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## **Quarterly Report** **May to June 2009** **Contract No. DFD-I-00-04-00175-00**

### **TIMOR-LESTE JUSTICE INSTITUTIONS STRENGTHENING PROGRAM (JISP):**

On May 10, 2005, USAID/Timor-Leste (USAID/TL) awarded to MSD IQC Contract No. DFD-I-00-04-00175-00 to implement the JISP. In Contract Modification No. 5 approved by USAID/RCO on July 5, 2007, the period of implementation was extended until May 8, 2009. Furthermore, Contract Modification No. 8, approved by USAID/RCO on May 7, 2009, extended the task order completion date to December 31, 2009 and added the following language to objective 4:

Support state institutions, both existing and those to be established, that are working in the anti-corruption and good governance areas and support their efforts to provide citizens with an effective means of addressing complaints of corruption, maladministration or violation of civic rights.

### **TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES DURING THE QUARTER:**

- 1. Office of the Provedor – Governance Integrity Skills Training (GIST)**
- 2. Office of the Provedor – Education Outreach Project**
- 3. Office of the Prosecutor General / Inspector Prosecutor and Secretary to the Superior Council of the Prosecution**
- 4. Court of Appeal / Judge Inspector and Secretary of the Superior Council of the Magistrate**
- 5. Office of the Public Defender – Records Management and Administration Specialist**
- 6. Ministry of Justice – Financial Management Training and Support (FMTS)**

Under the supervision of the USAID Timor-Leste Democracy and Governance Unit, the MSD program implementation team led by COP Gerard Mosquera and DCOP/COP Brian Francisco implemented the following activities during the reporting period:

#### **1. Office of the Provedor – Governance Integrity Skills Training (GIST)**

GIST Project Manager, Nick Raicevic

The GIST Project welcomed Deodato de Sousa Fernandes as Project Assistant.

During the reporting period, the GIST Project concluded the Public Agencies Research Exercise, which challenged Anti-Corruption and Good Governance investigators to visit government institutions which offer public services and document their systems and procedures. The exercise culminated with several days of presentation and discussions amongst the investigators, directors, and Deputy Provedors. The GIST Project Manager has conducted evaluations of participants, facilitators, and the research exercise in general. All have been presented to the Provedor for his review.

The GIST Project, working closely with the INAP training center, has begun formal training of 22 PDHJ officers. Three workshop modules have been completed: Public Administration, Time and Self Management, and Communication and Coordination. Two additional modules are scheduled for the next quarter: File Management and Writing Documents. Pre- and Post-Tests have been conducted with favorable results.

The GIST Project Manager is currently developing training materials for two future workshops: “Vision\Mission\Values of the PDHJ” and “Good Governance”. Both workshops are designed to reinforce and expand participants’ understanding of institutional foundations and their own role as stewards of good governance. The target date for these workshops is September.

## **2. Office of the Provedor (PDHJ) – Education Outreach Project**

Project Manager – Afonso Aleixo

Following the completion of scripts for seven dramas concerning governance and corruption issues faced in Timor Leste, the MSD filming and managed the post-production work of all seven videos. The dramas were performed by two local acting groups and filmed by Thomas Nehrmann, an international documentary film maker. All production work was coordinated by MSD staff Afonso Aleixo and directed by MSD staff Afrem Soares.

These video dramas are part of the MSD’s Education Outreach Project at the PDHJ, which aims to develop media content that promotes ideals of good governance and stimulates conversation regarding corrupt practices and norms. The films, along with related radio programs, will be distributed on DVD to government ministries and aired on TVTL and district radio stations beginning in August.

