

## **Timor Leste**

Whilst in Timor in late August 2009 PDG Jeff Crofts and I (both D9550) met with Johanes Don Bosco, the Program Manager for the East Timor National Malaria Control Program to assess if RAM's Adopt a Village Program could be introduced in Timor.

The Ministry of Health appears to have set up its own program for the distribution of impregnated nets to their malaria prone regions and they weren't very interested in our program. They have a grant from the Global Fund of US\$9,000,000 over the next few years and feel that this will be sufficient.

Trying to keep the door open to our support we enquired if there was some other way Rotary could assist. Could we offer to send experienced health workers to assist their regional health workers or Rotary members to assist in their village malaria education programs?

Johanes thanked us for our offers and RAWCS man on the ground Daryl Mills will keep in touch with him to see what develops.

Talking to the people at USAID they have their doubts as the program appears to be slow in its implementation at this stage and they are monitoring it closely.

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