



TANZANIA NETWORK OF LEGAL AID PROVIDERS (TANLAP)



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LIST OF ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

AJISO	Action for Justice in Society
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AWLAHURIO	Arusha Women Legal Aid and Human Rights Organization
CBOs	Community Based Organizations
CHRAGG	Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
CRC	Crisis Resolving Centre
CWCA	Centre for Widows and Children Assistance
FBOs	Faith Based Organizations
FoAA	Freedom of Assembly and Association
FoE	Freedom of Expression
GBV	Gender Based Violence
CODISO	Community Development Initiative Support Organization
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
LAPs	Legal Aid Providers
LEAT	Lawyers Environmental Action Team
LHRC	Legal and Human Rights Centre
MoCLA	Ministry of Constitution and Legal Affairs
NED	National Endowment for Democracy
NIDA	National Identification Authority
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
PCCB	Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau
TLS	Tanganyika Law Society
TANLAP	Tanzania Network of Legal Aid Providers
TAWLA	Tanzania Women Lawyers Association
VAC	Violence against Women
TVMC	The Voice of Marginalized Community
WiLDAF	Women in Law and Development in Africa
WLAC	Women Legal Aid Centre

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Tanzania Network of Legal Aid Providers (TANLAP) presents the 2021 organizational report to the Government, public, partners, clients, beneficiaries and all other key stakeholders. The 2021 report is mainly a continuation of where we ended in December 2020 as depicted in the narrative and financial reports of that year. This simply means that the thrilling narrative of legal aid provision among the needy, especially women and young people in Tanzania is far from being reached. The need for legal

aid provision and assistance in Tanzania is so great, yet the resources required to meet this growing need are so scanty. TANLAP is always facing the challenge of “doing more with less”.

In 2021, TANLAP is thankful for the continued support from National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and UN Women. TANLAP and its members continued to implement a noble Mwanamke Imara Project under USAID support. In this year TANLAP implemented various key activities that have helped to improve access to justice for women and young people on rights- based issues in Mbeya, Njombe and Kilimanjaro Regions. Mwanamke Imara Project is a three-year activity initiative funded by USAID. In each of the three Regions, Mwanamke Imara Project, has been implemented in two districts and five wards of the region. All the activities implemented reflect the implementation of the TANLAP’s Strategic Plan of 2021- 2025 that focuses on the areas of strengthening of the capacity of Legal Aid Providers; networking and engagement to enhance access to justice; coordination and harmonization of provision of legal aid services; and organizational development and growth.

In the year 2021, TANLAP had attended 1404 (66%) female clients and 719 (34%) male clients. The cases were attended in various areas, within the project in Mbeya, Kilimanjaro, Njombe and Kagera. The cases were received from various sources such as Paralegals, mobile legal aid camps, legal aid clinics and cases from legal aid week in Kagera and Mbeya. TANLAP will continue to provide legal aid services to women and young person as part of ensuring access to justice for all, particularly to women and young persons. With valuable, long-time experience in legal aid service provision in Tanzania, highly competent, committed and dedicated staff, willing partners and collaborators, we are justified in saying that TANLAP as an umbrella organization has the requisite capacity, expertise and is well positioned to continue providing such legal aid services not only in Tanzania but within the Eastern African Region and beyond, if the opportunity arise.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

TANLAP express its gratitude to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania through its Ministries, department and Agencies for the support during the implementation of the activities in 2021, with special appreciation to the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, PO-RALG, and Minister of Community Development, Gender, Women, Elderly and Special Groups (MoCDGWESG).

TANLAP also express its sincere gratitude to development partners for their tireless efforts in supporting the development of the Network financially. TANLAP is grateful for the support received in 2021 from UN Women, National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and USAID.

Our sincere appreciations to all TANLAP members across the country for their continuous support and engagement in the implementation of various activities in 2021 particularly those members within project areas such as in Kagera, Mwanza, Mbeya, Dodoma, Njombe, and Kilimanjaro. Members have been instrumental to ensure the network continues to ensure effective provision of legal aid services as part of access to justice for all in the country. We commit to continue with this spirit of cooperation in the coming years.

All in all, we acknowledge the bold support from various stakeholders mentioned and not mentioned, in the implementation of the activities in 2021. Their contributions, time and comments have been useful for TANLAP to advocate for effective provision of legal aid services that ensures access to justice in Tanzania.

WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This is an annual report that provides summary of the activities planned and implemented in the year 2021. It also includes the achievements, challenges and lessons learned during the implementation of activities in 2021, a year that marked the beginning in the implementation of the Strategic Plan to be implemented up to 2025. The Strategic plan focus on strengthening the capacity of Legal Aid Providers; networking and engagement to enhance access to justice; coordination and harmonization of provision of legal aid services; and organizational development and growth.

We are humbled to inform the public that, despite the financial scarcity in 2021 due to the impact of the COVID -19, TANLAP implemented the activities as detailed in the Annual Work Plan. We are happy to report that the organization engaged with civil society organizations, government institutions, and the public in general as part of enhancing access to justice for all. The support, comments and inputs we received from various stakeholders were useful throughout the year 2021. For proper management of the organizational resources as required, the Executive Director has remained the Chief Accounting Officer of TANLAP assisted by the Finance and Program Officers. Also, we are privileged to report that all required meetings were conducted for proper implementation of the planned activities and governance of the organization. Finally, we are pleased to present to you this report highlighting what we have done in the year 2021.