## **3. Office of the Prosecutor General / Inspector Prosecutor and Secretary to the Superior Council of the Prosecution**

Inspector Prosecutor: Arlindo Figueiredo

During the reporting period, the Inspector Prosecutor conducted inspections of the prosecution services and staff in the district offices of Oecussi and Baucau. The national prosecutors are still quite inexperienced, and those in the district offices have little exposure or access to international technical expertise. As a result, Dr. Figueiredo has been working closely with the prosecutors in these two districts, and in Suai District, to develop the technical competencies of prosecutors. In addition to conducting inspection services and reporting his findings to the SCP, Dr. Arlindo provides feedback to individual prosecutors in an effort to develop their legislative knowledge and technical capacity.

At the request of the Prosecutor General, the Inspector Prosecutor also initiated several disciplinary inquiries of prosecution support staff in the Dili Office of the Prosecution and reported his findings and recommendations to the PG and the Superior Council.

In addition to his work as inspector, Mr. Figueiredo provides technical advice to the Prosecutor General. During the quarter, he provided legislative analysis to the PG on several pieces of legislation including the UNTAET Fire Arms and Explosives Regulations that is still in-force (pending new legislation that would supersede the UNTAET regs) and the newly promulgated Criminal Code. The criminal code had not been made available to the Prosecutor General for review before being passed by Parliament. Dr. Figueiredo conducted the first comprehensive review of the legislation on behalf of the OPG and reported his analysis to the Prosecutor General and members of the SCP.

#### **4. Court of Appeal / Judge Inspector and Secretary of the Superior Council of the Magistrate**

Judge Inspector: Margarida Veloso

After serving the term of her first contract, which ended on May 9<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Veloso returned for a second contract beginning June 8<sup>th</sup>. Having established the rules and regulations governing the judicial inspection services during her first contract, she has now engaged in the inspection process. Ms. Veloso spent a week conducting inspections in Oecussi District, as well as inspecting the judges and processes in the Dili District Court.

As with national prosecutors, national judges are still quite inexperienced. And national judges in the District Courts have little support and access to resources. Judge Veloso has chosen to begin her judicial inspections in the district of Oecussi District to provide extra support to the national judge and support staff. Upon completion of her inspection of judicial rulings, she submitted recommendations to the national judge, identifying areas of weakness and recommendations for improvement. Judge Veloso plans to return to Oecussi later this year to conduct a follow-up inspection.

#### **5. Office of the Public Defender – Records Management and Administration Specialist Administrative Specialist – Ina Petutschnig**

Ms. Petutschnig actively participated in the Strategic Planning Workshop of the Ministry of Justice, assisting the Chief Public Defender in developing a vision for the office in the next 5-10 years, with particular emphasis given to the area of human resource development.

She also provided technical assistance to the finance officers and administrative support staff in the planning and preparation of the 2010 operating budget for the Office of the Public Defender. In addition to the technical budget support, Ms. Petutschnig worked with the Chief Public Defender to ensure that budget documents reflected his action plan for the expansion of human resources and PD services in the districts.

Ms. Petutschnig provided guidance to the administrative unit as they coordinate the opening of renovated Public Defender Offices in Oecussi, Baucau, and Suai. She has assisted in developing logistics, communications, and coordination of administrative staff in the district offices with those in the PDO in Dili. The official inauguration of the Oecussi Office is scheduled for August.

#### **6. Ministry of Justice – Financial Management Training and Support (FMTS)**

Assistant Trainer – Rafail de Hale Lima

In May, the FMTS course director resigned from his post, leaving a significant vacancy in the project. The remaining Assistant Trainer, Rafael de Hale Lima, has continued the work of the project by providing one-on-one support to FMTS participants in Dili, primarily with finance officers from Land and Property and the Registry & Notary Office.

As mentioned in the previous quarterly report, MSD implemented a petty cash management training program for district-based justice sector staff in separate sessions in Baucau, Suai and Oecussi. The Assistant Trainer has built on these training sessions and revisited district offices to provide additional technical and material support.

In the next quarter, MSD will engage the Ministry of Justice to discuss the future of the FMTS program, specifically regarding an Executive FMTS for heads of agencies, directors, and supervisors.