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**Celebrating the 21st Anniversary of JSMP:
JSMP launches its annual reports on the Justice, Legislative and Institutional
Sectors for 2021**

On 28 April 2022 JSMP celebrated its 21st anniversary and at the same time launched three reports, namely the **Overview of the Justice Sector Report, The Parliamentary Watch Report and Institutional Report.**

These three annual reports provide results of regular observations carried out by JSMP at the courts and the National Parliament, legal aid activities for female and child victims and the expenditure for JSMP activities during 2021.

“Each year to celebrate the anniversary of JSMP, 3 annual reports are always launched, whereby two of these reports relate to progress and challenges in the judicial system and the National Parliament. However, in the justice sector report for 2021, JSMP has included an extra topic on legal aid activities for female and child victims. Meanwhile the other report discusses JSMP activities that were implemented in 2021,” said Ms. Ana Paula Marcál, Executive Director of JSMP.

the Overview of the Justice Sector Report discusses progress and challenges in the Justice Sector and discusses cases involving gender based violence and corruption, and reports on JSMP’s legal aid activities for female and child victims, and also includes statistics about cases processed by the district courts and the Court of Appeal during 2021.

The Parliamentary Watch Report discusses the functioning of the National Parliament in relation to the productivity of parliament regarding legislation and analyses political influence on the legislative process in the National Parliament .

Meanwhile, the JSMP Institutional Report provides a summary of JSMP activities performed throughout 2021 including institutional cooperation with key institutions and national and international networks. This report also outlines funding support that JSMP received from donors which provides legitimacy and public accountability.

This report concludes with a number of important and relevant recommendations that are addressed directly to the competent organs and institutions for their consideration. JSMP hopes that these important recommendations will be given consideration in order to improve the functioning of the formal justice system and legislative system now and in the future.

In addition to the celebration of this anniversary and launch of these reports, JSMP also received messages from relevant parties who have continued to support JSMP in the performance of all of its activities, namely:

- His Excellency Minister of Justice, Tiago Sarmiento, who is also the former Director of JSMP, who made brief comments and made an opening speech
- His Excellency, Member of Committee A of the National Parliament, Mr. Adriano do Nascimento
- His Excellency, Judge Administrator of the Dili District Court, Afonso Carmona
- Her Excellency, Deputy Prosecutor General of the Republic, Remigia de Fátima
- His Excellency, Head of the Office of the Public Defender, Canção Xavier
- His Excellency, Commissioner of the Anti-Corruption Commission, Sergio Hornai

This event was attended by those invitees mentioned above, and also by Her Excellency, Inspector of the Prosecution Service, Jelia Trindade, a team from the Office of the Public Defender including the Deputy Chief of the Office of the Public Defender, Olga Bareto, Gender Focal Point from the Office of the Public Defender, Marcia Sarmiento, Estaque Guterres, Juvinal Yanes Freitas and Afonso Gomes, Deputy Commissioner of the Anti-Corruption Commission in the Area of Prevention, Luis de Oliveira Sampaio, who is also the former Director of JSMP, Government Representatives such as SEII and INDDICA, representatives from Embassies, donors from USAID Activity, Hivos, CEPAD, civil society partners such as ALFeLa, Fokupers, CODIVA, BELUN and others, academics, the media and all partners.

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