Christina Kamili

Executive Director
December, 2021

WORD FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

The TANLAP's Board of Directors is delighted and honoured to present the organizational annual report for the year 2021. This was the year which TANLAP began the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2021 -2025. The Strategic plan aims to strengthen capacity of Legal Aid Providers; networking and engagement to enhance access to justice; coordination and harmonization of provision of legal aid services; and organizational development and growth. In the year 2021, TANLAP has continued to enjoy true cooperation from various government institutions such as; The Ministry of Constitution and Legal Affairs; The Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania; The Judiciary and many other institutions, which were engaged during the implementation of the activities. We trust that this kind of working relationship and cooperation which has been established will continue in future for the benefit of the Tanzanian community who dreams for access to justice and rule of law in the country. The Board of Directors has a governance role for the organization and as such it has ensured that the planned activities have been performed as narrated under the strategic areas within the Strategic Plan. Despite the financial challenges faced in 2021 due to the impact of COVID -19, we are proud and happy for the support we enjoyed from the UN Women, National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and USAID which enabled the organization to implement its planned work. TANLAP will continue to work collaboratively with all partners including the development partners to ensure financial resources are available to facilitate the implementation of various activities in the coming years.

The work which was implemented this year has helped many Tanzanians to access justice an indication of the way towards the realization of TANLAP's mission and the envisaged mission. For the organization to move towards its vision it has to be strong in its governance and other structures and as such the Members met in the Annual General meeting to deliberate on the Policies of the organization towards its goals and the Board held the mandatory meeting to ensure the organization is on the right direction as it steered the secretariat which implemented the planned work with a tireless spirit by the efforts and knowledge shown meandering through the challenges encountered during the year. With special note, we are privileged to acknowledge the support we have received from the general public and the media outlets in 2021. TANLAP will continue to work in collaboration with the public to ensure access to justice for all.

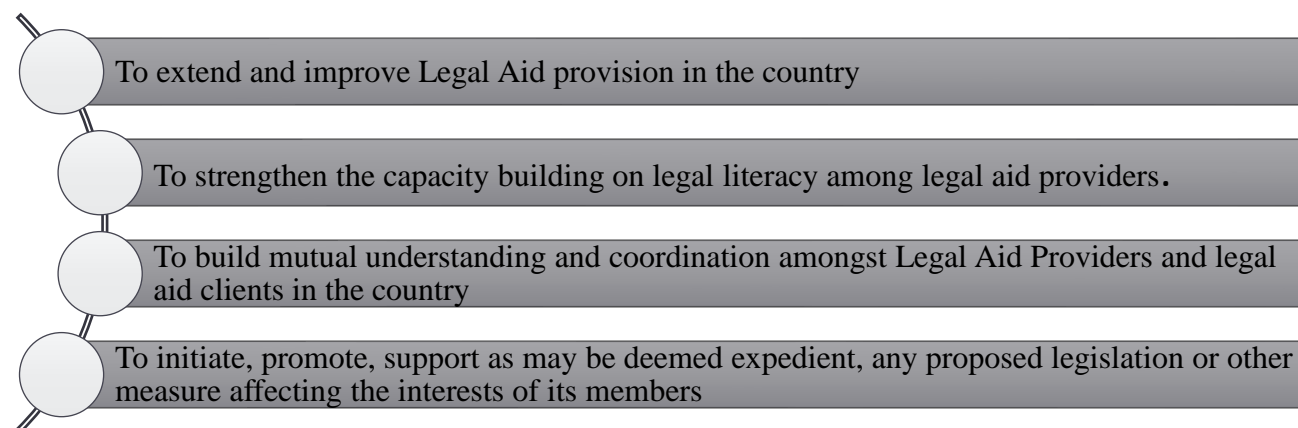
Dr. Helen Kijo Bisimba
Board Chairperson
December, 2021.

1 PART ONE- INTRODUCTION

1.1 About TANLAP- A brief description:

Tanzania Network of Legal Aid Providers (TANLAP) is an umbrella national network working in the legal sector. It is a membership network comprising of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) and other institutions providing legal aid in Tanzania. Founded in 2006, TANLAP's core aim is to work and link up with other Civil Society Organizations in providing quality legal aid and advocate for access to justice among the poor and marginalized sections in the Tanzanian society. TANLAP is registered under the NGO Act number 24 of 2002 and has a certificate of compliance (No. 1300). TANLAP's founding member organizations comprise of the following: The Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT); the Disabled Organization for Legal Affairs and Social Economic Development (DOLASED); Lawyers Environmental Action Team (LEAT); Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC); Tanzania Women Lawyers Association (TAWLA); Women in Law and Development in Africa (WiLDAF); Women's Legal Aid Centre (WLAC); and the National Organization for Legal Assistance (NOLA).

1.2 TANLAP Main Objectives



1.3 Vision and Mission:

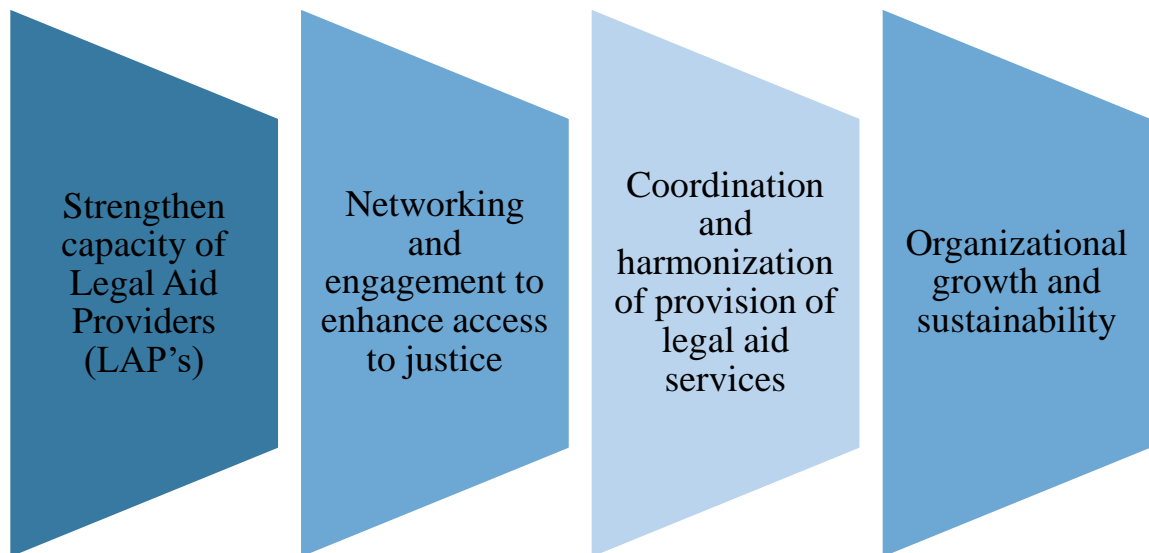
1.3.1 Vision:

TANLAP envisions a society with access to justice whereby people are able or enabled to seek and obtain a remedy through formal or informal institutions of fair and proper administration of laws for grievances in compliance with human rights standards.

