

Appendix I

INFORMATION FOR EAST TIMORESE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO CAVR

Please provide this information to East Timorese who contributed to CAVR.

East Timorese sometimes ask what happened to the statement, testimony or interview they gave CAVR as part of its truth-seeking mandate. CAVR took over 8000 statements and interviews from victims and survivors in all parts of Timor-Leste. It also held 8 public hearings at which East Timorese gave testimony about their experiences of human rights violations.

The information given to CAVR by victims and survivors was, and remains, highly valued by the nation and a precious part of the national patrimony. These statements, testimonies and interviews have been used widely by CAVR and preserved for future generations. Some contributors have been individually thanked and presented with CAVR products but locating all the many hundreds of people involved has not always been possible.

What CAVR did with the information

CAVR used the information provided by victims and survivors as follows:

1. To write the CAVR report *Chega!*. The CAVR report:
 - will be the basis of important discussions in the next Parliament about issues of justice, reparations and reconciliation;
 - is being socialised in Timor-Leste to learn lessons from the past that will help avoid future crises;
 - will be used in schools to teach the younger generation about Timor-Leste's history;
 - is being distributed in many countries to deepen their knowledge and commitment to Timor-Leste and human rights.
2. To produce public hearing books in four languages. These books:
 - record the photos and words of individual East Timorese who testified at CAVR public hearings;
 - are being distributed widely to enable people in Timor-Leste and other countries to know and learn from the suffering of individual Timorese and their communities.
3. To make the CAVR video *Dalan ba Dame*. This video is being used:
 - to educate communities about the importance of non-violence, accountability, rule of law and human rights;
 - to teach communities, the younger generation and internationals working in Timor-Leste about our history.

Because of their importance as primary documents, all the statements, interviews and testimony are stored in the CAVR archives in Dili. Staff care for and guard the archives fulltime. Evidence given to public hearings is being copied to the British Library in London. This means the stories of many individual Timorese will be kept forever in one of the best libraries in the world and available for international access and use.

By contributing to CAVR and its activities, victims and survivors have enriched Timor-Leste now and for future generations. Though much remains to be done, they have every reason to be proud of their contribution.

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