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JSMP facilitates training for community members in Dai-Sua Village, Manufahi District

On 15 August 2013 the Judicial System Monitoring Programme (JSMP) through its Legal Research Unit conducted a training activity to promote a program entitled "justice for all" in Dai-Sua Village, Manufahi District.

The participants in this training included village authorities such as Village Chiefs, Sub-Village Chiefs and Village administrative officers as well as customary elders, youth and members of the community. There were 30 participants in the training, comprising 15 women and 15 men.

The materials delivered in the training encompassed human rights, the Timor-Leste justice system, the role of judicial actors like judges and prosecutors and the special types of legal aid activities and services provided by public defenders and private lawyers as well as the role of the police as investigators, the concept of ordinary crimes and crimes on complaint, the rights and responsibilities of defendants and victims in the criminal process based on the applicable law. In addition, other important information dealt with types of crimes in general.

"Many people in the remote areas do not have knowledge about the law and how to access the formal justice system and have their cases resolved. Therefore, these activities are really important to convey legal information to the people in remote areas to increase their knowledge and to increase the people's trust in the formal justice system", said the Executive Director of JSMP, Luis de Oliveira Sampaio.

Alexandrinho Tilman, the Village Chief of Dai-Sua, in his welcoming address stated that he was very grateful because his village had been chosen as the recipient of legal training.

He also stated that the training on the law is really important so that they can understand how a case can be resolved and can tell the difference between which cases can be resolved at the village level and which cases must be taken to the formal justice system. Before he finished his address he requested for the participants to stay until the end of training and he asked the participants to help pass on the information obtained in the training to other residents in the Village who were unable to attend the training.

During the training the participants really wanted to know about the material that was being delivered and expressed their gratitude to JSMP for sharing the information with them because

previously they had no knowledge or had never heard about the material before.

JSMP also distributed 180 copies of a training manual on “justice for all”. The distribution of this manual was intended to enable the recipients to then share the information with other members of the community in their village.

Each participant was given six copies of the manual to be passed on to other members of their village.

JSMP hopes that through efforts like this not only the 30 participants will gain knowledge about the material provided during the training, but that the information would be shared with other members of the community.

Based on the existing plan the same training will be carried out in September 2013 in Oecusse District.

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