1.3.2 Mission:

To build capacity of legal aid providers in Tanzania; provide proper and improve the coordination and harmonization of the legal aid providers; and strengthen its own organizational development and sustainability.

1.4 Strategic Areas



2 PART TWO: ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED IN 2021

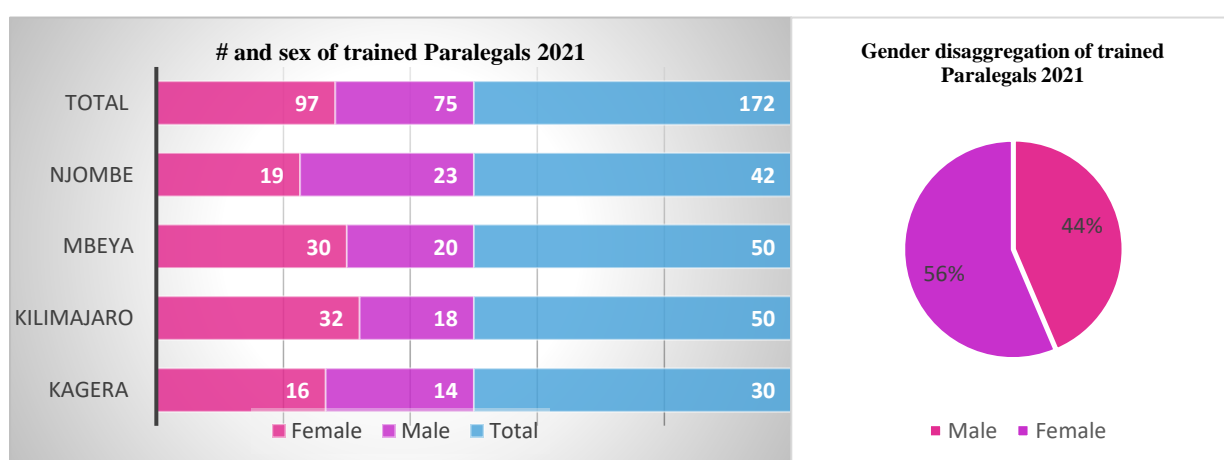
2.1 Introduction

This report covers the achievements realized by TANLAP from January to December 2021 under the financial support of National Endowment for Democracy (NED), UN Women and USAID. What has been achieved is in compliance with the TANLAP Annual Work Plan and Organizational Strategic Plan. It focuses on the areas of strengthening capacity of Legal Aid Providers; networking and engagement to enhance access to justice; coordination and harmonization of provision of legal aid services; and organizational development and growth. The area targeted and reached were Mbeya, Mwanza, Dodoma, Kilimanjaro, Kagera and Njombe regions. The summary of the achievements in form of activities implemented forms part of the Strategic Plan 2021- 2025 as detailed below.

2.2 Strengthen capacity of Legal Aid Providers

2.2.1 Paralegals in Mbeya, Njombe, Kilimanjaro and Kagera Trained.

TANLAP conducted training to Paralegals in Mbeya, Kilimanjaro, Njombe and Kagera on right- based issues including; land and property rights, inheritance and gender-based violence. In Mbeya, Njombe and Kilimanjaro, Paralegals were trained under Mwanamke Imara project and in Kagera Paralegals were trained as part of an evaluation of the UN Women project implemented by TANLAP. A total of 172 (97 females and 75 males) Paralegals were trained. In Mbeya, Kilimanjaro and Njombe Paralegals were picked from Paralegals organization within the project districts of Mbarali, Rungwe, Makete, Ludewa, Moshi and Rombo. In Kagera, Paralegals were picked from a list of Paralegals TANLAP had worked with since 2018 under UN Women project. The trainings were partly to refresh Paralegals' knowledge on key legal instruments relating to Paralegals work. Paralegals have continued to provide legal aid services to clients within the project area as part of enhancing access to justice through provision of legal aid services. Paralegals have been influential to link clients to legal aid clinics in Mbeya, Njombe and Kilimanjaro that are facilitated by TANLAP. In Mbeya, Kilimanjaro and Njombe the trainings were conducted in June and in Kagera the training was conducted in May 2021.



