

CAVR UPDATE / August-September 2003

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'Thank you for your letter of 15 November inviting me to join an Advisory Council of eminent persons to support the work of the Commission for Reception, Truth and Reconciliation in Timor Leste. I was interested to learn of this initiative to bolster efforts currently being undertaken and am honoured by this kind request. You are, of course, already aware of my involvement in preparations for the Commission, as well as the deep personal attachment I feel for Timor Leste and concern for its future. Accordingly, it is with great pleasure that I accept as per the terms outlined in your letter. As I have said before, I am confident that the Commission offers a promising opportunity for genuine and long-lasting reconciliation, by giving the people of Timor Leste recourse to air their grievances and receive official acknowledgement of their past suffering. I look forward to contributing further to that process'.

*Letter by Sergio Vieira de Mello to CAVR Chairperson, Aniceto Guterres Lopes,
12 December 2002*

This Update reports on CAVR's principal activities over the past two months. It is especially dedicated to our friend the late Mr Sergio Vieira de Mello, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, who did so much to support the work of the CAVR both as UN Transitional Administrator in East Timor and as High Commissioner.

August-September was a period focusing on supporting the implementation of mandate activities in all districts. A major aim was for National Commissioners to reach out to district communities, and senior staff to support district teams to improve quality of work in all fields. In addition, at the national office teams commenced implementation of recommendations made by recent evaluations of various program components, again with the focus of increasing quality of all aspects of work.

A highlight of the period was the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Emergent Leadership to CAVR Chairperson Aniceto Guterres Lopes, which he received at the award ceremony in Manila on 31 August.

Preparations for the November public hearing on political conflict 1974-1976 have also been a major focus of this period.

1. Death of Sergio Vieira de Mello

Sergio Vieira de Mello, a 55-year old Brazilian and former Special Representative of the Secretary General and Transitional Administrator in Timor-Leste, was assassinated in Baghdad on 19 August 2003. Following is an extract from a letter sent by Aniceto Guterres Lopes, Chair of CAVR, to Mr Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, after hearing this shocking news.

'... I want to express our appreciation at the CAVR for the leading efforts of Sergio in supporting the establishment of the Commission, and in its launch in 2002 before he left Timor-Leste. Sergio's vision for human rights, and his compassion for the suffering of ordinary Timorese people, was clear in his leadership. He helped in the development of the framework and regulation that established the Commission when it was still just an idea, and always made UNTAET advice and resources available to assist Timorese human rights workers. In January 2002, Sergio swore-in the National Commissioners for the CAVR. He brought to this occasion the solemnity, deep respect for Timorese culture and human warmth that always characterized his work here, and helped make the launch of the CAVR a significant national and international human rights event.

Sergio's ongoing commitment to the human rights work of the CAVR was demonstrated when he agreed to serve on our Council of Eminent Advisors. His willingness to do so greatly enhanced the status and credibility of the Commission.

It is hard to comprehend this act of senseless violence, and the fact that it has taken the life of our friend Sergio Vieira de Mello and his United Nations colleagues who were so committed to peace making. In Timor-Leste we have benefited so greatly from this commitment to peace.... Our thoughts here are with Sergio's family and loved ones, and all his colleagues at the United Nations. We hope in some small way your pain might be soothed by knowing how much Sergio was loved and respected in Timor-Leste, and how his memory will live in our small country forever. ...'

2. Magsaysay Award and regional activities

Aniceto Guterres Lopes, Chair of the CAVR, travelled to the Philippines in late August to accept the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Emergent Leadership. The Magsaysay Awards are presented annually in a range of categories for individuals and organizations in Asia who manifest extraordinary service to the community. Mr Guterres Lopes' award was in recognition for his courageous stand for justice and the rule of law during Timor-Leste's passage to nationhood.

