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JSMP Lansa Relatório kona-ba Pontu Kontaktu Entre Rezolusaun Komunitária no Prosesu Justisa Formál

Iha loron 14 Jullu 2017, JSMP liu hosi USAID nia projeto Mai Munisípiu ne'ebé uluk hanaran Ba Distrito lansa relatório temática hosi peskiza ne'ebé JSMP halo kona-ba oinsá tribunál (justisa formál) konsidera rezolusaun ba disputa iha komunidade (justisa naun-formál).

Relatório ho título “**Tribunál no Rezolusaun Disputa Alternativu**” ne'e konsege prodúz tanba hetan apoiu Jenerozu husi Povu Amerikanu liu husi Ajénsia Estadus Unidus ba Dezenvolvimentu Internasional nu'udar parte husi JSMP nia parceria ho projeto Mai Munisípiu ne'ebé implementa husi Counterpart Internasional no Tetra Tech DPK.

Relatório ne'e hakerek bazeia ba monitorizasaun no peskiza iha Tribunál Baucau, Covalima, Dili, no Oecusse durante fulan-lima nia laran (Janeiru to'o Maiu 2017). Durante períodu ne'ebé refere, JSMP halo monitorizasaun no avaliaasaun ba totál kazu 108 no entre kazu 108 ne'e iha kazu 26 mak parte sira deside hodi resolve tuir família/komunidade hafoin lori ba tribunál ka molok lori ba tribunál no kazu 82 mak Tribunál rasik mak halo tentativa konsiliaasaun. Objetivu relatório ne'e atu haree oinsá tribunál nu'udar órgaun independente ida ne'ebé administra justisa formál konsidera rezolusaun ne'ebé akontese iha nível komunitária durante prosesu julgamentu no halo desizaun ba kazu sira. Fó ninia observasaun ba relatório ne'e, Diretor Ezekutivu JSMP, Sr. Luis Oliveira Sampaio, hatete “Peskiza ne'e mós deskobre katak konsiliaasaun ne'ebé halo iha Tribunál nu'udar instrumentu importante ida atu redús pezu/todan iha tribunál.”

Relatório ne'e konklui katak maske rezolusaun komunitária iha aspetu pozitivu balun-porezemplu bele hakmaan todan husi tribunál liu-liu ba ofensa ki'ik sira (krime semi públiku), tribunál ninia konsiderasaun ba rezolusaun sira ne'e tenke haktuir saida mak lei permite. “Tuir lolos Ministériu Públiku mós iha kompeténsia atu deziste keixa ba kazu semi públiku sira durante prosesu inkéritu, ne'ebé resulta iha terminasaun prosesu sira ba kazu hirak ne'e, maibe ida-ne'e lakontese durante ne'e,” Sr. Sampaio hatutan.

Presidente Tribunál Rekursu Honorável Juiz Dr. Deolindo Dos Santos ne'ebé mós fó ninia intervensaun durante lansamentu relatório ne'e hatete, “Konstituisaun Timor-Leste rekoñese norma práтика kostumáriu hirak ne'e no praktika uzu kostumáriu ne'e eziste tiha ona antes justisa formál estadu nian ka tribunál sira eziste. Pratika hirak ne'e lao iha Timor laran tomak ho ninia maneira rasik hodi fó solusaun ba komunidade sira nia problema.”

Marka mós prezensa iha eventu lansamentu ne'e Dr. Jorge Graça nu'udar Presidente Komisaun Reforma Lejizlativa no Sektór justisa. Komisaun ne'e ninia objetivo mak atu halo estudu, analiza, no halo rekomendasau sira ba governu Timor-Leste kona-ba reforma lejizlativa no sektór justisa ne'ebé karik presiza atu haforsa liu-tan sistema justisa iha Timor-



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Leste. Iha ninia intervensaun, Presidente KRL hato'o "Rezolusaun disputa komunitáriu iha natureza sosial no meius sira ne'e iha ninia lejitimidade sosial rasik, iha forsa espirituál ne'ebé mai hosi konviksaun istóriku no ida-ne'e mak ita nia komunidade aplika no ninia valor desizoins sira bazeiadu ba vontade koletivu hosi sira ne'ebé involve hodi kria paz no harmonia sosial, no konstituisaun permite pratika ida-ne'e."

Atu hetan informasaun kompletu kona-ba relatório ida ne'e, favor kontaktu

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Press Release
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JSMP launches its Report on Contact Points Between Community Dispute Resolution and the Formal Justice System

On 14 July 2017, JSMP, with technical support from USAID Mai Munisípiu project (formerly Ba Distrito) launched its thematic research report on how the courts (*formal justice*) consider community resolutions of disputes (*non-formal justice*).

The report titled “**Court and Alternative Dispute Resolution**” is made possible by the generous support of the American people through the United State Agency for International Development, as part of JSMP’s partnership with Mai Munisípiu project implemented by Counterpart International and Tetra Tech DPK.

The report is produced based on research and monitoring JSMP conducted in Baucau, Covalima, Dili, and Oecusse District Courts during a five month period (*January to May 2017*). Throughout the period, JSMP observed analyzed a total of 108 cases from which 26 were resolved within families/communities before brought to the court while 82 cases were conciliated before and by the courts. The objective of the report is to have a better understanding of how the courts, which administer the formal justice system, take into consideration resolutions of disputes which occurred at the community level in their decision-making process. In giving his observation to the report, the Executive Director of JSMP Mr. Luis Oliveira Sampaio said “the research also found that conciliation that occurred before the court was an important instrument to reduce court caseload.”

The report concludes that although community resolutions have positive aspects that are beneficial to the formal justice system-i.e. minimizing the court workload by solving some of the minor crimes (*semi public crimes*), the courts’ consideration of the resolutions should follow the existing laws. “Basically the Office of Prosecution Services also has the competence to withdraw cases constituting semipublic crimes during the questioning which can lead to terminate the process, but this does not happen so far” - Mr. Sampaio continued.

The President of the Court of Appeal Hon. Judge Deolindo dos Santos who gave his remarks at the launch event said “The Timorese Constitution recognizes customary norms and practices which have existed long before the courts. This practice, which varies from one place to another, is quite widespread throughout Timor-Leste attempts to provide solutions to problems or disputes in the communities”

Also present at the launch event was Dr. Jorge Graca- the President of Legislative Reform and Justice Sector Commission (CRL). The Commission is established to undertake research studies and make recommendations to the Government of Timor-Leste (GoTL) about legislative reform necessary to strengthen the justice system. In his remarks, the president of CRL stated that “community dispute resolutions are have their own social legitimacy and spiritual power which originated from historical convictions and this is what our communities



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practice. Value of community dispute resolutions are underpinned by a collective will of those involved in committing offence to create peace and social harmony, and it's allowed by our Constitution".

For detailed information about the report, please contact

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