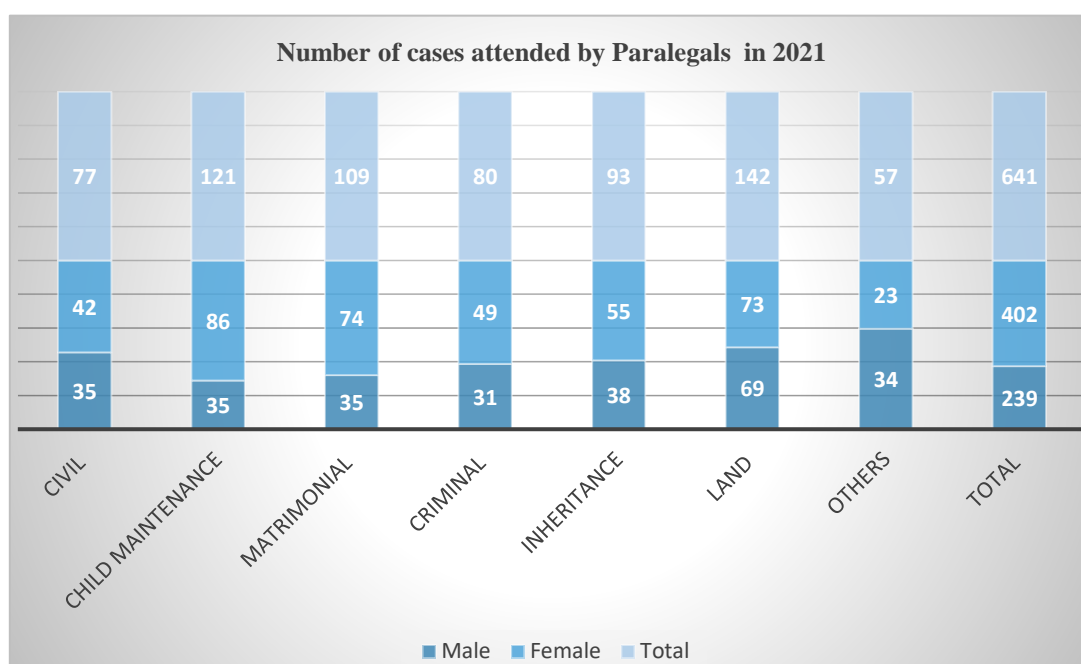


Pictures taken during Paralegals training 19th and 20th May 2021 at Victorious hotel Bukoba.

2.2.2 Quarterly district level working and learning sessions with trained Paralegals

In 2021, TANLAP conducted quarterly district level working and learning sessions with trained Paralegals in Mbeya, Njombe and Kilimanjaro. The purpose of the working sessions was to provide technical support on how to report cases using Mwanamke Imara reporting tools and share cases to Mwanamke Imara Implementers. Paralegals had the opportunity to interact and share experience on provision of legal aid services to enhance access to justice for all.

In Kagera, TANLAP continued to work with trained Paralegals for provision of legal aid services. The trained Paralegals in the mentioned regions managed to share a total of 641 cases attended in 2021. The cases are in the categories of child maintenance, matrimonial, land, inheritance, civil, criminal and GBV as summarized on the table below. TANLAP in collaboration with like-minded stakeholders and members will continue to work closely with trained Paralegals to ensure individuals receive legal aid services.



Pictures taken during one of the working session with Paralegals in Rungwe – Mbeya

2.3 Networking and Engagement to Enhance Access to Justice

2.3.1. Dialogue with selected members of the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania in Dodoma.

TANLAP conducted a dialogue with selected members of the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania in Dodoma as part of its strategy to seek promotion and protection of a cohesive state and non-state actors' collaboration to ensure the realization of freedom of expression and association (FoE/A), a freer civic space and rule of law in Tanzania. The event was conducted on 11th February 2021 at the Morena Hotel, Dodoma. The event was officiated by Hon. Dr. Tulia Ackson, the Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania. In her opening remarks, the Deputy Speaker congratulated TANLAP for taking initiatives to bring together state and non-state actors to discuss promotion and protection of a cohesive state and non-state actors' collaboration to ensure the

realization of freedom of expression and association (FoE/A), a freer civic space and rule of law in Tanzania. Working in collaboration create non-adversarial working relationship that provide an opportunity for state actors to understand and recognize the work of non-state actors towards strengthened periodic policy engagement platforms for state and non-state actors on improving collaboration amongst state and non-state actors leading to a freer Tanzanian society that respects FoE/A and the rule of law.



During the debate, members of the Parliament shared their views that promotion and protection of civic space as part of human rights requires on-going discussion among justice stakeholders to ensure that conflicts are resolved amicably. The parliamentarians as people representatives and law-makers were told to ensure legislations they make are in line with both national and international human rights standards. The discussion revealed that Parliamentary committees are also important in advancing protection of human rights at the national level by being

able and proactive to develop and express common parliamentary positions on human rights issues and contribute to meaningful legislations. The discussion revealed that the Government had tabled to the Parliament the Written Laws (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.1) Act, 2021 that would also amend the law to use Swahili as a court language. As argued by Judicial Officials, records in courts in English language restrict some people from accessing justice, the decision to start using the Swahili Language as official court language will broaden access to justice. The discussion also focused on the need for amendment of the Marriage Act and the enactment of the Anti GBV Act that specifically will address GBV related cases within the community.

As the way forward, the Deputy Speaker promised to provide a meaningful working relationship with justice stakeholders to ensure that laws that are enacted adhere to the fundamental principles of human rights. It was agreed that TANLAP and members of the Parliament would continue to share information to establish areas for collaboration at national and at constituency level to ensure



protection and promotion of a cohesive state and non-state actors' collaboration to ensure the realization of freedom of expression and association (FoE/A), a freer civic space and rule of law in Tanzania. The Deputy Speaker and other participants appreciated the work TANLAP is doing to ensure access to justice through collaboration with other justice stakeholders and they promised to strengthen the working relationship by advocating TANLAP's work to other institutions at various levels.

TANLAP will continue engaging with state and non-state actors to ensure a just society that respects human rights such as freedom of expression and association, which in the recent year's evidence shows a shrinking of the civic space.

2.3.1 Dialogue with Media outlets in Mwanza and Mbeya Conducted

TANLAP and TAWLA conducted a dialogue with 29 Journalists in Mwanza to discuss the situation of FoE/A, civic space and rule of law and identify opportunities for advocacy. Participants were picked among members of Mwanza Press Club. The event was held on 28th April 2021 as part of commemoration of International Press Freedom Day that is normally commemorated on 3rd May of each year. The theme of International Press Freedom Day was Information as a public good that showed how important it is for the public to have free access to information relating to their wellbeing. In Mbeya, the event was organized on 20th August 2021 at Usungilo hotel attended by 29 Journalists from various media outlets. The session was organized in collaboration with Sauti ya Haki Tanzania, a member of TANLAP in Mbeya. Understanding the crucial role of journalists in promotion and protection of freedom of expression and freedom of association and assembly, it is important for journalists to have clear understanding of the laws, policies and guidelines regulating the rights associated with right to information. Journalists were capacitated on various laws relating to the right to information. These laws included the Media Services Act, 2016; Cybercrime Act, 2015; Statistics Act, 2015; Access to Information Act, 2016; Electronic and Postal Communications (Online Contents Regulations). For the past few years, there had been enacted laws that hinder freedom of speech and association creating shrinking of civic space in Tanzania.

