

PUBLISIDADE: Open Letter from Donor to Topu Honis

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OPEN LETTER TO THE STAFF, CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT TOPU HONIS SHELTER HOMES

To the staff and children and young adults living at Topu Honis, Therese and I send our love and best wishes. It is over a year since we were last able to visit you all, we miss you and think of you every day.

My brother Greg visited Topu Honis with me once, maybe you still remember him, and he asked me earlier this year what were the 5 best days of my life, 2 of the best days of my life – quite long -- were spent at Topu Honis. There was the first trip I made there with Therese in 2015, it was a great experience meeting all of you for the first time – lots of fun and laughter lots of great memories from that trip, but particularly the time we spent at Kutet. The other best day of my life was the last trip we had in June last year where I got to drive the school bus at Mahata. The older kids were so happy, I remember going the wrong way around the roundabout so we did a few loops – you all laughed at me. They are great memories and great days in my life that I look back on with happiness, but also with sadness.

A lot has happened to your community in the past year and the sadness comes from the recent changes that have occurred at Topu Honis.

It is over 4 years now since Therese and I first visited Topu Honis and met Richard Daschbach and the mothers and children at Topu Honis. During that visit back in 2015 Richard introduced us to all of you and Therese and I decided that we would assist Richard in any way we could to make a better life for the Topu Honis Community. We agreed to provide additional financial support to Topu Honis so that improvements could be made to the health of the children. Since then every year, we have been providing financial support to Topu Honis on a regular basis.

Richard Daschbach did many, many good things, his work at Topu Honis and his service to Timor-Leste was recognised throughout the world, he was considered by all who met him to be a great man and a great humanitarian. I loved him as I do my brothers and my father. However he has betrayed the love and trust that the community of Topu Honis and people of Timor-Leste have bestowed upon him for so many years, and he has also betrayed the love and trust of all the people and organisations that have provided him and the Topu Honis community with ongoing financial support. I know this is true because Richard Daschbach told me what he did to the kids at Topu Honis.

Let me therefore tell you the truth as I know it:

In February 2018 I heard that Richard had been removed from Topu Honis by SVD in Dili. I needed to understand why and I was told that he had sexually abused young girls in his care. I emailed Richard asking him what had happened and he informed me that he was getting old and had decided to retire to the SVD home in Dili.

I initially found the accusations hard to believe, so I decided in April 2018 to visit Richard in Dili. During this visit I met with Richard on 3 separate occasions, on two of these occasions he admitted to me that he had sexually molested young girls in Kutet, that he had abused them and had done so for a long time. When I asked him if he felt any remorse for his actions he said NO, as he had always been that way. What he told me shocked me, it destroyed my love and respect for him. Not only did it disgust me that any man could abuse children under his care, but I knew immediately that his actions were not only evil but were also serious crimes.

Because what he told me affected so many young girls at Topu Honis, I had no option but to report what Richard had told me to the judicial authorities.

This is the truth - Richard told me these things and Lily Tarung was also there and heard what Richard said.

Richard's actions were a sin against God, were evil and were criminal. The Catholic Church in the Vatican has conducted an investigation and decided in November 2018 to expel him from the Catholic Church – Richard is no longer a catholic priest. He did not retire, he was dismissed as he was found to have sexually abused girls in Topu Honis. The criminal investigation into the abuses that he admitted to continues, which is why he has been arrested and removed from the Topu Honis community. None of these actions would be taken against Richard unless he had admitted to the crimes and there was significant evidence against him.

My decision was to report the conversations I had with Richard to the authorities so that justice can prevail and he can never again sexually abuse young girls in his care.

Following Richard's admission of sexual abuse, I had to take the difficult decision to stop funding Topu Honis. It was really hard to take this decision because I do not want the children of Topu Honis to be victims once again. I know that Topu Honis is your home and that you need the shelter and the support it gives. I did try to work with Lily Tarong on the hope that, since she also heard Richard confess to his crimes, she would take serious steps to protect the children of Topu Honis. But Lily's actions in supporting the return of Richard from SVD in Dili to Kutete (before his arrest by the police) and the regular visits to Maliana where he was sent by the Court, made it impossible to continue our financial support. I understand that other donors have also stopped support. It is normal for donors to stop support when it is revealed that abuses towards the children happened and when the institution does nothing to support and protect the children.

