Centre for International Health

-Conversation Series 2007-

“Food Insecurity and Infant & Young Child Malnutrition in East Timor”

MIH student Tanya Wells-Brown will present the first CIH conversation series for 2007.

When: 16th March 2007
Time: 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm
Venue: Divisional Boardroom Building 400:405

The presentation

Tanya will discuss issues surrounding infant and young child feeding in Timor Leste, taking into consideration the current food insecurity situation. She will present figures of malnutrition from studies conducted by OXFAM, CARE and Concern. Current practices in infant and young child feeding, programmes in place to combat infant and young child feeding, & the status of the breastfeeding code will also be described. Tanya will finally report on proposed research by Ministry of Health and Trials of Improved Practice (TIPS) to improve child malnutrition in the country.

About the presenter

Master of International Health student, Ms Tanya Wells-Brown is a physiotherapist who has worked in England, Western Australia (including rural Australia), Brazil and East Timor. In 2004, she worked as a volunteer with ASSERT: a local NGO based in East Timor, which focused on disability and advocacy in East Timor. In 2005, she assisted with a project in public schools in two regions of Brazil. Through her experiences Tanya has developed a keen interest in international health especially Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition. Since mid-2006, she has been an AVI (Australian Volunteers International) working in the area of maternal and child malnutrition in East Timor. Tanya was evacuated from East Timor last week due to the current crisis in the country and will return on Monday. This presentation is based on her recent work experiences.