

Fair Futures Report, July—Sept 2013

Dear valued supporter,

Apologies for the tardiness of this report. The last few months have been extra busy for ETWA and our Timor-Leste based partners. We've achieved some pretty impressive outcomes and we're delighted to share a few of the key successes with you.

Using Skype to deliver training, consultations and meetings continues to be incredibly helpful and cost effective! The range of interactive business and product management tools we've developed continue to be tested and tweaked and over the last few months we've developed a set of reusable weaving templates. All these tools have helped LO'UD women operate their Cooperative more efficiently and have resulted in extraordinary quality and design improvements. The latest round of plant-dyed textiles produced by LO'UD weavers saw the fulfilment of quality control criteria benchmarks improve from 71% to 93%. This enhances the marketability of their products and importantly, delivers even higher incomes for the weavers who are already paid above average due to the trade justice frameworks we've developed.

Excitingly, we've helped LO'UD secure a fully-funded Australian volunteer to work in-country next year and so LO'UD women are now on the hunt for a new premises—not an easy task given the continued issues around land tenure in Timor-Leste.

It's been an amazing journey so far and as Fair Futures grows and captures the hearts and imagination of more local partners, we're aware that we need more to ensure we can resource development of the project. So over the coming months, ETWA will focus on scoping new partners and seeking more resources to ensure we can continue to provide tangible support to more wom-

Love from the ETWA Team

Right: The smile says it all!
Skyping with rural
Cooperative members when
they delivered their textiles.
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