Therese and I and all supporters of Topu Honis love and respect each of you, all of you have shown us nothing but love and respect on all of our visits there. The love and respect you have shown us is returned to you many times over.

There is no blame and there should be no shame for any of you for what has happened – it is not your fault, only Richard is to blame for his actions. His actions are criminal and they are indefensible.

To all of the mothers in Topu Honis: I say to each of you that we all have a responsibility to ensure the safety of the children in our care. Each of us, myself included, failed to do this. I don't blame you or myself, but we as elders failed to protect our children from Richard – we should have done better and now we must acknowledge the truth of what has happened and we must do better in the future. Don't close your eyes and pretend that there are no serious allegations against Richard. Every person is capable of doing good and bad. I heard from Richard himself what he did abuse children in Topu Honis and I am sharing with you now. We need to support the children by showing solidarity, talking to them or helping them access services which can provide the support they need. These children and young people might not know that they need this kind of support and might even say that they do not need. But this is often the reaction of victims of abuse. By ignoring what has happened we are being accomplices of the abuses committed by Richard, which already resulted in dismissal from the church and arrest from the police.

To the children of Topu Honis [those currently living and those who lived in the past]: People do good things and people do bad things. What Richard told me he did to children in Topu Honis was really, really bad. Persons who do bad things need to be held responsible; that is why Richard was dismissed as a priest, arrested by the police and is now under investigation. One's age or the good things that they did in the past can never be an excuse to close your eyes to the bad things he did. The recognition of the bad things he did does not mean being ungrateful to the support you have received. While Richard was the one present living in Topu Honis, he did not provide all the support alone and many people were, in fact, supporting you and the community through Richard. The support you have received while living in Topu Honis does not mean that you owe Richard and you need to pay with your silence. What is wrong needs to be spoken out. It is not easy, but it is how Timor-Leste community lives, and only how, I trust, Topu Honis can have a truthful future.

Dear children and youngsters, when adults do sexual acts with children, the children can never be blamed. The law and the Church are clear that the one at blame is the adult who took advantage of the children. I have been hearing that some older Topu Honis children have been threatening and pressuring young girls not to talk about what happened in Richard's bedroom during many, many years. I do hope that is not true as it would be very sad to see that older brothers are not supporting their younger sisters.

Terese and I had no choice but to stop financial support to Topu Honis. We are still providing directly some financial support to one of you to conclude University and we are ready to provide support in the future. Please do not think that we are abandoning you. We will always be there to support you and we hope that you and Topu Honis can continue to be an important part of our lives. But we cannot continue providing financial support when nothing is done to protect the children and to support them.

To the entire local community: Topu Honis is part of your community and has given opportunities to your children, allowing them to study and to have a health life. Children are not in debit to anyone who supported them and should never be subject to abuse as an exchange for financial and shelter support. To think otherwise is simply to deny the basic humanity of the children of Oecusse. The evil acts of one person should not close the doors to continue supporting the children living at Topu Honis and provide future support to other children in need. We know that at time Topu Honis represented a real opportunity to support the children of Oecusse to succeed despite challenges. Even if Richard played a large role at Topu Honis and now has been taken away by authorities because of what he admitted he did to the children there, we have always thought that the community itself – you all together, caring for each other and respecting each other – can stay strong and can move to an even brighter future.

Therese and I have always cherished the time that we have been able to spend at Topu Honis and in Timor-Leste. Always we have felt welcomed and loved by all the people we have met and we have always tried to return this love.

Therese and I hope that Topu Honis can continue to operate, to continue to care for the women and children who seek shelter there and we hope and pray that never again will young girls in care anywhere in the world, but particularly at Topu Honis, be subjected to physical or sexual abuse.

Topu Honis can never be the same - too much trust has been betrayed, but it can survive and it can transition to be a better and safer haven for those in need. However, I believe that this transition can only occur by acknowledging what has happened in the past and building a future based on love and trust, a future that guarantees the safety of women and children who seek protection.

