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Committee A of the National Parliament for the first time involved representatives of local government during a consultation on the 2021 State Budget

Committee A of the National Parliament, that deals with Constitutionality, Justice, Public Administration and Good Governance, on Tuesday 10 November 2020 held a full day public meeting with the Ministry of State Administration (MAE) and administrators.

This was the first time that such a meeting was attended by representatives of local government authorities such as Presidents of the Municipal Authorities from Baucau, Dili, Ermera and Bobonaro as well as Municipal Administrators from 8 (eight) municipalities in Timor-Leste.

The aim of this meeting was to hear the concerns and recommendations of local government authorities representing their respective municipalities, so that their concerns could be included in a Committee Opinion regarding proposals allocated for each municipality in the Draft 2021 Budget.

“JSMP lauds the initiative of Committee A and believes it is a good way for the National Parliament to hear opinions and concerns and reports regarding current circumstances in the municipalities. Therefore, the budget can be allocated in a way that reflects the current conditions and requirements of the municipalities,” said the Executive Director of JSMP, Ms. Ana Paula Marçal.

JSMP recommends for other specialised committees that deal with a range of relevant issues regarding the development of municipalities to expand public consultations involving the National Parliament and municipal authorities in the future, not just in relation to the State Budget Law.

This public consultation was attended by the Minister of State Administration (MAE) and the Vice Minister as well as Directors, the Technical Secretariat for Electoral Administration, National Archives and Presidents of Municipal Authorities and Municipal Administrators.

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