

Development of Children's Rights Education at the National University of Timor-Leste

Working with the Faculties of Education, Law, and Medicine to advance UNTL's human rights education through new thematic courses, including curriculum development, lecturer training, co-creation of teaching tools and methodology, while promoting outreach and awareness-raising activities.





2021 – 2024



Global Campus of Human Rights, National University of Timor-Leste – Human Rights Centre



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Dili, Timor-Leste

Main results

Training 8 local lecturers, co-design and adoption of 3 new undergraduate courses within the UNTL departments of Primary Education, Public Law and Midwifery, attended by 435 enrolled students in the pilot edition



25 bi-weekly "Human Rights Talk" outreach events, promoting the discussion of children's rights issues within the academic community, gathering 758 participants



A multilingual communication campaign for the 2023 International Children's Day paid tribute to Right Livelihood Award laureate Gino Strada through an animated video, generating over 8,600 views on social media



"This project helped our university in changing its attitude toward Children's rights studies. With the Child Rights course, students and teachers now understand how to deal with children, especially in recognising them as human beings, and as a vulnerable group that needs to be protected by the State, family and society from any violation" Geoavania De Deus Soares, UNTL Lecturer – Faculty

Timeline

2021: project kick-off; hiring of staff; appointment of trainees; bi-weekly outreach activities begin

2022: English language courses for academic purposes begin; multi-phased training of trainers starts in Dili

2023: outreach activities resume after the state of emergency (due to the Covid-19 pandemic and cyclone Seroja); curriculum revision and adoption of new subjects; piloting of the three courses

2024: evaluation of pilots and needs assessment for follow-up; Child Rights Education week; closing and diplomas ceremony



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