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## Students from a Vocational School in Suai believe that training provided by JSMP on "Access to Formal Justice" is important

Students from the Vocational School in Akar-laran, Suai Town, Covalima District believe that training on "Access to Formal Justice" is important. This training was carried out on 6 October 2016 with a focus on women's and children's access to the formal justice system.

The material discussed in the training covered matters relating to human rights in general, women's and children's rights, the Law Against Domestic Violence, sexual violence, and sexual abuse against minors. The training was attended by 30 students, comprising 20 girls and 10 boys.

The students believe that this training is really important for them because this training can help them to increase their knowledge about the formal law, especially in relation to women's and children's access to the formal justice system.

"This training is important because it can provide information to the students about women's and children's access to the formal justice system and can increase their knowledge about the formal legal system, especially regarding women and children who are often the targets of gender based violence," said Executive Director of JSMP, Luis de Oliveira Sampaio.

During the training the students showed their interest in learning about the Law Against Domestic Violence, for example learning that domestic violence is a public crime, and learning about sexual abuse against minors (victims under 14 years of age), and specifically about guarantees provided in the law that the consent of the victim will not be taken into account when prosecuting such crimes. In addition, the students also showed their enthusiasm towards cases involving family abandonment.

In his opening speech the Principal of the school expressed his appreciation to JSMP for presenting these specific materials, because they are not part of the school curriculum.

During the closing ceremony the Principal requested for JSMP to continue this training in the future for a more appropriate length of time.

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