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**JSMP organizes training on justice for all at the Maliana Senior High School No. 1**

On 8 May 2014 the Legal Research Unit (LRU) and Outreach Unit of the Judicial System Monitoring Programme (JSMP) provided training to students of Maliana Senior High School No. 1, in Bobonaro District. This training aimed to increase the students' knowledge of how the formal law functions in accordance with the laws in force.

The training was attended by 30 students, comprising 12 boys and 18 girls.

The material delivered in the training related to the formal legal system, with a particular focus on human rights, the formal laws that are in force in Timor-Leste, categories of crimes and how defendants or victims can access the formal law.

*“JSMP felt the need to continue disseminating legal information to students because they are often vulnerable to violence and they don't know how to have their cases processed in accordance with the formal law. This training is critical in increasing their knowledge about sexual violence, gender based violence and other crimes, as well as how to access the formal legal system,”* said the Director of JSMP, Luis de Oliveira Sampaio.

The Principal of Maliana High School No. 1, Mr. Juvencio de Jesus, when opening and closing the training expressed his appreciation to JSMP for conducting this activity. He stated that students are the future of the nation and they need to know how the legal system works and how it can be applied in their daily lives.

JSMP noted that during the training the students showed their interest and actively and energetically asked questions and shared their own experiences. They stated that this training on the formal law was something new for them. Therefore, they were very happy and expressed their appreciation for this training initiative provided by JSMP which included the dissemination of this important legal information.

This training activity was made possible with the funding support of Australian Aid through its Ending Violence against Women program.

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