

# Institutional Report

# 2021

**PROMOTE DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, JUSTICE  
AND GOOD GOVERNANCE**

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## About JSMP

### **Vision**

Democratic society that guarantees justice and human rights for all people.

### **Mission**

JSMP works with a spirit of collaboration to promote and protect democracy, law, justice and human rights through:

[Monitoring](#)

[Education](#)

[Advocacy](#)

### **History**

The Judicial System Monitoring Program (JSMP) was established on 28 April 2001 in Dili, Timor-Leste to monitor proceedings of the Human Rights Ad Hoc Courts in Indonesia and the Special Panels for Serious Crimes in Timor-Leste.

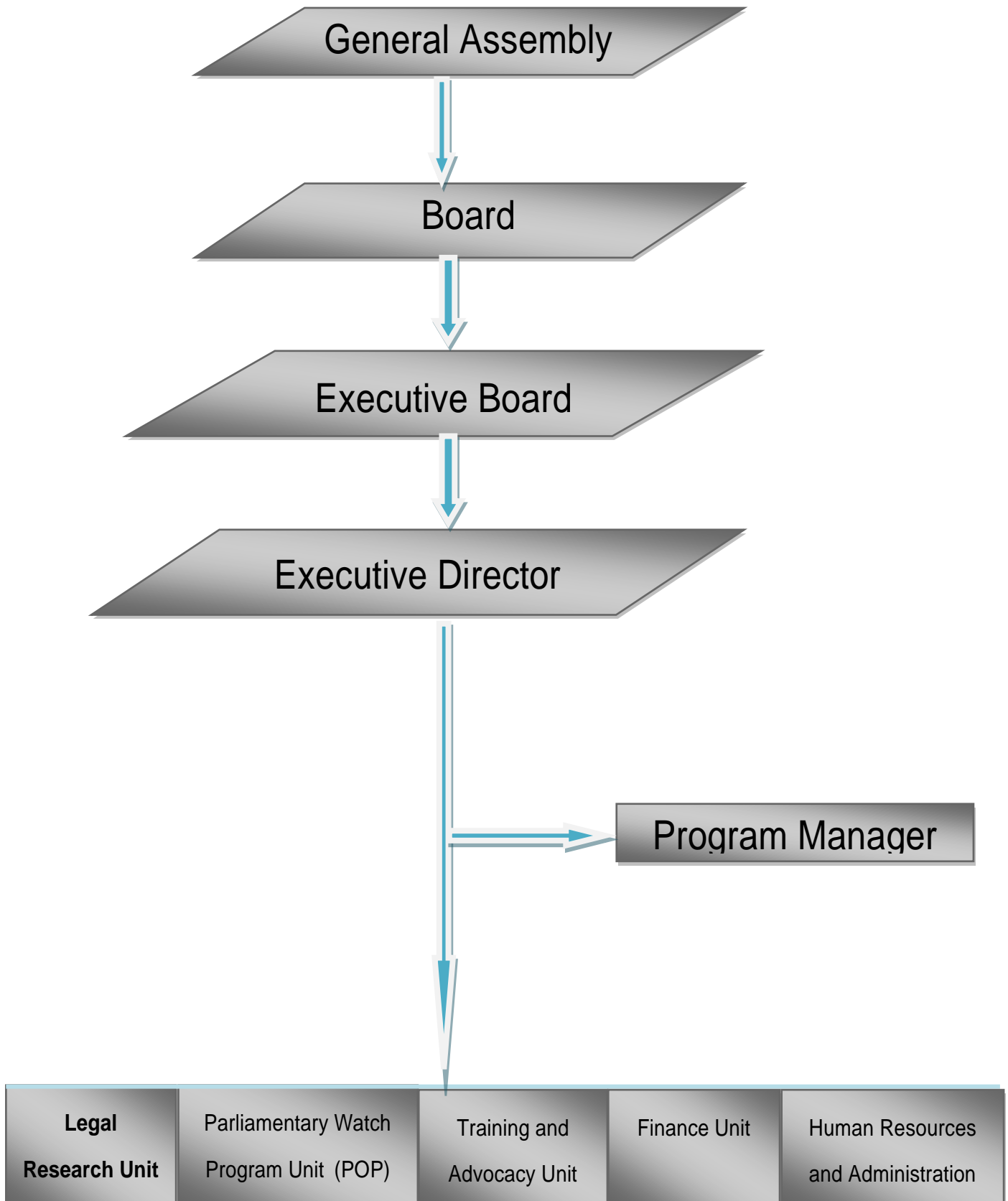
JSMP is a not-for-profit organization that works to improve and strengthen the judicial and legislative systems in Timor-Leste.

### **Work**

JSMP conducts monitoring activities covering trial proceedings at the four District Courts and the Court of Appeal, and also reports on developments in the formal justice system. JSMP also monitors the activities of the National Parliament and Standing Committees, particularly Committee A. JSMP normally produce annual reports, thematic reports, case summaries, press releases, and analyses thematic issues regarding the justice sector and the legislative sector and writes submissions on draft laws that are developed by the Government and the National Parliament.

JSMP also provides legal education to communities to improve the community's knowledge and understanding about the formal justice system, legislative system, democracy and human rights. JSMP works with the community, the police, women's groups, local authorities, Village Councils, students and journalists to achieve its vision and strategic objectives.

