

SEABEES RENOVATE HEALTH CLINIC

October 5, 2009

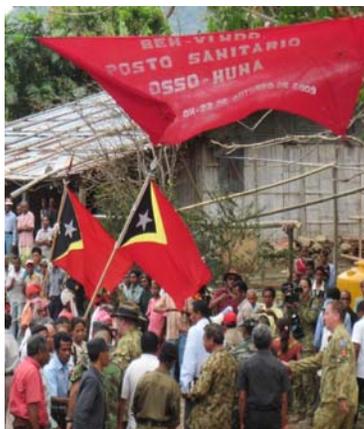
On October 5, 2009 the Timorese Army (F-FDTL), International Stabilization Force (ISF), and US Navy Seabees travelled 7 hours outside of Dili, Timor-Leste to the remote village of Osso Huna to renovate the community medical clinic. The engineers replaced the existing corrugated roof sheeting, installed a gutter and water tank, repaired the walls, ceiling, doors and windows, performed plumbing work and replacement of bathroom fixtures, and electrical work with solar panel installation. This clinic will serve approximately 2000 people in the local area. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on 22 October, 2009 to celebrate the opening of the clinic. The local people called the newly renovated clinic a “miracle.”



Osso Huna Clinic before renovation



Engineers working during the renovation phase



Ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate renovated clinic



Osso Huna Clinic after renovation

NAVY ENGINEERS COMPLETE SOCCER STADIUM PROJECT

October 24, 2009

On October 24, 2009, the residents of Gleno officially opened their newly renovated community soccer stadium, a gift to the community for its support of the Australian International Stabilization Force (ISF) soldiers that live and work at a nearby base. Engineers from the ISF, Timorese Army (F-FDTL) and U.S. Navy Seabees designed and carried out the renovations, which provided a great opportunity for the ISF and Seabees to further the engineering and construction capabilities of the F-FDTL. The construction team demolished the existing metal roofing, trusses, and columns of the stadium seating shelter, reinforced the existing facility concrete wall, installed new metal support columns, fabricated new wood trusses, constructed the new roof structure, and carried out additional repairs and painting. The community showed its support by performing a traditional welcome dance and providing local handcrafted Tais (fabric scarves) to the guests at the ribbon cutting ceremony, which included the Secretary of State for Youth and Sport, F-FDTL Chief of Staff, ISF Commander, and District and local administrators. Local soccer teams played the first game in the new stadium and a band performed as the community began to enjoy its new recreation facility.



Before



After



During Construction