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# East Timor On the Map



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# Fast Facts about East Timor

Population: 947,000

Government: Multi-party System

Language: Portuguese, Tetum

East Timor is a developing country

East Timor is mostly Roman Catholic



- [Easyscienceforkids.com](http://Easyscienceforkids.com)
- [Worldbookonline.com](http://Worldbookonline.com)

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# Photos



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# Work of the Handmaids: Education



- The Handmaid Sisters run two nursery schools in Bazartete and Fahilebo.
- The children in grades one to four go to school for about two hours each day.
- The Primary School in Bazartete, like many others, was destroyed during the country's war for independence from Indonesia.

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# Building a Nation

- East Timor is not a developed country and there is a lot of poverty.
- The country faces challenges in building infrastructure.
- Young people have problems finding jobs. Nearly half of the population is under age 15.
- About 49% of children under age five are underweight and below the standard of height for their age.



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# Work of the Handmaids: Thank You for 2018 Donation to East Timor

## THANKS GIVING FOR THE DONATION

Dear teachers, other staff and students of  
Ancillae Assumpta Academy,

Recently we got the news from Sr.Elizabeth Kuroiwa, General Treasurer, that we received your generous donation as a part of your Heart to Heart Program. Thank you very much indeed for your kind concern to our children in East Timor! We will tell them about your precious donation to them. Your thoughtfulness surely reaches the heart of our children.

The life of those children is not at all easy. Many of them come to our kindergarten, walking many kilometers. Many times they cannot find sufficient food, and feel hungry. So we give them delicious lunch. In our kindergarten we try our best to teach them languages, mathematics, religion and other subjects and we always need lots of materials. Some of the teachers are not paid by the Government, and so we have to give them reward. All these necessities are being covered by generous donation coming from abroad. Yours is a precious part of it. Therefore we would like to thank you again and again for your kindness.

May the Lord bless each of you, always and with His abundant grace!

31<sup>st</sup> May, 2018

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Superior  
Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
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- Our donations to East Timor help pay for teachers and much needed supplies.
- Donations help because teachers are not paid by the government.

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# Environmental Issues

- Air pollution
- Air quality is deteriorating
- Greenhouse emissions cause climate change
- Forest degradation
- Loss of biodiversity and protected areas
- Flooding from drains blocked by trash



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# Work of the Handmaids: Educating About Agriculture

- The farming project started in June 2003 and is located at the Bazartete school
- The school's farm has multiplied eight times in size over 3.5 years
- The farm grows 18 types of vegetables
- In 2015, they started a rabbit pen and learned how to breed them



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# Our Prayer

Dear Lord,

Please help the people of East Timor.

We pray that the country is able to develop resources so their people can have jobs and become better educated.

Help the farmers succeed in developing strong and stable food supplies so they can give back to their families who live in deep poverty.

Please guide the Handmaid Sisters who are working to create a safe learning place for the children of East Timor.

Please help those in East Timor who are sick and suffering.

Help us work in solidarity with the people of East Timor as their country begins to rebuild and grow.

Amen



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# Our Prayer

**Lord God**

**Help us to feed the hungry and thirsty in East Timor so they are able to develop the resources they need. Please help the sick in East Timor, Lord, and give them the strength to heal through your love. Help the children grow in learning through the support of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Lord, help us to stand as one with the people of East Timor as their country begins to develop. Amen**



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