## Organogram



## **General Assembly**

### **President:**

Jose Pereira

### **Vice President:**

Lidia Borges da Silva

### **Members:**

- |                                    |                                     |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1) Ana Paula Marçal                |                                     |
| 2) Casimiro dos Santos             | 16) Emanuel R. Soriano              |
| 3) Flora Menezes Soriano           | 17) Mateus Xavier                   |
| 4) Eurosia Maria Almeida de Fátima | 18) Paulo Nunes                     |
| 5) Yoseva Sugiyarti dos Reis       | 19) Manuel Rui da Cunha             |
| 6) Deoneia Barreto dos Santos      | 20) Adão da Cruz Fernandes          |
| 7) Jose Maria Moniz                | 21) Luis Soares                     |
| 8) Florindo Gusmão Freitas         | 22) Jesuina Manuela Correia         |
| 9) Rita de Jesus Guterres          | 23) Otavio Hornai                   |
| 10) Adolfo Soares                  | 24) Moises Mali                     |
| 11) Francisca da Silva             | 25) Armindo Manuel do Nascimento    |
| 12) Aida Helena Parada             | 26) Jose dos Santos                 |
| 13) Ingrasia Pereira da Costa Maia | 27) Sara de Oliveira de Jesus Viera |
| 14) Filomena de Almeida            |                                     |
| 15) Elvino Sarmento Freitas        |                                     |

## Executive Board

### **President**

Mr. Joaquim da Costa Freitas, Former Coordinator of the Civil Society Support Fund Office of the Prime Minister (PM)

### **Vice-President:**

Mr. Jose Neves, Former Vice-Minister for Education and Culture

### **Members:**

Ms. Isabela Gailos, Spokesperson for the Arquivos Movement

Prof. Dr. Lucas da Costa, ME, MSc, Former Rector of UNPAZ  
(Deceased)

Mr. Aniceto Neves, Lecturer Faculty of Social and Political Science  
UNTL

Mr. Julio Alfaro, Founder and Former President of CCI-TL

Ms. Eurosia Maria Almeida de Fátima, JSMP Researcher

## Executive Director

**Executive Director:**

Ana Paula Marcal

**Program Manager:**

Casimiro dos Santos

**Members:**

*Coordinador of LRU & UTA:*

Flora Soriano Menezes

*Coordinator of POP:*

Jose Pereira

*Finance Manager:*

Yoseva Sugiarty

Human Resources, Logistics and Database Officer:

Filomena de Almeida

## Organisational Structure



## Introduction from the Executive Director



The year 2021 was a year full of internal and external problems, difficulties and challenges, especially Covid-19 that had an overall impact. However, JSMP celebrated its 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary on 28 April 2022 and once again proudly launched its institutional report that summarises the work and achievements of JSMP during 2021 to the public.

The achievements are due to the contribution and hard work of all staff from all units, including JSMP partners. Therefore, on behalf of JSMP I thank all parties who contributed to these major achievements, particularly donors such as the Embassy of Australia or DFAT in Timor-Leste which provided support through Governance for Development (GfD), the Asia Foundation (TAF), the Government of Timor-Leste through the Office for Civil Society Support, Office of the Prime Minister, European Union through the UNDP project Spotlight, Government of Canada through the Embassy of Canada in Jakarta and HIVOS, Government of the United States of America for the Human Trafficking project.

In 2021, with funding from donors and the hard work of staff, JSMP managed to monitor 604 criminal cases and 20 civil cases in all of the courts. Legal aid managed to provide assistance in 131 criminal cases and 13 civil cases from 7 municipalities. In the legislative sector JSMP also managed to monitor 80 plenary sessions from a total of 85 and 81 meetings of Committee A.

In terms of advocacy, JSMP wrote opinions and analytical summaries and 3 legislative research items and met with and submitted 7 submissions to the National Parliament. In addition, JSMP also provided training to rural communities on 4 occasions and to students completing law on six occasions, to persons with disabilities and LGBTI on 3 occasions, once with journalists and Village Police Officers (OPS) and Community Policing Councils (KPK) on 3 occasions.

JSMP also produced 42 case summaries, 3 annual reports, 59 press releases, 196 newspaper articles, 6 radio programs and 6 TV programs.

JSMP continued to provide information to the public about the formal justice system and the legislative process in Timor-Leste by disseminating information through radio programs, television programs, press releases and newspaper articles, website, Facebook, Twitter and JSMP's e-mail list.

JSMP maintained its programs and remained committed to implementing all of its activities such as monitoring of the courts and parliament, providing legal education and advocacy to the community to achieve its vision of a democratic society that guarantees justice and human rights for all people. However, in relation to Covid-19, JSMP also temporarily conducted activities related to preventing and combatting Covid-19.

JSMP will continue to strengthen its relationship with local and international partners. JSMP hopes that with their support, JSMP will be able to continue its work in the future and achieve even better results and progress.

Dili, 28 April 2022

Ana Paula Marçal  
Executive Director

# Court Monitoring

## Court Monitoring



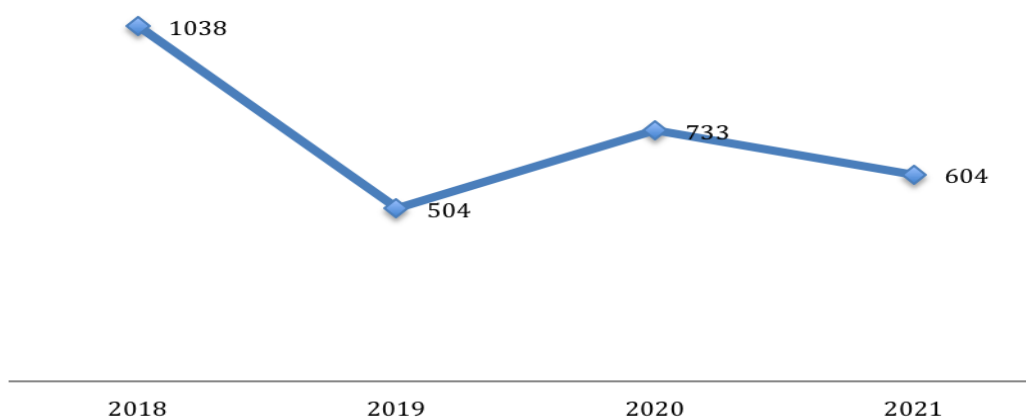
JSMP is the only CSO that regularly monitors the District Courts in Timor-Leste; Dili District Court (TDD), Baucau District Court (TDB), Suai District Court (TDS) and Oecusse District Court (TDO). Also, some monitoring was conducted at the Court of Appeal (TR).

In the following table JSMP presents the total number of judicial actors, court clerks, administrative staff and translators for the period of 2015 - 2020.

