

# IMPACT REPORT 2024

Healthy Children, Empowered Youth  
for Strong Communities



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**Our 2024 financial year:**  
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# INTRODUCTION

It is with great pride and gratitude that I present World Vision Timor-Leste's Annual Report for 2024. This report reflects the tireless efforts of our dedicated team, who serve every day with passion and purpose to improve the lives of vulnerable children and families across Timor-Leste.

As you read through these pages, I hope you will be encouraged and inspired by the stories of transformation made possible through a collective effort. The impact we see is not the result of WVTL's work alone—it is only achievable through strong and enduring partnerships with our donors, community members, faith leaders, local civil society organisations, and the Government of Timor-Leste. Together, we are changing lives.

In 2024, WVTL expanded into two new municipalities, RAEOA and Ermera with programs focusing on vaccination awareness raising and women's economic empowerment. With some of the highest malnutrition rates in Timor-Leste, these municipalities will become an increasing focus of our work. This year also saw innovations in our nutrition programme,

through piloting of PD Hearth - a community led response to ensuring children are provided with healthy nutritious meals from locally available food sources; and our Youth approach - a nationwide youth assessment conducted by WVTL showing priorities for youth are employment, education, and social independence.

This year, I had the privilege of visiting each of our four Area Programmes at least twice. Every visit reminded me of the deep resilience within Timorese communities and the unwavering commitment of our staff, who walk alongside them to pursue a shared vision of hope, dignity, and opportunity for every child.

Thank you for being part of this journey. May this report give you a glimpse into the incredible impact of our work—made possible by your partnership.

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## ABOUT US

World Vision Timor-Leste (WVTL) is a member of the global World Vision International partnership, dedicated to community development, humanitarian aid and advocacy.

Our mission is "Labarik saudavel no foinsa'e empoderadu ba comunidade forte" - Healthy children and empowered youth for strong communities.

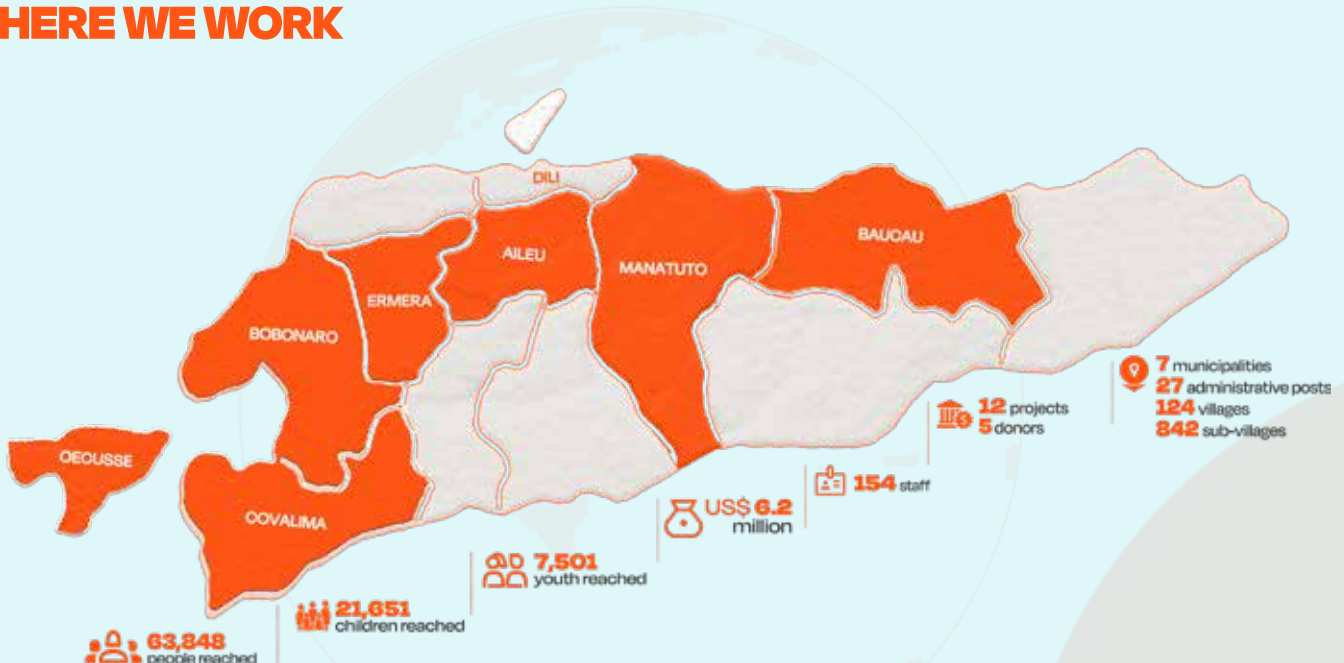
Since 1995, WVTL has been active across seven municipalities: Aileu, Baucau, Bobonaro, Covalima, Ermera, Oecusse, and Manatuto. WVTL currently has 154 employees. In the fiscal year 2024, our budget reached US\$ 6.2 million through major donors such as the Australian Government, through Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), New Zealand Government through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), European Union, and UNICEF.

