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**Students from the Public High School Dom Boa Ventura in Same believe that training given by JSMP on the Rights of the Child and Access to Formal Justice is important**

On 5 October 2017 JSMP conducted training for Students from the Dom Boaventura Public High School, in Holarua Village, Same Sub-District, Manufahi District on the rights of the child and access to formal justice.

This training was attended by 30 students in year I, II and III of high school, comprising 16 girls and 14 boys.

The materials presented in the training related to rights of the child, relevant State institutions that have obligations to protect children, child protection according to international law, as well as the concept of crimes against children. In addition, JSMP also introduced the role of Judges, Prosecutors, Public Defenders, Private Lawyers and the Police.

“This training is really important because the sharing of information to students about the rights of the child in the formal justice process will increase their knowledge about formal justice procedures, particularly the rights of children who need to be protected by their parents and the State,” said Luis de Oliveira, Executive Director of JSMP.

Julio Lazario Oliveira, Principal of the Dom Boa Ventura Public School, expressed his gratitude to JSMP, because the materials provided by JSMP to the students were new topics for the students. Therefore he asked JSMP to continue the training in the future.

During the training the students demonstrated a strong desire and motivation to learn about the rights of the child according to the legal framework of Timor-Leste and the obligations of parents and the State to protect children.

The students demonstrated a strong interest in knowing about the roles of each judicial actor in the formal justice sector, especially the roles of judges, prosecutors and public defenders or lawyers during proceedings at the court.

The students were very active in the question and answer session, because they considered this training to be very important for them, because this training will increase their knowledge about formal justice, especially regarding the rights of the child.

This training was made possible due to the financial support of the Canadian Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia.

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