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The VIII Constitutional Government has included funds for implementing gender policies in the 2021 Budget Program

The VIII Constitutional Government has proposed the 2021 State Budget through Draft Law No. 23/V(3). The total budget proposed to the National Parliament is US\$1,797,243,000. Priority areas in this budget are capital and social development, and economic development, which align with measures included in the Economic Recovery Plan, the development of basic fundamental infrastructure, environmental development and institutional development.

The 2021 budget is using a new format. The budget format is based on programs. Therefore, in the 2021 State Budget, 14 State institutions have had funding allocated, with programs to implement gender policies.

“JSMP praises the initiative of the Government to include funds to implement gender policies in Government programs and this is an important step for the nation to comply with its obligations as a State Party that has ratified the International Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). This is a way of promoting and eliminating acts of discrimination against women in public institutions and society in Timor-Leste,” said the Executive Director of JSMP, Ms. Ana Paula Marçal.

The 14 State institutions that have been allocated funds for programs to implement gender policies are the National Parliament US\$77,000.00, Secretary of State for Equality and Inclusion with a total budget of US\$2,554,000.00, Secretary of the State for Vocational Training and Employment with a total budget of US\$15,000.00, Ministry of Justice US\$3,000.00, Ministry of State Administration US\$50,000.00, Ministry of Health US\$9,000.00, Ministry of Social Solidarity and Inclusion US\$427,000.00, Ministry of Planning and Territory with a total budget of US\$15,000.00, Ministry of Transport and Communications with a total budget of US\$10,000.00, Ministry of Defence US\$73,000.00 (salaries, wages and goods and services), FALINTIL-F-FDTL US\$20,000.00, Ministry of the Interior US\$23,000.00, PNTL US\$103,000.00 (goods and services and minor capital and the National University US\$89,000.00. Therefore, the total funds for programs to implement gender policies is US\$3,468,000.00.

Meanwhile, JSMP also requested for the National Parliament to prioritise discussion of the 2021 State Budget regarding important areas such as Agriculture, Tourism, Education and Health which are crucial to improve the sustainability of economic recovery of the country during the Covid-19 pandemic.

JSMP requested for members of parliament to remove the budget item of goods and services, in particular foreign visits, because of the pandemic and all institutions are not yet able to travel overseas except for diplomats and diplomatic staff. JSMP also believes that the State or Government should avoid unnecessary spending such as purchasing vehicles, local trips, and the construction of unnecessary infrastructure and also to avoid large amounts of funding for institutions that are only functioning temporarily such as CNE and STAE, and these funds should be reassigned to the priority areas mentioned above.

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