Therese and I and others that supported Topu Honis in the past would be prepared to provide financial support to you in the future if changes are implemented that guarantee the safety of the children, including having a professional management structure with experience on child care, a formal oversight body to monitor the functioning of the orphanage/shelter, and providing direct personal support to the young children who lived the last years in Topu Honis ensuring that they are not subject to any threats or fear.

There are a number of support organisations in Timor-Leste who can help you during the transition. I have spoken to Fokupers, a highly recognized civil society organization who support women and children, and they have agreed to be ready to provide some type of support to the girls and women, if you need/want. The Director, Sra. Maria José Guterres,

can be contacted at 7624 82 98. If also you want, you can contact me through Sr. Olívio Barros at 7689 17 24 and we can discuss how we can support you to move forward as an organization, leaving behind the past and involving others who can put the interest of the children as the highest priority.

I do wish to return to Topu Honis and look at your eyes and be able to see through them the bright future which you all will have ahead.

With Respect and Love,

Tony Hamilton

PUBLISIDADE: Surat nakloke husi Doador ba Topu Honis

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KARTA NAKLOKE BA FUNSIONÁRIU, LABARIK NO FOINSA'E SIRA IHA UMA-MAHON TOPU HONIS

Ba funsionáriu no mós labarik no foinsa'e sira ne'ebé hela iha Topu Honis, Therese ho hau hato'o ami-nia domin no felisidades. Liu tiha tinan ida ona dezde tempu ikus liubá ne'ebé ami konsege bele ba vizita imi hotu, ami sente saudades no hanoin beibeik imi loroloron.

Hau-nia irmaun Greg ne'ebé ba vizita Topu Honis dala ida ho hau, karik imi sei lembra nia, husu mai hau iha inísiu tinan ida-ne'e kona-ba saida mak loraon 5 ne'ebé kmanek iha hau-nia moris, 2 hosi loraon sira ne'ebé kmanek iha hau-nia moris – kleur ona uitoan – mak hau pasa ona iha Topu Honis. Iha viajen ida primeiru ne'ebé hau ho Therese halo iha tinan 2015, ne'e nu'udár esperiénsia ida kmanek tebes bainhira hasoru imi hotu ba primeiravés – nakonu ho ksolok no hamnasa, nakonu ho memórias furak hosi viajen ne'e, maibé partikularmente momentu ne'ebé mak ita pasa hamutuk iha Kutet. Loraon ida seluk ne'ebé kmanek iha hau-nia moris mak viajen ida ikus ne'ebé ami halo iha fulan Juñu tinan kotuk iha-ne'ebé hau tenke kaer bís eskola nian iha Mahata. Labarik boot sira kontente tebetebes, hau sei lembra katak hau halai sala tiha dalan iha rotunda nune'e ita tenke volta fali – imi hotu hamnasa hau. Sira-ne'e mak memórias kmanek no loraon hirak kmanek liu iha hau-nia moris ne'ebé hau hanoin hikas ho laran-ksolok, maibé mós ho tristeza.

Buat barak mak akontese ona ba imi-nia comunidade iha tinan kotuk no tristeza ne'e mai hosi mudansas resente ne'ebé mosu ona iha Topu Honis.

Liu tinan 4 ona dezde Therese ho hau halo vizita primeiravés ba Topu Honis no hasoru malu ho Richard Daschbach no mós ho inan no labarik sira iha Topu Honis. Durante vizita iha tinan 2015 nian ne'e Richard apresenta ami ba imi hotu-hotu no Therese ho hau decide katak ami sei tulun Richard ho kualkér maneira ne'ebé ami bele hodi fó moris ida di'akliu ba Komunitade Topu Honis. Ami konkorda atu fornese apoiu financeiru adisionál ba Topu Honis hodi nune'e bele halo melloria ba labarik sira-nia saúde. Hori tempu ne'ebá kedas, kada tinan, ami fornese apoiu financeiru ba Topu Honis ho baze ida regulár.

