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The issue of oversight and amendment to the Law on Lifelong Pensions was a concern raised by community members during training on democracy and the legislative process in Nipane Village, Oecusse

On 12 September 2013 the Parliament Watch Project (PWP) of JSMP provided training to community members in Nipane Village, Pante Makasar Sub-District, Oecusse District. This training discussed issues related to democracy, the law making process and the role of sovereign organs of the State.

There were 30 participants, comprising 5 women and 25 men. The participants included village authorities, representatives from women's groups, students, youth as well as several members of the community.

“This training was part of ongoing JSMP activities intended to increase the knowledge of the community about democracy and the law making process, including the provision of general information about the role and relationship between the sovereign institutions of Timor-Leste,” said the Executive Director of JSMP Luis de Oliveira Sampaio.

The Village Chief of Nipane, Anselmo Colo, on behalf of the local community in his welcoming address expressed his gratitude to JSMP for providing important information to his village, which will increase the knowledge of community members about the role of all of the State institutions in Timor-Leste.

The participants were very enthusiastic to receive this training and they requested for JSMP to convey their demands to the National Parliament. They requested for the members of parliament to conduct oversight down to the sub-village and village level to find out about the obstacles and challenges that they are facing in their day to day lives, including demands for parliament to promptly amend the Law on Lifelong Pensions in accordance with the promises they made during party campaigns leading up to the parliamentary election.

At the end of the training session a number of training manuals were given to the participants to be distributed to other community members who did not attend the training. JSMP also informed the participants that on 10 October 2013 JSMP will organize a national seminar in Dili and will invite their representatives to meet with MPs.

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