

Knua Juventude Fila-Liman Newsletter
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Knua Juventude Fila-Liman (KJFL) is a joint initiative between the private parties, government and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). KJFL is a UNDP initiative in partnership with SEPFPOPE, SEJD, IADE, BNCTL, MECAE-SERVE, the main government agencies with programs focused on employability, entrepreneurship and finance. Telemor (telecom) is our private sector partner and is providing free internet at the center. Together, we have created a physical space for incubating businesses, improving youth employability and promoting youth voices. KJFL is a “One Stop Shop” for youths of Timor-Leste with two pillars: Opportunities (employment and entrepreneurship) and Youth Voices-Citizenship (Youth participation in socio-economic and political life).



H.E. Dr. Rui Maria de Araujo, Prime Minister made a speech during the inauguration of Knua Juventude Fila-Liman (KJFL)

The KJFL center was inaugurated on the 16th of August 2017 by H.E. Prime Minister Dr. Rui Maria de Araujo, accompanied by H.E. Mr. Leovigildo Hornai, Secretary of State for Youth and Sports. In his inaugural speech, Prime Minister Araujo congratulated all partners who have committed to come together for youths’ development and emphasized that KJFL is a model for entrepreneurship, skills development and networking. KJFL addresses the need for young people to make the right decisions, live healthy and productive lives, and seizing opportunities for better life. Yet, as a strong advocate and supporter of youth initiatives, he proposed that the center should function as the hub for youths who have innovative ideas and dream for better life business. The Prime Minister added ‘Fila-Liman’ to our name and stressed that the center must be cigarette and alcohol free.

The opening was attended by partners and dignitaries from Embassies, UN Agencies, International NGOs as well as other Development Partners. For our launch, we organized a 5-day business fair in Pateo with 10 business groups from various municipalities in cooperation with Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment and the Alola Foundation.

***“Youth should learn to do business
and create jobs for themselves
and for others”***

H.E. Dr Rui Maria de Araujo

Our Partners: Together for Youth...



Knaa Juventude Fila-Liman aligns the effort of various partners to empower youth. It brings together public and private partners for private sector Development in Timor-Leste with a specific focus on youth.

These efforts are made possible through the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and partners, including Secretary of State for Vocational Training and Employment (SEPFPOPE), Institute for Business Development Support (IADE), Business Verification and Registration Service (SERVE), Timor-Leste National Commercial Bank (BNCTL), Telecommunication Provider (Telemor), and recently with the Secretary of State for Youth and Sports (SEJD).

KJFL is fully committed to bring our service closer to youth, as a unified force and drive synergies to effectively deliver our services to Timorese youths. KJFL intends to explore partnership opportunities and grow with partners whose interest are aligned. We are exploring partnership with Microsoft for Youth Portal Development, and are partnering with Asian School of Business (ASB, in collaboration with Sloan, MIT) for establishing a 3D Design Printing Lab at KJFL. We will continue to explore potential partnership opportunities

“We appreciate UNDP initiative to bring partners together, and SERVE is committed to such initiative as private sector growth will empower the economy of Timor-Leste through tax payment,” said Director Executive of SERVE, Mr Florêncio da Conceição Sanches

with relevant contributors, both in terms of expertise to increase youth employability knowledge and skills, and to create an enabling environment for youth transform ideas into businesses in Timor-Leste.

KJFL will undertake continuous improvement process to improve our methodologies, approach and service to provide relevant support to youth in a changing environment. The advisory board which includes our partners, will develop a transition strategy to hand over the center to suitable institution, at the right time, for a long term sustainability.

*“We thank all our partners for special dedication and made Knaa Juventude Fila-Liman a reality: a physical hub for youth to meet and share, connect and learn about entrepreneurship, and a resource center for employability.”
Mr. Claudio Providas*

Bee Lafaek Social Business Challenge at KJFL



On the 16th of August, Bee Lafaek announced its Social Business Challenges Competition in cooperation with KJFL. The winners of the competition will receive a Water Filtering and bottling business. The total value of awards with Bee Lafaek is worth up to US\$100,000 and will be awarded to 2 to 3 selected groups.