World Vision offices that currently support WVTL are Australia, Taiwan, New Zealand, United States, and Korea.

Nestled in Southeast Asia and Oceania, Timor-Leste is home to 1.3 million people, with 46% under the age of 14. Tragically, nearly 42% of Timorese live below the global poverty line, contributing to child stunting rates, which rank as the third highest in the world.



## WHERE WE WORK



# 2024 IMPACT



**63,848**  
people reached



**10,726**  
girls



**10,925**  
boys



**7,501**  
youth



**23,783**  
women



**18,414**  
men



**739**  
people with  
disabilities



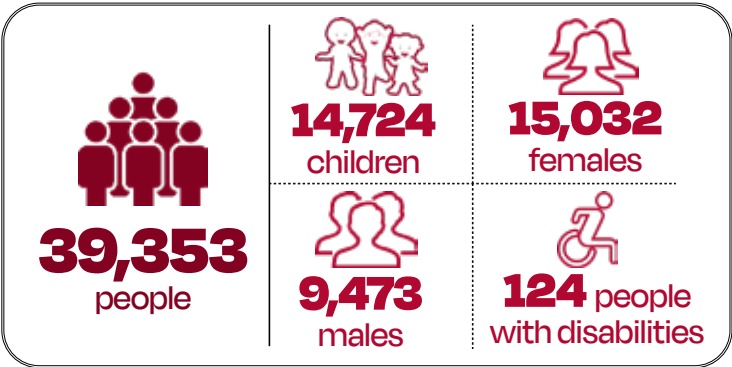
**10**  
donors



**15**  
projects



# IMPROVING HEALTH, WATER, & NUTRITION



## Achievements:



**3,832** health equipment items (21 different types) distributed to the Integrated Community Health Services (SISCa) Program and Community Health Centres (CHC).



**4,354** vulnerable households received superfoods and nutritious seed packages, including red kidney beans, mung beans, spinach, bok choy, eggplant, soybeans, and orange sweet potatoes.



**10,972** direct beneficiaries (7,009 females, 3,963 males) across 83 villages were reached with targeted messaging on COVID-19 prevention and access to vaccination services.



**60** agricultural water tanks installed.



**3,092** children (1,549 girls, 1,546 boys, and 9 children with disabilities) reached through routine immunization activities.



**8,380** members of 255 Parents' Clubs (6,046 females, 2,287 males, and 47 people with disabilities) participated in cooking demonstrations.