Table 1: Judicial Actors and Officers and Staff

Judicial Actors	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Judges	34	34	34	34	40 <sup>1</sup>
Prosecutors	32	30	36	36	46 <sup>2</sup>
Public Defenders	30	30	35	35	45 <sup>3</sup>
Court Clerks	113	166	166	166	166
Translators	12	17	17	17	17
Administrative Staff	77	127	136	136	136
<b>Total</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>450</b>

Graph 1 - Total number of criminal and civil cases monitored by JSMP during 2018

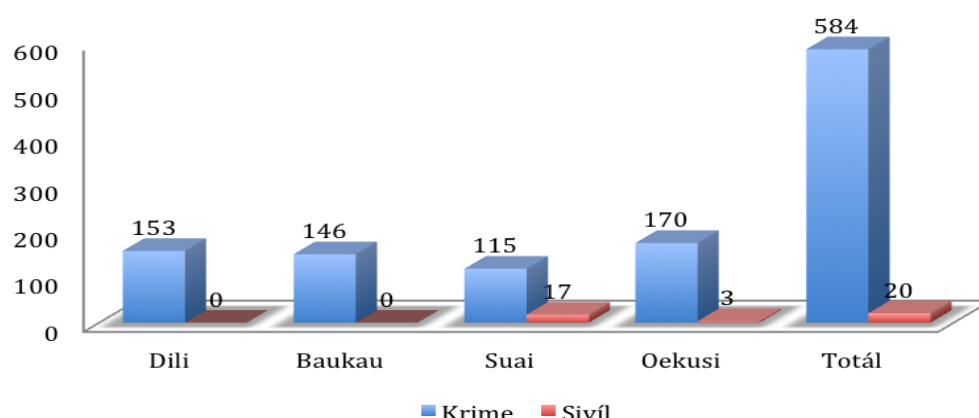


<sup>1</sup> In 2020, there were 3 new judges sworn in.

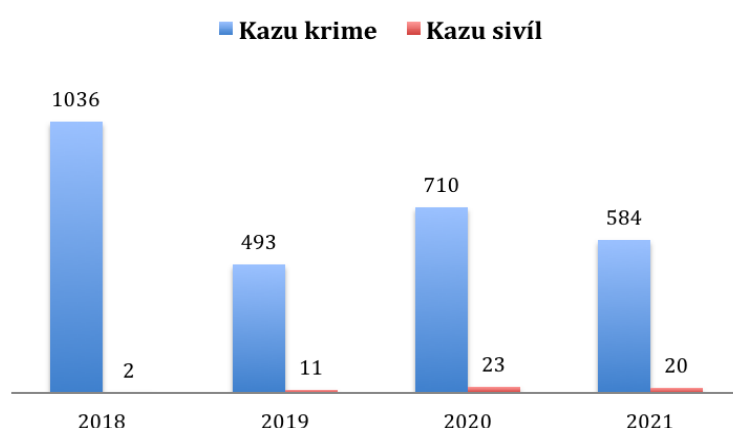
<sup>2</sup> In 2020, there were 5 new prosecutors sworn in.

<sup>3</sup> In 2020, there were 5 new public defenders sworn in.

Graph 2 - Number of cases monitored by JSMP based on jurisdiction in 2021



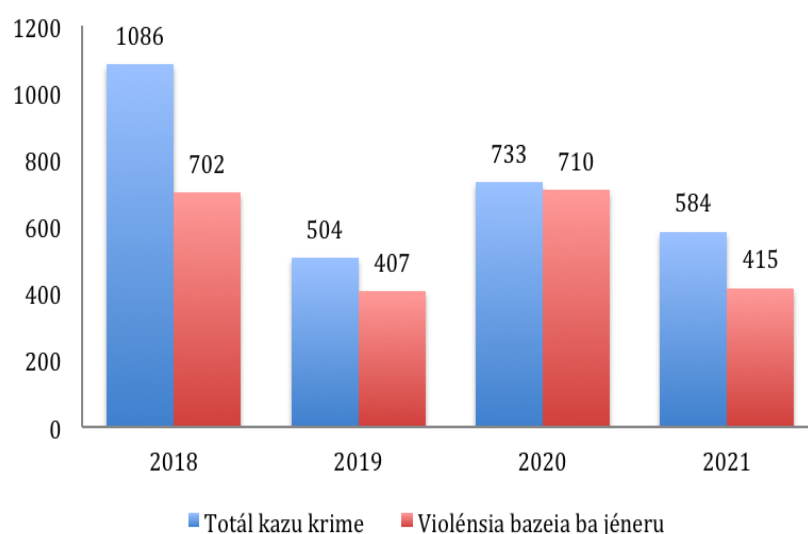
Graph 3 - Variation between criminal and civil cases between 2018 and 2021



**Observation:**

The total number of civil cases increased in 2019, 2020 and 2021 in comparison with 2018 where there were only 2 cases. The number of civil cases increased because the courts created a mechanism to force judges to give

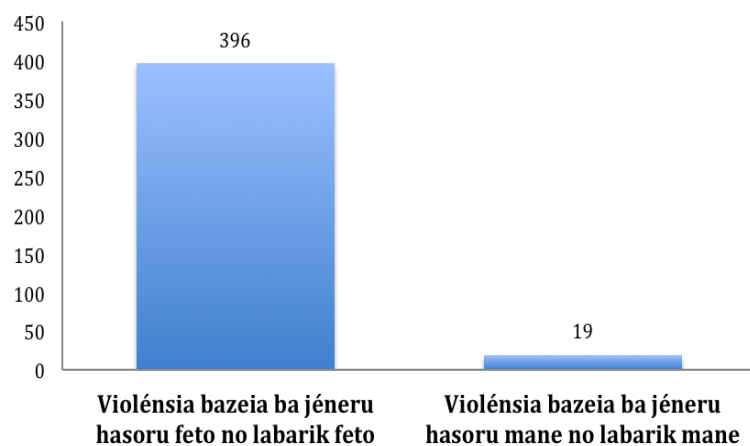
Graph 4 - Variation between gender based violence cases between 2018 and 2021



**Observation:**

The number of gender based violence cases is larger than that total number of cases monitored by JSMP each year between 2018 - 2021

Graph 5 – Number of cases of gender based violence between women and men



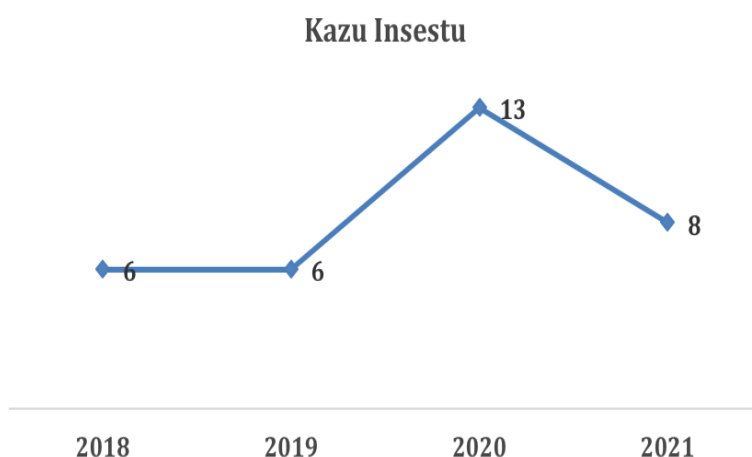
**Observation:** From the number of gender based violence cases, the number of cases involving violence against women and children continues to be high every year.