During a briefing session held on Monday, 21 August 2017, Mr. Tim Anderson of Bee Lafaek explained that the selection process. Requirements for the competition included:

- a group of four young and energetic Timorese youth
- between the ages of 18 years to 27years
- at least one man or woman,
- with access to Land with Water, Electricity and Security

Bee Lafaek will fully support with equipment, including installing the machines, and provide paid technical trainings to the selected group members. Bee Lafaek will also provide maintenance services until the teams can run the business independently.

Bee Lafaek will provide the group members with salaries throughout the training period and in its initial operations. Thirteen groups registered and attended the briefing session and 6 groups submitted their Business Development Plan. KJFL provided guidance and support to these 6 groups. The initial assessment was conducted by KJFL team members on September 7, 8 and 11 and second interview with Bee Lafaek was held on 18 & 19 September 2017. As a next step, Bee Lafaek Engineers will visit and assess sites. The selection process is expected to finish by end of September 2017 and the winners will be announced during the first week of October.

Design Challenge: Engineers Without Border (EWB)

The Engineers Without Border (EWB) design challenge is another inspiring program for youth at KJFL. It brought together around 50 local Engineering students from Universities in Dili for specific training at KJFL. The first session of the 'Engineering Design Challenge' took place on August 26th, and focused on teaching students how to design for people and communities. The aim is for students to become actively involved in engineering a better future for TL by providing real-world engineering design skills.

Design challenge involves several briefing sessions, training and practices and the selected groups are expected to present their problem and solution to a panel of judges.

On September 9th, EWB also held a Professional Development Skills' seminar focused on 'Engineering Women and Geodetic Engineering'. This seminar was facilitated by two professional women engineers who shared their engineering life experiences and inspired around 40 participants.

"I am a woman who believes that Engineering is a society for innovation, a society that men and

women work in team resolving problems and make the make world a better place to live”, said Ms. Diana Costa, one of Women Facilitators in the workshop and a member of the *Feto Engineira* Association. “To my fellow women who dream to become engineer”, she continues, “take the opportunity, study hard and make your dream a reality. Let us say to ourselves, YES, women can become engineers.” Ms. Diana currently has a Civil Engineering company and contributes to development in Timor-Leste.



Design Challenge Group Photo after the first session on 26 August, at Knua Juventude Fila-Liman

Our service is growing and expanding...



Activities at Knua Juventude Fila-Liman with Partners

Why is Knua Juventude Fila-Liman busy? No wonder! Our service is new and unique of its kind. In cooperation with public and private sectors to provide an integrated service, Knua Juventude Fila-Liman has received visitors every day for different purposes. Since 21 August 2017, we have received at least 5 new visitors every day, and more than 5 regular visitors. On the week of 11 September only, KJFL registered 53 (W: 34, M: 19) people who visited the center; 30 came to research and use the internet (mostly youth and students), 15 to consult with our partners, and 10 visitor from new potential partners.

In addition, we have had over **100** participants for events organized by KJFL and partners.

Our public service providers including SEPFPOPE, IADE, BNCTL and SERVE, as well as our 24/7 free internet provider Telemor has attracted more and more visitors to the center. It is expected that demand will continue to increase as we will deploy more innovative facilities, both online and offline.

In relation to new business and innovational ideas, KJFL is, at present, actively guiding 4 Young Entrepreneurs to start their business in environmentally friendly products and commercial farming.

3 Days TOT (Training of Trainers) in Early September

The Training of Trainers (ToT) for National Business Incubation Trainers has been conducted by KJFL Team from 04 September to 06 September 2017. The ToT is training module covering various business development aspects, including 'Problem Identification, Design Solutions, Financial Management and Pricing, as well as Sales and Marketing.

The aim of ToT the training is to prepare Junior Trainers to become experts in providing incubations and advisory support to aspiring entrepreneurs, and consulting support to entrepreneurs. Participants of the ToT are expected to provide trainings to other youth Dili and at the municipality in Timor-Leste and support KJFL by providing business advisory support.

The 3 days training was attended by 9 trainers, from Timorese Youth Initiative for Development (TYIFD) group and Youth Ambassadors' group and provided valuable input on how to make the training more effective.

