



East Timor

Capital: Dili

Official Language: Tetum and Portuguese

Population: 1,115,000

Government: Parliamentary Republic

Economy: Timor Leste is currently rebuilding itself after the war for independence destroyed about 70% of the economic infrastructure. The economy is one of the world's poorest due to decades of both neglect and misaligned economic priorities. Timor Leste has a large and potentially lucrative coffee industry, which sells organic coffee to numerous Fair Trade retailers and on the open market.

Religion: East Timor is one of only two majority Roman Catholic countries in Asia with 97% of the population. Religious minorities include Muslim and Protestants with smaller Hindu and Buddhist and traditional animist minorities making up the remainder.

Health: As a result of the war for independence a number of health centres and hospitals were badly damaged and destroyed. Timor Leste has since suffered a lack of medical professionals as the majority of health workers were Indonesian nationals who have left the area.



3% of the population of East Timor identify as Protestants.



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