



- Full name: Democratic Republic of East Timor
- Capital: Dili
- Area: 14,609 sq km, 13 districts
- Population: 1.2 million (UN, 2007)
- Life expectancy: 60 years (M), 62 years (F)
- GDP per capita: \$750 (UN)
- Major languages: Tetum & Portuguese (official), Indonesian & English (working languages)
- Major religion: Catholics 85%, Protestant 4%, ethnic beliefs 8%, Islam 2%
- Exports: Coffee, marble, potentially oil

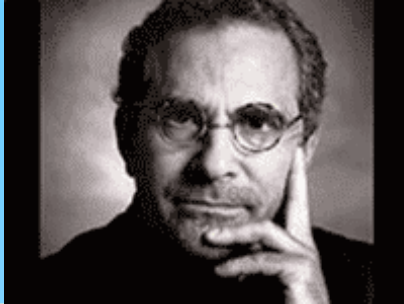
History

- 1600s to 1975: Portuguese (Japanese 1942-45)
- 28 Nov 1975: East Timor independence from Portugal. 9 days later, invaded by Indonesia. Over next 20 years, 100,000 to 250,000 were killed
- 30 Aug 1999: UN sponsored referendum – people voted for independence. Over next 1 month until arrival of UN peacekeeping force, Indonesians killed 1,400 Timorese & forced 300,000 into West Timor as refugees.
- 20 May 2002: Internationally recognised as an independent state.





