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## General

July was a short month for the project here in Maliana as Ben, Sal and Silda have all been on leave during this period.

### 1. Supporting SISCa



Above: SISCa clinic at Moleana (a village in Maliana Sub-district)

#### Supporting SISCa in Maliana Sub-District

This month we attended all three of Maliana sub-district SISCa (Moleana, Saburi and Nunetana). The 'demonstration' SISCa event in Saburi was again postponed due to lack of funds and the condition of the road to Saburi. This event has is now scheduled for August. Disappointingly for the locals, they were not told that this large event was not happening. They had been told that there would be medical specialists such as optometrists attending. Many people had walked several hours from villages for both specialist medical help and the promise of a large party.

The Saburi SISCa again gave the health team a workout in the form of a 1 hour & 40 minute uphill hike from Memo. Sally, together with one of the Maliana midwives undertook consults with around 20 pregnant woman, most being under 20 years old.

#### Supporting SISCa in Cailaco Sub-District

This month we attended two of the Cailaco sub-district SISCAs (Atudara and Reiheu). The third one was scheduled for the first week Ben and Sal were on holidays.

Again, many pregnant women attended both of these clinics. In Atudara Sally attended to their individual consultations while Silda led a group discussion with the rest.

The remoteness of these two villages is improving as the wet season comes to a (very late) end. Reiheu is now fully accessible by 4WD and Atudara only requires a hike of around 1 hour each way. Next month we should be able to drive almost all the way to Atudara.

#### Supporting in Lolotoe Sub-District

We were not able to attend any of the 3 regular SISCa clinics in Lolotoe this month as they occurred while we were on holidays.

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## 2. Supporting Refurbishment of Maternal Child Health Facilities

### Atabai –“Uma hein tuur ahi” (Maternity Waiting House)

The refurbished Atabai facility continues to be well used. Due to holidays we did not get time to visit them this month.

### Cailaco

On 16 July we held the inauguration of the Cailaco Maternal and Child Health Facility renovations. This event included the viewing of an educational child spacing film and a brief Maternal and Child Health workshop run by Bobonaro District head midwife Sra. Paulina. IMOG supported the lunch and assisted with transport costs for those coming from distant villages. Photos from this event are on the final page of this report.

## 3. Ambulance and Motorbikes and Computers

### Ambulance

Early in the month the Ambulance had been having daily tire punctures due to failures of the inner tire tubes. In consultation with driver Antonio we decided to get all new inner tubes. Antonio was able to pick these up more cheaply in Dili while there delivering a patient.

### Motorbikes

We are continuing to gather information on the bikes.

### Computers

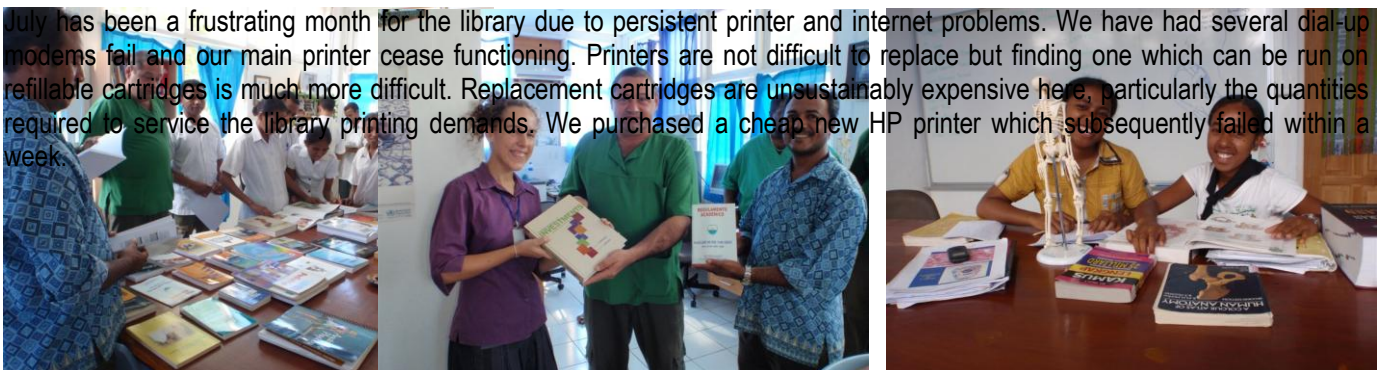
This month we learned that the computer given to Cailaco CHC is now no longer functional. As we have been reporting over the last 17 months there have been quite a number of problems with the donated computers and printers which were planned to be install at each CHC. Due to unforeseeable difficulties there have been problems with using these desktop computers and printers at remote locations with no reliable electricity source. The computers and Balibo and Cailaco are both now unusable due to problems which seem to be from power surges or use with generators. The computers at Lolotoe, Bobonaro and Atabai are rarely used and only at night time.