Graph 6 – Variation of domestic violence cases between 2018 and 2021



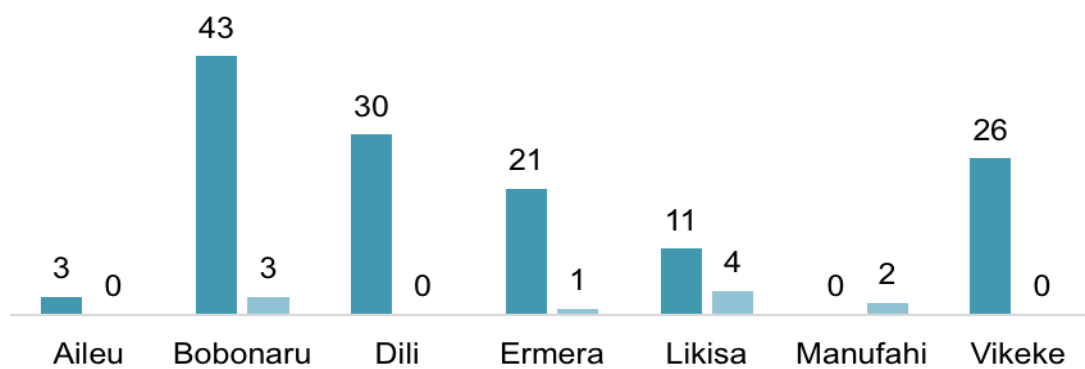
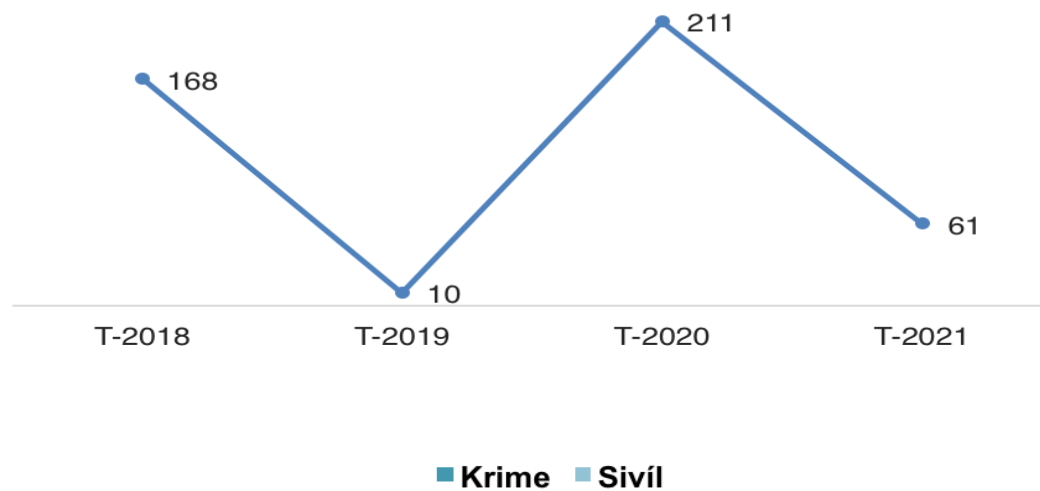
**Observation:** The number of domestic violence case continues to be higher than other cases in 2021. There was moderate variation between 2018 and 2021

Graph 7 – Variation of incest cases for the period 2018 - 2021

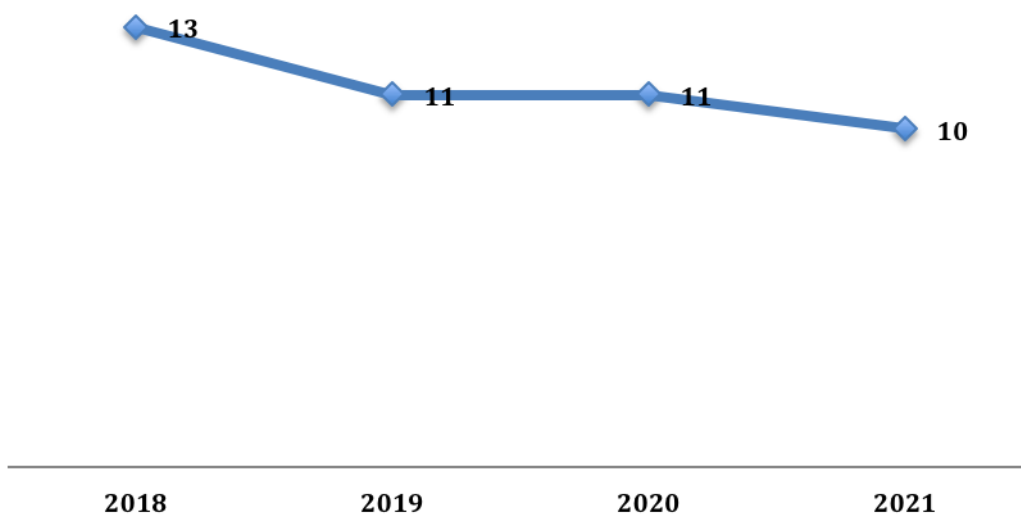


**Observation:** The number of incest cases varied between 6 and 13 and this number increased dramatically in 2020

Graph 8 – Variation of the number of cases at the Mobile Court between 2018 and 2021



Graph 10 – Variation of cases involving corruption



## Monitoring of the National Parliament

JSMP has regularly monitored the National Parliament from 2010 until now.

