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Jesuit Mission Webinar: Water the Gift of Life

With the support of Jesuit Mission, the Jesuit-run Water Project in Timor-Leste has transformed 15 rural villages, by providing vulnerable people with access to clean and safe water.

To learn more about the Water Project, Jesuit Mission extends an invitation to their upcoming Webinar, **Water the Gift of Life, on Wednesday 9 November at 6:00pm AEDT.**

During the 45 minute webinar, special guests Fr Júlio Sousa SJ, Director of Jesuit Social Service (JSS) Timor-Leste and his colleague Jose da Costa Pereira Soares, Program Manager Assistant of the Water Project, will share about the implementation and impact of the project.

The Water Project helps bring life-changing new water systems to remote villages, which is vital in Timor-Leste where one-third of people in rural villages do not have access to clean water.

“Over the last four years, this collaboration has ensured that over 5,000 people from vulnerable communities now have access to clean and safe drinking water,” said Helen Forde, CEO of Jesuit Mission.

The Water Project empowers communities to take ownership of the management of water in their villages and learn how to protect and conserve an ecosystem that supports the sustainability of water.

The burden of collecting water often falls to children, who have to walk up to five hours each day, carrying heavy containers of water. Many children therefore miss out on receiving an education.

However, children living in these villages with recently piped water sources from Jesuit Mission and JSS, can now focus on their studies and build pathways out of poverty and injustice.

To hear more about the impact of the Water Project in Timor-Leste, register for Jesuit Mission’s upcoming webinar, Water the Gift of Life on **Wednesday 9 November at 6:00pm AEDT.** Register at <https://jesuitmission.org.au/webinar-water/>

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Caption: *Children from Biluli, Timor-Leste celebrating the installation of clean water in their village.*

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Registration link for the Jesuit Mission's Webinar, Water the Gift of Life.

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Jesuit Mission works in over 14 countries across Asia and Africa to uphold the innate dignity of people living with the effects of poverty, especially the most marginalised and vulnerable. Funds from our supporters:

- Break cycles of poverty through teaching and education
- Protect the health of communities by providing medical care and programs that improve access to clean water and toilets
- Develop independent, sustainable communities through livelihood training and income-generating projects
- Provide vulnerable individuals with pastoral care, social inclusion and advocacy
- Support refugees in crisis
- Enable effective disaster response and relief.