

CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal Identity

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Educational background

- **Formal education:**

- 1995-2002 : National University of Timor Leste (UNTIM) Agronomy department, Faculty of Agriculture. (Graduated)
- 1992-1995 : Senior High school SMAK "St Paulus VI" (Bahasa Indonesia as first language)
- 1988-1992 : Elementary and junior high school "Externato de S. Jose" (Portuguese as first language).

- **Informal Education:**

1. April-May 1999: Training on Introduction to conflict resolution, Leadership, Gender, Democracy, Financial management;
2. June 2000 – Continuation of Conflict resolution training, Trauma healing and Praxis of reconciliation in Mindanao – Philippines;
3. September 2000, Training on International Humanitarian Law (IHL), refugees and IDP's by UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR);

4. October 2000 – 10 days Conference on International Youth Parliament (IYP) as Timor Leste delegation held in Sydney – Australia;
5. Mei-June 2001:
 - Summer Peace Course in Eastern Mennonite University-Virginia-United States, with subjects such as; (a) Restorative Justice, (b) Philosophy and Praxis of Reconciliation, (c) Religion as Source of Conflict and Resource for Peace, (d) Intermediary Roles and Practice II and (e) Women and Peace building;
6. Participated at “Asian Civil Society Forum” 2004 in Bangkok-Thailand, organized by Forum Asia and the Initiative for International Dialogue (IID);
7. Participated at “UN Advocacy workshop” 2004 in Bangkok Thailand, organized by Forum Asia;
8. Participated and organized the “Asia Pacific Coalition for East Timor” (APCET) conference in 2000 and 2004 in Baucau & Dili - Timor Leste;
9. Participated at the 15th Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) organized by New South Wales University, Faculty of Law in cooperation with Peace and Democracy Foundation (PDF) during three weeks in Timor Leste;
10. Participated at Regional Seminar and Conference on “La Via Campesina”, May 2005 in Timor Leste;
11. Participated a three days Forum on “East Timor women and Australia and the Role of Women in the development and Nation Building in TL”, September 2005 organized by RMIT university - Australia;
12. As a representative of the Civil Society to participate the International conference on the “Global Partnership for the prevention of Armed Conflict or GPPAC” at UN Headquarter, New York, July 2005.

- **Working experiences:**

1. November-December 1998 – Joint the Research Team with Oxfam International to do research and assessment on Education, Health and Livelihood in Dili and several districts such as Viqueque, Lospalos, Baucau, Ermera and Liquisa;
2. 1999-2000 – Treasurer for East Timor Student Solidarity Council (ETSSC), a student movement that organized Referendum Campaign in all 13 districts to call for Referendum to Timor Leste;
3. October 99-June 2000 – Translator and Secretary for UN agency World Health Organization (WHO) Dili;
4. April-June 2000 – Facilitator for Women’s Literacy Program under the GFFTL (Students young women group);
5. June 2000-July 2001-Researcher for Kdadalak Sulimutuk Institute “**KSI**”, an NGO that conducts research on Conflict Resolution, community Reintegration and Reconciliation;
6. July 2001-2005 - Researcher for Community Education programme for KSI;
7. July 2001-2005 – General Coordinator of Kdadalak Sulimutuk Institute (KSI) with main duties such as: Organize and prepare the Strategic Planning, Matrix Program Planning, Proposal and work plans, supervise and monitor the implementation, conduct annual evaluation, prepare the report to donors, prepare the training manual, facilitate conflict resolution training to community groups, etc.
8. June 2003 - Consultant for CRS programs on Peace and Reconciliation and Civil Society Capacity building, to evaluate the impact of the Project

implemented by local partners of CRS and Provide the Recommendations for future Programs;

9. Facilitator for East Timor 2nd National Women's Congress on July 2004 on the issue of "Women in Politics";
10. Member of Ad-Hoc Committee for "Asia Pacific Solidarity Coalition" (APSOC), an International solidarity movement that focuses its work to advocate on Regional Issues related to Human Right and Self-determination, this movement was part of the Solidarity movement toward East Timor Independence;
11. June 2005 – May 2008, Executive Director of NGO Forum/ FONGTIL with main duties; to Supervise the whole secretariat activity, to design the long-term Proposal and Annual Plan of Actions, Lobby the donors to support the programs designed for long-term, Advocate to the High Level policy makers on Laws and Policies, Organize regular meeting with decision-makers including UN Mission, Lobby and Approach the International organizations at Regional and International level to promote the participation of the Timorese civil society at the different International events, Initiate annual External Audit for the organizations financial system, Initiate External Evaluation for the whole NGO Forum program, Organize the Annual Meeting and General Assembly to member NGO's as part of accountability mechanism to its member, Represents the NGO community to the Timor Leste Development Partners meeting, etc;
12. National Initiator and Regional Steering Committee for the "Global Partnership for the prevention of Armed Conflict or GPPAC" Southeast Asia region from 2003 - 2008;

13. June 2005 – November 2007, as Board member of a regional network called “Southeast Asia Committee for Advocacy or SEACA, base in the Philippines;
14. Being as a resource person for several national seminars and workshops related to: Grass root Democracy, Media and Development, NGO’s Development, Community Dialogue, Conflict Transformation, Youth, Peace and Reconciliation, Election and Media, etc;
15. Resource Person for several International seminars and Conferences such as:
 - (a) “Farmers and Agriculture in Timor Leste” at the Regional Seminar on La Via Campesina in Dili, (b) “Peace Building, conflict Prevention and Reconciliation” at the International Conference on Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) at UN headquarter- New York, (c) “Youth and Students Movement towards Independence and Referendum in 1999” for the 16th International Annual People’s Diplomacy Training Program in Dili, (d) “The Role of Civil Society and the way forward, Timor Leste future engagement with ASEAN” at the ASEAN Civil Society Conference in Cebu City, the Philippines;
16. Current member of National Commission of Election or CNE (2007 - 2013) in the capacity as spokesperson and the civic education coordinator, with duties such as; Approve laws and regulations that regulates election mechanisms, Prepare documents for the Media release, Organize regular press conference to inform to the public about election activities, Gather information related to electoral campaign fraud and violations, Organize all commissioners to submit district information regarding election campaign, voting process and counting process, Organize meeting with civil society about civic education, Organize all commissioners to implement civic

education programs in their respective district, and Inform the result of the election to media through daily Press conference.

17. (August 2008) National External Consultant for Oxfam Australia's Social Economic and Political Participation (SEPP) program in Timor Leste, to evaluate Oxfam's support to 11 partner organization and provide recommendation on how to go forward to support Timorese NGO are in the political participation and the development processes.
18. From 2008 – 2010, as par time Liaison Officer for HIVOS (Humanist Institute for Cooperation with Developing Countries - Dutch NGO).
19. (June 2010) National External Evaluator for Redi Feto (Women's Network) in Timor Leste, to conduct an external assessment for Redi Feto's performance during four years of their strategic planning implementation.