JSMP has monitored meetings of the plenary and Committee A

Meetings of the Plenary and Committee A of the National Parliament

Total Scheduled Agenda	86
Total Agenda that took place	86
Plenary	80
Meetings of Committee A	8
Committee A Oversight	0

The National Parliament during the V Legislature had 65 members, comprising 23 members from the Fretilin Bench, 21 from the CNRT Bench, 8 from the PLP Bench, 5 from the PD Bench, 5 from the KHUNTO Bench, 1 from the PUDD Bench and 1 from the UDDT/FM Bench.

**Observation:** In 2021 JSMP managed to monitor 93% of the total number of plenary meetings scheduled at the National Parliament. Also, JSMP monitored a large amount of Committee A meetings in 2021 in comparison with previous years, even though Timor-Leste was dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic. This is a major change to Committee A of the National Parliament under new leadership. Meanwhile, there was no oversight conducted by Committee A because the Covid-19 pandemic did not allow members of parliament to conduct oversight in the community.

Graph 8 – Meetings of the plenary and Committee A of the National Parliament between 2018 and 2021

In 2020 and 2021 the Parliament functioned very well and was effective, therefore the number of meetings of the plenary and the Committees increased significantly because of a change in leadership, both for the plenary and also Committee A.

Graph 9 – The number of laws and resolutions produced by the National Parliament between 2018-2021

Even though in 2020 and 2021 the National Parliament was dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic, in terms of law making, there was a very high level of productivity in comparison with previous years

## **TRAINING**

In 2021 JSMP conducted training activities for members of Village Councils, Village Police Officers (OPS) and Community Policing Councils (KPK), persons with disabilities and LGBTI from organizations such as AHMDTL, RHTO, Klibur defisiénsia tilun, Arcoiris, CBRN Timor-leste and CODIVA, and also university students.

### ***Beneficiaries***

Village Communities	4	83
Persons with Disabilities and LGBTI	3	65
Village Police Officers (OPS) & Community Policing Councils (KPK)	4	124
University Students	6	70
Journalists	1	11
Total	18	353

## ***TRAINING IN VILLAGE COMMUNITIES***

In 2021 JSMP provided training to communities in remote areas, namely in 4 villages in the three municipalities of Baucau, Covalima and Ermera.

JSMP provided materials on: Democracy, the role of sovereign organs, public participation in the law making process and access to formal justice and gender based violence.

The aim was to increase the knowledge of members of village councils and community members so that members of the village councils could better perform their role when resolving problems that occur in the community.

The participants really appreciated this JSMP program because the information provided by JSMP was relevant and really important for their daily life in the family and community spheres.

This training was made possible with the financial support of the Government of Timor-Leste through CEPAD/European Commission and the European Commission through UNDP and the Spotlight program

## **REGIONAL SEMINARS**

On 23 July 2021 JSMP held a regional seminar in Baucau Municipality on how to ensure Government accountability for Covid-19, and how to improve access and freedom of information in Timor-Leste, “The Role of Sovereign Organs, Public Participation in the law making process and Access to Formal Justice in Timor-Leste.”

On 19 November 2021 JSMP held a regional seminar on democracy, role of the sovereign organs, public participation in the law making process and access to formal justice in Suai Municipality. On 22 October 2021 JSMP held a regional ceremony in Dili Municipality for village leaders and members of the village administrative structure on democracy, role of the sovereign organs, public participation in the law making process and access to formal justice. The participants came from Talimoro Village in Ermera Municipality and the villages of Bairu Pite, Kolmera, Bidau, Vila-Verde and Becora in Dili Municipality.

## **Training for Village Police Officers (OPS) Community Policing Councils (KPK)**

In addition to providing training to members of Village Councils and community members in remote villages, and to student and persons with disabilities, JSMP also provided training to Village Police Officers (OPS) and Community Policing Councils (KPK). The aim is to increase the knowledge of Village Police Officers about crimes and how they can support community members to access formal justice.

JSMP held training for Village Police Officers (OPS) and Community Policing Councils (KPK) on the topic of “The role of Village Police Officers and Community Policing Councils in preventing gender based violence”. This training covered four municipalities, namely Manatuto, Bobonaro, Ermera and Aileu with 80 OPS and 44 KPK.

## **Training for Law Students**

JSMP conducted fundraising activities, through training to students from the faculty of law from four Universities, namely: UNTL, UNPAZ, UNITAL and UNDIL.

The materials provided in the training dealt with the Criminal Procedure Code for standard proceedings and summary proceedings.

Standard proceedings:

- General Provisions
- Investigative Phase
- Trial
- Appeal
- Execution of penalty

Summary Process:

- Trial
- Appeal

On 19 August 2021 JSMP continued to provide training to students from the faculty of law and other faculties including students completing their degree. The materials provided in the first phase dealt with the Criminal Procedure Code and general principles. This half day training was officially opened by Ms. Ana Paula Marçal, Executive Director of JSMP, and this training was facilitated by Mr. Adolfo Soares as the trainer and the participants were from the universities of UNTL, UNPAZ, UNDIL and UNITAL.

## **Training for journalists**

On 21 October 2021 JSMP provided training to journalists and chief editors about the Timor-Leste legal system for one day at the Maria Goreti meeting room, Secretary of State for Equality and Inclusion (SEII)

## **Advocacy: Meetings, Audiences and Demonstrations**

Meetings and audiences are advocacy activities carried out by JSMP with partners and relevant parties who are interested in contributing to national, regional and international development, particularly changes to the legislative sector and human rights and justice

### ***National***

On 5 February 2021, the JSMP team met with Sergio de Jesus Hornai, Commissioner of KAK, at his office, KAK building, Faról, Dili. The aim of this meeting was to talk about the possibility of working together in the future especially in the area of prevention and how to strengthen monitoring work during trials and decisions in cases of corruption, including a joint capacity building program for prevention in general, and the Law on Measures to Prevent and Combat Corruption in particular.

On 4 March 2021 Committee A of the National Parliament held a public meeting with JSMP and national and international Private Lawyers in Timor-Leste. The aim of this meeting was to hear and consider the thoughts and comments of private lawyers and JSMP about Draft Law No. 25/V on a Legal Regime for a Professional Public Association and Draft Law No 26/V approving a Law on a Bar Association in Timor-Leste.

