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Local leaders in Casbauk Village are happy with the dissemination of legal information that was carried out by JSMP in their village

On 23 January 2014 the Outreach Unit and the Legal Research Unit of the Judicial System Monitoring Programme (JSMP) organized Training on access to formal justice in Casabauk Village, Tilomaar Sub-district, Covalima District.

This training was attended by members of the village administrative structure such as the Village Chief, Sub-Village Chief, elders, women and youth representatives. There were 30 participants in the training, comprising 15 women and 15 men.

The training materials covered human rights, the role and competencies of court actors such as judges, prosecutors, private lawyers and public defenders, the police, types of crimes as well as how criminal cases are dealt with through the formal justice system.

“This training for community leaders is part of a commitment from JSMP to disseminate legal information to community leaders at all levels. As they are the main actors who live side by side with the community and understand the real circumstances that exist in their village, it is therefore hoped that this training will contribute to the community by enabling them to handle conflict in accordance with the existing formal mechanisms”, said the Executive Director of JSMP, Luis Oliveira Sampaio.

The Village Chief of Casabauk, Mr. Quintino Cardoso in his welcoming speech expressed his happiness and gratitude towards JSMP for providing the training to his village. He used this opportunity to request for all of the participants, and especially the local leaders, to pay attention and prioritize this training activity, and he also stated that after the training the participants have the important responsibility of passing on the information to other members of the community who have not yet had an opportunity to obtain this important information.

The participants were very active and demonstrated their interest in gaining an in-depth knowledge of the training materials. They also recommended for the same training to be carried out in their village and other villages.

JSMP has a plan to carry out similar training on 28 January 2014 in Lautem District.

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