

Report on presentation at Elementary School No. 2 Lospalos, February 2015: *The dangers of tobacco at an early age*

MHI Health Promotion Officer Thomas Lopes reports on his presentation at the Elementary School No. 2 Lospalos, with Alfredo Jorge, Health Promotion Officer, District of Lautém:

More than 150 students from grade 4, 5 and 6 level at Elementary Schools 1 and 2 in Lospalos heard Alfredo explain the dangers of tobacco use for children. Although the workshop was conducted in a classroom that can only accommodate around 80 students, hundreds of students who attended the workshop were enthusiastic to watch TV spots on the dangers and health effects of using tobacco. The workshop was held and coordinated by Many Hands International in cooperation with Elementary School 2 in Lospalos. Health promotion officer Thomas Lopes from Many Hands International conveyed to the students that the United Nation Child Right Convention enshrines that children have right to live in a healthy environment. The school is one of the institutions that can protect children from the dangers of tobacco use or tobacco smoke inhalation. The project seeks to encourage schools to be free from tobacco during the learning process.

