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**Press Release**

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## **For 20 years JSMP has contributed to the Justice Sector and the Legislative Sector**

**JSMP thanks all parties and launches its reports online: Overview of the Justice Sector, Overview of the Legislative Sector, Institutional and thematic reports**

Today, the 28<sup>th</sup> April, is the anniversary of the Judicial System Monitoring Programme (JSMP), and for 20 years JSMP has contributed to the development of the justice sector and the legislative sector in Timor-Leste.

To celebrate this occasion JSMP has also launched four 2020 reports online, namely its two annual reports, the Overview of the Justice Sector (OJS) and the Parliamentary Watch Report (ROP), a JSMP Institutional report and a thematic report on mechanisms to guarantee the Constitution and impeachment of the President of the Republic.

“Just like last year, this year JSMP launches these reports online to comply with measures to prevent Covid-19 and at the same time JSMP also celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Therefore, JSMP wishes to thank all parties that have supported and contributed to JSMP since it was established twenty years ago, and we urge all parties to continue supporting JSMP,” said Ana Paula Marçal, the Executive Director of JSMP.

The Overview of the Justice Sector Report discusses progress achieved and challenges faced in the justice sector, including statistics on cases tried at the district courts and the Court of Appeal during 2020. In particular, this report discusses cases judged in the courts.

The Parliamentary Watch Report emphasized the functioning and effectiveness of the work of the national parliament including the punctuality of members of parliament in 2020.

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The institutional report summarised JSMP's activities and cooperation with other organizations during 2020 including funding support that JSMP received from donors.

Meanwhile the thematic report set out the results of research and analysis on political developments that have occurred to date, especially political actions from holders of positions in sovereign organs and the general public to guarantee the Constitution and impeachment of the President of the Republic.

JSMP hopes that the important recommendations in these reports will be given consideration by the relevant institutions to further improve the functioning of the formal justice system and the legislative system in the future.

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