On 8 April 2021 Committee A of the National Parliament held a public consultation with JSMP and the President of the Court of Appeal. The aim of the meeting was to hear the thoughts of relevant parties, especially JSMP, about the draft amendments to Law No 19/V (3) on Judicial Organization and proposed amendments to Law No. 28/V(3) on the Organization and Functioning of the Courts.

JSMP really appreciates the work and efforts of the National Parliament, particularly Committee A and the Government, for giving priority to initiate these two draft laws to speed up discussions on these laws. This is a positive step for Timor-Leste to have its own laws that will regulate the functioning of the judicial system.

On 5 May 2021 Committee A of the National Parliament held a public meeting with relevant parties to hear their thoughts on the draft Judicial Magistrates Statute what was initiated by the National Parliament in the form of Draft Law No. 21/V/2021. The relevant parties who took part in this meeting were the Prosecutor General and his team, President of the Judicial Magistrates Association, who is also the Director of the Legal and Judicial Training Centre, Former President of the Legislative Reform Committee and the JSMP team.

JSMP participated in the discussion with Committee F of National Parliament and followed the ongoing specific discussion of the Draft Law on Protection for Children and Young Persons who are in Danger, in Aileu Municipality for three days, namely 12 - 15 October 2021.

On 8 July 2021 Committee F of the National Parliament that deals with Health, Education, Culture, Veterans and Gender Equality, held a public consultation with JSMP, the Secretary of State for Youth and Sport and the Youth Parliament in Hotel Timor. This meeting was attended by the President of Committee F and MPs in Committee F.

The aim of the meeting was to hear comments and thoughts from JSMP, SOSYS and the Youth Parliament about the Draft Law on Protection for Children and Young Persons who are in Danger. This consultation considered the various opinions that can be used to improve this draft law before it is presented to the plenary.

On 7 October 2021 JSMP, through the Parliamentary Watch Project, observed the discussion of Committee A of the National Parliament voting specifically on the Draft Law on the Statute of the Public Prosecution Service.

On 18 August 2021 the Judicial System Monitoring Programme-JSMP Team comprising the Executive Director, Coordinator of Legal Research (LRU) and the Training and Advocacy Unit (UTA) and also the Coordinator of the Parliamentary Watch Program (POP), met with His Excellency, the Prosecutor General (PJR), Alfonso Lopez, at the Office of the Prosecutor General in Dili.

The advocacy Working Group on the issue of incest held a meeting to discuss and consider the plans that were previously produced by this group, however this was not possible because of the State of Emergency and local area confinement for public health reasons and mandatory lockdown, therefore in this meeting there was a joint decision that in the near future these activities could be carried out, namely updating information, data and findings via television and radio (community radio) and to prepare information related to data on the issue of incest which is regularly provided to the public via social media, such as facebook and newspapers.

For three days, namely 26, 29 and 30 November 2021, members of the Committee to Combat Human Trafficking (KLATU) held their first meeting to prepare a National Action Plan (review the draft NAP presented by the working group of human trafficking several years ago) and also to plan activities for 2022 relating to prevention and the fight against human trafficking in accordance with the functions of the Commission that are set out in Article 5 (a & b) of Decree Law No. 9/2021, 30 June on the functioning of the KLATU. The Committee managed to finalise an activity plan for 2022 and forwarded it to the Office of the Prime Minister. The five year NAP will be revised in the near future.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> (half day) and 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 JSMP held a meeting with the Working Group on Human Trafficking with the following agenda: to update the results of the meeting of the working group on 19 November, also to update the results of a meeting between members of the KLATU and the Prime Minister, to jointly identify important activities and to revise the draft National Action Plan

(NAP) on Human Trafficking prepared by the Working Group on Human Trafficking several years ago.

The meeting took place at the Alola Foundation and was attended by the Alola Foundation, JSMP, ALFeLa, ACBIT, Mane ho Vizaun Foun and La'o hamutuk.

JSMP continued advocating on the issue of amending the Civil Code through discussion with non-Catholic religious institutions to discuss strategies and explore ideas on the provisions of Article 1475 of the Civil Code on civil marriages, catholic marriages and bride-price based monogamic marriages that are considered to be discriminatory against certain religious denominations.

Article 1475 of the Civil Code conflicts with the Constitution of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (C-RDTL) that acknowledges and respect all religious denominations and ensures their freedom to organise and exercise their activities as set out in Article 12.1 of the C-RDTL.

JSMP had a meeting with the Head of the Office of the Prime Minister, Azevedo Lourenço da Costa Marçal, on 19 October 2021.

The aim of this meeting was for JSMP to share its thoughts on the new institutions and structure of the executive organ, JSMP programs and JSMP's appreciation of the support given by the Office of the Prime Minister to civil society, particularly to JSMP through the civil society fund which comes from the Office of Civil Society Support (GASS).

On 20 September 2021, the Judicial System Monitoring Programme-JSMP team met with the Honorable Judge Counsellor, President of the Court of Appeal, Deolindo dos Santos, at the Court of Appeal in Dili. The aim of this meeting was to introduce the new JSMP structure and also present the work of JSMP, especially the new Victim's Support Unit. Also, JSMP expressed its appreciation for changes that have occurred at the court.

## **Performance and capacity building of staff and meetings overseas and domestically**

The capacity building program is part of JSMP's policy to continue increasing the knowledge of staff, so they can perform their duties more effectively and better. Through this program JSMP can improve and increase the quality and performance of work carried out.

In 2021 JSMP staff, in addition to attending capacity building and meetings domestically, also participated in capacity building overseas, virtually or online.

## **Relationships and Cooperation with National & International NGOs**

JSMP was not only involved in national networks such as FONGTIL, Rede ba Rai and the Alliance for the an International Court (ANTI) and also other national NGOs, as JSMP also cooperated with International and regional networks such as the Asia Forum& Amnesty International (AI)

In 2021 the Covid-19 Pandemic was a massive challenge for advocacy activities at the international and regional levels. Even so, JSMP together with the Asia Forum continued to provide joint advocacy on issues linked to human rights and justice. JSMP together with the Asia Forum and other members had an online consultation with the Special Rapporteur on the freedom of expression to discuss and share information on human rights relating to the freedom of expression in the Asia region which is a major concern. As a result of this consultation, the Asia Forum and members ultimately drafted and submitted an opinion to the Special Rapporteur on the freedom of expression.