The discussions revealed key issues relating to the laws governing freedom of press. Some of key issues identified include the following: The Cyber Crime Act contain a vague definition of the offense. It criminalizes sharing of information, it legalizes surveillance without proper court order, it grants unlimited powers to Police for search and seizure. The Media Services Act, criminalizes defamation with absolute privilege to Government officials; it also criminalizes publication of false information and imposes a penalty without considering the intention of the information. It gives absolute powers to the Minister to prohibit publications.



It was agreed that TANLAP will continue to engage with the media and specifically the journalists to capacitate them on any enacted laws that have direct impact on the freedom of press. When journalists are aware of the laws governing the press, they will work professionally and avoid being victims of such laws. In future, TANLAP will continue to advocate for amendments of the laws that curtail the right to information to ensure realization of freedom of speech, association, assembly that enhance civic space, human rights and democratic governance.

2.3.2 Induction sessions on Mwanamke Imara with Local Government officials in Mbeya, Kilimanjaro and Mbeya.

TANLAP with Mwanamke Imara implementing partners realized a need for community ownership of the project at local level. To fulfil this, Mwanamke Imara implementers conducted induction sessions with Local Government Officials within the project districts. The events were conducted from 9th to 20th September 2021 in the project area respectively. The meeting involved key stakeholders at local levels including Village Executive Officers, Ward Executive Officers, Village Chairpersons, Social Welfare Officers, Community Development Officers, and officials from the District Commissioner and the Officer of District Executive Director in all project districts. The participants were selected by virtue of their position from all project villages and districts. During the sessions, stakeholders were capacitated about Mwanamke Imara project goal, objectives, result areas and activities.

Furthermore, the sessions were used to inform participants about their role in the course of Mwanamke Imara project. As key stakeholders at the community level, effective implementation of the project depends on the willingness and devotion to participate in various engagements by Mwanamke Imara implementers. They have a role to facilitate communication between implementers and community members during activity implementation. The sessions have been helpful as it has contributed to increase number of individuals seeking Mwanamke Imara services. TANLAP in collaboration with other implementers will continue to work with local leaders to ensure services reach community members.

2.3.3 Community Radio Sessions Conducted in Kagera region.

In May 2021, TANLAP in collaboration with UN Women conducted a number of community radio sessions to nine community radio in Kagera. The goal of the sessions was on legal aid provision and public awareness to enhance access to justice for women in Kagera. The sessions were also used to encourage community members to attend the provision of legal services that were conducted at Mabila and Nkwenda in Kyerwa districts. Community radio sessions were conducted in Kasibante Radio that covers the districts of Bukoba, Muleba, Misenyi and Karagwe; Radio Rumuli which covers all districts of Kagera except Ngara and Muleba; Radio Shenaiz which covers the districts of Bukoba, Misenyi and Karagwe; Radio Fadeco which, covers the districts of Kyerwa, Ngara, Karagwe and Biharamulo; Karagwe radio which covers the districts of Karagwe, Kyerwa and Misenyi. Further, the sessions were aired by Radio Kwizera, which covers all Kagera districts and other districts bordering Kagera Region like Kibondo and Kasulu among others; Radio Mbiu which, covers all districts of Kagera; and Radio Maria cover all districts of Kagera and other Regions of Tanzania. Approximately, around 300,000 people were reached through radio sessions in Kagera. Legal aid experts had the opportunity to educate the public about Gender Based Violence (GBV) and how to address GBV within the community for protection and promotion of women and girls' rights. The discussion also touched the role of the government to address GBV and protect women against all kind of injustice.

2.3.4 One-to –one meeting with Legal Aid Providers in Kagera

TANLAP and UN Women organized a meeting with Legal Aid Providers as part of enhancing access to justice for women and girls through provision of legal aid services. It is noteworthy to say that through the project, TANLAP has implemented in Kagera to enhance access to justice for women through legal aid provision, one notable achievement is the establishment of Regional Legal Aid Committee. Through collaboration with the Registrar of Legal Aid Providers from MoCLA, the establishment of the Committee has been a best practice that the government aims to implement in other regions to ensure effective provision of legal aid services among legal aid providers. The committee is mandated to coordinate all legal aid provision related activities at the regional level to ensure adherence to the Legal Aid Act, 2017 and its Regulations of 2018. TANLAP in collaboration with the Committee in Kagera visited a number of offices including, Tanganyika Law Society – Bukoba Chapter; Bukoba District Prison; Bukoba District Commissioner Office; Kagera Regional Police Commander and Police Gender Desk; Prevention and Combating Corruption Bureau in Muleba; Mamas Hope Organization for Legal Assistance (MHOLA). Key issues discussed were provision of legal aid and referral system in Kagera; provision of psychosocial support for people in detention facilities; collaboration among justice stakeholders to ensure timely access to justice for all.

After engagement with justice stakeholders in Kagera, it was identified that technicalities are among the challenges in the process to access justice. Hence, there is a need to reduce court technicalities when dealing with human rights issues. It was concluded that legal aid provision should continue in Kagera because the project has impacted the wellbeing of the people of Kagera. There has been a decrease in school dropouts since the project was introduced. The established Anti GBV clubs in 8 secondary schools in Kagera has contributed to capacitate girls on promotion and protection of girl's rights. The project has influenced and improved good working relationship among non-state and state actors. *“Through project activities, stakeholders have worked collaboratively during the legal aid week organized during the commemoration of 16 days against GBV in 2018 which became very impactful. Since that week, we continued to work collaboratively with Regional Government than before”*. TANLAP will continue to advocate and network with various justice stakeholders whenever opportunities arises to ensure effective provision of legal aid services to the marginalized towards enhancing access to justice for all. Working in collaboration with state and non-state actors will be the culture of TANLAP in the course of the implementation of various project activities and interventions.



