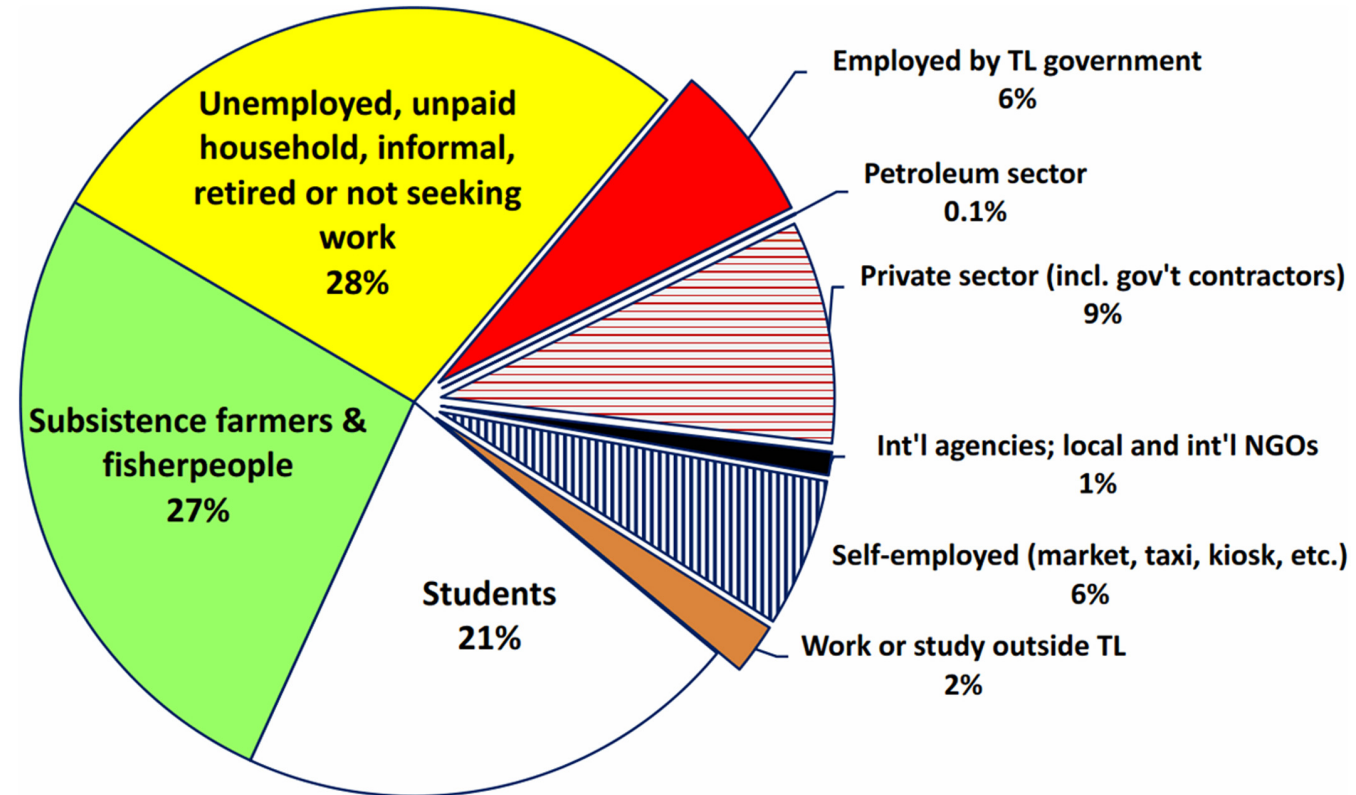


YOUNG, EDUCATED AND AMBITIOUS - A LONGITUDINAL SURVEY OF TIMORESE APPLICANTS AND PARTICIPANTS IN THE PACIFIC LABOUR SCHEME

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What is the Pacific Labour Scheme (PLS)?

