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JSMP organizes training on justice for all in Costa Village, Oecusse District

On 14 September 2013 the Judicial System Monitoring Programme (JSMP) through its Legal Research Unit and Outreach Unit gave training in Costa Village, Oecusse District with the aim of raising people's awareness about the formal justice system in Timor-Leste.

The participants in this training included village authorities such as the sub-village chief, customary elders, women and youth representatives. There were 30 participants, comprising 19 men and 11 women.

The materials delivered during the training included efforts to promote justice for all from a human rights perspective, the formal law in Timor-Leste, types of crimes according to the positive law and how to access the formal justice system as a defendant or a victim of a crime.

“This training is really important to increase the knowledge of the local authorities at the village level and other important people such as youth groups regarding the legal process in cases involving gender based violence in accordance with the legal system of Timor-Leste as well as considering their involvement in deliberations regarding how to increase justice for all” said the Director of JSMP, Luis de Oliveria Sampaio.

The Village Chief Costa Aleixo Abi in his opening and closing speeches stated that he was very appreciative of this training program. In addition he also thanked JSMP for conducting the training in his village and for sharing legal information with the local community. At the same time he also asked JSMP to continue similar training in other villages and sub-villages because many community members don't have a good understanding how to access formal justice.

During this training session JSMP observed that the participants showed that they were very interested in participating actively by asking questions and sharing their own day to day experiences.

The participants stated this was the first time that they had received this type of training. Therefore they were very happy and expressed their appreciation to JSMP for providing the training and sharing other important legal information.

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