**870kg** of mung beans and **250** watermelons harvested and sold to high value markets.



**42** new farmer groups established with an additional 124 existing groups supported.

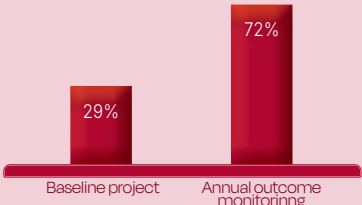


**3,250** people (1,962 females, 1,288 males, and 23 PwD) received COVID-19 vaccinations.

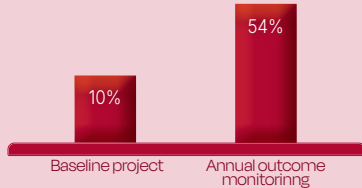
## Impact:

In 2024, the BFBH project conducted its annual outcome monitoring and showed:

Percentage of Children 6-59 month immunized.



Children aged 6-23 months have minimum dietary diversity.



### Projects contributing to health and nutrition outcomes:

- Better Food Better Health (BFBH) – DFAT
- Better Child Nutrition in Bobonaro (BENU)– KOICA
- The Vaccine Access and Health Security Initiative (VAHSI) – DFAT



## Bringing Healthcare to the Mountain: Teresina's Story of Hope and Protection

High in the mountains of Timor-Leste, 29-year-old Mana Teresina faces the daily challenge of caring for her five children while her husband works as a farmer. Though she knew how important routine immunizations were, traveling to the health center with her children was difficult.

***"Living on top of the mountain with five kids makes it very hard for me to travel,"*** Teresina explained.

She is now grateful for the change brought by World Vision's VAHSI project, supported by the Australian Government.

***"Now, my children can receive their routine immunizations at home, without me having to make the difficult journey,"*** Teresina shared.

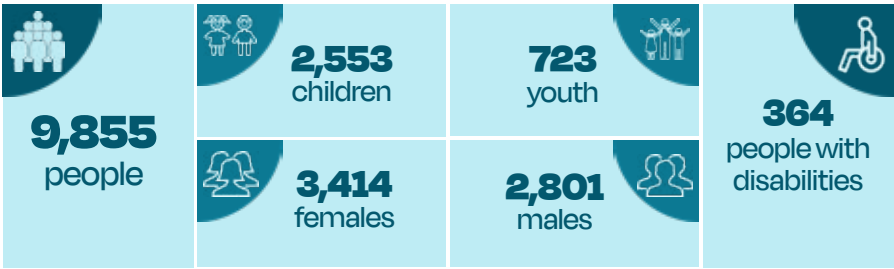
Through the VAHSI project, communities across Timor-Leste are gaining better access to vaccines, including COVID-19 and routine immunizations, to protect families from preventable diseases.

***"Getting vaccinated isn't just a choice,"*** she said. ***"It's a crucial step in protecting our families and keeping our community safe."***

Since the program started, 6,342 people have been vaccinated, including 3,092 children, bringing health and hope to families like Teresina's.



# REDUCING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & CHILDREN

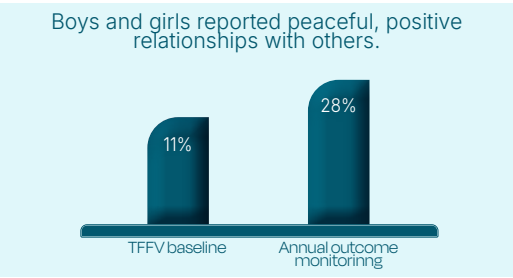
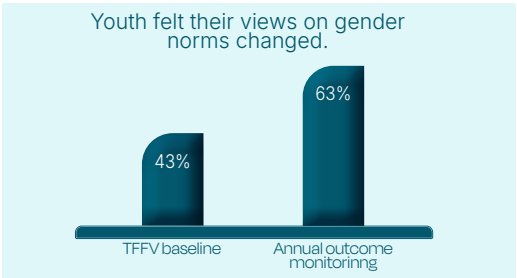


## Achievements:

- 1,201** new IMPACT members (699 females, 502 males) were recruited and trained through the establishment of 62 IMPACT clubs.
- 11** IMPACT leaders (8 males, 3 females) secured formal employment, including positions in national government, youth leadership, and village delegations.
- 123** community members (57 women, 66 men) were recognized as Caring for My Family gender champions.
- 2,902** parents (1,771 females, 1,104 males, 27 persons with disabilities) joined 31 newly formed parents' clubs.
- 652** materials were distributed, including 149 Child Protection (CP) and Gender-Based Violence referral system posters and stickers, 421 health booklets, and 82 types of seeds and agricultural inputs.
- 29** new Parent's Clubs established with an additional 262 existing clubs supported.
- 219** IMPACT leaders (115 females, 100 males, 4 persons with disabilities) were trained on Community Voice and Action (CVA) and supported to identify and advocate for government standards related to inclusive, adolescent-centered health and child protection.