One of two flagship Pacific labour mobility programs, alongside the Seasonal Worker Program (SWP)

Participants from 9 Pacific countries and Timor-Leste

Over 2500 workers in Australia as of May 2021, including over 100 from Timor-Leste

Allows for low and semi-skilled work for up to 3 years in rural and regional Australia, including:

- Non-seasonal agriculture
- Livestock processing
- Healthcare and accommodation services

Administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)





First Survey

103 Survey Respondents:

- 27 successful PLS applicants (living in Australia)
- 76 unsuccessful PLS applicants (living in Timor-Leste)

Mixed Method Approach:

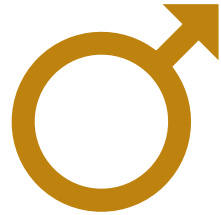
- Quantitative data collection included economic activity, demographic profile and education
- Qualitative data collection on reasons for application

Conducted over the phone and in person:

- Respondents were asked questions over the phone
- Responses were recorded in Tetun and translated into English



Demographic Profile of Respondents



87% of respondents are **male**



The **average age is 28**



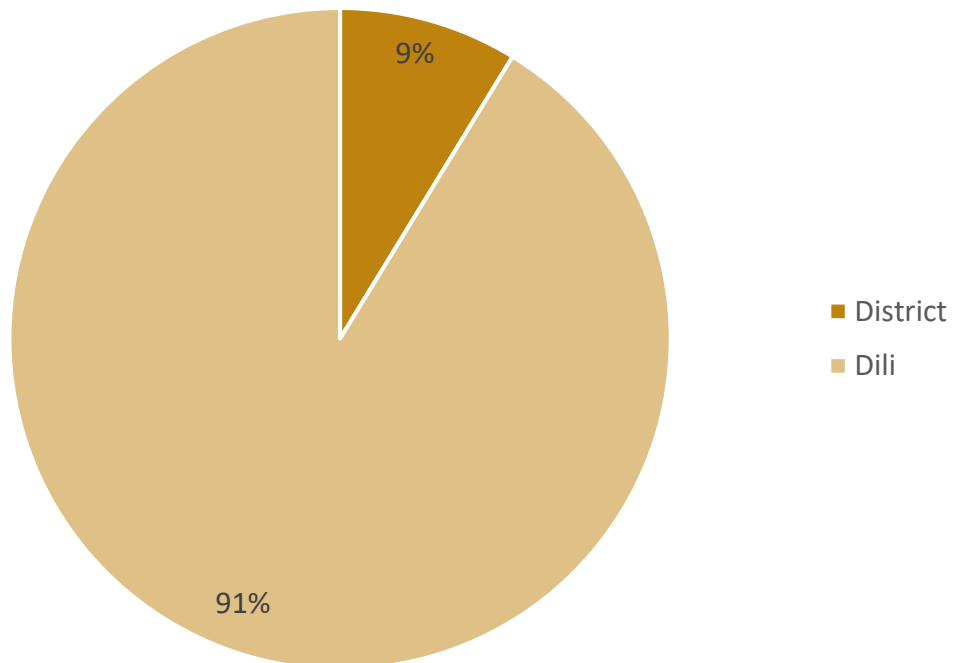
Respondents have an average of **2 people** relying on their income



