



Hali Ba Dame Association
(Tree of Peace Association)
Enhancing Community Security

HABADA Organization

HABADA is a national NGO established on February 14, 2024, grounded in the belief that human security is fundamental to enhancing the quality of life for Timorese citizens. Our core objective is to build peace and diminish insecurity within local communities through constructive dialogue, educational initiatives, monitoring efforts, and advocacy, both within communities and alongside the National Police of Timor-Leste (PNTL).

Despite twenty-five years of independence, Timor-Leste continues to grapple with conflicts and violence, making peace and a satisfactory quality of life elusive for many citizens. HABADA is committed to altering this situation by forging partnerships with community groups, civil society organizations, and governmental institutions.

HABADA operates in close collaboration

with local communities, actively engaging in discussions to identify their security and development needs. We collaborate with communities to amplify their voices for authorities, bridging the gap between state governance and the people to bolster peace and enhance their quality of life.

The PNTL stands as a cornerstone state institution, intimately connected with local communities and dedicated to safeguarding citizens' rights and safety. HABADA also serves as an advocate for these guardians, strengthening the bond between the police and the community, while advocating for security and an improved quality of life.

Vision

Empowering all Timorese people to live and thrive in a peaceful and secure environment.

Mission

HABADA collaborates with community groups, civil society organizations, and state institutions at the grassroots level to ensure that every individual enjoys their rights as citizens, as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Constitution and laws of the Democratic Republic of East Timor. We advocate for the voices of local community groups, civil society organizations, and state institutions to be heard at municipal and national levels.

Principles

HABADA is non-profit, aiming to partner with state institutions, local and national NGOs and international agencies, working with youth groups, students and academics, women, people with disabilities, vulnerable groups, and religious groups pursuing:

- a) Education to raise awareness about human security
- b) Building and strengthening trust between the community and state authorities starting from the grassroots
- c) Community safety education
- d) Civic education
- e) Prevention of gender-based violence
- f) Human Rights, Justice, and Democracy

Values

HABADA's values are as follows:

- a) Upholding and implementing the Constitution of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the laws in force in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
- b) Conducting all activities with transparency, accountability, and good governance
- c) Being non-partisan and free of political motives
- d) Adopting a zero-tolerance policy towards corruption, nepotism, and collusion
- e) Avoiding any conflict of interest Always ready and open to audits, both internal and external

Programs and Activities

To foster peace and enhance the quality of life within local communities, HABADA will:

Work alongside local community groups

Advocate with state institutions to make the voices of local communities heard

Strengthen police governance and effectiveness at the local level

Human Security

HABADA engages communities through dialogue and security education to identify security concerns and develop appropriate responses. Human security encompasses various aspects, including economic, educational, food, health, environmental, personal, community, and political security.

Police Governance

The police play a pivotal role in safeguarding citizens' rights and safety. Effective policing governance entails establishing mechanisms, structures, and processes to guide and supervise police actions. HABADA works to ensure that the police comply with the law, uphold human rights, and maintain public trust.

By implementing these strategies, HABADA endeavors to create a more secure and prosperous future for all Timorese citizens.

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