Richard Daschbach halo buat barak, buat di'ak barak, ninia obra iha Topu Honis no ninia servisu ba Timor-Leste rekoñesidu iha mundu tomak, ema hotu ne'ebé hasoru ona nia konsidera katak nia nu'udár ema-boot ida no umanitariu boot ida. Hau hadomi nia hanesan hadomi hau-nia maun no hau-nia aman. Maibé nia trai tiha ona fiar no konfiansa ne'ebé mak comunidade Topu Honis no povu Timor-Leste haraik ba nia iha tinan barak nia laran, no nia mós trai ona domin no konfiansa hosi ema hotu-hotu no organizaun sira ne'ebé fornese apoiu financeiru kontínua ba nia no comunidade Topu Honis. Hau hatene ida-ne'e loos duni tanba Richard Daschbach rasik mak hateten mai hau kona-ba saida mak nia halo ba labarik sira iha Topu Honis.

Ne'e-duni permite hau atu hateten lia-loos ba imi tuir hau-nia hatene:

Iha fulan Feveiriu 2018 hau rona katak SVD iha Dili hasai tiha ona Richard hosi Topu Honis. Hau presiza hatene loloos tansá no sira hateten mai hau katak nia halo ona abuzu seksuál ba foinsa'e feto sira ne'ebé nia tau-matan ba. Hau hakerek email ba Richard hodi husu-tuir ba nia kona-ba buat ne'ebé akontese no nia fó-hatene mai hau katak nia katuas badadaun ona no decide atu reforma hodi ba hela iha rezidénsia SVD nian iha Dili.

Foufoun susar tebes mai hau atu fiar ba akuzasaun sira-ne'e, ne'e-duni hau decide iha fulan Abril 2018 atu ba vizita Richard iha Dili. Durante vizita ida-ne'e, hau hasoru malu ho Richard iha okaziaun 3 ketaketak, iha okaziaun rua mak nia konfesa duni mai hau katak nia seksualmente haterus-hamoe foinsa'e feto sira iha Kutet, katak nia halo abuzu ba sira no halo ona ida-ne'e ba tempu ida naruk. Bainhira hau husu nia karik nia sente neon-sala ka lae ba ninia hahalok sira-ne'e, nia dehan LAE, nia sempre sente nune'e nafatin. Saida mak nia hateten mai hau ne'e halo hau hakfodak tebes, ida-ne'e harahun tiha hau-nia domin no respeito ba nia. Hahalok ida-ne'e la'ós deit halo hau sente hakribit katak kualkér mane ruma bele halo abuzu ba labarik sira ne'ebé mak nia tau-matan ba, maibé hau hatene tiha kedas katak ninia hahalok sira-ne'e la'ós deit buat aat maibé mós nu'udár crimes graves.

Tanba saida mak nia dehan mai hau ne'e afeta ona feto foinsa'e barak tebes iha Topu Honis, nune'e hau laiha tan opsaun seluk maibé atu halo denúnsia ba autoridade judisiál sira kona-ba buat ne'ebé mak Richard hateten ona mai hau.

Lia-loos mak ida-ne'e - Richard hato'o buat hirak-ne'e mai hau no Lily Tarung mós iha ne'ebá no rona rasik saida mak Richard hateten.

Richard nia hahalok sira-ne'e nu'udár pekadu ida hasoru Maromak, buat aat no kriminoza. Igreja Katólíka nian iha Vatikanu hala'o tiha ona investigasaun ida no decide iha fulan Novembru 2018 atu hasai nia hosi Igreja Katólíka – Richard la'ós ona amlulik. Nia la'ós reforma, maibé demitidu tanba deskobre katak nia halo ona abuzu seksuál ba labarik-feto sira iha Topu Honis. Investigasaun kriminál kontínua halo ba abuzu sira ne'ebé nia admiti ona, tanba ne'e-duni mak halo detensaun ba nia no mós hasai tiha nia hosi comunidade Topu Honis. Sei laiha medidas ruma ne'ebé mak foti hasoru Richard anaunsér bainhira nia konfesa duni kona-ba krime sira-ne'e no mós iha evidéncias significativa kontra nia.

