

# **Timor-Leste's Second Universal Periodic Review (UPR)**

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This Joint Submission was prepared by 26 national and international NGOs in Timor-Leste working in the area of human rights.<sup>1</sup> The drafting process commenced after a workshop facilitated by the United Nations Human Rights Adviser's Unit on the Universal Periodic Review in November 2015. In a discussion between the NGOs and the National Human Rights Institution - the Provedoria for Human Rights and Justice - in December, an agreement was made to each focus on different areas. Shortly after, NGOs selected 11 priority human rights issues and organized working groups accordingly to collect relevant data and conduct analysis. Some data was updated through meetings with relevant line ministries. The drafting process was coordinated by five lead NGOs, with the profiles described below. The draft report was discussed amongst members of the coalition during a validation workshop in March 2016.

### Overview of submitting organizations:

#### **ACbit**

Asosiasaun Chega ba Ita (ACbit), founded in 2010, supports and monitors the implementation of the recommendations of the Timor-Leste Commission for Reception, Truth and Reconciliation. ACbit works with victims and veterans of the Indonesian occupation of Timor-Leste and provides assistance to survivors of human rights violations, in particular rape, sexual exploitation and other forms of gender-based violence. ACbit organizes exchanges between survivors and conducts participatory research to support advocacy of the rights of survivors.

#### **ADTL**

The Asosiasaun Defisiénsia Timor Leste (ADTL) is the umbrella organisation for non-profit based-organizations that work in the disability sector in Timor-Leste. ADTL advocates for the rights of people with disability against discrimination, abuse, violence, negligence and abandonment, and promotes the rights of people with disability to education, employment, health and social inclusion. [www.adtl.tl](http://www.adtl.tl)

#### **AJAR**

Asia Justice and Rights (AJAR) is a non-profit organization based in Jakarta, Indonesia, working to strengthen accountability and respect for human rights in the Asia Pacific region. AJAR focuses its work on countries attempting to build a stable democratic base following prolonged conflict, dictatorships and authoritarian regimes. In Timor-Leste, AJAR was set up in 2012. It engages members of parliament and senior government officials to implement the recommendations of two truth commissions, empower victim's organizations, educate the Timorese public on the legacy of the past and advocate for the protection of human rights. [www.asia-ajar.com](http://www.asia-ajar.com)

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<sup>1</sup> Asia Justice And Rights (AJAR), Asosiasaun Chega Ba Ita (ACBIT), Asosiasaun Defisiénsia Timor-Leste (ADTL), Asosiasaun Hukum Dan Keadilan (HAK), Judicial System Monitoring Programme (JSMP), Alfela, Belun, Forum Tau Matan (FTM), Fokupers, Fundasaun Mahein, Ita Ba Paz, FORAM, FONGTIL, Timor-Leste Coalition For Education, Rede Ba Rai, Oxfam, Mata Dalan Institute (MDI), Lao Hamutuk, Fundasaun Alola, Fundasaun Codiva, Halibur Defisiensia Matan Timor-Leste (HDMTL), Fundasaun Haburas, Ba Futuru , Kadalak Sulimutu Institute (KSI), Haberan Institute, Ra'es Hadomi Timor Oan (RHTO).

## **HAK Association**

Asosiasaun Hukum Dan Keadilan (HAK) was established in 1996 as a legal aid office for political prisoners under the Indonesian occupation. For several years now, HAK focuses on human rights monitoring and advocacy in the security sector, in the areas of health, education and an adequate standard of living, and the rights of victims of past crimes to truth and justice. [www.haktl.org](http://www.haktl.org)

## **JSMP**

The Judicial System Monitoring Programme (JSMP) was established in 2001 to monitor the processes of the Ad Hoc Human Rights Tribunal in Indonesia and the Special Panels for Serious Crimes in Timor-Leste. Since it started, JSMP has been working to improve the justice and legislative system in Timor-Leste. It conducts monitoring and advocacy, based on observations of trials and wider justice sector developments as well as conduct of debates in Parliament. [www.jsmpt.tl](http://www.jsmpt.tl)