Pictures taken during TANLAP engagement with legal aid providers in Kagera in MAY 2021

2.3.5 Established and held working session with the Legal Support Network on Family Law Issues

TANLAP established Legal Support Network on Family Law Issues to perform key activities to ensure access to justice. The network comprises of 10 members. (Females 5 and Males 5). Members were picked basing on experience working on human rights, gender and access to justice as well as from organizations working on the same issues. The Network was officially launched virtually on 30th June 2021. The Guest of Honour during the launching of the Network was Mr. Griffin Mwakapeje – Director of Public Legal Services from the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs. In the implementation of Mwanamke Imara project, it is expected, the network would develop a code of conduct for family law lawyers for judiciary and bar association consideration and advocate for creation of family law court/registry in the country. Also, the network will work towards reviewing laws that are outdated and need to be amended or repealed. For engagement within Mwanamke Imara activities implementation, members of the network will form a pool of lawyers/advocates who will be engaged and facilitate various capacity building training interventions within Mwanamke Imara. The launching event was reported by various media both print and digital. Some of the reportage of the event can be viewed through <https://bit.ly/3Arm0ud>. The Network session was held on 6th August 2021 at Igawa hotel and members had the opportunity to improve the Anti GBV proposed bill to advocate for enactment of Anti GBV law to address GBV related cases within the society.

In summary of networking and engagement, TANLAP attended various sessions as part of advocacy and networking to enhance legal aid provision for women and young people. Some of the main events were the conference for increasing awareness of rights for justice seekers and reducing justice gaps in formal and informal justice systems as well as enhancing access to justice and the promotion of SGD 16 in the East and Horn of Africa through Paralegal Support. The meeting was officially opened by Hon. Geoffrey Pinda- Deputy Minister, Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs from 27th -29th January 2021. TANLAP attended the commemoration of the Law Day that was commemorated amid the celebration of 100 years of the High Court of Tanzania. TANLAP had the opportunity to share experience on the provision of legal aid for timely access to justice to the then Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Samia Suluhu Hassan; Minister of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Hon. Mwigulu Lameck Nchemba and the Chief Justice of The United Republic of Tanzania, Hon. Prof. Ibrahim Juma. The event was from 23th January – 1st February. TANLAP attended a one-day training on Electoral Dispute Resolution (EDR) organised by Tanganyika Law Society (TLS) at Wakili House. The training which involved participants from CSOs and Media aimed at enhancing skills and knowledge on the Electoral Process and Elections Dispute Management Strategies. The event was held on 13 February 2021. TANLAP attended a discussion involving validation of Universal Periodic Review report prepared by CSO's. The meeting was held at Morogoro and attended by various key stockholders of the UPR process both from CSO's and from the Government.

From various advocacy and networking sessions at the country and international levels, TANLAP has enhanced strategies to work collaboratively with both state and non-state actors to advocate for provision of legal aid, access to justice, respect of human rights, women empowerment and fighting against injustice in the community. Through collaboration, TANLAP has continued to maintain good working relationship with both governmental circles and non-state actors that facilitated effective implementation of various interventions TANLAP had planned. As a lesson learned, TANLAP will continue to advocate and network with various justice stakeholders whenever opportunities arise to ensure effective provision of legal aid services to the marginalized towards enhancing access to justice for all. Working in collaboration with state and non-state actors will be the culture of TANLAP in the course of the implementation of various project activities and interventions.

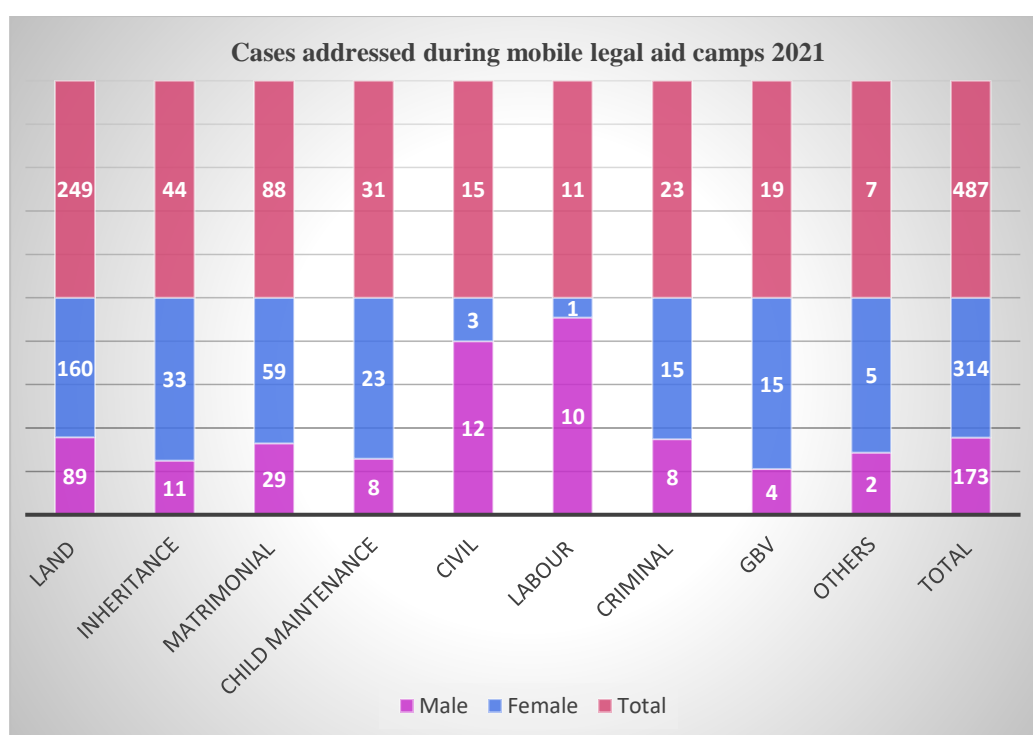
2.4 Coordination and Harmonization of Provision of Legal Aid Services

2.4.1 Quarterly mobile legal aid camps Coordinated in Kilimanjaro, Mbeya and Njombe Regions.

TANLAP under Mwanamke Imara Project partners and other members in the project regions conducted quarterly mobile legal aid camps for provision of legal education and legal aid to the indigent people in the communities. The legal aid services provided so as to enhance access to justice for women and young persons under Mwanamke Imara project.



