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District Level Seminar
**“Two years since the Law Against Domestic Violence entered into force:
Progress and Challenges”**

JSMP will conduct national seminars in two districts. The first seminar will be held in Liquica District on 17 August and the second one will be held in Ermera District on 24 August 2012. These seminars will focus on **“Two years since the Law Against Domestic Violence entered into force: Progress and Challenges”**.

These seminars aim to encourage active public involvement, through the local competent authorities, including representatives from the church, to be part of collective and ongoing efforts aimed at reducing domestic violence which continues to prevail across the entire territory of Timor Leste.

This concept and approach was formulated to involve all elements of society so they could be involved in the process of raising public awareness about how to eradicate domestic violence in all districts.

“The Police, the local authorities, the church and other relevant NGOs are strategic partners in eradicating domestic violence in the community. Therefore, a crucial step is to engage in efforts to strengthen institutional links with the aforementioned entities” said the Executive Director of JSMP, Luis de Oliveira Sampaio.

JSMP will continue to engage in all efforts possible to organize seminars in other districts. These efforts aim to increase the knowledge and understanding of community figures and village leaders about domestic violence and its impact on national development.

There will be about 150 people participating in these seminars, comprising local authorities, the police, the church, local NGOs, teachers, students and representatives of the local media in the districts. Those invited to take part in a discussion panel will include the district administrator, the district police commander, the VPU of the police, representatives from the Catholic church, NGOs working towards the cause of women and JSMP itself.

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