## Impact:

In 2024, the Towards a Future Free from Violence (TFFV) project conducted its annual outcome monitoring and showed:



**IMPACT clubs** are groups of adolescents who meet weekly to have fun and learn valuable life skills through experiential learning, leading to personal growth in character, attitudes, and values.





## Miki's Transformation: From Shy and Isolated to Confident and Kind

Twelve-year-old Miki from Baucau used to be shy and quiet. He spent most of his time helping at his family's kiosk and rarely spoke to anyone outside his home. Feeling lonely, he often took out his frustration on his younger siblings.

Things changed when his mother heard about the IMPACT Club—a program for children aged 12–17 that builds confidence and life skills. At first, Miki was nervous, but with support from his mother and sister, he gave it a try.

At the club, he learned through games and stories about self-respect, kindness, and how to treat others.



*"Now, I play with my siblings without fighting, have friendly conversations with my friends, and feel truly happy to be part of the Gua-7 IMPACT Club," Miki shared.*

His father, Carlito, saw a big difference too. *"Before, Miki was quiet and didn't care much about others. Now he tells us about his day and shares what he learns—like respect, kindness, and honesty." Miki also grew more confident. "I'm more comfortable speaking in front of people. I even lead prayers and discussions at home and school."*

And perhaps the biggest change? Miki now reminds his parents to speak kindly.

*"He tells us, 'Please don't say that in front of us.' Seeing him grow into a respectful and caring person makes me very proud," his father said.*

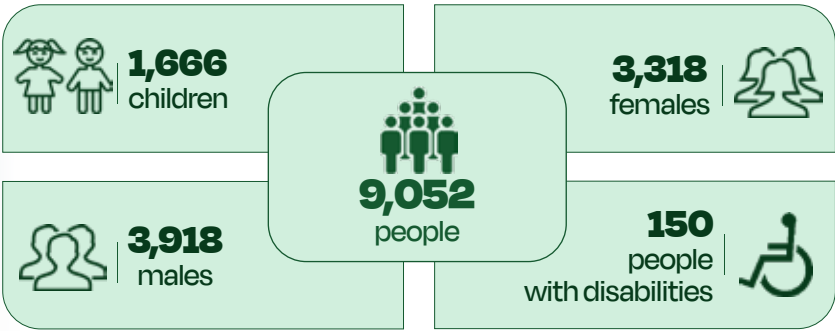
Thanks to IMPACT Club, Miki has found his voice—and is using it to bring more kindness into his home and community.












### Projects contributing to protection outcomes:

- Towards a Future Free from Violence - DFAT
- Faith and Development (F&D) – DFAT
- Roman ba Foinsa'e - MFAT
- The Promotion of Women through Economic Empowerment and Rights (POWER) – European Union

