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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF PRADET - FRIDAY 24\textsuperscript{TH} FEBRUARY 2017

\textbf{Introduction;} On 24\textsuperscript{th} February 2017 PRADET staff came to work as usual, looking forward to the weekend break the next day. Little did they know what would happen this day? Four of PRADET’s senior staff are in Brisbane for 6 weeks training for mental health, (returning end of March) so already there is a staff shortage. Three of PRADET’s 4 programs would each receive 3 new referrals and remaining senior staff would attend meetings with significant donors. In Suai the Australian Ambassador, Mr. Peter Doyle was to visit Suai Fatin Hakmatek.

\textbf{Fatin Hakmatek} (Safe Place) a foreign woman who had experienced domestic violence from her husband. As she has no other family in Timor Leste she stayed overnight in Fatin Hakmatek while staff are liaising with ALFeLa and police on how to help this women further.

Then on Friday morning, police brought 2 more women from the districts who had experienced domestic violence from their husbands.

All 3 women were provided with counselling, medical treatment, medical forensic examinations, their basic needs met such as food, bathing and clean clothes and non-offending families in Dili of the 2 women, were contacted. All of this took several hours.

\textbf{Meanwhile...}

\textbf{Tau Matan}, the program for counter human trafficking received notice just before lunch that 3 young women who had been trafficked, were to be referred to PRADET for emergency accommodation and assessment. The Coordinator of Tau Matan is one of the four senior staff in Brisbane leaving only one other Tau Matan worker. They came to PRADET after lunch. Two young women had been trafficked from another country, and the offender had been arrested and was in Dili Police detention. The third young girl, aged 16, is 6 months pregnant. Little was known about her case.

A solution for emergency accommodation was found. The first foreigner woman, waiting to go home to her family went to the Mosque for sanctuary and follow up by Fatin Hakmatek staff. The 2 women from the districts were able to stay with non-offending family in Dili with Fatin Hakmatek staff following up. This meant the 3 young girls who had been trafficked were able to be safely accommodated at Uma Fatin Hakmatek until staff could arrange longer term safe accommodation while their cases were processed. These 3 stayed in Fatin Hakmatek until Sunday 26\textsuperscript{th} February. A female member of VPU Nasional stayed overnight as security, PRADET staff provided counselling, basic needs, and 2 PRADET male staff slept on the veranda as extra security.
Meanwhile;

In Suai, the Coordinator of Fatin Hakmatek had received a summons to appear in the Tribunal at the same time the Australian Ambassador who is also the Head of DFAT (donor for Fatin Hakmatek) was due to visit. She went to the court house to discover the case had been rescheduled and she arrived back to Suai Fatin Hakmatek ten minutes before the Ambassador arrived. He was most impressed with her and has requested her profile be included in the DFAT Facebook and website.

Meanwhile;

The National Hospital Emergency department called for staff from Programa Assistensia Moras Mental (PAMM) mental health team to attend 3 clients, two women and one man, who had been brought to the Emergency Department by police for mental health assessments. PAMM staff provided initial assessments, organized referrals to Saude Mental and psychiatrist and liaised with police. All three received emergency treatment. One woman was taken home by her family. Family for the second woman could not be contacted so she was taken back to the Dili Police Watch House for safety while the search for her family continued. The man entered Timor Leste through Batugade border post and was left in Comoro. The plan is to start the legal process to deport him. PAMM staff will provide follow up for the 2 women including taking basic needs to the woman in the Dili Watch House and arranging more appropriate long term accommodation.

Meanwhile;

The Director of PRADET had a successful meeting with two donors and current programs will continue.

And so another day in PRADET ended ......

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