the Law Against Domestic Violence to society. Belun plays an important role in researching and advocating for the implementation of this law in society. The Pillar I team was realized activities from July to Augusto 2021, in July 2021 the team was realize interview and focus group discussions with communities in three municipalities, namely Ermera, Bobonaro and Vikeké in six APs.

The target of FGD was people with disabilities, LGBTIQ, Women aged 18-30, women aged 31-40, women aged 41-50. Total of 40 interviews were conducted, 20 men and 20 women. A total of 224 FGDs participants were interviewed. On 25/8/2021, Belun was believed by the National Directorate of Community Conflict Prevention (DNPCC) under the Secretary of State for Civil Protection at the Ministry of the Interior to become as speakers at the Kmanek Dader Program in GMNTV. The purpose of the dissemination of information to the public about the National Action Plan (NAP 1325) is to be implemented. The topics on the Talk show were “The Commitment of Timor-Leste to the Development of the National Action Plan (NAP) 1325 on second phase of Women Peace and Security (WPS)”. At the same time, Belun also shared information on the program of Conflict Prevention and Community Capacity in relation to the implementation of WPS Program.



Social Norms Research-UNFPA

Belun and its Research, Policy Development and Advocacy Pillar strengthen partnership with UNFPA, through the spotlight Initiative implemented social norms research focus on the impact on Access pornography to violence against Women and Girls. The purpose of the research was to gather public opinions to strengthen and develop policies and social norms to prevent violence against women and girls. The survey methodology was focus group discussion (FGDs). FGDs activities in Bobonaro Municipality started on 01-04 July 2021, covered administrative post in Atabae, Balibo and Cailaco, total FGDs was 3 with a total of 64 participants (37 women, 27 men including 39 persons with disabilities) that were distributed into three categories (18-24 young women and men, adults aged 34+ and people with disabilities). FGD activities in Vikeké Municipality started on 12 - 16 July 2021, covering administrative post in Ossu, Uatulari and Vikeké Vila, with total 72 participants (32 women, 40 men with 28 people with disabilities) distributed in 3 categories (young women aged 18-24, adults aged 34+ and people with disabilities).

ABOUT THIS SITUATION REVIEW

The EWER System was established by Belun in 2008. Between 2008 and 2017 the System was implemented in all Municipalities in the Country, before being dismissed in 2017 due to lack of funds. The system was reactivated in 2018 with the support of UN Women and the Women Peace and Security Program which covered only three municipalities namely, Baukau, Covalima, and RAEOA. In mid-2019 (May-September) it also covered Dili municipality (with 6 APs) with financial support from the DAP-DFAT. In the same year, with the support of the German Government and GIZ, EWER was also reactivated in four other municipalities including Dili, Baukau, Lautem and Viqueque (two APs for each municipality). In 2020 the system was reactivated in Likisá municipality with the support of G7+ Secretariat and in Covalima municipality with the support of the UNDP. In 2020 the system was temporarily inactive from July to December and in 2021 with the support of the Asia and Pacific

Partnership Atrocity Prevention (APPAP) Network it was reactivated in two municipalities namely, Dili (2 APs) and Likisá (3 APs). From July 2021 the EWER system was got funded by the Civil Society Grant under the Prime Minister office to continue do data monitoring in Baukau, Covalima, Dili and Likisá municipality.

This situation review report the key issues relating to the incident of domestic violence and trend of data monitoring on Early Warning and Early Response System (EWER) during July-August 2021 in Baukau, Covalima, Dili and Likisá municipality.

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