



## JUDICIAL SYSTEM MONITORING PROGRAMME

## PROGRAMA DE MONITORIZAÇÃO DO SISTEMA JUDICIAL

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### **Residents from Loi Lubo Village enthusiastically participate in training provided by JSMP on access to formal justice**

On 19 February 2014 the Legal Research Unit (LRU) and the Outreach Unit of the Judicial System Monitoring Programme (JSMP) conducted Training in Loi Lubo Village, Vemase Sub-District, Baucau District. The training was attended by Village Chiefs, Sub-Village Chiefs, representatives from women's groups and several people representing the aforementioned Village. 30 participants attended the training, comprising 10 males and 20 females.

Previously when an approach was made to offer this training the community leaders and members of the village council demonstrated their enthusiasm for the training.

Just like training that has been provided in other districts, the training materials focused on human rights, the roles of judges, prosecutors, private lawyers and public defenders, the classifications of crimes and how citizens can have criminal cases processed through the formal justice system.

*“This training is important as it provides information to community members, through their leaders, about the formal justice system, to help them deal with any crimes that occur in their village communities,”* said the Executive Director of JSMP, Luis de Oliveira Sampaio.

During his opening and closing speech, the Village Chief of Loi Lubo, Laurentinho da Costa, stated that, *“on behalf of the people in this village, I would like to thank JSMP for coming here and sharing important information about the law and human rights, and relevant legal issues relating to the formal justice sector”*.

He also added that the community leaders felt that this training was really beneficial for them, as it has provided them with some references on how to deal with cases.

The participants in the training demonstrated their enthusiasm and a high level of interest in understanding the materials that were delivered. This was evident during the training because the participants actively asked questions when they didn't completely understand some of the information conveyed by the facilitator.

In addition, the participants also hoped that this was not the end of the training, and they wanted some more training in the future, because at the Sub-Village level or in remote areas it is very difficult to access information about the formal justice system.

The secretary of the local village, Mrs. Maria, also recommended for JSMP to continue conducting these activities about the law and justice so that they could improve their understanding.

This training activity was made possible through the financial support of the Embassy of Canada in Jakarta-Indonesia.

Based on the existing schedule, on 27 February 2014 the final training session in this program will be conducted in Viqueque District.

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