The other major problem with the computers has been the printers. The printer cartridges for the model donated are not refillable and new ones cost around \$25 each in Dili. Each printer takes 4 of these and will not function at all if any one cartridge is empty. The CHCs simply cannot afford this cost and so cannot use the printers.

We are looking at options for fitting these printers with refillable continuous ink systems which may be significantly cheaper to run. These systems would be around US\$60 each to set up but would make running a printer possible.

## 4. Rotary / IMOG Health Library

July has been a frustrating month for the library due to persistent printer and internet problems. We have had several dial-up modems fail and our main printer cease functioning. Printers are not difficult to replace but finding one which can be run on refillable cartridges is much more difficult. Replacement cartridges are unsustainably expensive here, particularly the quantities required to service the library printing demands. We purchased a cheap new HP printer which subsequently failed within a week.



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During June we were visited in the library by the new Doctors and Professors from the Cuban Medical Faculty in Dili. They are responsible for the course which the Maliana Medical Students are undertaking. They were impressed with the facility and offered to give a number of their books to the library on permanent loan until such time as it closes.

*Above (left): Head of the Cuban Drs in Maliana and District Health Director Jose Marcal present Sally their books.*

*Above (Right) Sally and the Students signing an agreement that the books are on loan to the IMOG library and will be returned to the medical Facility should the library close.*



On 6 July some of the students organised an official ceremony to hand over these books. Director of the hospital and DHS were both invited to attend however Dr Vitorino could not make it. Five of the new Cuban doctors from the Maliana hospital also came to hand over the books. This was a very nice event as it was a great demonstration of how the Cuban doctors and medical faculty can work together with local health services and NGOs to improve access to health information.

We have been training Kika and Aka on the use of email such that we can be in contact with them while out of the country.

We are currently developing a set of 'Operational Procedures' for the library.

## 5. Supporting the Midwives in Maliana Hospital

In collaboration with head of the Paediatrics department, Sr Hendrikus we have arranged for the stuffed toys which were sent up in the last container to be distributed to sick children who are inpatients in the paediatrics ward.

Early in the month Sal attended a regional Reproductive, Family Planning and Sexual Health workshop at the District Administration offices in Maliana. The intent of this workshop was to promote the Ministry of Health's strategies for these areas.

## 6. Weekly Health Promotion Program on Community Radio

This month the two new programmes which aired were 'SISCa' and 'PSFs (Community Health Volunteers)'. The programmes explored the roles of health workers and community in the SISCa mobile clinic program and the roles, responsibilities and experiences of PSFs (Community Health Volunteers).

## 7. Administration

- Sally was able to pick up the portable ultrasound machine for Maliana Hospital donated by (Rotary Club of Kenthurst) while in Australia.
- We plan to have further discussions with Maliana Hospital about installing a spare hot water system which we have in one of the containers. We need to work out where it can be best utilised.
- The Maliana CHC computer previously donated by IMOG had a hard-drive failure and was unusable. Fortunately Ben was able to replace the drive with one from another broken computer.

Attached Documents: Maliana IMOG finance report for July 2010.

# Photos taken at Inauguration of Cailaco Maternal & Child Health Facility Renovations 16/7/2010



***Clockwise from top-left: 1 Sal, Aka and Ben waiting for the event to kick-off. 2 Lunch. 3 Silda & Aka with one of the Cailaco nuns. 4 Tour of the new facility. 5 Cailaco's two midwives, Tina and Dulcie. 6 The event opened with Cailaco CHC Director Joao Lopez presenting Sally (and other VIP guests) with a traditional tais.***



***Clockwise from top-left: 1 Participants at the inauguration. 2 Sra Paulina conducting maternal health workshop as part of the inauguration. 3 Cailaco CHC Director Joao. 4 Silda in the newly renovated facility. 5 Newly renovated facility. 6 Tour of the new facility. 7 District Health Assistant Director Joao Cordosa opens the new facility with the (not so) traditional bursting of a balloon.***



***Clockwise from top-left: 1 Participants watch Timorese Child Spacing video before having discussion led by Paulina. 2 Newly renovated wash room. 3 Sally saying a few words on behalf of IMOG. 4 Attendees coming over to see the new facility. 5 Sal talking with one of the Cailaco nuns. 6 Viewing the newly renovated facility. 7 New bed in the family room (supplied by IMOG).***