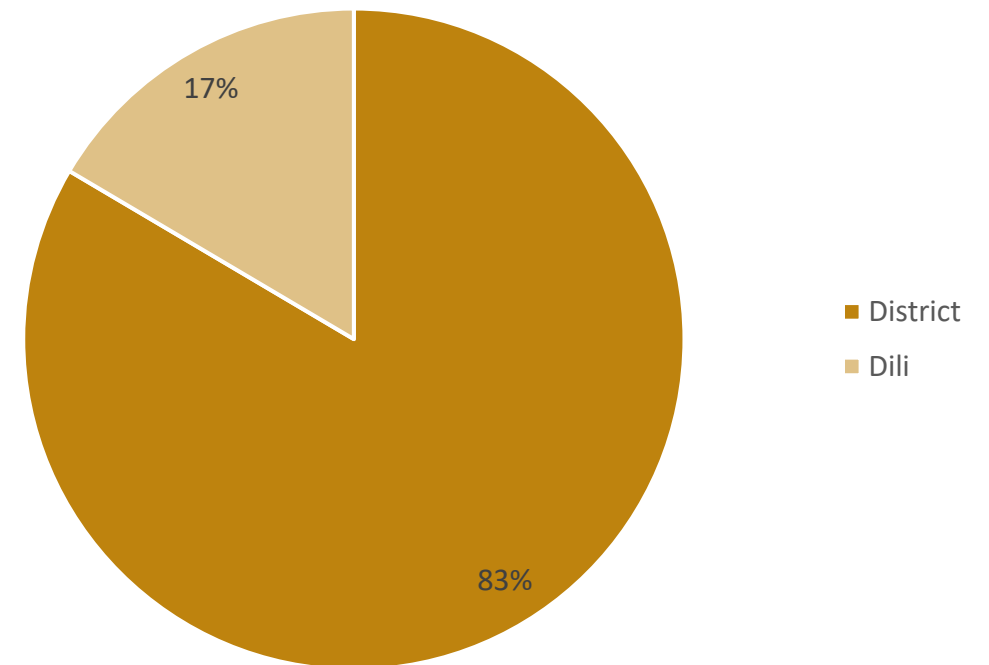
Geographic Distribution

Most surveyed applicants live in Dili but are from a rural area

Most Recent Place of Residence



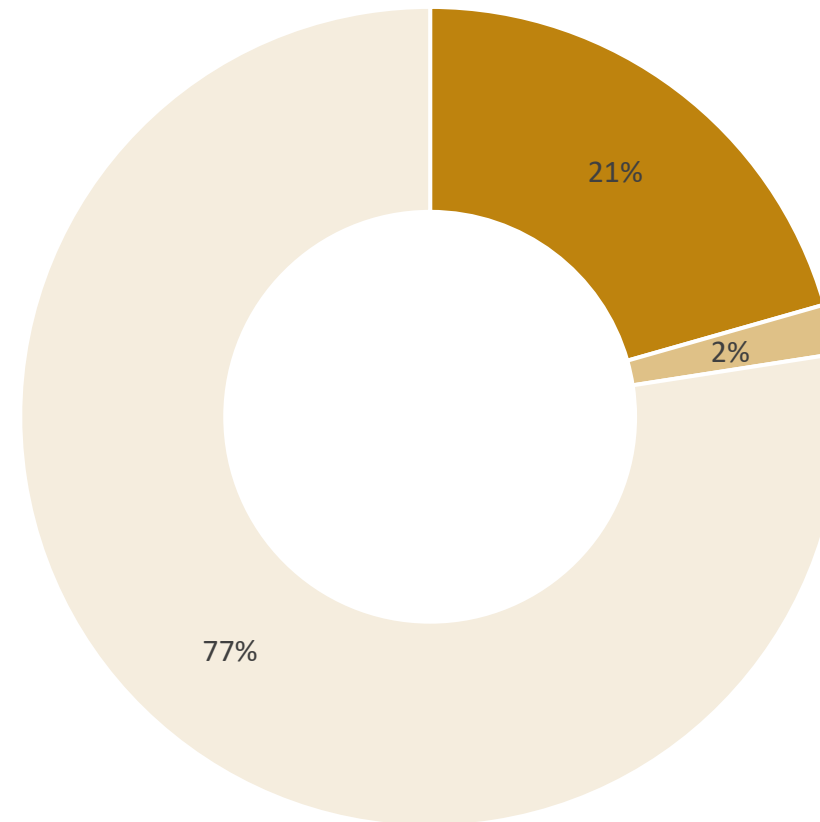
Home Village Location



Educational Attainment Amongst Respondents

Highest Level of Education Completed

■ Secondary School ■ Vocational School ■ University



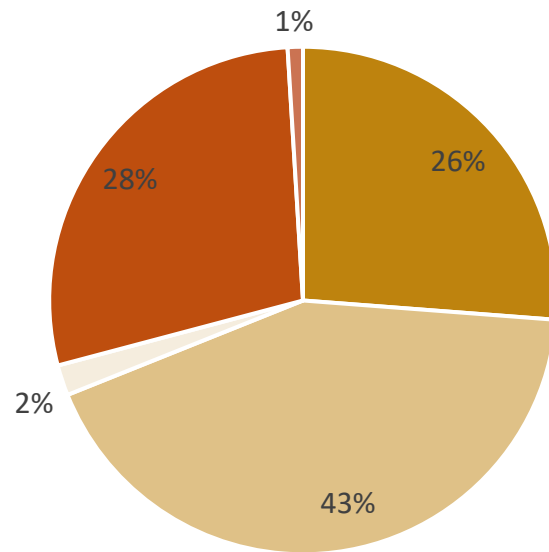
Note: Applicants to the PLS are required to have a secondary education, at minimum.



