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## Appeal for Timor Leste Flood Victims

### Under water, Dili devastated

Salesian Missions Australia has launched an appeal for victims of this week's devastating floods in Timor Leste, Australia's closest neighbour and the poorest country in South East Asia.

Intense rain and storms sent surging torrents of rain through towns and villages turning the streets of Dili into canals. Roads and bridges have been destroyed and deaths now exceed 100. Support is urgently needed as the schools are converted to evacuation centres.

Dili's population of more than 220,000 is currently in lockdown to tackle the nations rising COVID transmission. Catering for the victims in the aftermath of the floods presents new challenges in addition to the existing health crisis.

Don Bosco Training Centre Comoro is a major relief centre providing shelter and food for those who have lost their homes and possessions. The gymnasium and classrooms are being used for emergency accommodation by more than 3000 displaced persons.

Tina Newton (Director of Salesian Missions) said there is an urgent need for food, clean water and medicine.

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