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**2021 STATE BUDGET**

**Ministry of State Administration (MAE) continues to provide an incentive payment of US\$30 every month to members of village councils**

On 10 November 2020 the Ministry of State Administration (MAE) held a public consultation with Committee A of the National Parliament regarding the 2021 State Budget. In addition to representatives from the central Government, representatives from local government also attended this meeting.

During this meeting the MAE continued to include in the 2021 STATE BUDGET an incentive payment for members of the village councils of US\$30 every month. Members of village councils previously received just US\$45 every six (6) months. The incentive payment for the 2020 financial year was for 10 months only and for the 2021 financial year it was the entire year, namely 12 months.

“JSMP lauds the MAE, particularly, His Excellency Mr. Miguel Pereira de Carvalho, Minister of State Administration for this initiative and budget plan. This initiative has responded to the concerns of members of the village councils regarding the US\$45 incentive paid every six months, because the members raised this concern during training provided by JSMP,” said the Executive Director of JSMP, Ana Paula Marçal.

This is a step forward for the MAE and it is hoped that the Minister will continue to pay attention also to facilities in the villages to facilitate and dignify the work of village administrators who attend to the needs of community members.

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