# IMPROVING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE & LIVELIHOODS

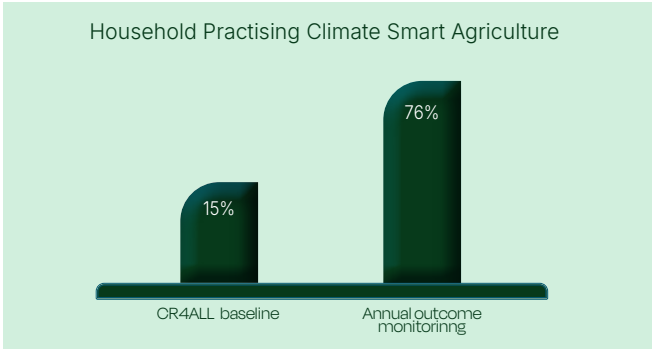


## Achievements:

 <p><b>1,718</b> community members (935 females, 610 males, 135 youth, 41 persons with disabilities, 13 boys, 122 girls) were reached through the trainings conducted by the Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) champions.</p>	 <p><b>410</b> improved cookstoves were supplied to most vulnerable households, introducing alternative cooking methods to reduce firewood use.</p>	 <p><b>2,111</b> mahogany trees were planted across target areas with the participation of 161 community members (81 females, 77 males, 2 males with disabilities, and 1 female with a disability).</p>
 <p><b>274</b> savings and loan groups were supported in 2024, involving 5,048 females, 2,944 males, and 26 people with disabilities, with total savings of USD 3,160,302.</p>	 <p><b>198</b> women and 153 youth were monitored and supported in developing their businesses, including vegetable farming, biochar, and briquette production.</p>	 <p><b>408</b> women joined 35 newly established livelihood groups focused on horticulture to grow vegetables for sale in local and Dili markets through a local collector.</p>
 <p><b>440</b> members of 19 Disaster Management Committees (municipal and suku levels) were trained in early warning systems, evacuation simulations, disaster risk reduction, and first aid, resulting in the establishment of 43 safe and accessible evacuation sites.</p>	 <p><b>1,050</b> farmers were continuously mentored on Sloping Agricultural Land Technology (SALT) and 542 youth on Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR), resulting in the successful adoption of new techniques and practices.</p>	 <p><b>60</b> CCA youth champions (28 males, 19 females, 3 people with disabilities) were identified and supported to facilitate Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) and Community-Owned Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (COVACA) trainings.</p>

## Impact:

In 2024, the CR4All project conducted its annual outcome monitoring and showed:





# Edisiana's Journey:

## From Challenges to Confidence

Meet Edisiana, a strong woman living with a disability in rural Timor-Leste. With support from World Vision, she turned challenges into opportunities and found her voice.

Like many women in her village, Edisiana once believed that only men could lead, earn cash, and make decisions. She stayed home, cared for her family, and ran a small business—until she joined World Vision's Climate Resilience for ALL project, supported by the Australian Government through ANCP.

There, she learned about farming, financial management, leadership, and gender equality.

"It opened my eyes to the importance of fairness at home," she said. "Now, my husband and I make decisions together—about our cash, our farm, and our children's education."



A highlight for her was joining an International Women's Day event. For the first time, Edisiana felt seen, respected, and valued.

Today, she proudly works at Raes Hadomi Timor Oan (RHTO)—a local disability organization.

"Working with RHTO is a dream come true," she said. "I'm part of a team that stands up for people like me and helps create change."

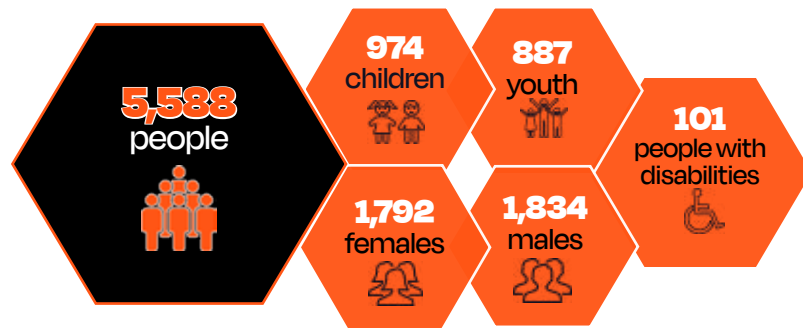
In a country where climate disasters affect farming and incomes—especially for women and people with disabilities—Edisiana is showing what's possible with support, knowledge, and courage.



