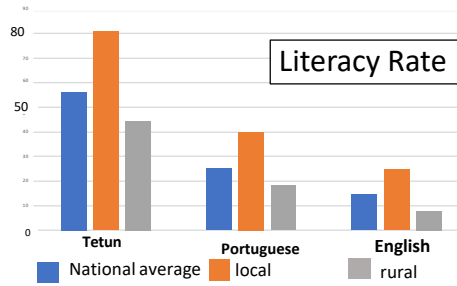


Our Educational Experiment with "KARUTA" to Boost Up Kids' Motivation to Attain Literacy in East Timor

1. Background

East Timor was occupied by Portugal, Japan, Indonesia. After these occupations, East Timor became officially independent in 2002.



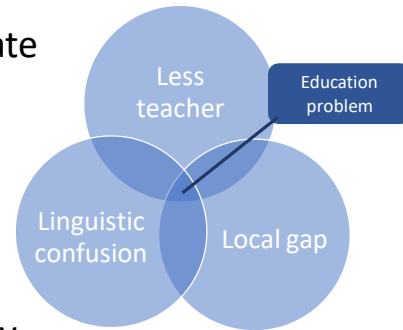
2. Focus

➤ **Low literacy rate** ... Especially in rural areas, the literacy rate is extremely lower than urban areas.

→ **Reason** The number of teachers is not enough.

➤ **Education problem** ...The government makes people learn Portuguese at school though they don't use Portuguese in their daily life.

→ **In consequence**...The chance of learning Tetun is deprived by the educational institution.



3. Solution **KARUTA!!** Tetun



Merit of KARUTA

- Can learn reading, spelling, listening at the same time.
- Can play anytime or anywhere
- Can learn easily and simply
- Can learn while enjoying

4. Reaction



5. Conclusion

- It is possible for children to learn by themselves positively
- We confirmed children can get chances to study without adults.
- Unconsciously, younger children can learn words and begin to play with older children.

Improvement

- Categorizing into each theme like agriculture, animals, foods
- Indicate stroke order

The future of rural East Timor depends on the children's passion and engagement with education.