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Commemoration of the International Day of Disabled Persons
JSMP launches a thematic report:
“Disabled Persons and Challenges: Status of Ratifying the
International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities”

Each year on 3 December countries around the world including Timor-Leste commemorate the International Day of Disabled Persons, which was declared by the United Nations in 1992.

With this commemoration JSMP urges the National Parliament and Government to accelerate the process of ratifying the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). Ratification gives significant benefits to nations, for example they can better ensure the protection and promotion of rights and fundamental freedoms for persons with disabilities, and this will also ensure Timor-Leste's admission to ASEAN and ensure Timor-Leste's compliance with the recommendations made by international human rights mechanism of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR),” said the Executive Director of JSMP, Ana Paula Marçal.

Persons with disabilities still face discrimination and are not given appropriate assistance, and in terms of infrastructure almost all public buildings and public roads don't have the appropriate facilities to ensure access for persons with disabilities, therefore it makes it difficult for them to access education, formal justice, clean water and health services.

This is evident by the concerns raised by the disabled during an interview between JSMP and members of organisations that assist disabled persons and therefore a thematic report has been produced under the title listed above. To access this report, please use the following link: <https://jsmp.tl/wp-content/uploads/Relatoriu-Ema-ho-Defisiensi-ho-nia-dezafiu-sira-Publika.pdf>

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