

The project's goal is to enhance educational initiatives in the village of Ostico through the construction of a Community Centre and a Loreto Sisters' residence, further enabling the Loreto Sisters in their long-lasting commitment to the people of Timor-Leste.

LORETO OSTICO BUILDING PROJECT

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Loreto Sisters have faithfully served the people of Timor-Leste since 2006. Having successfully built a pre-school and a community development centre in Gari-Uai, they now plan to assist a neighbouring village, Ostico. With an estimated population of 1700, there is no other development agency or government group helping this village.

LORETO SISTERS' RESIDENCE

It is characteristic of Loreto Sisters to live in simple dwellings among the people they serve, rather than in large enclosed convents. Having a permanent home in Ostico will enable the Loreto Sisters to participate in the life of the community and make a lasting contribution to its educational, spiritual and human development. The building will provide a permanent residence for up to 8 people - Loreto Sisters and young Timorese women interested in joining them in their mission. The residence is vital in cementing the ongoing commitment of Loreto to the people of Timor-Leste, ensuring there are enough qualified and competent people to support development projects that enable the people of Ostico to access education, health, clean water, employment and basic human rights.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

The people of Ostico have had limited educational opportunities, resulting in a high illiteracy rate and limited capacity for work other than subsistence agriculture. This project is an essential first step in enabling the Loreto Sisters to address some of the acute needs of the Ostico community, commencing with education.

The benefits of a Community Centre include:

- a permanent space providing opportunities for inclusive and equitable quality learning
- a space where community events and meetings can be held
- a base for volunteers to reside when participating in community and educational activities



IMPACT

The entire Ostico community of 1700 people will benefit from this project. The entire building complex will be designed to serve the needs of the Loreto Sisters and the Ostico community for the next 20-30 years.

ACTIVITIES

- Building a 4-bedroom Loreto Sisters' residence
- Building a Community Centre that incorporates:
 - two rooms for local community use
 - two classrooms
 - an office
 - five bedrooms with ensembles for volunteer/visitor accommodation
 - a kitchen
 - various storage rooms, garage and laundry