Hau-nia desizaun hodi halo denúnsia ba konversas entre hau ho Richard ne'e ba autoridade sira atu nune'e justisa bele prevalese no nia nunka sei bele halo tan abuzu seksuál ba foinsa'e feto sira ne'ebé nia tau-matan ba.

Depoizde Richard nia konfisaun kona-ba abuzu seksuál ne'e, hau tenke foti desizaun ne'ebé difísil duni hodi hapara tiha finansiamentu ba Topu Honis. Susar tebetebes atu foti desizaun ida-ne'e tanba hau lakohi atu labarik sira iha Topu Honis sai vítimas dala ida tan. Hau hatene katak Topu Honis mak imi-nia uma no mós katak imi presiza duni hakmahan-fatin no apoiu ne'ebé nia fó. Hau koko duni atu serbisu hamutuk ho Lily Tarung ho esperansa katak, tanba nia mós rona rasik Richard konfesa kona-ba krime sira ne'ebé halo ona, entaun nia sei foti medidas sériu atu proteje labarik sira iha Topu Honis. Maibé Lily nia atuasaun sira ne'ebé apoia Richard atu fila hikas hosi SVD iha Dili hodi ba Kutete (molok polísia halo detensaun ba nia) no mós ninia vizita regulár sira ba Maliana iha-ne'ebé mak haruka nia ba iha Tribunál, halo sai imposível atu kontinua ho ami-nia apoiu finanseiru. Hau komprende katak doadór sira seluk mós hapara ona sira-nia apoiu. Ne'e buat ida normál ba doadór sira atu hapara apoiu bainhira revela ona katak abuzu ba labarik sira-ne'e akontese duni no mós bainhira instituisaun la foti medidas ruma atu suporta no proteje labarik sira.

Therese ho hau no apoiadór sira seluk Topu Honis nian hadomi no respeita imi ida-idak, imi hotu hatudu ona mai ami la'ós buat leet maibé domin no respeito iha ami-nia vizita hotu-hotu ba iha ne'ebá. Domin no respeito ne'ebé imi hatudu ona ne'e liu dala barak tebes fó fila hikas ba imi. **La'ós atu fó-kulpa no tuir loloos la'ós atu hamoe imi ruma ba buat ne'ebé akontese ona – ne'e la'ós imi-nia salan, só Richard deit mak sai kulpadu ba ninia hahalok sira. Ninia hahalok sira-ne'e kriminál no indefensível.**

Ba inan hotu-hotu iha Topu Honis: Hau dehan ba imi ida-idak katak ita hotu-hotu iha responsabilidade ida atu garante seguransa hosi labarik sira ne'ebé mak ita tau-matan ba. Ita ida-idak, inklui hau rasik, la konsege halo ida-ne'e. Hau la fó-kulpa ba imi ka ba hau-nia an rasik, maibé ita nu'udár katuas-ferik la konsege atu proteje ita-nia oan sira hosi Richard –ita devia halo buat ne'ebé di'akliu no agora ita tenke rekoñese verdade kona-ba buat ne'ebé akontese ona no ita tenke halo di'akliu iha futuro. Keta taka imi-nia matan no halo finji katak laiha alegasasun forte hasoru Richard. Ema hotu-hotu iha kapasidade atu halo buat di'ak no aat. Hau rona rasik hosi Richard katak nia halo duni abuzu ba labarik sira iha Topu Honis no agora daudaun hau fahe ho imi hotu. Ita presiza suporta labarik sira liuhosi hatudu solidariedade, ko'alia ba sira ka ajuda sira hodi asesu ba servisu sira ne'ebé bele fornese apoiu ne'ebé sira presiza. Labarik no foinsa'e sira-ne'e karik lahatene katak sira presiza duni apoiu ida hanesan ne'e no dalaruma bele dehan tan katak sira la presiza. Maibé dalabarak ida-ne'e mak reasaun hosi vítima sira abuzu nian. Bainhira ita ignora buat ne'ebé akontese ona, ne'e katak ita sai sala-maluk hosi abuzu sira ne'ebé Richard halo tiha ona, ne'ebé mak rezulta ona iha ninia demisaun hosi igreja no detensaun hosi polísia.