The awards ceremony was held in Manila on 31 August, amidst a week of activities including the Ramon Magsaysay Annual Lecture series by the award winners. Mr Guterres Lopes' lecture was titled *After Traumatic Conflict: Confronting the Truth, Fostering Reconciliation*. A copy of Mr Guterres Lopes' acceptance speech and his Magsaysay Lecture is posted on the CAVR website. The CAVR Chair, who named first son Benigno Aquino in honor of his personal hero Benigno 'Ninoy' Aquino, also met with former President Corazon Aquino.

On his return journey to Timor-Leste, Mr Guterres Lopes gave a presentation at the Institute of South East Asian Studies in Singapore (ISEAS) on 5 September, attended by members of the diplomatic corps, academics, students and government officials. In Jakarta, he held a series of informal meetings with members of the Indonesian human rights community. CAVR Deputy Chair Father Jovito Araujo accompanied Mr Guterres Lopes and participated in meetings and public presentations about the CAVR and its work.

The trip indicates the growing level of interest in the CAVR in the Asia-Pacific region. Upon his return, the Filipino community in Timor-Leste held a testimonial dinner for Mr Guterres Lopes on 28 September.

The big issues

"My work and that of the CAVR is centrally involved in ... transition, grappling with the large issues of truth, justice and reconciliation. How do we deal with our past? Is it better to forget or to remember? Is the truth an essential part of healing? How can we achieve justice for tens of thousands of serious violations and a struggling new justice system with very few resources? Is justice essential for reconciliation? Are the two mutually exclusive or interrelated? What do these terms mean anyway, not just the overused words but in a real practical sense? How can we take realistic concrete steps to achieve them? How can we help victims and perpetrators to come together to prevent the recurrence of violence?"

Aniceto Guterres Lopes, Chair CAVR
Magsaysay Lecture, Manila, Philippines, 31 August 2003

3. West Timor program draws to a close

The CAVR partnership with Indonesian NGOs in West Timor, who conducted an outreach programme in communities, came to its scheduled close in July. This has been an important part of the reception or *acolhimento* work of the CAVR, demonstrating our commitment to inclusiveness and to reaching out to all East Timorese people in the process of national healing and reconciliation.

In early August, a CAVR team travelled to West Timor to hold meetings with partner organizations to conduct evaluations together, and with the West Timor community and government leaders to explain the closure and further work of the CAVR.

NGO teams worked across all four districts of West Timor over a 6-month period, explaining the mandate and role of the CAVR and how communities could be involved in its activities upon return to Timor-Leste. In particular the community reconciliation procedures were explained to those whom it might help in terms of reintegration. A variety of methods were used in outreach, including community meetings, informal information sessions, special meetings with women, regular radio programs (including use of the CAVR-produced weekly programme *Dalan ba Dame*), video showings of CAVR activities, and printed materials.

The partner NGOs were TRUK F/TTS, YPI/Belu, LAKMAS/TTS, CIS TIMOR/Kupang, CRS Kupang. In general they reported a high level of interest by community members in the work of the CAVR, which they felt addressed some of the issues that are important to them in terms of considering return to Timor-Leste. The NGOs will present a submission to the CAVR for consideration in the preparation of the final report.

4. District operations update

By the end of September, CAVR district teams were close to completing work in 51 sub-districts. Teams will move to new sub-districts in mid-October in the three-monthly rotation.

Following the Institutional Review in previous months, a number of activities were undertaken to further improve performance of all aspects of the CAVR's operations and results, at both district and national team level. National Commissioners visited all districts, along with senior national office staff, as part of this process.

Sixteen new community reconciliation officers were deployed after training (13 district officers, 3 at national office, including 15 women in order to ensure gender balance within the teams), to implement plans to ensure that there is no backlog of cases at the end of the operational period of district activities in March 2004.