About East Timor's Political Leaders

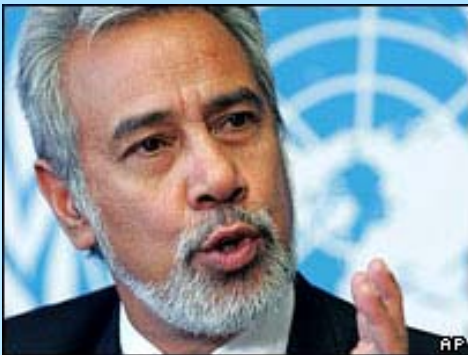


EAST TIMOR
TIMOR-LESTE



Dr José Ramos-Horta
PRESIDENT FOR THE POOR

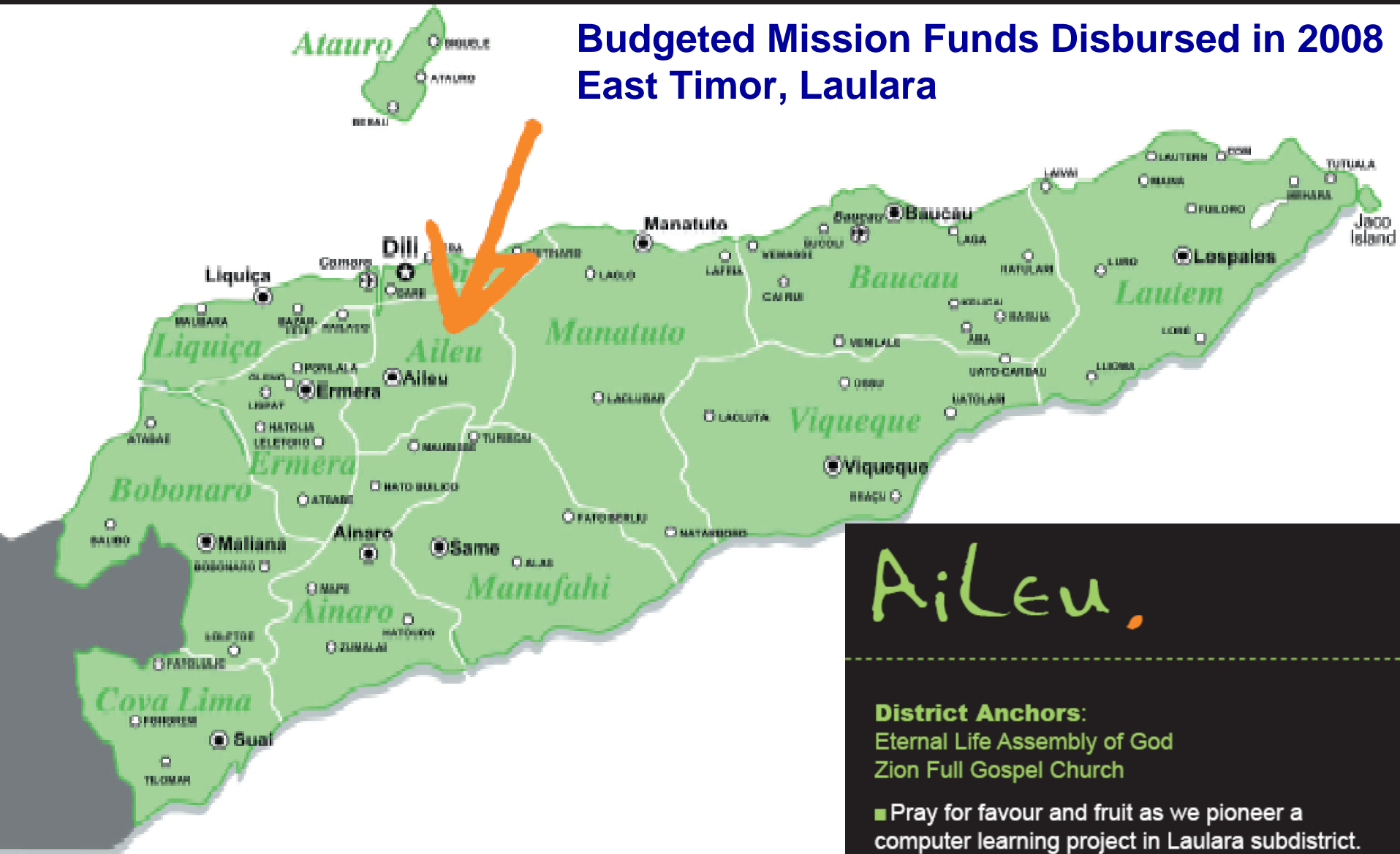
- Jose Ramos-Horta, a Nobel Peace Prize winner and former prime minister, became president following elections in May 2007. He said 5 years of hard work lay ahead. He promised to work for the poor and to foster national unity.
- Mr Ramos-Horta spent two decades in exile and was a key figure in East Timor's campaign for independence.
- In early 2008 he was shot by rebel soldiers in what East Timor leaders described as an attempted coup. He was taken to hospital in Australia in a serious but stable condition, and returned to take up his duties in April.



Prime Minister
Xanana Gusmao

- Independence hero Xanana Gusmao who was the country's 1st President, is revered by many in East Timor for leading the armed resistance to Indonesian rule.
- He was named new prime minister in August 2007, sparking violent protests from supporters of the former ruling Fretelin party, which promised to challenge the decision in court.
- Fretilin won 21 seats in the 65-member Parliament, well short of a majority. Mr Gusmao's party won 18 but formed a coalition comprising 37 seats.
- He set up the National Congress of East Timor's Reconstruction (CNRT) in 2007 to wrest power from Fretilin.

Budgeted Mission Funds Disbursed in 2008 East Timor, Laulara



Aileu.

District Anchors:

Eternal Life Assembly of God
Zion Full Gospel Church

- Pray for favour and fruit as we pioneer a computer learning project in Laulara subdistrict.
- Pray for a fulltime person to be based in Aileu to coordinate our mission trips and special projects.
- Pray for good working relationships with the churches, district administrators and subdistrict administrators of Aileu.



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Aileu District, Sub-district Laulara



AG Hostel

Laulara

Laulara Pre-Secondary School & AG Hostel

School: Student tables & chairs, student sponsorship.

AG Hostel: Daily provisions and computer

