Launching of First Stone Ceremony of Belola School
Belola, 07/May/2018

We arrived early to the site, so I took the liberty to record all the picture form the construction of the Belola school. They have finished digging the trench for the foundations, and the construction of the Belola school is reaching to 15% at the moment.
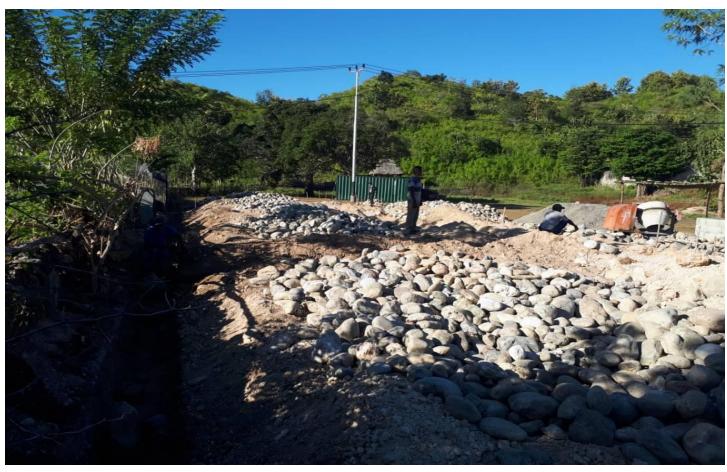
When everybody arrived, the ceremony was started. The ceremony was attended by:

- The Director of Ministry of the Education in Maliana Sr. Alcino Barreto
- The Secretary of Municipal President of Maliana Municipality Sr. Julio Caeiro.
- The Administrator of Balibo post Sr. Rogerio
- The Superintendent of Ministry of Education
- The Vice Commandant of the Balibo Police post Sr. Aniceto Maya
- Chief of the Village
- The community of Belola

Sr. Alcino Barreto, the Director of MOE was the one who led the ceremony.

The ceremony was started with greeting the guests by putting the Tais to their shoulder as symbol of welcoming them to the Belola community.

The Secretary of Municipal President of Maliana Municipality Sr. Julio Caeiro received his Tais

Maun Agostinho received Tais, represents Balibo House Trust and Spend It Well.

The Superintendent of Ministry of Education received his Tais.

The Vice Commandant of the Balibo Police post Sr. Aniceto Maya received his Tais.

The chief of the village received his Tais.

After the welcoming Tais, the local master was doing the traditional ceremony to bless the school.

After the cultural ceremony, we proceded to the main ceremony which was the Placement of the First Stone.

The workers were preparing the mortar and watering the trench for the laying.

Before the laying of the stones, the Secretary of Municipal President of Maliana Municipality Sr. Julio Caeiro and Maun Agostinho checking the size of the trenches to make sure it is constructed under the drawing.

After the checking they started laying the stones.

After the laying the stones, every honorable guest was delivering speech

Sr. Alcino Barreto in his speech said, he really appreciates that the International NGO such as Balibo House Trust and Spend it Well are working together to make this project happens and the Ministry of Education will make sure to provide the needs of the school such as Teachers and quality if education for the Belola School.

The superintendent, during his speech he said the Ministry of Education will make sure to provide the best teachers for the Belola school. And thanking the donors for making the school happens

Maun Agostinho delivering his speech and telling the story of how long he has been working with Spend it Well and produces many schools in other municipalities and the experience that they get together.

The Balibo post Administrator also delivered speech by thanking the Donors and telling the story how long the journey was and the process to get the Belola school to be constructed.

The vice commandant speech more focus to the parents and Belola community. He encourages the parents to encourage their children to always come to the school when the Belola school project is done and tells the Belola community to have to work together to look after the school during and after the construction.

The last speech was delivered by the Secretary of Municipal President of Maliana Municipality Sr. Julio Caeiro. Thanking the donors and asking the Belola community to utilize the building with care and to make sure that they are using the building for education purpose only so that the donors are happy knowing that their contribution is really helping the community.

After the speech delivering was done the ceremony was ended by everyone enjoying the finger foods that were prepared by the community.

When we about to leave to check the other potential needed school in Buileko village, children from Belola village were coming from school by walking and crossing the hills to their village.