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JSMP delivers training at Malere Senior High School in Aileu

On 22 January 2015 the Judicial System Monitoring Programme (JSMP) organized training on “access to formal justice” for students at the Malere Senior High School, Aileu District.

30 people participated in this training, comprising 20 women and 10 men.

The training material covered domestic violence offences based on the Law Against Domestic Violence and the Penal Code, with a particular focus on crimes characterized as domestic violence in accordance with Article 35 of the Law Against Domestic Violence, and how to process cases of domestic violence in accordance with the formal justice system. In addition, this training covered the roles of the judge, prosecutor, public defender, private lawyer and police as central pillars of the justice sector.

“JSMP was asked to disseminate legal information to the students about domestic violence to build and increase their knowledge in a school setting so they know that domestic violence is a public crime. This is important because they now have enough information to help them prevent this crime in the future,” said the Executive Director of JSMP, Luis de Oliveira Sampaio.

In his opening speech, the Deputy Principal of the School, Natalino dos Santos, expressed gratitude to JSMP for sharing information about the formal justice system in their school.

In addition, he added that JSMP can help increase the students' understanding about justice because to date they have rarely received information about the law and this training is their first opportunity to find out about the administration of formal justice.

During the training the students were very active and demonstrated their interest in the training by seeking clarification and asking questions of the facilitator about domestic violence, sexual violence and the difference between public crimes and semi-public crimes. In addition, the students also asked about the roles of justice actors such as prosecutors, public defenders and private lawyers.

In his closing speech, the Deputy Principal of the School requested that participants spread information to other students and also to members of the community.

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