RADIO VOX
POPULI
LOS PALOS FGD

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FGD FACILITATORS: FRANCISCO HORNAI

PARTICIPANTS: 16 PARTICIPANTS (13 WOMEN, 3 MEN), AGED 19-47
FGD Content analysis
Most of the participants in Lospalos have listened to the Her Story Radio Program through the Community Radio Voxpopuli Lospalos, no need to play it again. It could be proved through the answers they provided to the questions from facilitator. They’ve shown and confessed how happy they are with the episodes of Her Story as it’s as a guideline for them in their daily life. They also confessed that they’ve listened to the Radio of Timor-Leste and Radio of Maubere yet Radio of Vox Populi offered various programs and it all enjoyed by community members.
Some of them discovered that although they knew that women have the same right to be the owner of the land, but they couldn’t make any things against the culture they have. However some participants started to understand and declared that they will share their land equally to their son and daughter.

Challenges
Participants confessed that most of the community members in rural area have no access to the radio. They didn’t discuss on the legal issues because the legal experts on this issues didn’t join the team to go to Lautem.

Success Story
There is a story on a family in Lospalos, there are two brothers that didn’t agree to share their land to their sister who married to a foreigner. However after listening to the episode on the equal right on land, the brothers decided and shared the land immediately to their sister.

Participants’ Suggestion
If it’s possible then we should bring this program to the community in the rural areas in order to gain their understanding to make a general change in their community. Transform this idea in to the form of theater so that people can see and feel it. There is a need to continue play HerStory and continue to socialize the women’s issues to the community members included the land issue that have become a big issue.

Next step
Maybe it is possible to run FGD in the rural areas for information sharing to all people, because of this reason we can also integrate FGD as a regular program in each village for information sharing to all people. Bring AATL to join the the discussion.