Future Plans for Business and Education

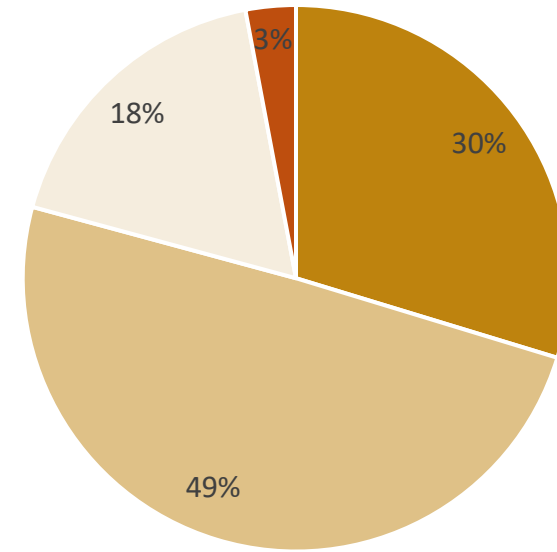
Plans to Start a Business in the Future

- Small Shop
- Agriculture/Agribusiness
- Transportation
- Other
- No Plans



Do Respondents Intend to Continue Their Education

- No
- Yes, in Timor
- Yes, in Australia
- Yes, in Indonesia



Remittance Sending

Remitting money back home whilst overseas is an almost ubiquitous practice amongst Timorese SWP workers

Did PLS applicants with prior SWP experience remit money whilst in the SWP?

■ No ■ Yes



When applicants were asked why they applied:



8 mention education



17 mention a better life



68 mention family



Some of the reasons given:

“Because I want to change my life and development the next generation.”

“Because I am from poor family so I want to change my family life”

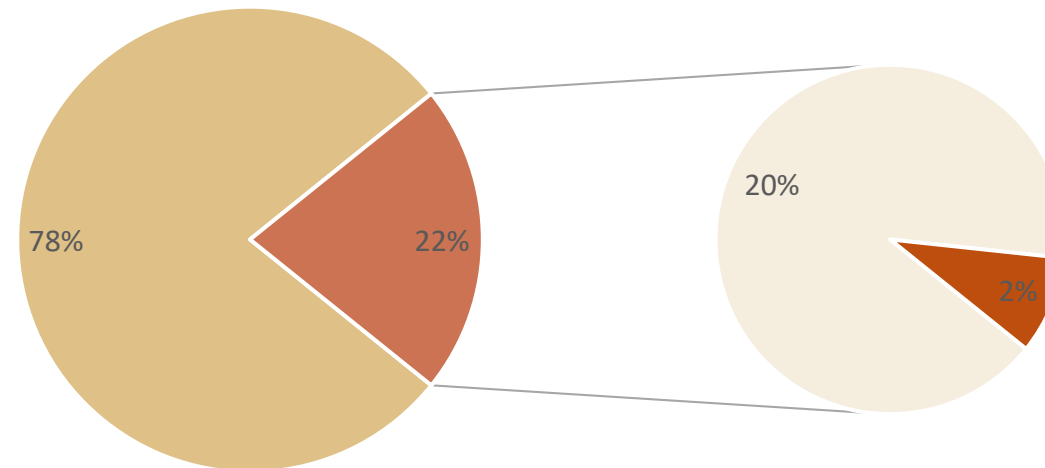
“Because I am as a chief of the family, I want to get a better life so that I can support my children to get education and other people as well.”



Interest in Permanent Migration Pathways

Given the Opportunity, Would Respondents Permanently Settle in Australia

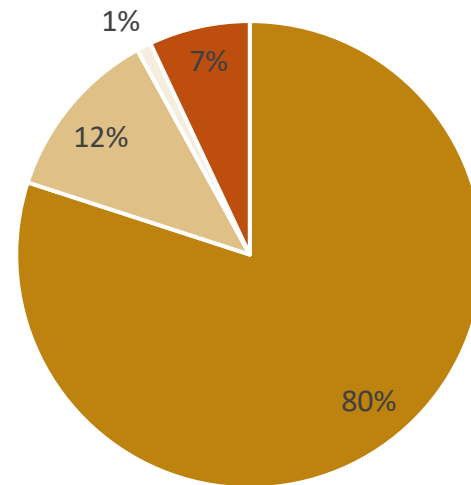
■ Responded ■ No Response ■ Yes ■ No



Types of Adat Spending

Largest Area of Adat Spending

■ Bride Wealth ■ Traditional Ceremonies ■ Sacred House Maintenance ■ Other



Amounts of Adat spending

Adat spending varies greatly amongst people, often due to variation in individual obligations

Respondents' Adat spending in the first six months of 2019 (in \$US)

Minimum	35
Maximum	5000
Median	400
Mean	790



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Q&A

