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### **JSMP continues to facilitate training on human trafficking to frontline staff at the Mota Masin border**

On 21 no 22 November 2023 JSMP facilitated training with materials on human trafficking, prevention and response to cases of human trafficking and gender based violence (GBV) for 21 staff from front line institutions, namely 2 from Immigration, 1 from the Border Patrol Unit (BPU), 2 from Quarantine, 2 from Customs, 1 from the Salele Health Post, 2 from the Salele Shelter and 11 village mobilisers. This training took place at the Salele Immigration Post, Mota Masin, Suai,

This training was part of a two (2) year program entitled “Prevention and Response to Human Trafficking, that is Community Based, Gender Responsive and Survivor Centred (2023-2024)” financed by the Government of Timor-Leste through the Ministry of the Interior and implemented by UN Women Timor-Leste in partnership with JSMP. With this fourth training, JSMP has already provided training for community members and members of relevant institutions in border areas, involving more than one hundred people.

*“This training is a continuation of previous trainings with the aim of increasing the knowledge of front line staff and mobilisers about gender equality and gender based violence and how to identify cases of human trafficking, to engage in prevention and to help victims in cases of human trafficking”,* said Ms. Ana Paula Marçal, Executive Director of JSMP.

When opening this training, Mr. Jose Moniz, a senior staff member for advocacy, introduced the work of JSMP and the aim of this training. In his speech he thanked the Head of Immigration, the Head of Quarantine, the Head of Customs and BPU Commander for collaborating and providing a location and facilities to JSMP, so that this training could be carried out. Jose Moniz also asked the participants to pay attention and to actively participate in discussions, so that they could learn something and gain knowledge to identify crimes of human trafficking and to engage in prevention and support and to refer victims.

When materials were presented the participants enthusiastically listened to the materials and actively participated, which including conveying their concerns in relation to the distribution of work between a wife and her husband in the home, reporting public crimes, witness protection and how to prove a crime of rape. Meanwhile, during the session on human trafficking, the participants asked about children who beg in different locations and are they categorised as victims of human trafficking or not, and is it considered to be human trafficking to take a person across a border or what happens if it is inside the country. Also, what about those people who facilitate others to go overseas with the intention to exploit them, but they don't

manage to take them overseas because the authorities find out in advance, is this considered to be human trafficking or not.

When materials were presented the doctor who is in charge at the Salele entry point considered this training to be something new, therefore he wanted to learn and have a good understanding of the materials presented in the training. The doctor said that during the training he learned about human trafficking, what is human trafficking, the elements of human trafficking that need to be fulfilled for an act to be considered as human trafficking. The three important elements are the act, the means and the aim.

He felt like this training increased his knowledge and this was a lesson on how doctors can increase their capacity in relation to the medical field, especially regarding how to identify the signs of human trafficking crimes.

He said that he would continue to share this important information to other doctors who did not have the opportunity to participate in this training so that they will also have knowledge about human trafficking and when they identify any signs that ‘a person’ is a victim or human trafficking is suspected, they will have the necessary knowledge to report it to the relevant institutions such as the police, Public Prosecution Service or referral networks to provide assistance.

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