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Civil Society discusses submission on Women and Children's issues

On 20 February 2015 JSMP and ALFeLa organized a meeting between members of civil society to discuss a submission made by JSMP and ALFeLa to the National Parliament titled 'Amending the Penal Code to better protect women and children'. The meeting started with JSMP and ALFeLa expressing their appreciation to the members of civil society who were taking part in this meeting.

This meeting aimed to bring together ideas and support from members of civil society in relation to advocacy to relevant institutions on the submission to National Parliament. In addition, a plan of action for advocacy on women and children's issues prepared by JSMP and ALFeLa was discussed.

The meeting was attended by the members of civil society and relevant institutions including Fokupers, Casa Vida, Fundasaun Alola, the National Commission on Children's Rights, Raes Hadomi Timor Oan, Rede Feto, MHWF, ALFeLa and JSMP.

"JSMP and ALFeLa thank the members of civil society for participating in this meeting to hear the recommendations of JSMP and ALFeLa. It is really important for civil society to work together to improve the lives of women and children in Timor-Leste. Through joint efforts, we will be better able to influence the authorities to formulate good policy," said the Executive Director of JSMP, Luis de Oliveira Sampaio.

After the executive summary of the submission was presented by JSMP and ALFeLa, the participants expressed their opinions during the discussion.

In addition, they also expressed their appreciation and congratulated JSMP and ALFeLa for starting this process as they believe that this is an important issue and requires our mutual support. The representatives from civil society who were present in this meeting thought that their organizations would give their full support to this effort because they believe that these concerns are also concerns of their organizations.

After the meeting with civil society, JSMP and ALFeLa will have a meeting with the Women's Caucus of the Timor-Leste Parliament, Committee A of the National Parliament, and The National Commission on Children's Rights.

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