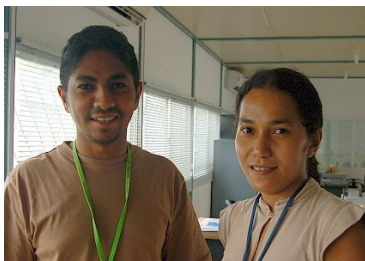




JUSTICE SYSTEM PROGRAMME



Editorial

In this month's edition we introduce two new members of the justice programme management team and hope you join us in their welcome.

Also, an update on the case management system, now in its implementation phase in the Dili District Court and the launching of the IT lab training, a facility to provide technology training to all justice clerks and officers.

We take this opportunity to thank our keen readers for the feedback provided on this newsletter.

In line with your suggestions we have reviewed the layout to a more user friendly format in addition to providing more information on justice activities.

Our warm regards to all.

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Implementation of the case management system

In November 2006 the first case registry and management system was presented to national and international court actors during a ceremony at the Court of Appeals. Currently, the new system – known as CERTO – is in its implementation phase with the pilot project starting at the Dili District Court. The IT Division is training daily the court actors on how to fill in the necessary information in order to input all relevant information from 2006 case files in order to allow automated generation of statistics.

The system was also designed to provide historical information for file tracking and audit purposes and includes several features to safeguard this data. CERTO has been developed from a paper based manual system into a user friendly computerized programme that doesn't require any specific



Rodrigo Elias assists the national staff to implement the system in Dili District Court

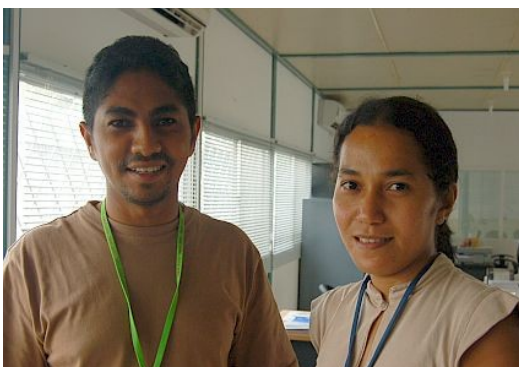
software. Through the use of a search engine, the system was designed to improve the management and control of work flows and monitoring of cases within the system.

It can be accessed from any building linked to the justice system communications network, upon complying with the security safeguards. The next step is to implement the

system in Baucau. With this tool we hope to support the judicial administration by improving the work mechanism between the judiciary institutions and the prison services. The system was designed with technical support from the UNDP Justice Programme and thanks to the excellent cooperation and relentless efforts from national and international court actors.

New staff in the Justice System Programme

The Justice Programme team is growing and we would like to welcome two new officers that



joined the UNDP family - Abdul Ghafur and Rosaria Fatima.

Abdul started in March as the Finance Associate to the Justice System Programme. He has a degree in accounting and is bringing his financial experience from Inter News where he worked for the past two years. "I am very excited in joining UNDP", he said.

Rosaria has begun as Administration and Procurement Assistant, and as some of you may know she previously worked with UNOPS.

She is handling general administration and logistical support to the programme. "I hope to contribute the best way I can to this programme", said Rosaria.

New IT training and Training Lab



Participants from the main justice institutions and three trainees from the Ministry of Justice during the classes at the new training facility



In April 23 the first class of ten students started their basic technology course in the new IT training Lab set up in the Prosecution Services.

The objective of the course is to improve information and technology skills for all officers in the justice on user tools such as file management, word documents, excel spreadsheets, Internet and intranet, e-mail, instant messaging through Exodus Chat, scanning to convert documents or pictures into digital form for storage or processing on a computer and anti virus.

As a start off ten classes were create for each course and each one of them has up to ten participants enrolled. In the future, it is expected that the number of classes will increased as per indications from justice institutions that have signaled interest already. After initial theoretical classes the participants will perform practical exercises, through simulations and mock exercises to reinforce the learning process.

The classes are being provided by the national Help Desk team from the IT Unit of the Ministry of Justice. This help desk team has received extensive training from UNDP IT experts and are now ready to provide this computer user friendly training course. Each course has a duration of one week with classes are held on weekdays from 9 to 12 am to accommodate part time participants.

“There are many reasons why this course is important, firstly it is increasing our capacity and it will help us to perform our work, and secondly, today it is necessary and much faster to access information using computer tools”, said António da Silva, probationary Prosecutor in Dili and one of the participants of this first class.

The Training Lab is equipped with eleven new computers that have been provided by the UNDP Justice Programme. We wish to extend thanks to the contributions made by our donors, and also to the Prosecution Services who kindly made an adequate room available for establishment of the Lab.



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Legislative writing course at the LTC

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he Ministry of Justice launched a legislative drafting training course in April, an initiative led by the

Directorate of Legislation.

The course is a follow up to the Dili Distance Learning Center (DDLC) legal drafting courses that took place in 2005 and 2006. As some of our readers may recall, UNDP supported the DDLC and Ministry of Justice with several video conference classes on legislative drafting complemented by in country lectures. With the crisis in 2006 this course was interrupted. The Ministry of Justice has now decided to continue where they left off. However, they have the support of international legal experts currently working with the Directorate of Legislation.

At the opening ceremony of this resumed training course, Minister of Justice Domingos Sarmiento, stated that "this initiative serves to reinforce technical knowledge acquired and consolidate it with a practical approach based on comparative experiences with a



Crisogno da Costa Neto, Domingos Sarmiento and Marcelina Tilman at the opening ceremony

focus on the social context of Timor-Leste". The program is divided into six modules with a total duration of 90 hours that will be completed in the first semester. Raquel Justino, the course coordinator and legal adviser to the Ministry of Justice said "the participants will be able to describe as well as understand the legislative system and apply procedures

and norms in the drafting of legislative diplomas". Raquel Justino is one of four lawyers currently supporting the Ministry of Justice, courtesy of the Portuguese Cooperation. UNDP is also providing a legislative expert, Ms. Claudia Lucena, as part of the training team for the legal drafting course. The course is taking place in the Legal Training Centre in Caicoli.

On next edition:

- **New security equipment for the Ministry of Justice**
- **National Judges discuss the status of the Justice Sector**
- **Training course for national assistant Public Defenders**