As a result of recent violence in East Timor, 82 nurses had their homes burned to the ground or destroyed by vandalism. This included the homes of Association of Nurses of Timor Leste (AETL) personnel. The AETL office in Dili was looted and equipment stolen. These nurses remain without adequate housing for themselves or their families, living under dangerous and difficult conditions as they work to deliver health care to others in this fledgling nation.

A combined ANF/APHEDA appeal to help the East Timor nurses has so far raised $60,000. This is not enough for any practical assistance. The average income for a nurse in East Timor is low at US$156 per month. It costs around $5,000 to rebuild a home in East Timor. It would cost around $400,000 to rebuild the homes of those East Timor nurses who had theirs destroyed by the violence.

The ANF, along with APHEDA, is launching the $5+ campaign and is asking nurses in Australia to donate at least $5 to a fund which will be directed specifically to the rebuilding of homes for these East Timor nurses.

Only one third of all nurses in Australia would need to donate $5 to raise enough money to help the East Timor nurses rebuild their homes. The ANF is asking you to be one of that third. Donations over $2 are tax deductible.

This is a highly achievable endeavour. Please make a donation now!

It is easy to donate, you can do it:

1. Online or at your local bank by transferring or depositing your donation to:
   Account name: APHEDA
   BSB: 082-024
   Account Number: 578770001

2. Online by clicking on the link below: https://secure.fantasticone.com/apheda/order_form.php
   Following the prompts to Section C: ‘One-off Donations and Appeals’
   Select: ‘One-off donation East Timor Nurses Appeal’ from the drop down menu.

3. By cheque or money order payable to: ‘APHEDA Inc’
   Post to: Australian Nursing Federation
   Level 1, 365 Queen Street
   Melbourne Victoria 3000
   If you require a receipt, include your full contact details (name and address).

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