## **Relationships and Cooperation with Local and International Universities**

JSMP established good relations and cooperation with local universities such as Universidade da Paz (UNPAZ) and Universidade Timor Lorosa'e (UNITAL) and foreign universities such as the Arizona State University (ASU), the United States of America, to facilitate and regularly send student interns from the Faculties of Law and International Relations to serve an internship with JSMP. In 2020, students from ASU were unable to come to Timor-Leste because of the Covid-19 pandemic, therefore they served their internship online.

On 5 August 2021, Mr. Casimiro dos Santos, JSMP Program Manager, officially accepted students from the Faculty of Economics from UNPAZ to serve an internship for two weeks with JSMP, between 05 -19 August 2021.

On 13 August 2021 the Coordinator of the Parliamentary Watch Project Unit shared information with interns from the Universidade da Paz (UNPAZ), Faculty of Economics and International Relations on the functioning of the National Parliament and the law making process.

## **Humanitarian Support**

In 2021 JSMP provided humanitarian support to victims of gender based violence, natural disasters and also to persons with disabilities in need.

Through this humanitarian support JSMP distributed basic necessities and materials to help victims of gender based violence in Shelters such as Fokupers, Casa Vida, AHDMTL and FFJC Oratório Dom Bosco Balide. These materials were the result of budgetary support from the European Union via UNDP and the Spotlight project

JSMP, with the support of the Australian Government through the Nabilan Program of the Asia Foundation, distributed solar lamps to victims of gender based violence and victims of floods.

## **Condolences and solidarity**

On 16 December 2021 JSMP paid homage to the ashes of the deceased Max Stahl at the Resistance Museum in Dili. Also, JSMP expressed its condolences to Dom Basilio do Nascimento, Bishop of Baucau, Rui Guterres, Public Defender, Veteran and Grand Hero of Timor Mr. José Antonio Gomes da Costa “Ma’hunu Bulerek Karathayano and Pedro Andrade, Advisor to Committee A of the National Parliament.

## **Annual Meeting of the General Assembly**

According to the provisions of Article 15.1 on Meetings of the General Assembly, JSMP shall hold an ordinary meeting once a year on the Annual Planning Day to evaluate and review JSMP programs and policies, the Financial Situation and Donor Support and Annual Action Plan that will be held in the months leading up to the end of the financial year; Therefore, each year JSMP meets with all of its members to discuss the revision of programs, plans and funds of the institution.

On 15 and 16 December 2021 JSMP prepared its Annual Review Plan for 2021. The aim of the 2021 Annual Review Plan was to: firstly review and evaluate the programs, policies and finances in 2021 in order to measure progress and identify challenges, and also to seek solutions, and secondly to develop a five year strategic plan for 2021-2025.

## **Monthly Meetings of the General Assembly**

In accordance with the provisions of Article 15.2 of the JSMP Statute on meetings of the General Assembly, JSMP will also hold an ordinary meeting once a month to examine and discuss issues related to the immediate interests and daily activities of JSMP. Therefore, JSMP regularly held monthly meetings of the General Assembly.

JSMP held meetings of the Assembly to discuss and present the financial situation of JSMP, also to discuss problems and challenges encountered during the implementation of programs.

## **Meetings of the Executive Council**

In accordance with the provisions of Article 25.1 on meetings of the Executive Council, the Executive Council shall meet weekly to discuss and assess programs, budgets and the work of management and the units. Therefore, the Executive Council regularly held meetings every week.

Meetings of the Executive Council were presided over by the Executive Director to consider and discuss important and emerging issues, to consider progress and challenges relating to the implementation of activities during the week and to plan for the next week.

## **Signing of a MoU with the Anti-Corruption Commission (CAC)**

On the International Anti-Corruption Day on 9 December 2021, JSMP signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the CAC in the areas of prevention and combatting corruption.

## Meetings and Signing of Contracts with Donors

Normally, JSMP has meetings with donors to sign agreements and also to evaluate the progress of implementing programs. Also, when adjusting its budget, JSMP always holds a meeting with donors for joint discussion and decision making.

On 19 April 2021, the Executive Director of JSMP, Ana Paula Marçal, together with Program Manager, Mr. Casimiro dos Santos, signed a work agreement with UNDP through the Spotlight Initiative Project with funding from the European Union for a program to prevent gender based violence through the media (television program) and the provision of legal aid to victims of violence against women and children. The signing of the joint work agreement was attended by the Ambassador of the European Union to Timor-Leste, Mr. Andrew Jacobs.

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## Publications

Overview of the Justice Sector	1
Parliamentary Watch Project	1
Institutional Report	1
Case Summaries	42
Submissions	7
Press Releases	51

## Newspaper Articles

Timor Post	4600
Diário Nacional	46000
Suara Timor Lorosa'e	2700
Jornál Independente	2700
TOTAL	146,000 Copies

Website

[www.jsmp.tl](http://www.jsmp.tl)

[www.facebook.com/timorleste.jsmp](https://www.facebook.com/timorleste.jsmp)

## **Television & Radio Programs**

### Television Programs – 6

On 26 August 2021 the Advocacy Working Group on the Issue of Incest (GTAI), held a television debate at the Dili Democracy Club entitled: “Updating data and concerns about the issue of incest”

On 28 September 2021 CEPAD collaborated with GMN through the Dader Kmanek Program on International Day for Universal Access to Information Ambassador of of the European Union in Timor-Leste

### Radio Programs - 6

The TV and Radio programs:

- a) the Role of JSMP over 20 years.
- b) Impact of the implementation of local area confinement for public health reasons and mandatory lockdown for peoples’ rights to access formal justice.
- c) Healthy family relationships.
- d) Update on cases of Incest and legal aid to victims of gender based violence.
- e) Prevention of gender based violence at the school level.
- f) Loving relationships for young people.

JSMP’s radio programs were distributed to community radio stations across Timor-Leste to be transmitted to the public.