Ba labarik sira iha Topu Honis [sira ne'ebé mak agora daudaun sei hela iha ne'ebá no mós sira seluk ne'ebé uluk hela iha ne'ebá]: Ema sempre halo buat di'ak no mós ema sempre halo buat aat. Buat ne'ebé Richard hateten mai hau katak nia halo ona hasoru labarik sira iha Topu Honis ne'e aat duni, no aat tebetebes. Ema sira ne'ebé halo buat aat ne'e tenke responsabiliza sira-nia hahalok; tan ne'e mak Richard demitidu hosi amlulik, hetan detensaun hosi polísia no agora daudaun tuir hela investigasaun. Ema ida nia idade ka buat di'ak sira ne'ebé mak sira halo ona iha pasadu ne'e sei nunka bele sai justifikasaun ida atu taka imi-nia matan ba buat aat ne'ebé nia halo. Rekoñesimentu ba buat aat sira ne'ebé nia halo tiha ona ne'e la signifika katak atu nega fali apoiu ne'ebé mak imi simu ona. Maske Richard mak ema ne'ebé iha ne'ebá no hela iha Topu Honis, maibé nia la fornese mesak apoiu sira-ne'e hotu no ema barak mak, realmente, suporta imi no comunidade liuhosi Richard. Apoiu ne'ebé mak imi hetan ona durante hela iha Topu Honis la signifika katak imi deve ba Richard no imi presiza selu ho imi-nia silénsiu. Buat ne'ebé sala tenke ko'alia sai. Ne'e la'ós fasil, maibé ida-ne'e mak maneira moris comunidade nian iha Timor-Leste, no ho maneira ne'e deit mak, hau fiar, Topu Honis bele hetan futuro ida ho laran-moos.

Labarik no foinsa'e sira mak hau hadomi, bainhira ema adultu sira halo hahalok seksuál ho labarik sira, kulpa ne'e nunka duun ba labarik sira. Lei no Igreja hatuur momoos ona katak ida be kulpa ne'e mak ema adultu ne'ebé aproveita ka foti vantajen hosi labarik sira. Hau rona ona katak labarik boot balun iha Topu Honis ameasa no fó presau ba foinsa'e fetu sira atu labele ko'alia sai kona-ba buat ne'ebé akontese iha Richard nia kuartu laran iha tinan barak nia laran. Hau espera katak ida-ne'e laloos tanba selae triste tebetebes bainhira haree maun sira la suporta sira-nia feton sira ne'ebé sei ki'ik.

Therese ho hau laiha tan opsaun seluk alende atu hapara tiha apoiu finanseiru ba Topu Honis. Ami sei nafatin diretamente fó apoiu finanseiru ruma ba imi nain hira ne'e ida atu remata Universidade no ami prontu nafatin atu fó apoiu iha aban-bainrua. Favór keta hanoin katak ami abandona tiha ona imi. Ami sempre prontu nafatin atu suporta imi no ami espera katak imi no Topu Honis bele sai nafatin parte importante ida hosi ami-nia moris. Maibé ami labele kontinua fó apoiu finanseiru se bainhira laiha medidas ruma ne'ebé foti atu proteje labarik sira no mós atu suporta sira.

Ba comunidade lokál tomak: Topu Honis ne'e parte hosi imi-nia comunidade no fó ona oportunidade ba imi-nia oan sira, permite sira atu eskola no hetan moris ida saudável. Labarik sira laiha tusan ba ema ruma ne'ebé suporta ona sira no sei nunka bele sai vítima ba abuzu hodi troka ka selu fali ba apoiu finanseiru no hakmahan-fatin ne'ebé sira hetan. Se ita hanoin ho forma kontráriu ne'e simplesmente signifika katak ita nega tiha umanidade bázika hosi labarik Oecusse oan sira. Hahalok aat hosi ema ida nian sei labele taka odamatan atu kontinua fó apoiu ba labarik sira ne'ebé hela iha Topu Honis no mós atu fornese apoiu iha aban-bainrua ba labarik sira ne'ebé presiza. Ami hatene katak iha tempu ida Topu Honis reprezenta duni oportunidade réal ida atu suporta labarik Oecusse oan sira hodi hetan susesu apezarde

