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## JSMP receives US\$275,000.00 from UNDEF to promote access to justice in Timor-Leste

From 2013 JSMP will receiveUS\$275,000.00 of financial support from UNDEF (The United Nations Democracy Fund) over two years (2013-2014). This fund will support JSMP's programs in the area of promoting the public's access to the formal justice system.

This program will be achieved by improving public understanding of and confidence in the formal justice system. This fund gurantees JSMP's program in the future, particularly over the next two years.

"JSMP is grateful to receive this support because it will continue to strengthen JSMP's work of overseeing the functioning of the justice system and democracy in Timor-Leste," said Luis de Oliveira Sampaio, Executive Director JSMP.

This fund will support JSMP's Legal Research Unit and Parliament Watach Program to monitor the courts and the National Parliament.

In addition, it willsupport legal education in rural communities in 6 Districts - Ainaro, Baucau, Ermera, Liquiça, Manufahi and Oe-Cusse. JSMP believes that UNDEF's support will help JSMPto continue its workof promoting justice for all.

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