Planning with district teams took place to implement Period VIII of the CAVR National Strategic Plan. This involved planning workshops in Dili, and follow-up meetings in districts. Implementation will involve several district teams moving to new districts in October, to assist larger districts complete their activities. Ainaro district team will move to Suai for 3 months, Liquica will move to Baucau for 3 months, Aileu will move to Dili for 3 months, and Oecussi to Maliana. In January 2004, all district teams will have completed their core program across all their sub-districts. The final three months of activities will enable teams to return to communities where there is still a demand for activities and to close generally the CAVR's work in the district.

5. Truth-seeking update

• Statement taking

By the end of September a total of 5852 statements have been taken from 51 of 65 sub-districts of East Timor. During August and September the Statement Taking Unit has been focusing on improving the quality of information collected by statement takers in the field.

Quality control and feedback mechanisms have been developed at the National Office, in collaboration with the Data Processing Unit, to ensure that statements contain sufficient information to answer the basic questions of who did what, to whom, where, why and when?

During this period the Head of Statement Taking, Sancho Goncalves, has made regular visits to provide feedback and on-going training to teams in the districts. These visits have also been an opportunity to discuss the challenges faced by statement takers in the field and to look at ways to overcome them. Particular attention has been given to exploring strategies for increased participation of women deponents.

During the last week of September a 3-day workshop was held for all statement takers in Dare, Dili. The main objective of the workshop was to review and improve interview techniques and writing skills. Sessions were also held with the District Team Co-ordinators, facilitated by the Institutional Development Team, to discuss and plan for the forthcoming downsizing of activities in the districts.

- ***Data Processing***

Over 2000 statements have been read, coded and entered in the Truth Seeking Human Rights Violations Database. Following the July visit of consultants Piers Pigou, Romesh Silva and database expert Ken Ward, the Data Processing Unit has been seeking to improve both qualitative and quantitative outputs. Alvaro da Silva was appointed Head of Data Processing in August and six new Timorese staff were recruited and trained, four statement readers and two data entry. Since July statement readers have been involved in regular inter-rater reliability coding exercises to measure the level of agreement in relation to the identification and classification of human rights violations in the statements. In collaboration with the Legal Unit the human rights violations definitions being used by the statement readers to code statements have been clarified and redefined to reflect the reality of patterns emerging from the statements. This has been a significant capacity building process.

- ***Research***

In August, five new Timorese research staff, including 3 women, joined the Truth Seeking Unit. One researcher has been assigned to each of the following areas: Political Prisoners, Disappearances and Killings, Women, Children in Conflict and the Retrospective Mortality Survey. Doug Kammen returned in September to continue his research on the Indonesian Military supported by USAID.

In September the Retrospective Mortality Survey (RMS), a key research project, was approved by the National Commissioners. The RMS will complement the CAVR's existing datasets (the human rights violations database and graveyard census) providing the basis for statistical findings on the total number of fatal violations during the period covered by CAVR's mandate. The CAVR is currently finalising its relationship with key technical support for this project.

Other developments in the Research Unit include the consolidation of research topics, and systematisation of field and case reports. The Legal Unit has also been conducting regular workshops on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law for all research staff.

6. Victim support update

CAVR conducted its second healing workshop for survivors of serious human rights violations, 12-14 August. The workshop was held at the CAVR national office and involved 30 survivors from villages in all districts, 16 men and 14 women.

This workshop was conducted along similar lines to the first workshop reported in the last Update and was a collaborative process with key civil society groups and organizations involved in the work of supporting survivors of violations. Funding for this program was provided by the Dutch agency, HIVOS.

Special thanks go to Fokupers for their leadership of the first day of the workshop, to the Canossian Sisters of Balide for their support in accommodating participants, to Arte Moris and Gil Madeira for their creative work on the second day, and once again IOM for their transport assistance.

Special emphasis was placed on creating a safe environment to share life stories and to explore past experiences and future hopes in a supported, respectful and honouring way.

