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Transport Support to the Access to Justice Clinics (AJCs)

On the 24th of May, the Justice System Programme (JSP) transferred custody of a motorbike to the Access to Justice Clinic which operates under the Public Defender’s Office (PDO) in Suai.



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As part of the project, UNDP also provides small grants to civil society organizations, Belun and JNJ Advokasia in Suai to support the work of the PDO in providing free legal aid services, mediation, referrals and outreach to vulnerable persons in the communities.



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Justice System Programme (JSP) Project Management Board Meets

JSP held its Project Management Board Meeting (PMB) on the 24th of April to present on the progress of the JSP in 2016 and to discuss its work plan for 2017. The meeting was chaired by H.E Minister of Justice, Dr. Ivo Valente and Mr. Claudio Providas, UNDP Country Director. Other participants of the meeting included the Public Defender General, representatives from the Court of Appeal, Office of the Prosecutor General, the Legal and Judicial Training Centre, as well as Embassy Representatives from Japan, Korea and Brazil.

Forming Partnerships with Civil Society Organizations

UNDP signed agreements with two local Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) on the 10th of April to strengthen the provision of legal aid in remote areas. The signing ceremony was between UNDP and two local CSOs, JNJ Advokasia and Justice and Peace Commission of Baucau Diocese (JPC). These partnerships are established to improve access to justice in remote communities with a special focus on vulnerable persons. As part of the project, JNJ and JPC will provide legal education and consultation under the supervision of the Public Defender’s Office through mobile legal aid clinics at the suco level in eight municipalities falling within the jurisdictions of the Baucau and Suai District



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Courts. In addition, these CSOs will be responsible for referrals and community outreach for the Access to Justice Clinic. UNDP is looking forward to a productive and wonderful partnership with these organizations in Timor-Leste.

Farewell to Mr. Leitao



On the 7th of April, a Public Defender Advisor from Brazil, Mr. Claudionor Leitao, ended his mission in Timor-Leste. Mr. Leitao was here for one year to provide support and advice to the Public Defender's Office as part of the cooperation agreement between UNDP and the Government of Brazil. The UNDP thanks Mr. Leitao for his valuable work and wishes him all the best in his future professional endeavours.

Construction of AJC in Suai



The Access to Justice Clinic of the Public Defender's Office in Suai is nearing completion with support

from JSP and the Governments of Japan and Korea. It is due to officially open in June 2017.

Belun Staff to Support the Public Defender's Office through the AJCs



Staff from the local civil society organisation, Belun, are using their expertise in community conflict resolution to support the work of the Public Defender's Office (PDO) in Baucau and Suai. Belun is harnessing local knowledge to assist in the mediation of extra-judicial cases, as well as providing community outreach and alternative dispute resolution training for community leaders

in both judicial districts. This partnership falls under the JSP's Access to Justice Clinic initiative.

Legal Training to Improve Community Conflict Resolution Practices

Earlier this year, JSP organized a two-day training workshop with the Public Defender's Office for the civil society organization, Belun, who are partnering with JSP on the Access to Justice Clinics initiative. These clinics, which aim to strengthen the legal aid mandate of the PDO by improving outreach and service delivery, are being piloted in the judicial districts of Baucau and Suai.



The two-day workshop covered topics such as the work of the PDO, its legal framework, mediation processes, human rights-based approaches and conflict sensitivity.



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