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## CONOCOPHILLIPS CONTINUES SUPPORT FOR MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM

ConocoPhillips has established a strong relationship with Timor-Leste community partner, Alola Foundation, supporting its Maternal and Child Health (MCH) program in the Liquiça District.

Breastfeeding rates in the district are now the highest in Timor-Leste with 86% of babies exclusively breastfed for the first six months of life. Liquiça has also recorded the lowest number of child deaths from respiratory tract infection.

Exclusive breastfeeding until six months of age is known to have many health benefits, including reduced respiratory tract infections, one of the common causes of infant mortality in Timor-Leste.

The Alola Foundation's work contributes towards achieving Timor-Leste's Millennium Development Goal to reduce by two thirds the number of babies and small children dying in child-birth and the early years of life.

In 2015, ConocoPhillips has increased support to the existing MCH programs in five villages in Liquiça District and expand the program into two new villages (Leorema village of Bazartete sub district and Asumau village of Liquiça Sub District). Alola's MCH team works to reduce maternal mortality in the ante-natal, pre-natal and post-natal phases. Since 2007 Alola, in consultation with the Ministry of Health (MoH), has piloted and delivered a community-based safe motherhood program in Liquiça District.

"With ConocoPhillips' support this year we will also assist in conducting monthly meetings, health promotion activities and counselling and help implement the Alola new born care program at Baucau and Dili Hospital," said Moises da Silva, acting program manager.



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The Alola Foundation and ConocoPhillips recently celebrated their continuing efforts to help reduce maternal mortality

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## CONOCOPHILLIPS CONTRIBUTES TOWARDS CAPACITY BUILDING OF TIMORESE ENTREPRENEURS

Since 2013 ConocoPhillips has provided financial sponsorship to the Institute for Business Development Support (IADE) in support of the Innovative Business Plan Competition (IBPC) held across Timor-Leste.

The competition attracts young entrepreneurs from 13 districts to present their innovative business plans. After initial screening, participants undertake various entrepreneurship training, such as generating business ideas and market surveying. They then develop their innovative business plan and are mentored by professionals throughout the competition process.



Young entrepreneurs enjoyed the training opportunity provided through the IADE

Up to 15 finalists are selected to compete for the final round and three are chosen as winners of the competition.

All finalists have the opportunity to access IADE's ongoing mentoring support such as marketing of their respective products and accessing financial loans from banks.

To date, 10 out of 12 winners are progressing well with their businesses, thanks to ongoing support provided by IADE.

## COMPUTER DONATIONS AID UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

ConocoPhillips dedication to improving education for Timorese communities comes in many shapes and sizes, ranging from provision of scholarships, to in-kind contributions.

The company recently donated 54 computers to three higher institutions and one youth training center.

The beneficiaries were the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry and the Faculty of Engineering of UNDLI; the Cannosian Institute St. Joseph's Provincialate to be used in Bobonaro Youth Training Center; and the Cannosa Higher Institute.



Jose Lobato Goncalves, ConocoPhillips Country Manager hands out computers to students

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## TIMORESE GRADUATES INTERNSHIP - UPDATE

Three months into their internship, ConocoPhillips' five Timorese graduates are flourishing in their new roles.

Environmental Engineer Lourenca Casimiro Gusmao Lemos and Petroleum Engineers Maciel Carvalho Dos Santos and Eduardo De Sousa Guterres have transitioned seamlessly into the Company's head office in Perth, Western Australia, while Chemical Engineers Antonio Gomes and Orlando da Costa e Silva have been welcome additions to the Dili engineering team.

As part of their introduction, the interns completed two weeks' cross functional training in Perth where they received an overview from each of the main business functions.

In addition to regular English language lessons and planned attendance at professional development courses, a key component of the program is for the interns to give quarterly presentations on their main achievements to help develop their communication skills.



The Timorese graduates pictured at ConocoPhillips head office in Perth with some of the local support staff and mentors.

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## CONOCOPHILLIPS CELEBRATES 11TH ANNUAL FIRST LADY CUP

ConocoPhillips, in partnership with Rotary and the Office of the First Lady, recently celebrated the 11th Annual ConocoPhillips' First Lady Cup 10km Fun Run, 5km Fun Walk and Fundraising Challenge.

The event was held on 2 August in Dili with more than 500 runners and walkers including Timor-Leste First Lady, Ms. Isabel Ferreira and H.E. President Taur Matan Ruak among the crowd.

Funds raised from the event were donated to the First Lady's social activities in order to benefit community members in rural areas across the country. For example, in 2014 the First Lady, through her Foundation, provided tables and chairs and other school materials to poor children who live and attend school in remote areas.



ConocoPhillips always has a strong representation of staff participating in the annual fun run.

## FULBRIGHT-SERN GRADUATE RETURNS TO TIMOR-LESTE



Jose J. F. J. Soares (pictured) is one of 20 Fulbright-SERN students who recently completed his master degree in Geosciences with concentration on Hydrology at Western Michigan University in the United States.

Jose commenced his study in energy related field in January 2012 and return to Timor-Leste in July 2015. His study was fully funded by the scholarship program, an initiative with tripartite cooperation between the Government of Timor-Leste represented by the ANP, the US Embassy and ConocoPhillips, representing the Bayu Undan Joint Venture.

"As a Fulbright scholar, I have gained rich experience both in academic and cultural level," Jose said. "Now that I have returned home, I would like to fully devote myself to the development of my country. Please accept my deepest gratitude to everyone who worked hard to support my study."