In addition to trying to help individuals in their healing process, a major aim of these workshops is to ensure that CAVR adequately listens to the voices of the survivors and victims and is able to represent their views and hopes in the recommendations for future action which will be made in the CAVR final report.

Participants comprised:

Flaviano Daubere (Dituaben Maliana)	Manuel Infen (Cunha Oecussi)
Mario Bere (Dituaben Maliana)	Filomena Elo (Usitakeno Oecussi)
Virginia Santos (Guico Liquica)	Romao Clementino (Aisik Covalima)
Jose da Silva (Asumano Liquica)	Ana Amaral (Talioan Covalima)
Roberto Nunes (Lisadila Liquica)	Antonio Lima (Mascarenhas Dili)
Odelia Frederica (Asumau Aileu)	Jose Soares (Nazare Dili)
Joao Mendonca (Tulataken Aileu)	Romeo Conceicao (Dili)
Antonio Miranda (Iliomar Lautem)	Etelvina da Costa Guterres (Ossu Decima Viqueque)
Maria Ornai (Dilor/Ailere Lautem)	Mateus Soares (Viqueque)
Sita Jeronimo (Dilor/Ailere Lautem)	Esperenca Medonca (Raimera Ainaro)
Carlito da Costa Amaral (Babulu Same)	Martinha da Costa (Hatomera Ainaro)
Luisa de Jesus (Babulu Same)	Fernanda Soares (Soro Ainaro)
Luisa Doutel Pereira (Dadubere Ermera)	Joana da Costa (Laleia Manatuto)
Delfin Pereira Bere Mali (Dadubere Ermera)	Jose dos Santos (Laleia Manatuto)
Amancio Ximenes (Uai-oli Baucau)	
Domingas Sebastiana da Costa (Badoo/Fatubela Baucau)	

The next healing workshop will be conducted in November.

The Victim Support Division has also focused on support to district teams, and monitoring of follow-up support of those who have participated in activities such as Healing Workshops with the Commission during this period.

During August-September, CAVR teams facilitated 60 Community Profiling workshops to help identify the impact of the years of violence upon communities. A total of 187 community profiling workshops have now been held.

With support from the Community Empowerment Project (CEP), CAVR has facilitated new prosthetics for two community members who have participated in CAVR victim support activities. Mr Matias Soares of Viqueque and Mr David Rodrigues of Ainaro each lost their limbs through serious human rights violations. They will travel to Yogyakarta in October for fittings and physiotherapy.

In early October district Victim Support officers will travel to Dili for a major evaluation and training session.

7. Community reconciliation update

During the August-September period, 254 statements, or applications to use the Community Reconciliation Process (CRP), were taken. This brings to 1114 the total number of statements or CRP applications. During the same period 140 cases completed a CRP hearing.

The 16 new reconciliation staff recruited in July were inducted into the commission in August and underwent an intensive week of training from the August 4 to 9.

A special CRP public information strategy has commenced implementation to ensure that all community members understand the role of the CRP process, and are able to participate as appropriate before the close of CAVR district activities in March 2004. The first of a series of live radio broadcasts began in September. Radio Rakambia is working with the CAVR Community Reconciliation Division with the aim of broadcasting a hearing in its entirety in every district in East Timor. The first broadcast took place in Oesilo, Oecussi, and was heard across a large part of the district and over the border into West Timor.

