MISSION
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KOA MAU believes that sports and culture can help to build identity, bring positive attitudes and confidence to women, children and youth in West Timor and will help to face a better future.

Our aim is to reduce poverty in Timor Island and Indonesia. We all want to take part in the Millennium Development Goals (locally to reduce West Timorese poverty by more than half by 2015).

ACCOMPLISHMENTS
In its short life, KOA MAU has already accomplished great aims. It has formed the Women’s Working Group, several youth soccer teams, a children’s play group and organized two major soccer events.

To overcome poverty KOA MAU has started a pilot project involving other NGOs like Plan International unit So’E.

Together they offered soccer for children and young adults under 12 and 20 to promote ‘Green Environment’. Every player and official received trees to plant at their own yards.

KOA MAU distributed 250 trees (100 sukun, 100 mahogany and 50 sandalwood). Every team was encouraged to clean up their garbage after the games and to also keep their schools and homes clean.

KOA MAU also distributed seeds (carrots, beans, cauliflower, bak choy and tomatoes) for 10 households in July 2009. The aim was to encourage women to grow and consume vegetable from their own backyard. Six households had a vegetable patch with the size of 5m x 3m, after three months they went to the market.

WHO WE ARE
KOA MAU was formed by Timorese-Indonesians from So’E-West Timor & Eastern Indonesia Youth in Adelaide, South Australia. All of the team members in Australia, Timor and Indonesia are volunteers. All the volunteers have university degrees in their fields.

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