### Projects included:

- Climate Resilience for All (CR4All) - DFAT
- Integrated Green Area Development - MFAT
- Innovation Challenge 2024: Re-Greening Agricultural Analytics: A Tech-Based Solution for the Next Generation of Young Farmers in Timor-Leste - WVI
- Building Resilience and Assets for Food Security - FCDO

# DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



## Achievements:

**2,000** educational books, 146 non-food items, 81 maps, 22 tents, 20 kg of onion seeds, and 1 warehouse container were distributed to 2,000 households impacted by droughts caused by El Nino.



**384** community members (240 females, 140 males, 4 males with disabilities) across 20 villages were engaged in developing four Integrated Community Action Plans (ICAPs) using Community Owned Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (COVACA) tools.



**918** most vulnerable households (2,012 members—518 females, 533 males, 457 boys, 432 girls, and 72 people with disabilities) participated in drought impact monitoring and received USD \$100 in cash assistance per household.



**274** beneficiaries (142 females, 117 males, and 15 people with disabilities) received recipe books to support food diversification.



**673** farmers (404 females, 269 males) participated in Climate Smart Agriculture training covering seasonal calendars, drought-resilient crops, and seeds.



**4,428** community members benefited from the installation of 7 water tanks (4 in Bobonaro, 3 in Covalima), and the repair of 4 water sources.



**680** tree seedlings and vetiver were planted for water source and landslide protection, and water conservation measures were implemented around 4 springs in 4 new villages.



## Impact:

Cash assistance of USD \$100 provided to 543 vulnerable households benefitted 2,012 individuals—518 females, 533 males, 457 boys, 432 girls, 72 people with disabilities across two municipalities. Households were selected based on vulnerability criteria including women-led households and those caring for malnourished children.

A partnership with Financial Service Provider (FSP) MOSAN ensured fast, efficient, and inclusive cash transfers, with 92% of recipients reporting satisfaction during the post-distribution monitoring.

**Project included:**  
AHP Disaster Ready – DFAT





## **Lixu Nia Barullu: Transforming Waste into Art and Opportunity**

In a small community in Bobonaro Municipality, where waste was once seen as worthless, a youth group called Lixu Nia Barullu—"The Noise of Waste"—is proving otherwise.

They transform discarded plastic, old fabrics, bottles, and wood into useful and creative products.

Their journey began after joining a recycling and sustainability training by World Vision through the Australian Humanitarian Partnership – Disaster READY program, supported by the Australian Government.

***"We took the initiative after attending training with World Vision. Through that experience, we also discovered our creativity."***

Motivated by the training, they started collecting and sorting waste from the community.

***"We started by gathering what had been carelessly thrown away. We sorted everything in one place and then turned it into useful items."***