- *5 August:* Los Palos – Daudere: 4 deponents, victims and communities.
Reason for Hearing: suspected of passing information to military, beating, suspected house burning.
Community Reconciliation Act: apologise, bound not to repeat.
- *6 August:* Viqueque – Carawbalu: 2 deponents, 2 victims, community
Reason for Hearing: suspected of passing information to military
Community Reconciliation Act: apologise, bound not to repeat.
- *18 August:* Maliana – Meligo: 3 deponents, 2 victims & community
Reason for Hearing: militia membership, intimidation
Community Reconciliation Act: community service – Church cleaning 1 day a week for three months; apologise, bound not to repeat.
- *20 August:* Maliana – Lahomea: 1 deponent, community
Reason for Hearing: previous involvement with Indonesian pro-autonomy campaign
Community Reconciliation Act: apologise, bound not to repeat. Payment of \$100 over three months to fund construction of village office.
- *26 August:* Oecussi – Kunya: 3 deponents, 1 victim & community.
Reason for Hearing: suspected of passing information to military.
Community Reconciliation Act: apologise, bound not to repeat.
- *27 August:* Manatuto – Natarbora: 6 deponents, 9 victims & families, community.
Reason for Hearing: previous involvement with Indonesian military, intimidation, beating, suspected informant to military, suspected abuse of authority (FALINTIL commander).
Community Reconciliation Act: apologise, bound not to repeat.
- *27 August:* Liquica – Maubara: 11 deponents, 4 victims & community.
Reason for Hearing: house burning.
Community Reconciliation Act: apologise, bound not to repeat.
- *28 August:* Liquica – Maubara: 11 deponents, 3 victims & community.
Reason for Hearing: Theft of livestock, house burning
Community Reconciliation Act: Apologise, bound not to repeat
- *28 August:* Oecussi – Lifau: 18 deponents, 6 victims & community.
Reason for Hearing: membership of militia, theft of property & livestock.
Community Reconciliation Act: return of stolen property; apologise, bound not to repeat.
- *28 August:* Suai – Zumulai: 16 deponents, 5 victims & community.
Reason for Hearing: militia membership, house burning, beating, intimidation.
Community Reconciliation Act: apologise, bound not to repeat.
- *4 September:* Aileu – Fatu Bosa: 3 deponents, community.
Reason for Hearing: house burning.
Community Reconciliation Act: apologise, bound not to repeat
- *5 September:* Manufahi – Fahinihan: 7 deponents, 6 victims & community

Reason for Hearing: militia membership

Community Reconciliation Act: apologise, bound not to repeat.

- *9 September*: Ermera – Letefoho: 3 deponents, 9 victims & community.

Reason for Hearing: carrying weapons, involvement in militia/military operations.

Community Reconciliation Act: apologise, bound not to repeat.

- *11 September*: Liquica – Maubara: 6 deponents, 2 victims & community.

Reason for Hearing: house burning, theft of livestock.

Community Reconciliation Act: repairs to the village office 1 day a week for 1 month; apologise, bound not to repeat

- *12 September*: Ermera – Railako: 4 deponents, community.

Reason for Hearing: suspicion of passing information to Indonesian military.

Community Reconciliation Act: apologise, bound not to repeat.

- *22 September*: Oecussi – Bobometo: 15 deponents, 10 victims.

Reason for Hearing: participation in militia operations, theft of livestock, beatings.

Community Reconciliation Act: apologise, bound not to repeat; ceremonial payment of fortified palm wine and one cow for communal meal.

- *24 September*: Liquica – Vatuvero: 8 deponents, 1 victim, communities.

Reason for Hearing: involvement with militia, intimidation, beating, house burning.

Community Reconciliation Act:

- *24 September*: Dili – Bairro Pite: 4 deponents, 3 victims & community.

Reason for Hearing: theft, involvement in militia operations.

Community Reconciliation Act: apologise, bound not to repeat.

- *30 September*: Oecussi – Oesilo: 14 deponents, 9 victims & community.

Reason for Hearing: militia membership, intimidation, beatings, threatening behaviour, displacement, house burning, theft of livestock/property.

Community Reconciliation Act: apologise, bound not to repeat.

8. Legal Team update

The small CAVR legal team has become increasingly important to the work of a number of Divisions, and is working in an integrated way with staff from the Truth Seeking, Community Reconciliation and Victim Support Divisions. The focus is on capacity building in terms of understanding of human rights norms and law, and the development of a consistent approach throughout all aspects of the CAVR's work.