"I am proud to be part of the ToT training, facilitated by an expert in the area. This is the best way which to prepare young trainers to become expert in business consultancy area in the future. It would be more fantastic when all ToT the participants of practice directly through business camp training that will be run in the short time at KJFL." André Jacinto Faria.

Belazario Gusmão said, "I learned some basic things that are very important in running a business. The 3-day ToT training helped me greatly in determining business ideas through the problems people face in daily life and how to develop a problem into a business idea. I want to learn more, but at the same time I feel ready to share with other young friends about how to develop innovative business ideas, business preparation and solution for every problem."



Partners Placement at Knua Juventude Fila-Liman



IADE Staffs (left) and SERVE Staffs (right) are providing service to youths at KJFL on Tuesdays.

The uniqueness of Knua Juventude Fila-Liman service lies at the heart of partnership. It comes with the continuous support, commitment and availability of partners to provide information and guidance to our youth at the center. In this respect, a schedule has been agreed together between KJFL and its partners to make their service available once a week. Since the first placement on 22 September 2017, more than 50 people have passed by and received advisory support from our partners at the center.

Knua Juventude Fila-Liman also has invited University Students in Dili, to attend regular Business Information Session every Tuesday, morning @10am with SEPFOPE and IADE, and afternoon 3pm with SERVE and BNCTL. We continue to encourage youths to come and see our partners either in one of these sessions, or outside depending on your need and advised provided.

Schedule for Weekly Partners Placement			
Day	Time	Partners	Service Provided
Tuesday	09.00 - 12.00hrs	SEPFOPE & IADE	Vocational & Business Training
Tuesday	14.00 - 17.00hrs	SERVE & BNCTL	Business Registration and Financial Loan Information



Ms. Ana Hulamuda, KJFL Volunteer, is distributing brochures and explaining the vision and mission of the center to student visitors during the two days Career Exhibition organized by SEPFPOPE in Dom Bosco, Comoro.

KJFL Outreach...

It has been a month that KJFL is inaugurated on August 16th. While our support staffs are still under recruitment, KJFL has undertaken several activities which are mainly concentrated at the center. We are grateful that our youth volunteers could bring KJFL program closer to high school students through the *SEPFPOPE Career Exhibition* on 14 & 15 September 2017. Ernesto Belo and Ana Hulamuda, two of the Volunteers noted that the students were very interest about KJFL mission. Nevertheless, KJFL is also thankful to Ms. Silvia SDAL, a young entrepreneur who delivered a speech at closing ceremony and occasionally invited youth to visit Knua Juventude Fila-Liman.

While the center has also planned to conduct promotion activity at universities in Dili, many youth networks, creative groups and student's association are now making their way in to engage and support KJFL. Our partners are keen to see that youth are better assisted particularly with employability and entrepreneurship skills.

Youth Voices about KJFL

Sofia Soares is a Timorese youth who has a plan to start her Business in Fashion; she wants to promote the Traditional Clothes, TAIS, of Timor-Leste to everyone around the world. She believes

that promoting the traditional clothes to other people especially foreigners, it will help them to know exactly the identity of Timor-Leste. *“Thank you Knua Juventude Fila-Liman, through this Youth Center, it will help us especially youth of Timor-Leste to look forward and help the development of Timor”*, She said. *Moreover, it will help us to increase more our knowledge, creativity and mentality through trainings and have access to all the facilities in KJFL”*. Sofia Soares



“This place is very inspiring because it offers lots of opportunities for youth to development knowledge and skills”, said Estevão Gusmão – a student from Institute of Business (IOB). Estavão has been a regular participant in Design Challenge Competition organized by Engineers Without Borders (EWB). At Knua Juventude Fila-Liman, he has also been inspired by EWB’s Professional Development Skills’ Seminar on ‘How Women Get Involved and Benefitted in Engineering’. Estevao also realized that ‘sharing experience is part of our learning process. “I have sensed KJFL is the place to grow, because we can meet many people who are rich in knowledge and skills,” he said.

Coming soon events:

- Design Challenge, 23-24 September & continue fortnightly (Engineers Without Border)
- Makerfest 3D Printing Workshop, 27-29 September (UNDP/Asian School of Business)
- Innovation Camp (October, UNDP)
- Money-Minded Training (October, BNCTL)
- *And more to come...*