WAYS FOR THE COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT EX-PRISONERS
This section is for the general community which may have doubts about the future behavior of young men when they are first release from prison.
Community has responsibility to care for everybody including ex-prisoners. The community should support ex-prisoners to adjust to life outside the prison by participating in the community. The community should encourage them to go back to school or do other useful activities. The community can also assist by being very friendly and welcoming to them and their family. This takes away the shame that many people feel about going to prison and encourages the ex-prisoners not to re-offend.
Do you need a lawyer?
The organizations which young people or their families can contact for legal assistance are:
- Fundasaun Tau Matan, Rua Fatumeta, Dili
  Telp: 724 0106

PEACE what does this mean?
- Peace means you do not forget all your mistakes but you accept the consequences
- Peace means calm in your heart by acknowledging and accepting your mistakes
- Peace in our heart makes peace in our self
- Peace in our self will make peace in our family
- Peace in our family will make peace in our nation
- Peace in our nation means peace in our world
- Peace in our world means peace with Go
  FAMILIES WHO HAVE CHILDREN IN PRISON
Parents who have children in prison experience many feelings such as:
- Shame, because of your child’s behavior
- Guilt because you are the parents, you are responsible even though you did not commit the crime
- Sadness, because your child is away for a long time
- Afraid of pay back or revenge from victims family
- Worry about your child’s life in prison- are they safe?
The justice system in Timor Leste is new and still developing. It is very important your child has a lawyer to prepare the case well before the court process begins. You do not worry about payment, some organizations will provide a free lawyer.

WHAT DOES PDAJJ DO TO HELP THESE FAMILIES?
There are a few regulations if you want to visit the prison such as the visiting hours and things that you can bring to your child. The role of PDAJJ is to support families through visiting and passing on information about the condition of your child in prison. PDAJJ also ready to listen to your worries and concerns in relation to this situation. We can help you to visit your child in prison.