The legal team has undertaken an evaluation of the human rights violations database categories and activities. Working in consultation with the statement taking teams, data base team and international consultants, an evaluation was made which indicated that changes needed to be made in order to maintain an acceptably high level of accuracy within the database. This resulted in changes to aspects of the particular human rights categories used, making it more user-friendly for staff. Education programs have also been conducted with the database staff whose role is to code statements into particular human rights categories, to increase understanding of the human rights violations involved.

A number of thematic papers on particular aspects of human rights law and international humanitarian law have been produced to guide the research and statement taking teams and to assist the Commissioners and others involved in the public hearings. Themes addressed include those relating to recent and forthcoming public hearings, in particular human rights law on forced displacement and deprivation of food, human rights abuses suffered by women during the conflict, children's rights and the status of the conflict in Timor-Leste during the period of occupation, according to international law. Education programs are being conducted on each of these themes with the particular teams concerned.

The legal team is also working with the Serious Crimes Unit (SCU) to ensure a smooth flow of cases between the CAVR and the SCU and to seek solutions to delays within the SCU.

These problems seem generally to have been addressed and the working relationship continues to be excellent.

Work continues with the President of the Court of Appeal on procedures to facilitate the processing of Community Reconciliation Agreements through the courts. This process has not yet begun but a training program for judges is planned. A listing of cases has been prepared by the CAVR so that there can be a speedy finalization of all cases held in the districts. A major problem is that district courts have not been functioning.

The team is also participating in the current debate in Timor-Leste concerning proposed laws on defamation and freedom of speech, in so far as they relate to matters which have arisen or may arise during the course of CAVR's work.

Amendment to CAVR Regulation

The Amendment to Regulation 2001/10 was approved by Francisco Guterres, President of the National Parliament, on 1 July 2003 and promulgated by President Xanana Gusmao on 7 July 2003. The effects of the amendment are as follows:

1. The mandate of the Commission was extended from two years to two and a half years. (The possibility of such an extension had been included in the original Regulation.)
2. References to "the Transitional Administrator" in the Regulation were replaced with "the President of the Republic", except for
 - (a) The duty to order financial audits and receive financial reports, which was placed in the Office of the Prime Minister. The requirement on the CAVR to prepare quarterly financial reports was maintained, with the requirement to be audited annually and the auditor's report submitted to the Prime Minister.
3. The power to replace a Regional Commissioner, in the event of such a need arising, was specifically granted to the Commission. (In the original Regulation there had been reference to appointment and removal of Regional Commissioners, but not their replacement.)
4. The requirement for the Commission to submit its final Report to the Transitional Administrator was changed to a duty to submit the Report to the President of the Republic, who shall, within 15 days of receiving the Report, forward a copy to the Prime Minister and the Parliament of Timor Leste, who shall deposit a copy in the archives of the Parliament.

Within 30 days of receiving the final Report the President of the Republic will also forward a copy to the United Nations Secretary General.

Some of the proposed amendments were *not* approved by Parliament. In particular there had been a proposal that a 'CAVR Recommendations Committee' be formed at the end of the CAVR's mandate. This Committee would have been composed of representatives from government and civil society, and had powers to monitor implementation of the CAVR's recommendations and to report to the President of the Republic.

9. Program Support Training

Capacity building has been an ongoing focus of this period. As reported elsewhere, a number of new staff have been recruited and trained. In addition, staff at the National Office have participated in ongoing Human Rights and Humanitarian Law training, considerably developing knowledge in these areas.

Major training programs were conducted for new community reconciliation team members in August, and district team truth seeking statement takers in late September as reported in the relevant sections of this report.

Through October-November, the Institutional Development Unit will prepare plans for debriefing and training for closure of district teams and downsizing of national office teams.

10. Information Technology and Archives

The planning of a revamped website has almost been completed, to enable the growing amount of information and images to be adequately displayed. The site is increasingly accessed by human rights workers, academics and students and interested people from around the world.

