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PRADET and INS train 12 doctors to become accredited Medical Forensic Examiners

On 8 October 2018, PRADET and the Ministry of Health’s Institutu Nasional da Saude (INS) commenced training doctors to become accredited medical forensic examiners. The 12 new examiners will join 52 existing examiners trained by PRADET and the INS to conduct medical forensic examinations of victims of violence in Timor-Leste.

Medical forensic examination is essential to collecting evidence and document injuries of violence, and supports the formal justice process in Timor-Leste. The majority of victims examined are women and children who have experienced domestic violence or sexual assault.

Since 2010, PRADET has been working with the Ministry of Health to train doctors and senior mid-wives who are accredited by INS to examine victims of violence in medical centres and in PRADET Fatin Hakmateks. Accredited medical examiners are currently working in HNGV Dili, referral hospitals in Oecusse, Maliana, Suai, Baucau, and district health services in Ainaro, Same, Lospalos and Viqueque.

The medical forensic examination training provided by PRADET and the Ministry of Health through INS adopts international best practice as outlined by the WHO and supports Timor-Leste’s National Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence. It is hoped that further trainings can be arranged to ensure there are enough health workers to do medical forensic examinations in the future.

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