



## Sustainable Development Application Form

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Project Name, Local Partner, and Location:

- Project Name: Economic development support for GMIT members in West Timor
- Local partners: Asset Development and Economic Empowerment Agency (BPAPE) of GMIT and Yayasan Alfa Omega
- Location: Kupang District and South-Central Timor District, East Nusa Tenggara Province, Indonesia

Person at DOM responsible for and accountable for this project: Sarosh Koshy, Global Relations Minister, Southern Asia

Partner's History/Relationship with the Project:

KASEMA is the diaconal organization of GMIT. GMIT is the second largest Protestant church in Indonesia with approximately 1.2 million members. GMIT has about 2,000 congregations in 46 presbyteries, with around 1,500 pastors to serve the growing community. The majority of GMIT's members are subsistence farmers who live in villages that have been suffering from poor access to educational and health services, as well as undeveloped transportation, communication, and energy systems. GMIT rejoices in its unique ability to participate in God's mission on behalf of peace, justice, and integrity. At the Global Ministries International Dinner in 2019, Reverend Dr. Mery Kolimon, Moderator of GMIT, received an Award of Affirmation for her work enabling GMIT to be a sanctuary for victims of human trafficking, domestic abuse, and forced migration.

Regarding this project, KASEMA members have been present in and around the target communities for many years especially during the Covid-19 pandemic. Management and members have gained extensive knowledge of the economic situation that affects these communities. On an ongoing basis, through formal means, such as coordination meetings, and informal means via constant contact with local officials and other stakeholders, KASEMA management have worked closely with GMIT members and local government. These relationships have empowered KASEMA to identify gaps and needs that affect the life of communities. In addition, during the third KASEMA annual meeting in February 2024, there were specific requests from KASEMA members for more support on economic development through partnership, knowledge and skills development, and open access to quality and affordable food. In preparation for this proposal, in March 2024 KASEMA management conducted interviews with members to identify proposed activities. The results from these interviews have highly motivated KASEMA members to propose this project.

### Description of Project

A brief description of the project (agricultural, health, water, micro-credit, education, community development, etc.):

In the last three years, KASEMA has been successfully operating within the GMIT ministerial area, covering most of the islands of East Nusa Tenggara (Nusa Tenggara Timur, NTT) Province, except Sumba Island. During this three-year period, the

Cooperative have successfully conducted annual meetings (Rapat Anggota Tahunan / RAT) where the cooperative progress update has been presented to the members. Since the progress of the cooperative has been positive and encouraging year-to-year, during the third annual meeting in February 2024, all cooperative members accepted the annual progress and financial report. However, during this annual meeting, members suggested more focus on agriculture, micro credit for livestock, and access to quality food at affordable prices. The members also expressed a desire to reinvigorate GMIT's economic design and plan, which in fact had been a part of the GMIT action plan at the KASEMA annual meeting in 2023.

The members believe that if they were given the chance to address these issues, they will achieve better economic conditions. If the members achieve better economic conditions, they will then be able to invest in more sustainable coping strategies and mechanisms that will further improve their livelihood and will in turn be able to fully support GMIT. If the members develop sustainable structures and local institutions that manage the natural resources available within GMIT, on which they rely for their livelihood options, social cohesion will improve. These improvements will bring visible impacts on poverty reduction and will stimulate common solidarity among the members that would represent GMIT's witness and mission in the region.

The proposed project will focus on four specific objectives.

First, to provide support for the Asset Development and Economic Empowerment Agency (BPAPE) of GMIT to develop a grand design of economy by hosting a cross-sector workshop.

The workshop will take place in Kupang City and will be attended by 100 participants. Most participants would be presbyters who could bring their field experience and ideas on economic development and empowerment. The workshop will be facilitated by a professional from different institutions (Universities, Government, GMIT, etc.). The outcome of the workshop is a grand design of sustainable economy for GMIT as a guideline by all GMIT institutions including Kasema to serve the GMIT members.

Second, to provide access to capital for the members to procure livestock (cattle).