During this period, the IT team has conducted preliminary research into document management and information systems for the archiving of CAVR records, as required by Regulation 2001/10. This is in preparation for the arrival in October of an Australian Volunteer International archivist, Ms Del Cuddihy. Complementary support for this program has been provided by USAID.

The team has also nearly completed the building and installation of audio equipment, to ensure sound quality and in-house simultaneous translation for public events.

Ms Olandina Caeiro guest speaker at Jakarta Transitional Justice Seminar

National Commissioner Ms Olandina Caeiro was a guest speaker at a transitional justice seminar hosted by Komnas Perempuan in Jakarta, 2-4 September. As the Indonesian Parliament has been considering a Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Indonesia in relation to past human rights violations, key human rights actors are seeking to learn from the Timor-Leste experience of the CAVR. Participants included human rights NGOs, government officials, Komnas Ham and media to consider options for Indonesia.

Ms Caeiro spoke both of the struggle of Timorese women to participate in the nation-building process in parliament, government and the CAVR, and specifically of the CAVR's work. She focused on a case study of Ms Jose Maria, who spent the years between the age of four and eleven in prison with her mother. Ms Jose Maria is now a policewoman with the TPLS Vulnerable Persons Unit, and gave moving testimony at the CAVR public hearing on political imprisonment in the prison building that was her former prison and is now the CAVR national office.

Participants were especially interested in how the CAVR was developed, including the process of public and institutional consultation in order to determine whether a commission should be formed and what focus its mandate should take. In particular they noted that consultation with all sides of the political spectrum was an important element of any potential process in Indonesia.

Speaking of the process for selection of Commissioners, Ms Caeiro stressed the need for communities and civil society organizations to be able to participate strongly in this process to ensure that the commission has credibility and is perceived as neutral from political influence.

Ms Caeiro emphasized that any commission in Indonesia would need to be clear about who it was working with. She spoke of how the CAVR has made every effort to reach out to people in all communities, with a grassroots participatory focus, and strongly encouraged this for any Indonesian commission. There was much interest in the community reconciliation processes of the CAVR.

The seminar showed video footage of CAVR organized activities, and was a significant step in the growing relationship between Indonesian human rights institutions and workers and the CAVR.

11. Finance

The financial reports as of 31 July 2003 have been completed, with August 2003 almost completed.

Funds received, pledged or proposed:

- In August, Hivos, a Dutch development agency, approved a grant of 32,000 Euros for the work of the Reception and Victim Support Division. This grant will cover such activities as the healing workshops and capacity building workshops for the staff.
- In August, the Irish Government approved a grant of 150,000 Euros in 2003 and 125,000 Euros in 2004 for the general operations of the Commission.
- In September, USAID approved a grant of US\$99,661. These funds are earmarked for archiving equipment and technical assistance in the areas of research, database and finance.

12. Personnel

• **Timorese staff**

Twenty-seven new staff members commenced in this period, including 16 CRP staff assisted by a grant from UNDP New York. This reflects both the high demand for community reconciliation in the districts, and the development on both research and data management methodologies at the national office. New East Timorese staff are:

Research

Ana Paula Maia
Fr. Jose de Araujo Goncalves
Manuel Fernandes Freitas
Neomia Goes Farreira
Elsa do Osario V. da Costa

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Maria Lindalva X. Parada
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Lucio B.N. Freitas

Human Resources

Domingos Savio Soares
Adelina da Cruz Carvalho

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Cristina A. Alves Liu, Liquica District
Lourenca Ximoes, Baucau District
Rita G. Correia, Manatuto District
Helena Soares, Viqueque District
Serginha F da Conceicao, Lospalos District
Brigida M. Napan, Oe-cusi District
Domingas Amaral Guterres, Bobonaro District
Virginia Pereira, Ermera District
Ligia M Ferreira, Manufahi District
Aidalia de Fatima, Suai District
Lidia do Carmo, Suai District
Martinha Ines, Ainaro District

