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Students from Nino Konis Santana Secondary School in Ermera were given training for the first time by JSMP on the Rights of the Child and Access to Formal Justice

On 3 October 2017, JSMP conducted training for students from the Nino Konis Santana Secondary School, Gleno, Ermera District on the rights of the child and access to formal justice.

This training was attended by 30 students in year I and II of high school, comprising 15 girls and 15 boys.

“This training was aimed at increasing the knowledge of students on the rights of the child, types of crimes against children and how children can access formal justice. This training is important for students, to provide them with references to increase their knowledge, and can allow them to avoid these crimes,” said Luis de Oliveira Sampaio, Executive Director of JSMP.

During the training the students were interested in actions that can be taken to protect minors from crime. The students said that through this training they found out that the law protects minors from all violence, either committed by parents or educators. Also, they learnt about the definition of a minor in the applicable law and how to access formal justice.

The students said that this training really helps them because it can introduce them to the provisions that guarantee and protect the rights of children in the family, society and the school environment and obligations of the family and the State.

Antonio Alves da Costa, Principal of Nino Konis Santana Secondary School in Gleno, expressed his gratitude to JSMP and said that this training is really important because at their school the students didn't have a good knowledge about their rights according to the applicable law. What normally happens in practice is that adults, including teachers, treat the children almost the same as adults, without considering the nature of children and their needs as minors. He further emphasised that the schools have materials on human rights but they are very basic, therefore additional information like this is really important and useful to help students understand their rights that are protected under the law.

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