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JSMP will organise a get-together for female professionals in the justice sector

On the evening of 15 November 2013 JSMP will organize a get-together for female legal professionals at the Tower, Fatuhada, Comoro, Dili.

This is the first activity organized by JSMP to bring together female legal professionals so they can exchange their views and experiences and perhaps discuss the challenges they face in carrying out their functions in their respective areas of the justice sector and the legal profession.

This activity will allow female actors in the justice sector and the legal profession to come together to contribute and strengthen and consolidate advocacy networks in relation to efforts to eradicate gender based violence.

In addition, this activity is an initial effort aimed at strengthening the collective energy between female legal professionals and actors in the justice sector such as judges, prosecutors, public defenders and private lawyers as well as other members of the formal justice sector who are part of the legal profession.

“Gender based violence is an extremely complex form of violence as it encompasses a variety of understandings, interests and traditional practices in Timor-Leste. Therefore, in order to tackle these challenges what is required is collective energy and efforts through a range of approaches to harmonize existing concepts and perceptions in the context of opposing gender based violence in Timor Leste”, said the Executive Director of JSMP, Luis de Oliveira Sampaio.

Even though this activity is quite informal, JSMP would like to utilize the opportunity to introduce facts and findings obtained through JSMP monitoring activities and analysis/research carried out by JSMP in each of the courts, regarding women’s access to the courts as victims of gender based violence. This information includes the challenges that victims face, as well as the capacity of the legal institutions to provide protection and ensure justice for them.

In addition, through this opportunity JSMP also wishes to express its gratitude and praise the excellent contribution and cooperation between JSMP and female judicial actors in 2013.

It is hoped that this get-together will be attended by female judges, prosecutors, private lawyers, public defenders, and those attending training at the Legal Training Centre, as well as members of women’s groups who are involved in the legal profession.

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