



SPONSOR A SOLAR POWER PROJECT

ATA International Projects: Assisting communities to access sustainable technology



Sponsor a project to provide light and electricity for some of our poorest neighbours. By supporting an ATA renewable energy project in a developing community you could:

- ▣ Assist income generation for rural women by providing lighting to weaving centres
- ▣ Increase access to emergency health care by lighting a health clinic
- ▣ Improve living standards by providing basic household lighting

The ATA International Projects Group (IPG) is a group of skilled volunteers who give their time and expertise to provide solar power and other types of renewable energy to remote health clinics and community buildings in Timor Leste and Pacific countries. We have completed over 70 projects and look forward to working with communities around the region to help them access a sustainable future.



East Timor is one of the poorest countries in the region, with the World Bank estimating that over 40% of the population live below the poverty line. This harsh statistic is highlighted when the sun goes down. Energy services are crucial to a good quality of life, be it delivering health care and education services or communicating the news of the nation, via radio. Solar power systems have significant advantage in remote communities as they have low running costs and require little maintenance. The IPG are also working to promote other sustainable technologies in new locations such as wind power and solar cookers.

The IPG partners with Timorese communities, Australian friendship groups and International NGO's. We are invited by local communities to deliver sustainable solutions to those who need them. The IPG is also assisting NGOs in Vanuatu, and indigenous communities in Australia to improve their energy assets.



Sustainability is about the people who live with and use their energy system. The IPG trains local users to maintain their systems, we also continue to train up technicians with the capacity to maintain, monitor and repair solar power systems.

Your help can make a real difference: donations from the Australian community are making possible the lighting of over 400 households in remote communities. Other impacts include the provision of health services in remote clinics and power for schools and libraries. Every bit helps

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS CAN BE MADE (SEE BELOW)

Name.....Phone:..... Email:.....

Address:.....

I wish to support the.....project of the IPG (see overleaf).

My contribution is for \$..... Payment is by Cheque Credit Card (details below) **Direct Transfer

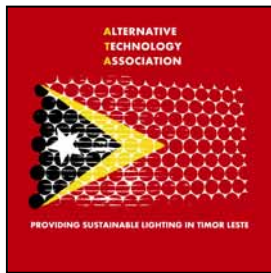
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Please indicate if you want your name acknowledged as a supporter (all contact details kept confidential) Yes/No

Post to ATA International Projects: Level 1, 39 Little Collins Street, Melbourne 3000, T 03 9631 5416, F 03 9639 5814

*Tax deductible donations are made to the Renewable Energy Development Fund (REDF). **Please contact the ATA office for bank account details



We make projects happen, we sometimes need your help to get the materials to do this. The following projects all need your help. Tax deductible donations can be made to the ATA to assist our work. What can you do?

VILLAGE LIGHTING SCHEME

Presently in rural areas of East Timor people prepare and eat their meals using wood fuel, candles, or kerosene lamps. This is expensive, polluting and can result in eye-strain and serious respiratory problems.

The Village Lighting Scheme aims to provide better quality lighting - a basic solar power system with three lights. Our volunteers train technicians to install and maintain systems and help community members budget for the upkeep and replacement of materials. Your contribution covers the capital and implementation costs of the project, with householders contribute \$1 per month for the ongoing running of the project.

We are seeking contributions of \$150 each to a total of \$75,000

GIMME SHELTER

Through East-Timor Women Australia (ETWA) projects, women in remote communities are given the opportunity to be part of sustainable weaving collectives. The collectives weave traditional cloth for local and international markets whilst preserving their cultural practices and supporting their communities and the surrounding environments. The 'Gimme Shelter' project aims to provide the first stage in this project - bringing light and a space for the women to be together, as weaving collectively is important for Timorese women.

Through the 'Gimme Shelter' project the IPG will place a solar power system in each of the remote villages of Fuat and Kainleu in the Eastern area of Illiomar supporting 20 women in each village.

We are seeking contributions of up to \$5000 for this project

Bobe Health Outpost

The Bobe Health Outpost has recently been built and is designed to provide basic health care, including maternal and child health for the remote community of Bobe and surrounds. Bobe has a population of 1500 to 2000 people. Currently this Health Outpost can not be used to maximum effectiveness, particularly at night for cases of childbirth or for emergencies as there is no lighting. This project will provide basic lighting for the health outpost

We are seeking contributions of up to \$2000 for this project

Maubara Orphanage

This orphanage provides accommodation and education for 60 orphans. Currently the power is often out, resulting in spoiled food and issues with security. The ATA has designed a system to improve power reliability and improve the lives of the orphans and their carers.

We are seeking contributions of up to \$17,000 for this project

Indigenous Australian Communities

ATA volunteers are starting to work with remote indigenous communities to provide light and power to assist outstations and ecotourism activities. Opportunities exist to support these projects by volunteering or financial donations.



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