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APIDS FUND FROM 2010

The Ra'es Hadomi Timor Oan (RHTO) – Timor Leste National Disabled People Organization (DPO), received funds for the period 1/7/10 to 31/12/10. It was to be used for advocacy trips and stationary (A\$900) from APIDS. The funding was also used to support RHTO – DPO for the meetings such as: RHTO - DPO board meeting, meeting with Mr. Michael form Friend of Canberra, advocacy trips to Viqueque and Balibo, and motorbike fuels and maintenance. Through this budget, office stationary will also be purchased in preparation for 2011.



RHTO – DPO has developed little by little. The board members were recruited and board meetings began in May. An additional staff for admin and finance was recruited through the APIDS fund for the period January to December 2010 (A\$1,000). In the future DPO hopes to be strong in advocacy because the board members can lead and guide DPO for the future. A unique feature of the DPO is that all of the board members are people with different types of disabilities, including mental illness, blindness, woman with disability, deafness, leprosy affected and the physically disabled. DPO can advocate government, NGOs and community, to show that disabled people can raise awareness about the rights and equality of people with disabilities. In the future, if more funding is secured, DPO will recruit more staffs, support training for the DPO board members and DPO members, and give opportunities for other members to participate in National and International events. Also to set up DPO branch in all thirteen (13) districts in Timor Leste, to make DPO in doing strong advocacy and set up the vocal point for DPO.

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