***National newspapers***

To ensure the regular publication of JSMP information, JSMP entered into a contract with various newspapers, namely Timor Post, Diário Nacional, Suara Timor Lorosae (STL) and Journál Independente.

During the period covered by this report, JSMP's publications in Diário Nacional were 46 x 1000 or 46000 copies, Timor Post 46 x 1000 or 46000 copies, Journál Independente 34 x 800 or 27200 copies and Journál STL 34 x 800 or 27200 copies.

## ***Interviews***

On 15 September 2021, journalists from the newspaper Suara Timor Loro Sae spoke with Ms. Flora Soriano Menezes, Coordinator of Advocacy Training and Legal Researcher at JSMP about JSMP monitoring at the district courts and legal aid to victims of gender based violence during the implementation of a State of Emergency, local area confinement for public health reasons and mandatory lockdown.

On 19 November 2021 Timor Post journalists spoke with Ms. Ana Paula Marçal, Executive Director of JSMP, in relation to JSMP's involvement as a representative of civil society in the Committee to Combat Human Trafficking (KLATU) and JSMP monitoring at the district courts in cases involving child victims.

On 11 October 2021 journalists from the newspaper Timor Post spoke with Ms. Eurosia de Almeida, Legal Researcher and Mr. Mateus Xavier, Parliamentary Observer in JSMP. This aim of this discussion was to ask about JSMP's point of view in relation to the commemoration of international day of the girl and specific discussion of the First Amendment of the Law on Procedures for Pardons and Commutation of Sentences.

On 5 October 2021 journalists from Radio Television Timor –Leste (RTTL) spoke with Mr. Casimiro dos Santos, Vice Director of JSMP to ask about JSMP's thoughts in relation to amending Draft Law No. 33/V(3<sup>rd</sup>) 5/2016, dated 25 May on Procedures for Pardons and Commutation of Sentences.

### ***JSMP Webpage***

The total number of people following JSMP publications on facebook in 2021 was 7983 followers.

The total number of people who saw JSMP television programs published on TV-E was more than 11000, which can be accessed via this link:  
<https://web.facebook.com/283566652521927/videos/1650245771780789>

## **Fundraising**

The Legal Training Centre (SFL), Canosa-Manleu, Dili, is a facility that can help JSMP provide legal training to stakeholders and also the public who can use it for meetings and discussions. The centre is a source for fundraising for the institution.

JSMP regularly provides training to students who are completing their law degree each year. This training activity is one of the fundraising activities of JSMP. The aim of this training activity is to help students who are completing their law degree and law graduates to increase their knowledge and facilitate their access to the job market. JSMP announces this training through the JSMP FB and also at the central building in Colmera, Dili.

## Budget

**Table 2: 2021 Budget**

<b>DONOR</b>	<b>MONEY RECEIVED</b>	<b>MONEY SPENT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
Civil society	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 29,742.21	\$ 257.79
Cepad	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 46,902.35	\$ 3,097.65
Canada	\$ 33,673.43	\$ 33,659.70	\$ 13.73
Dfat	\$ 207,914.84	\$ 207,914.84	\$ 0.00
Trafiking	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,340.67	\$ 9,659.33
Spotlight	\$ 124,577.00	\$ 103,693.72	\$ 20,883.26
Taf Nabilan	\$ 111,451.37	\$ 105,364.32	\$ 6,087.05
Hivos	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 605,116.64</b>	<b>\$ 565,117.81</b>	<b>\$39,998.8</b>

## **2021 activities**

In 2021 JSMP continued its main activities such as monitoring in the courts and the National Parliament and providing legal aid to women and children. JSMP also continued to provide training to communities in remote areas and increased the capacity of staff to better contribute to program implementation. JSMP also continued to strengthen its relationship with local and international partners.

### **Management**

- Continued to seek funding to support program continuation;
- Drafted a plan for fundraising in accordance with the policy for fundraising
- Evaluated the performance of staff;
- Reviewed the JSMP strategic plan and defined annual plans for each program and made necessary adjustments to the programs;
- Identified opportunities to provide capacity building to staff including continuing the future leader training for staff for important positions in JSMP;
- Strengthened relations with partners, including NGOs, the government, court actors and universities;
- Strengthened working networks with organizations at the national, regional and international levels;

### **Legal Research Unit (LRU)**

- Monitored cases at the four district courts, as well as the Court of Appeal;
- Conducted training activities and disseminated information on human rights and access to the formal justice system;
- Produced case summaries every month;
- Produced press releases on interesting and current issues that are discovered at the courts whilst performing monitoring activities;
- Produced an annual report for the Overview of the Justice Sector in 2021;
- Produced thematic reports on issues relevant to the justice sector.

### **Training and Advocacy Unit (UTA)**

- Organised and disseminated information through the website, Facebook, e-mail-lists and the media such as newspapers, television and radio;
- Continued to provide advocacy on the issue of incest (amendment to the Penal Code), immunity, pardons, suspended prison sentences, accessibility and transparency of the Court of Appeal, Law Against Corruption and law on juvenile justice;
- Produced JSMP materials such as monthly bulletins (Newsletters), pamphlets, banners and invitations;

- Conducted activities relevant to the preventing and combatting Covid-19;

#### **Parliamentary Watch Project UNIT (POP)**

- Conducted monitoring of parliamentary activities in plenary sessions, meetings of Committee A and oversight in the districts;
- Published information on activities and procedures of the National Parliament to the public through the media;
- Analyzed laws produced by the National Parliament to provide commentary and recommendations to improve these laws;
- Supported the LRU to monitor the courts;
- Produced the 2021 annual PWP report.
- Conducted analysis and legal review of the Constitution and relevant laws to provide reports and opinions.

#### **Legal Aid Unit for Women and Children**

- Provided legal aid to women and children;
- Mediation of civil cases;
- Documented and reported legal aid activities.

## Vision

A democratic society that guarantees justice and human rights for everyone

## Mission

JSMP works with a spirit of collaboration to promote and protect democracy, law, justice and human rights through:

- Monitoring
- Legal Education, and
- Advocacy

**Working to ensure justice for everyone**

Working to promote democracy, human rights, justice and good governance

**Working to guarantee justice for everyone**

Coming together to speak up and strengthen justice and the truth for everyone

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