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Upcoming Activities in 2025

- Welcome Home Event – 28 February 2025!
- Sectoral group round 2 proposals in January 2025
- Women in Leadership Program application in January to Feb 2025
- Mentoring Program in April 2025

Following are the updates of the alumni activities

TL3A Sectoral group activities



The TL3A Sectoral Groups work together to identify, plan and implement engagement activities to address development challenges in Timor-Leste, drawing on the professional expertise and personal commitment of alumni. TL3A currently has 8 sectoral groups including Education, Health, Agriculture, Development, Infrastructure, Media and Communication, Recreational and Disability networking.

In the last round of sectoral grant applications, 4 sectoral groups (Education, Development, Agricultural and Recreational) submitted project proposals which are described below:

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Visit Australia Awards Timor - Leste Scholarship Program at
Dili Central CBD5 Level 2, Timor Plaza, Bebonuk, Díli Timor-Leste



Education (Capacity strengthening for university students)

This activity aims to strengthen the capacities of university students through training covering the following topics/sessions:

- **Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)** - this session explores key domains of SEL (e.g. self-awareness, personal management, social relationships, responsible decision-making, and building positive relationships) and how these domains may be applied in students' daily life.
- **Academic essay writing skills** – this session provides an opportunity for students to learn about essay writing structure, and practice how to write different sections of an essay.
- **Job search skills** – this session introduces the concept of the labour market and how to conduct a job search. Students learn how to prepare their CV and cover letter, as well as effective interview techniques.

The capacity strengthening activity was conducted at the National University (UNTL) on 16 November 2024.

Development (deforestation workshop in Ermera)

These workshops aimed to equip rural communities with the knowledge and skills needed to reduce deforestation through collective action. The workshops introduced key information as well as new technologies (such as the forest watcher app) to reduce tree cutting and enhance community resilience to climate induced-disasters. A key outcome of the workshop is greater understanding of the environmental dangers of tree cutting including erosion, reduction in biodiversity and prolonged drought. Children were also engaged through artwork such as painting and crafting to instil knowledge about protecting trees and the environment.

Community workshops were conducted with 51 community members in Maubara and 40 community members in Railaco between November and December 2024.





Recreation: (Building friendship and promoting Australia Awards through friendly futsal matches)

These activities aim to promote networking and friendship among alumni, including both Australia Awards alumni and alumni who studied in Australia under different scholarship streams. Friendly futsal matches in universities, high schools, and other professional institutions help to raise awareness of Australia Awards Scholarships and the TL3A.

This year, 60 people (25f/35m) including both TL3A members and non-members have participated in the matches.

Three sectoral groups submitted grant proposals in January 2025, including:

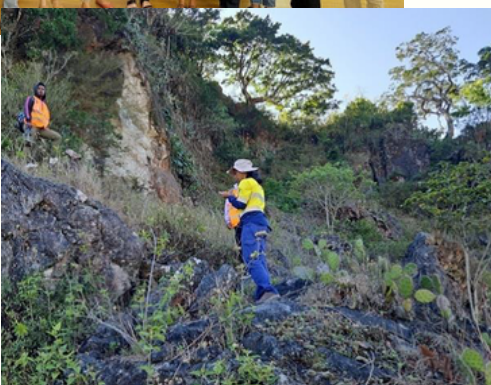
- Health: School Health Promotion Activity
- Disability Networking Group: Empower Women and Women with disabilities and leadership and Create Accessibility in the public sector
- Recreational: Futsal for Friendship, Capacity Development, AAS Information Outreach and Health improvement



Graduate Internship Program (GIP)

AATL's Graduate Internship Program aims to support alumni who have recently completed their studies to reintegrate to the job market by introducing them to a professional working environment relevant to their area of study.

Between July to December 2024, 9 recent graduates (5 men, 4 women) applied for internships at public and private sector institutions, NGOs, and Australian Government supported programs in Timor-Leste. The collaboration between the host institutions and the program has provided an avenue for our alumni to apply their skills and knowledge gained from their education in Australia.





TL3A Board Meeting With the Embassy

In August 2024, the Australian ambassador, Ms. Caitlin Wilson invited the TL3A board member to have a brief lunch meeting at her residence. It serves an opportunity for the board to share and update with the ambassador on the priorities and plans for their mandate. The board was excited for this opportunity given to meet the ambassador.

The board consists of the President (Ms. Amelia), Vice President (Mr. Gil) and the 3 board members (Mr. Salvador, Ms. Maria and Mr. Antonio),

