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JSMP urges State Institutions to execute the 2022 Budget with Responsibility, Transparency and Accountability

On Thursday 16 December 2021 the National Parliament, through a plenary meeting and final global vote, approved Draft Law No.35/V(4th) on the 2022 State Budget with 44 votes in favour, 21 against and 0 abstentions. The 2022 State Budget was approved with a total of US\$ 2 billion. This total includes money from loans and donations from development partners.

Priority programs with the most funding in 2022 are Good Governance and Institutional Management with the aim of sustaining the machinery of the State, followed by Gender Equality and Social Inclusion, Roads and Bridges, Health programs, Education and Training and Electricity.

“JSMP praises the efforts and work of the National Parliament and the Government to approve the 2022 State Budget on time. Also, JSMP urges the Government and State Institutions to execute the 2022 State Budget with responsibility, transparency and accountability in accordance with the 2022 State Budget Law based on the programs that have been approved in the National Parliament”, said the Executive Director of JSMP, Ms. Ana Paula Marçal.

Also, JSMP urges the National Parliament to continue actively carrying out its role of monitoring the execution of the 2022 State Budget, and also the Anti-Corruption Commission (KAK), civil society and all entities including the international community and all of the international agencies that have representatives in Timor-Leste need to play their role of social auditing to ensure transparency and accountability, especially in relation to the priority programs mentioned above that have large amounts of funding.

The 2022 State Budget provides for the work of administrative public sector bodies comprising Central Administration, the Special Administrative Region of Oecusse-Ambeno and Social Security Funds including the introduction of new measures relating to food subsidies for public servants, support to small and medium enterprises, investment fund for the establishment of a new municipality in Atauro, the *bolsa da mae* program and other measures that are provided for in the State Budget law.

Also, the budget also sets out planned expenditure by 45 different State entities from Ministries, Secretariats of State and State Public Institutions with the aim of achieving quality development and economic growth that is inclusive and sustainable.

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