As a social issue advocate, the one thread connecting Joana’s wide interest is her passion in engaging and empowering youth in East Timor. From her activism in human rights, justice, freedom, and democracy to the environment and entrepreneurship, Joana always strives to carry the voice of East Timorese youth. She is also an active member of the Timor-Leste Youth for Peace Organisation aiming to strengthen peace and conserve the environment and the co-founder to Gen-Z Talk Timor-Leste, a community and platform for young people to come together to express their views on political, economical and social issues in Timor-Leste. She is passionate about advocating social issues especially human rights, social entrepreneurship, and economic development. She has been advocating for social issues both in the country and at the regional level.