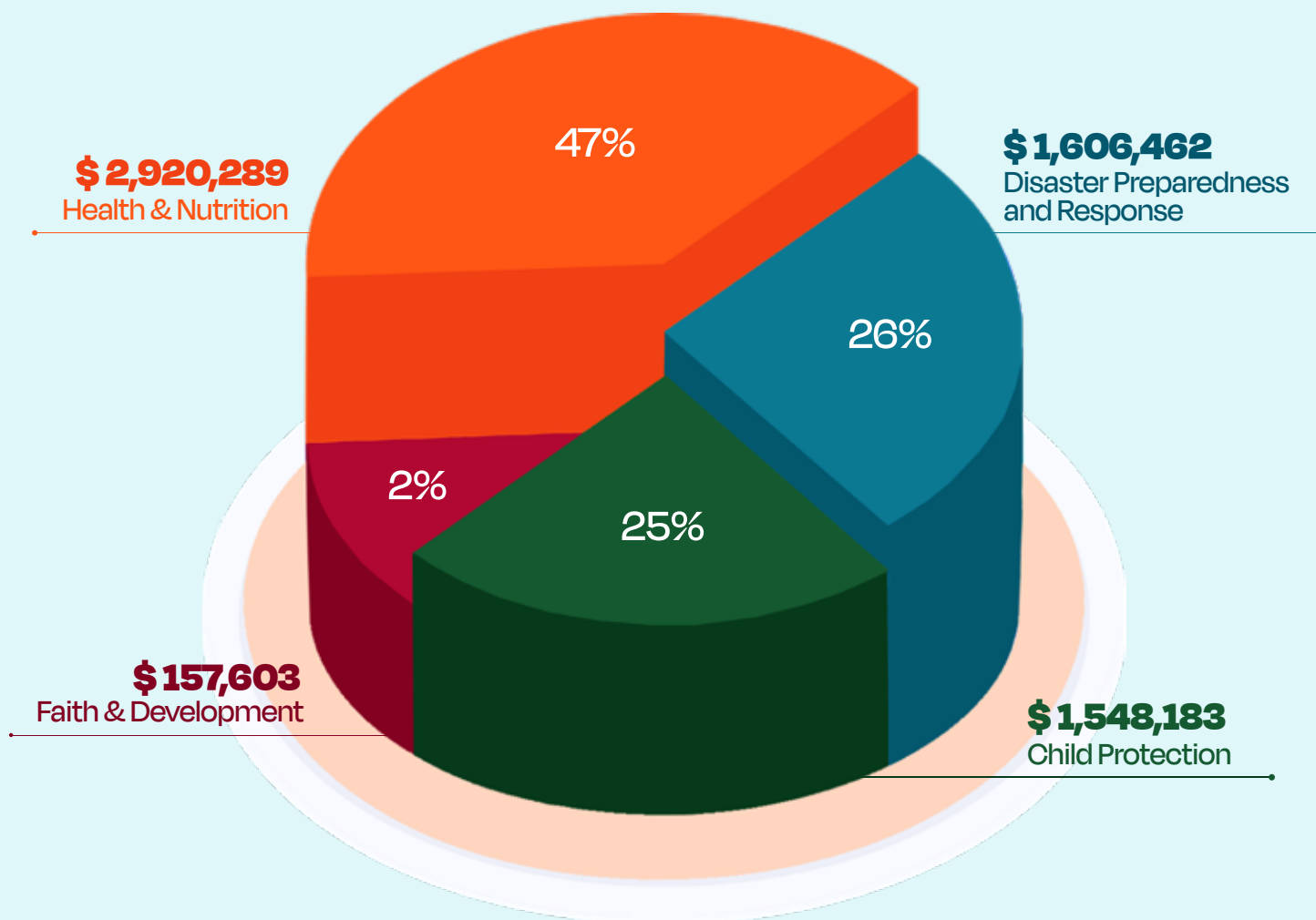
Their creations, such as flowers and mops made from recycled materials, are helping raise awareness about the value of reuse.



***"We create products like flowers and mops using plastic, old fabrics, bottles, and wood."***

Now, more young people are joining them, and the community is beginning to see waste in a new light. Their story shows that with creativity and determination, even trash can be turned into something meaningful.





# 2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY



# OUR DONORS



## OUR PARTNERS & STAKEHOLDERS

### GOVERNMENT

Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry  
Ministry of Education  
Ministry of Health  
Minister of State Administration  
Ministry of Social Solidarity and Inclusion  
Secretary of State for Equality  
Secretary of State for Cooperatives  
Secretary of State for Civil Protection  
Polícia Nacional de Timor-Leste (PNTL)  
National Directorate for Climate Change  
National Directorate for Water Services  
National Health Institution  
Aileu Municipal Authority  
Baucau Municipal Authority  
Bobonaro Municipal Authority  
Covalima Municipal Authority  
Região Administrativa Especial Oe-Cusse Ambeno - RAEOA

### CIVIL SOCIETY AND PRIVATE SECTOR

Aileu Assembleia de Deus  
Aileu Women's Development and Action  
Asistencia Legal ba Feto no Labarik  
Society of the Divine Word (SVD)  
Blind Union Timor-Leste  
OXFAM  
Marie Stopes Timor-Leste  
CARE International  
Catholic Church  
Catholic Relief Services  
Couples for Christ & Youth for Christ  
Institute for Enterprise Development  
Plan International  
Protestant Church in Timor-Leste  
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FEEO  
Raes Hadomi Timor Oan - RHTO  
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