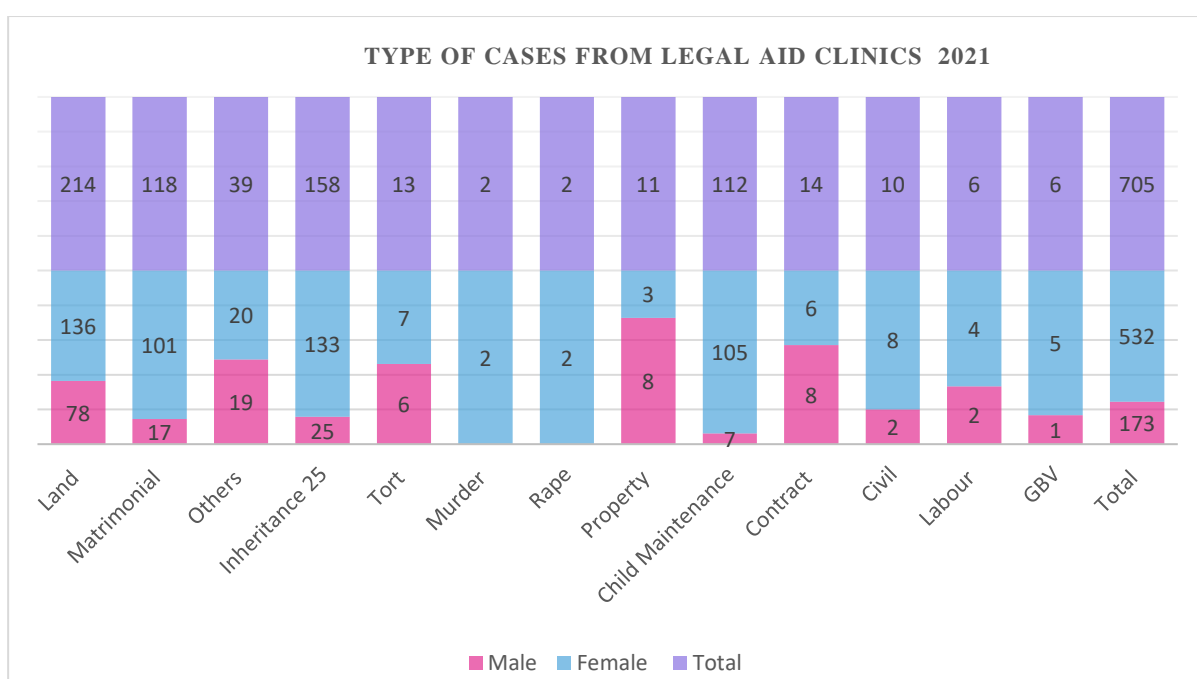
The activity has been conducted in every quarter of 2021 within Mwanamke Imara project and successfully reached a wider community. In 2021, a total number of 487 including 173 Men and 314 Females were reached through mobile legal aid clinics camps conducted in Kilimanjaro, Mbeya and Njombe. Table 1 below illustrate the numbers per case and sex.



The chart above indicates land cases has been reported more frequently compared to other categories followed by Matrimonial issues, inheritance and child maintenance. Out of 487 reported cases, female are 314 (64%) and male are 173 (36%).

2.4.2 Legal Aid Clinics Facilitated in Mbeya, Njombe and Kilimanjaro

TANLAP has successfully facilitated the provision of legal aid services within the legal aid clinics under Mwanamke Imara Project, through its member based in Mbeya (TAWLA), Njombe (WiLDAF) and Kilimanjaro (KWIECO). Throughout 2021, TANLAP has been working through the Project staff of the said organizations who are also Mwanamke Imara's implementing partners, advocate from Sauti ya Haki (Mbeya) and TANLAP volunteers. From the clinics, a total number of 705 cases have been attended where by 532 were women and 132 were men. Herein below is the table which stipulates the number of cases reached in those clinics by case type and sex.



On the other hand, majority of TANLAP's members have not submitted their reports to the TANLAP secretariat as required despite requests from the Secretariat. However, LHRC, CRC, CWCA and AWLAHURIO, TVMC and AJISO submitted their reports for 2021. According to the report 15,187 cases were served. The distribution is as detailed on the table below.

Table 4: No. of cases from some of members (LHRC, CRC, CWCA, TVMC, AWLAHURIO and AJISO)

Category	New Clients			Old Clients			Grand Total
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Access	3	3	6	1	9	10	16
Administration of estates	18	17	35	22	28	50	85
Appeal	3	2	5	46	22	68	73
Application/interpretation/implementation of any law or agreement relating to employment	41	8	49	115	35	150	199
Benefits	31	6	37	61	17	78	115
Boundary Dispute	35	23	58	112	78	190	248
Breach of contract	94	26	120	199	61	260	380
Children Rights	30	48	78	38	125	163	241
Compensation	88	30	118	436	87	523	641
Contract	28	7	35	142	81	223	258
Contract Loan	21	21	42	80	41	121	163
Criminal	300	78	378	98	95	193	571
Custody	16	15	31	21	25	46	77
Defamation	2	3	5	4	3	7	12
Discrimination	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Dismissal	3	2	5	-	-	-	5
Divorce	28	57	85	46	134	180	265
Easement	4	5	9	39	27	66	75
Employment	80	30	110	397	140	537	647
Empowerment	12	8	20	33	8	41	61
Eviction	13	13	26	13	15	28	54
GBV	21	74	95	-	-	-	95
Execution	13	9	22	102	27	129	151
Insurance	12	4	16	58	75	133	149