Even though the province has many cooperatives, GMIT members are still facing lack of access to beneficial low interest-rate loans. Most cooperatives are giving loans with interest rates between 1.5% and 2.5%. In addition, all existing cooperatives require already profitable operations and do not seek to fund a new business which is more difficult for poor families to access loans. The province is also one of the major cattle producers in Indonesia; however, poor families within the GMIT do not have cattle or adequate raw materials to feed the cattle. Therefore KASEMA is presenting this response to the existing situation:

KASEMA will target existing KASEMA members, new members, and non members who have the potential for livestock (cattle) rearing.

For activities and process under this objective, KASEMA will follow our current procedure and process of granting loans with 1.25% interest. Once the loans are released, KASEMA staff will do regular monitoring and meeting with the members to ensure successful and profitable use of the loan.

Third, to improve livelihoods for thirty members through training and the provision of innovative agriculture and skill improvement in horticulture.

KASEMA will provide agricultural training to improve knowledge and skills of the target members. Included in the training materials is instructions on how to use organic fertilizer and diversified crops seeds including local seeds (chili, tomatoes, cucumber, melon, etc).

Thirty participants will be given a course that will run about four days and cover such topics as cultivation, harvesting, pest management, proper ploughing, field layout, and production of organic fertilizer using local materials. Market training will cover market information, hands-on field visits to markets and traders, product grading and sorting, packaging and distribution, storage, and market timing. Courses will be taught by local staff and agriculture specialists from the Department of Agriculture. After the course, the participants will manage a piece of agriculture land agreed upon by the church and presbyters. After the land is selected, they will start their activities of land preparation, planting, management, and harvest. The harvested products will be transported to the market with prices agreed upon by the members and buyers.

Fourth, to provide quality food (rice) at affordable price for the vulnerable members.

The project will aim to provide quality and affordable food (rice) for the members, especially those members of KASEMA, and will be managed through cooperative structures. This activity will include identifying market opportunities in the city and in the rural areas where rice is often low quality and with higher prices. KASEMA will procure the quality and affordable food (rice) from the Government sources (BULOG) and from the members who are rice producers.

This will create numerous benefits for KASEMA and GMIT members, including increased awareness of markets and links between profitability and effective business management, including production, post-harvest matters, and cost management. Furthermore, it will allow for the development of a market-oriented focus with the promotion of processing food products and related value addition. This activity should help to generate a steady source of income at the individual household level.

Target Population (children, women, farmers, urban poor, etc.):

Objectives 2, 3, and 4 will be executed in two sub-districts of Kupang District and in Kupang city. The total population covered in this project are the KASEMA members and their families (approximately 500 total individuals). The disaggregate figures are as follows: 500 women, 200 farmers, 1,500 children. Out of all these participants, 25% are urban poor.

Objective 1 of this project is to aim to support GMIT economic grand design which will ultimately benefit the whole population of this denomination. As of 2024, GMIT members approximately reach a total population of 1.2 million people.

How many persons are/will be served? (please give as specific a figure as possible)?

100 families totaling 500 people will be directly served under the specific objective 2, 3, and 4. In addition, by executing the specific objective 1 of the project, KASEMA believe that the whole 1.2 million GMIT membership will benefit.

Key Objectives:

Key objective 1: to provide support for the BPAPE GMIT to develop grand design of economy through a cross-sectional workshop.

Key objective 2: to provide access to capital for the members through provision of livestock (cattle).

Key objective 3: to improve livelihoods for 30 members through training and provision of innovative agriculture and skill improvement in horticulture.

Key objective 4: to provide market access for GMIT members through market links between rice producers and buyers.

Key Activities:

Key activity 1.1. Coordination meeting with stakeholders (BPAPE, University, Government, and Presbyters).

Key activity 1.2. Identify key speakers and facilitators.

Key activity 1.3. Select participants.

Key activity 1.4. Workshop

Key activity 1.5. Write and develop GMIT economic grand design (draft)

Key activity 2.1. Select 10 members with specific criteria.

Key activity 2.2. Training of cattle rearing for 10 members

Key activity 2.3. Distribution of cattle.

Key activity 2.4. Monthly monitoring by KASEMA staff

Key activity 2.5. Cattle have been sold to the market.

Key activity 3.1. Select 30 members for agriculture program.

Key activity 3.2. Training for 30 members in agriculture knowledge and skills.

Key activity 3.3. Farming execution by 30 members.

