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MEDIA RELEASE

CEPAD launches national distribution of anti-corruption storybook

The Centre of studies for Peace and Development (CEPAD) completes the distribution of the storybook 'Baino and Binoi' in Manufahi Municipality

With an event held at the public school Diligência in Same, Manufahi Municipality, on Wednesday 15 April, CEPAD launched the next phase of its education campaign against corruption. Over 254 students from 7 schools and their teachers took part in the official introduction of a new resource that will help approach the themes of corruption, collusion and nepotism (known locally as KKN) in the classroom.

Through illustrations and text, the storybook 'Baino and Binoi' explores the concepts of corruption, collusion and nepotism and their impacts. The narrative follows the story of two aspiring pilots and the challenges one of them faces when resorting to corruption to reach their dream.

'Corruption is a major challenge to development in Timor-Leste and addressing this issue requires the participation of the civil society as much as that of government officials. 'Baino and Binoi' will allow teachers to start a conversation on corruption and engage the Timorese youth in challenging behaviours in their community' **said Ivonia Tsia, CEPAD KKN Lead Researcher.**

'The distribution of this storybook is a great initiative for our students and will help the children understand what corruption, collusion and nepotism mean. I call CEPAD to continue producing the storybook 'Baino and Binoi' to allow students across all schools to access this resource in the future' **said Saturnino Magno, Director of Diligência public school.**

Following an interactive session with the students, the teachers took part in a briefing session with CEPAD's KKN team to discuss how the content of the storybook 'Baino and Binoi' can be used as a resource for grade 5 and grade 6 students. CEPAD also explored with the teachers how they could further collaborate in monitoring the impact of the storybook on the students and the broader community.

In 2014 the Timor-Leste Ministry of Education made official the introduction of the storybook 'Baino and Binoi' in the national curriculum. After a launch in Dili at the Farol school in October 2014 and attended by over 450 students, last week's event in Same marks the launch of the campaign in Timor-Leste's Municipalities. **By the end of 2015, CEPAD, with the support of the Global Organisation of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) and the Ministry of Education, will have distributed 63,500 copies of the storybook to all Central schools across Timor-Leste's 13 Municipalities.**

Throughout the project, CEPAD will work closely with local partners and the Ministry of Education to monitor the reception of the storybook in classrooms and inform the development and review of the KKN component of the national curriculum. In the second half of 2015, CEPAD will complement this initiative with the roll out of a national campaign to raise awareness on KKN with the broader Timorese society. This work is possible thanks to the support of CEPAD's partner MISEREOR, the German Catholic Bishops' Organisation for Development Cooperation, and in partnership with Interpeace.

About the Centre of Studies for Peace and Development

The Centre of Studies for Peace and Development (CEPAD) is a Non-Governmental Organization in Timor-Leste founded in 2008. CEPAD contributes to breaking the cycle of violence and creating a climate in which Timorese can identify and address priority issues in a non-violent and durable manner.

About Interpeace

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