



*Press Release*

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### **JSMP provides training to the Luzeiro NGO which provides services to the Lautem District**

On 28/04/2011, the Women's Justice Unit (WJU) of JSMP provided legal training to the Luzeiro NGO and its partners who have been providing assistance to victims of gender based violence in Lautem District.

The theme of this training was "How female victims are dealt with in the Penal Code and Criminal Procedure Code as well as the Law Against Domestic Violence". *This training activity was made possible due to financial assistance provided by AusAid.*

The acting Director of JSMP, Casimiro dos Santos, stated that the aim of this training was to raise the awareness of staff working with the Luzeiro NGO and its partners about the applicable law, in particular the Law Against Domestic Violence, the Penal Code and the Criminal Procedure Code, so that this NGO and all of its partners can provide the best possible assistance to victims of gender based violence, in accordance with the applicable law.

The Director of the Luzeiro NGO in his welcoming speech stated that "*the Luzeiro NGO would like to express its deep gratitude to JSMP for the training provided to increase the legal knowledge of all of our staff and at the same time strengthen our networks with partners to provide protection to victims in Lautem District.*" He also added that they hoped that JSMP would be available to provide other relevant training in the future.

The participants included members of the network of partners who provide assistance to victims of gender based violence, and included staff from the Luzeiro NGO, Child Protection Officers (OPL/MSS) in Lautem District, Health Professionals, the Seraphine Institute etc.

JSMP acknowledges that the only way that we can achieve our goal of reducing gender based violence in Timor-Leste and helping victims to access the formal justice process is by all working together with the government, civil society and all other organizations.

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