Training to respond to non-accidental injuries

PRADET staff have been pleased to provide training for health workers, police, Judges and Prosecutors in the past 2 weeks.

In Same PRADET–Fatin Hakmatek staff trained doctors, nurses and midwives from Same CHC and sub district health posts in the recognition and response to non-accidental injury caused by the crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse. The health workers said that they often saw these injuries and now had a better understanding of the Law Against Domestic Violence and how to help victims. A similar workshop was held in Dili with NGO partners HAI, Café Clinic Timor and Bairo Pite Clinic. Midwives and doctors shared programs and strategies for aiding victims.

Staff also presented at the Judicial Conference for Timorese Judges and Prosecutors held at Hotel Timor 3-5 August 2016, sponsored by The Asia Foundation–Nabilan. Dr Margaret Gibbons joined with Judge Phillip Rapoza to present a joint medico-legal session on Issues of Consent and also on Strangulation. Susan Kendall, International Mentor for PRADET, presented to the Prosecutors on ‘Self-Care and Well-Being’. Vigorous discussion followed both presentations.

Working together with TLPDP, PRADET–Fatin Hakmatek staff also ran a 1-day workshop for Police Liaison Officers–PLO on Medical Forensic Examination and the Timor-Leste Medical Forensic Protocol. PRADET developed this Protocol for the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Justice. This is believed to be unique because it is written in 3 languages and it covers adults and children, males and females, domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse.

A Fatin Hakmatek (meaning ‘quiet place’) was first established by PRADET in the HNGV compound in 2002, and since then in the Referral Hospitals of Oecusse, Maliana, Suai and Baucau. Staffs (doctors, midwives and counsellors) provide a ‘one-stop shop’ service for women, men and children who have suffered domestic violence, sexual assault or child abuse. Services include immediate and ongoing safety, counselling, assessment and treatment of minor injuries and referral for more serious injuries, treatment or prophylaxis for STIs and Medical Forensic Examination. Fatin Hakmatek works closely with partners such as the VPU (Vulnerable Persons Unit of the Police), ALFeLa (Free Legal Assistance for Women and Children) and refuges.

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