

CARE in Timor-Leste



CARE is a leading humanitarian organization with a global presence, working to eradicate poverty since 1945. We champion women and girls, believing they hold the power to lift entire communities out of poverty when equipped with the right resources. In 2024, CARE and its partners worked in 121 countries and helped 53 million people through more than 1,450 projects. Over half of those reached, 55%, were women and girls.

In Timor-Leste, CARE is a prominent NGO with a proven track record offering impactful programs that reach a significant portion of the population.

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Over 30 years of experience

Managing complex programs across all 13 municipalities.



Strong local partnerships

We collaborate effectively with local communities, civil society organizations (CSOs), and government authorities. Currently, we have 9 local partners, with a focus on strengthening their capacity.



Large and experienced team

Consisting of 147 staff members, 96% being Timorese.



Nationwide presence

With offices in 3 municipalities: Dili (country office), Ermera, Oe-cusse and the Lafaek educational magazines distributed to government-registered pre and primary schools in all municipalities.



Portfolio US \$7.193M in FY26.

Timor-Leste



COUNTRY OFFICE SUMMARY

CARE in Timor-Leste

Impact in 2025



535,942 people reached

(39.5% of Timor-Leste's population) through development and humanitarian programmes focused on women and girls.



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Donors (2016 to date)



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What We Do

In Timor-Leste, CARE operates in 4 key programmatic areas of **Education, Health, Women's Economic Empowerment** and **Women's Voice**.

Education

Improving literacy, numeracy, and teaching quality.

Lafaek Learning Media:

- People reached: 367,865.
- 121,756 girls in pre-primary and primary grades (1–6) received educational magazines to support their learning.
- 105,262 households received community magazines designed to promote equitable family relationships and gender equality.

HATUTAN Education and Nutrition:

- 87,902 students reached with education and nutrition interventions.
- 400 school administrators engaged through interventions aimed at strengthening school management practices.
- 787 teachers supported with interventions to enhance literacy instruction and promote inclusive education practices.

Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE)

Equipping women with skills, market access, and resilience.

HAFORSA 3 Project:

- 670 people reached.
- 114 reached with interventions to improve women's economic empowerment.
- 73 women are active members of Village Savings and Loans Associations.

Health

Empowering rural communities, including local leaders, health workers and civil society organisations, to better prepare for future health emergencies.

COVID-19 and Health Systems Strengthening Project:

- 43,263 participants reached with health initiatives.
- 13,153 women and girls reached with right to health interventions.

Women's Voice

Empowering women and girls to participate in decision-making and advocate for their rights.

Resilience

Responding to emergencies like floods, landslides, and droughts.

