

Menzies Timor-Leste Program Celebrates 5 Years of Impact

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Dili, Timor-Leste – Menzies School of Health Research’s (Menzies) Timor-Leste Program has marked its fifth anniversary, celebrating a significant milestone in its contribution to the health sector in Timor-Leste.

During this time the team has conducted over 40 research projects, engaging more than 50,000 participants. These have helped respond to some of the most urgent public health concerns facing the people of Timor-Leste and were made possible through working with hundreds of collaborators and funding partners.

Since the Program’s official establishment in 2019, the in-country team has grown from 5 to now more than 75 team members. This has supported more than 10 major multi-year donor-funded projects to be implemented. These projects are focused on improving clinical care, disease surveillance and laboratory strengthening, conducted in partnership with the Timor-Leste Ministry of Health (MoH) and Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, and Forestry (MALFF).

The Menzies Timor-Leste Program remains committed to facilitating high-quality research, providing evidence-based recommendations, and delivering capacity-strengthening programs to respond the needs of Timor-Leste’s health system.

They address a range of health areas including antimicrobial resistance, tuberculosis, dengue, COVID-19, vaccine preventable diseases, vector-borne and zoonotic infections, malnutrition and rheumatic heart disease, providing robust evidence-based approaches to inform policy and practice.

The team looks to the future to continue their collaborative efforts with local partners, government agencies, and communities, to make meaningful strides in addressing key health challenges and promoting positive health practices.

Read more about Menzies’ ongoing projects in Timor-Leste.

<https://bit.ly/MenziesTimor-Leste>

Quotes attributable to Menzies School of Health Research Timor-Leste Program Co-lead, [Associate Professor Josh Francis](#):

“As Menzies Timor-Leste looks ahead to the next five years, we remain committed to Menzies’ purpose to achieve sustainable health improvements through excellence and leadership in research, education and capacity strengthening, focused on the local needs and priorities in Timor-Leste.

“It is a huge privilege for us to be able to partner with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Forestry, supporting their leadership in addressing the health challenges that matter most in this special place.”

Quotes attributable to National Director of Veterinary Directorate, [Dr Joanita Bendita da Costa Jong](#):

“We are committed to dedicating our workforce to continue the strong collaboration with Menzies in strengthening the work we have built from the ground for years to come. This includes tackling issues such as brucellosis and antimicrobial resistance in Timor-Leste

which are both important global health challenges. This will strengthen the animal health and public health system in Timor-Leste.”

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Menzies is one of Australia’s leading medical research institutes dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and a leader in global and tropical health research. Menzies continues to translate research into effective partnerships and programs in communities across Australia and the Asia-Pacific region.

Programa Menzies Timor-Leste Selebra Tinan 5 husi Impaktu

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Dili, Timor-Leste – Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies) Timor-Leste selebra ninia aniversáriu ba da-lima, hodi selebra marku signifikativu ida iha ninia kontribuisaun ba setór saúde iha Timor-Leste.

Durante tempu ida-ne'e ekipa hala'o ona projetu peskiza liu 40, ne'ebé envolve partisipante liu 50,000. Hirak-ne'e ajuda ona atu hatán ba preokupasaun sira kona-ba saúde pública urjente liu ne'ebé maka povu Timor-Leste hasoru no sai posivel liuhosi serbisu hamutuk ho kolaboradór no parseiru finansiamentu atus ba atus.

Desde estabelesimentu Programa ofisiál iha 2019, ekipa iha rai-laran aumenta ona hosi 5 ba agora liu membru ekipa 75. Ida-ne'e suporta ona projetu boot liu 10 tinan barak ne'ebé financia hosi doador sira ne'ebé durante ne'e implementa. Projetu sira ne'e foka liu ba hadi'a kuidadu klíniku, vijilánsia ba moras no fortalesimentu laboratóriu, ne'ebé hala'o no iha parseria ho Ministériu Saúde Timor-Leste (MS) no Ministériu Agrikultura, Pekuária, Peskas, no Floresta (MAPPF).

Programa Menzies Timor-Leste komprometidu nafatin atu fasilita peskiza ho qualidade aas, fornese rekomendasaun bazeia ba evidénsia, no fó programa haforsa kapasidade hodi hatán ba nesesidade sistema saúde Timor-Leste nian.

Sira hatán área saúde oioin inklui rezisténsia antimikrobiál, tuberkuloze, dengue, COVID-19, moras sira ne'ebé bele prevene ho vasina, infesaun sira ne'ebé transmite hosi vetor no zoonótika, malnutrisaun no moras remátizmu fuan, fornese aprosimasaun sira ne'ebé bazeia ba evidénsia ne'ebé forsa hodi informa polítika no prátika.

Lee liután kona-ba Menzies nia projetu sira ne'ebé la'o hela iha Timor-Leste <https://bit.ly/MenziesTimor-Leste>

Sitasaun husi Menzies School of Health Research Timor-Leste Program Co-lead, Associate Professor Josh Francis:

"Enkuantu Menzies Timor-Leste haree ba oin, no ba tinan lima oin mai, ami komprometidu nafatin ba Menzies nia objetivu atu alkansa melloramentu saúde ne'ebé sustentável liuhosi exelénsia no lideransa iha peskiza, edukasaun no reforsu kapasidade, ne'ebé foka ba nesesidade lokál no prioridade sira iha Timor-Leste.

"Ida ne'e sai Hanesan priviléjiu boot ida ba ami atu bele halo parseria ho Ministériu Saúde no Ministériu Agrikultura, Pekuária, Peska no Floresta, hodi apoia sira nia lideransa hodi rezolve dezafiu saúde nian ne'ebé importante liu iha fatin espesiál ida-ne'e."

Sitasaun husi Diretora Nasionál Diresaun Veterinária, Dra Joanita Bendita da Costa Jong:

"Ami iha kompromisu atu dedika ami nia forsa traballu hodi kontinua kolaborasaun maka'as ho Menzies hodi hametin serbisu ne'ebé ami harii ona hosi inisiu ba tinan hirak tuirmai. Ida-ne'e inklui hasoru kestaun sira hanesan bruseloze no rezisténsia antimikrobiál iha Timor-Leste

ne'ebé maka sai hanesan dezafiu saúde globál importante. Ida ne'e sei hametin sistema saúde animal no saúde públka iha Timor-Leste.”

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Menzies maka institutu peskiza médiku ida ne'ebé maka importante liu iha Austrália ne'ebé dedika ba hadi'a saúde no moris-di'ak hosi ema Aborijene no Torres Strait, no líder ida iha peskiza saúde globál no tropikál. Menzies kontinua atu tradús peskiza ba parseria no programa sira ne'ebé efetivu iha comunidade sira iha Austrália no rejiaun Ázia-Pasífiku.