• **International staff**

Wendy Nimmo, Finance (funded by USAID grant on CAVR international volunteer scheme)
Douglas Kammen, Researcher (funded by USAID grant)

• **Consultants and Volunteers**

Claire Taylor (Finance Adviser, funded by AUSAID, completed a 6-month contract with the CAVR in September. She will return in November for a further six months, funded by AUSAID).
Gerry Van Klinken (Research Adviser, returned for the month of September).
Helene van Klinken (Volunteer Researcher on Children and the Conflict completed 3-months voluntary work at the end of September).
Charmaine Chew (Volunteer on secondary sources analysis, completed 3-month voluntary work in the Truth-Seeking Division at the end of September).

13. Visits and visitors

4 August: meeting with Senior Minister for Foreign Affairs and Development, Dr Jose Ramos Horta.

7 August: visit by Mrs Babli Sharma and Ms Devyani Sharma, family of the SRSR Mr Kamallesh Sharma.

19 August: visit by Philip Fluri, Deputy Director Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF).

19 August: visit by Ms Shalmali Guttal, Focus on the Global South (Thailand).

22 August: attendance at memorial for Sergio Vieira de Mello.

27 August: visit by Lao Hamutuk team to conduct interviews for report on CAVR.

28 August: visit by members of Mary McKillop Institute.

28 August: attendance at welcome to new Japanese Charge d'Affairs, Hideaki Asahi.

16 September: visit by Dominique Magnet, EC consultant

17 September: attendance at induction of new NGO Forum Director, Joaquim Freitas.

19 September: meeting with Max Stahl.

22 September: tour of Comarca by Intrepid Tour group.

23 September: visit by Mr Teddy Buri, President, Members of Parliament Union, Burma.

24 September: visit by Mr Ray Ash, Project Director, Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development.

24 September: Ms Caitlin Reiger

25 September: visit by Mr Alan Sipress, Washington Post Jakarta Office, including interview with Aniceto Guterres Lopes, Chair of CAVR.

28 September: Filipino community testimonial dinner for CAVR Chair, Aniceto Guterres Lopes.

29 September: Australian Government handed over information on 1978-9 famine.

29 September: visit by Cora True Frost, consultant on women and the justice sector, JSMP

30 September: visit by Francois Zen Ruffinen, ICRC Head of Mission, East Timor.

30 September: visit by Dr. Elizabeth Drexler, Michigan State University.

14. International conferences and meetings

27 July-6 August: National Commissioner Ms Olandina Caeiro participated in *Women and Peacebuilding* conference in Setubral, Portugal. Organised by the University of Coimbra and the Fundacao Oriente the conference involved NGO and academic participants from across Europe and Africa with Ms Caeiro speaking from the Asian experience.

28 August-4 September: Mr Aniceto Guterres Lopes, Chair, and Fr Jovito Araujo, Deputy Chair, travelled to the Philippines for Ramon Magsaysay Foundation Award ceremony and related activities.

2-4 September: National Commissioner Ms Olandina Caeiro was special guest and speaker at transitional justice seminar hosted by Komnas Perempuan in Jakarta, attended by human rights NGOs, government officials, Komnas Ham and media to consider options for Indonesia in relation to past human rights violations.

5 September: Mr Aniceto Guterres Lopes, Chair of CAVR delivered a paper at the Institute for South East Asian Studies, Singapore, accompanied by Deputy Chair Fr Jovito Araujo.

End September: Mr Jaimito da Costa, the Co-ordinator of the Community Reconciliation Division, attended a conference in the Philippines on '*The role of civil society in the prevention of armed conflict*' organised by the European Centre for Conflict Prevention with their local partner the International Institute for Dialogue. The three-day conference was followed by a five-day visit to observe the peace process in Mindanao.