Key activity 3.4. Weekly monitoring by KASEMA staff

Key activity 3.5. Harvesting, post-harvest management, and marketing

Key activity 4.1. Coordination meeting and signing agreement with rice producers.

Key activity 4.2. Coordination and build links with buyers – consumers in the city though the churches approaches.

Key activity 4.3. Distribution of rice to the buyers – consumers.

Duration of Project: One year. (With a possibility to continue for another year so that the results would be enduring.)
<b>Project Budget</b>
Total Budget: US \$11,400
Amount Requested from Week of Compassion: US \$10,000
Is this a one-time request or an on-going request? Upon evaluation at the end of this project, we will consider adding another year for making these practices permanent and sustainable.
Is this specific proposal financially supported by ecumenical or outside partners? If so, what percentage does it cover for this project? NO
Please list partners who are funding this project: NONE
Does this project/partner receive funding from UCC OGHS, if so how much? NO
What is the overall percentage of fund requested that will be used for administration/overhead? US \$1,080 (10.8%)
Please attached a detailed, itemized budget and cost breakdown for the requested funds.
Dates and project names of previous proposal submissions: NONE
How do you plan to monitor and evaluate the project and its objectives? Additionally, please provide a report back to Week of Compassion on the project. <i>(Please note that future funding is contingent upon reporting. In addition to reporting, please provide stories of transformation and photos.)</i>
All program activities and targets will be achieved by the completion of the project on June 30, 2025. KASEMA staff will monitor progress closely and provide technical expertise and advice throughout the implementation, supported by the presbyters. This will be done on a weekly basis during critical starting periods of the activities and monthly during periods of less intense work of the members. As KASEMA has done in the past, if a problem is identified during the monitoring stage, a meeting will be organized with members, presbyters, and key stakeholders to find a solution.
Evaluations related to the utilization of seeds (rice paddy) will be done through follow-up surveys while the trainings for members will include pre- and post- examinations. The market links for rice will be evaluated at the end of the project by comparing the past experiences of the producers and buyers – consumer, and profit results that they gain before and after, this process will be facilitated by the presbyters. KASEMA will provide periodic reports to Global Ministries/Week of Compassion, and progress towards these activities will be measured across quarterly reports.
At the end of the project, KASEMA will conduct an end line survey to evaluate the final impact of the project. The end line survey report will be attached to the final report.
If granted, is there a deadline by which to receive funding? NO
If granted, please provide full information for how (wire transfer, check, etc.), where, and to whom funds should be sent:
Wire transfer to DOM/Global Ministries.

**DETAILED PROJECT BUDGET**

July 2024 - June 2025

No	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	NO OF UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL
1	Two-day Seminar				
	1) Lunch	Person	100	\$8.00	\$800.00
	2) Snack	Person	100	\$4.00	\$400.00
	3) Key speaker fees	Person	5	\$50.00	\$250.00
	4) Facilitator	Person	3	\$40.00	\$120.00
	5) Supplies & equipment	Person	100	\$2.00	\$200.00
	6) Documentation and reporting	Lumpsum	1	\$150.00	\$150.00
	Total 1				\$1,920.00
2	Micro credit for cattle				
	1) Procurement of cattle	Tail	10	\$340.00	\$3,400.00
	2) Medicine and vitamin	package	10	\$40.00	\$400.00
	3) Vaccine	package	10	\$30.00	\$300.00
	Total 2				\$4,100.00
3	Agriculture activities				
	1) Procurement of seeds	Person	30	\$30.00	\$900.00
	2) Procurement of fertilizer	Person	30	\$20.00	\$600.00
	3) Procurement of medicines	Person	30	\$20.00	\$600.00
	Total 3				\$2,100.00
4	Access to quality and cheap food				
	1) Purchase quality and affordable rice	MT	2200	\$1.00	\$2,200.00
	Total 4				\$2,200.00
5	Operational				
	Operational cost of the project	Month	12	\$90.00	\$1,080.00
	<b>Grand total budget of the project</b>				<b>\$11,400.00</b>
6	Funding Sources				
	1) Week of Compassion				\$10,000.00
	2) KASEMA and GMIT staff time	This line item is an estimation of the monetary value of staff time. Both KASEMA and GMIT staff will contribute their time to this project.			\$1,400.00