dezafiu sira. Mezmu karik Richard hala'o ona knaar ida boot iha Topu Honis no agora daudaun autoridade sira hasai ona nia tanba buat hirak ne'ebé nia konfesa katak nia halo duni ona hasoru labarik sira iha ne'ebá, maibé ami sempre hanoin katak comunidade ne'e rasik – imi hotu-hotu, kuidadu ba malu no respeita malu – bele sai forte no bele hakat ba futuru ida ne'ebé naroman liutan.

Therese ho hau sempre apresia tempu ne'ebé mak ami konsege pasa ona iha Topu Honis no mós iha Timor-Leste. Ami sempre sente katak ema hotu-hotu ne'ebé ami hasoru simu ona ami ho laran-di'ak no domin no ami sempre koko nafatin atu fila hikas ba domin ida-ne'e.

Therese ho hau espera katak Topu Honis bele funsiona nafatin, hodi kontinua tau matan ba fetu no labarik sira ne'ebé buka hakmahan-fatin iha ne'ebá no mós ami espera no reza katak sei nunka iha tan foinsa'e fetu sira iha fatin ne'ebé deit iha mundu, maibé partikularmente iha Topu Honis, sai tan vítima ba abuzu fíziku ka seksuál.

Topu Honis sei nunka bele sai hanesan ne'e nafatin – konfiansa barak tebes mak sai traída, maibé bele sobrevive no bele iha tranzisaun ba hakmahan-fatin ida ne'ebé di'akliu no seguru liu ba ema sira ne'ebé presiza duni. Maibé, hau fiar katak tranzisaun ida-ne'e só bele akontese bainhira ita rekoñese buat saida mak akontese ona iha pasadu no harii futuru ida ne'ebé bazeia ba domin no konfiansa, futuru ida ne'ebé garante seguransa ba fetu no labarik sira ne'ebé buka protesau.

Therese ho hau no mós maluk sira seluk ne'ebé fó ona apoiu ba Topu Honis iha pasadu sei prontu nafatin atu hafó apoiu financeiru ba imi iha aban-bainrua se bainhira aplika duni mudansa sira ne'ebé garante labarik sira-nia seguransa, inklui estabeselese estrutura jestaun ida profisionál ne'ebé ho esperiénsia ba kuidadu labarik nian, órgaun supervizaun ida formál atu monitoriza funsionamentu orfanatu/uma-mahon nian, no fornese apoiu pesoál direta ba labarik foinsa'e sira ne'ebé hela iha Topu Honis iha tinan hirak ikus ne'e hodi garante katak sira sei la sai vítima ba kualkér ameasa ka ta'uk.

Iha organizasaun apoiu lubuk ida iha Timor-Leste ne'ebé bele ajuda imi durante tranzisaun ne'e. Hau ko'alia ona ho Fokupers, organizasaun sosiedade sivíl ida rekoñesidu tebetebes ne'ebé fó apoiu ba feto no labarik sira, no sira konkorda atu prontu hodi hafó tipu apoiu balun ba labarik-feto no mós feto sira, se imi presiza/hakarak. Bele liga ba ninia Diretora, Sra. Maria José Guterres, liuhosi número 7624 82 98. Se karik imi mós hakarak, entaun imi bele kontaktu ba hau liuhosi Sr. Olívio Barros iha número 7689 17 24 no ita bele diskute kona-ba oinsá mak ami bele suporta imi hodi hakat ba oin nu'udár organizasaun ida, husik hela pasadu iha kotuk no envolve ema sira seluk ne'ebé bele tau labarik sira-nia interese iha prioridade ne'ebé aas liuhotu.

Hau hakarak duni atu fila hikas ba Topu Honis no hateke ba imi-nia matan laran no bele haree liuhosi matan sira-ne'e futuru ida naroman ne'ebé imi hotu sei hetan iha loron aban.

Ho Respeitu no Domin,

Tony Hamilton