Judicial Review	2	-	2	4	-	4	6
Judicial Review	2	-	2	4	-	4	6
Land	107	111	218	968	570	1,538	1,756
Land Lord and Tenant	32	20	52	100	33	33	185
Legal/Advice	93	46	139	148	32	180	319
Letters of Administration	49	52	101	49	94	43	244
Maintenance	77	251	328	35	171	206	534
Malicious Prosecution	3	-	3	3	-	3	6
Matrimonial	88	236	324	161	617	778	1,102
Mortgage	54	50	104	37	28	65	169
Negotiations about terms and conditions of employment	1	-	1	4	-	4	5
Organizational rights	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
Ownership	330	196	526	1,442	669	2,111	2,637
Parentage	5	1	6	3	-	3	9
Probate	232	146	378	309	236	545	923
Rape	2	1	3	3	-	3	6
Sale	9	13	22	31	29	60	82
Separation	7	13	20	8	15	23	43
Social Securities	24	11	35	45	12	57	92
Terminal Benefits	192	38	230	609	184	793	1,023
Termination	86	22	108	540	145	685	793
Termination of employment	95	29	124	196	19	215	339
Tort	27	6	33	143	26	169	202
Trespass	19	7	26	28	35	63	89
Other cases	13	21	34				34
Total	2,446	1,759	4,205	6,934	4,048	10,982	15,187

2.4.3 Analysis of the implementation of Legal Aid Act of 2017

TANLAP analysed the implementation of the Legal Aid Act, 2017 to establish advocacy issues with the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs and other stakeholders for effective provision of legal aid services. The report was validated virtually on the 7th of May 2021. The analysis revealed that the public is satisfied with the implementation of the Act. Some of the cited achievements include improved availability and accessibility of legal aid services and access to justice following the recognition of Legal Aid Providers particularly Paralegals who are now available across the country at community level. The implementation of the Legal Aid Act has resulted into increasing number of people seeking legal aid services to legal aid providers and Paralegals. “The number of people seeking legal aid services has been on the rise since the enactment of the Legal Aid act, 2017, the increase is attributed to the proximity of legal aid providers especially paralegals, and the legal aid awareness campaigns that have been taking place through different media platforms”.

The implementation of the Legal Aid Act has improved working relations and mutual respect between legal aid providers, law enforcers and other Government institutions. However, there are issues for improvement for effective provision of legal aid services to the marginalized and indigent people in the community. Suggested areas of improvements include but not limited to: more and regular legal education to legal providers particularly Paralegals and Law Enforcers. Improved linkage among Legal Aid Providers and Law Enforcers and; Increased legal aid service centres coupled with sensitization programs particularly in rural areas and improved coordination and collaboration between the Government and Legal Aid Providers. On the other hand, the study revealed some challenges to the effective implementation of the Act. Lack of adequate funding for the expansion of legal aid services topped the list. Others are compliance costs related to the registration and operations of legal aid

providers. While Legal Aid Providers are supposed to provide legal services to vulnerable people free of charge, they are yet subjected to multiple fees from different government institutions. Registration fees for Paralegals was also identified as a challenge towards legal aid provision trajectories.

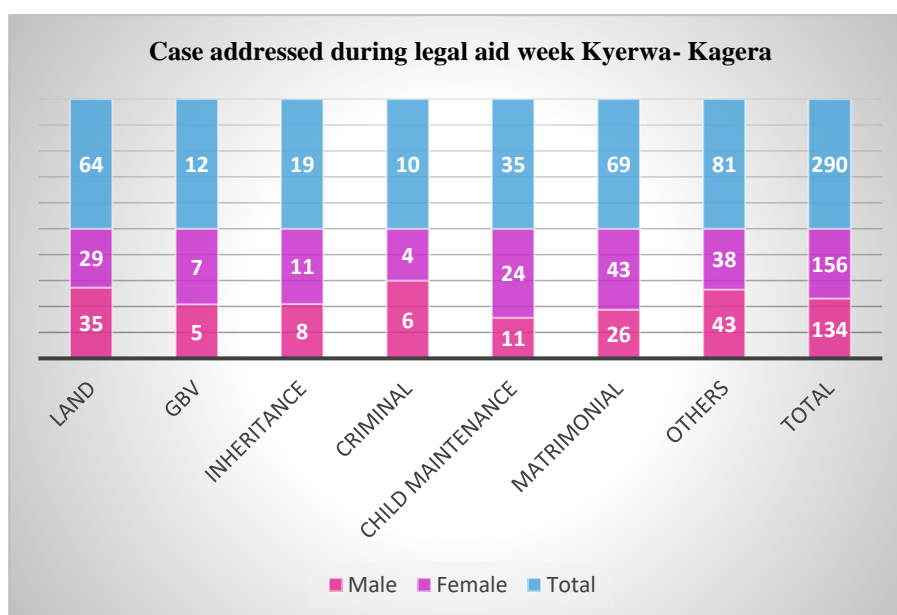
2.4.4 Legal aid provision Coordinated in Kyerwa

On 23rd and 24th May 2021, TANLAP and UN Women coordinated legal aid provision in Mabila ward in Kyerwa District to provide legal aid services for women and girls. The provision of legal aid services in Kyerwa was a joint mobile activity that included stakeholders from government institutions non-government stakeholders. From the government, there were, Police Gender Desk; Immigration Department; Judiciary; Social Welfare Department; NIDA; PCCB; District Land and House Tribunal, while from non-state actors, there were Legal Aid Providers such as TLS, MHOLA, CODISO, and TANLAP. Having various stakeholders on the ground, it was easy to make referrals of clients from one legal aid provider to another depending on the nature of the case a client presented. In his opening speech, the District Commissioner thanked UN Women for organizing the event to provide legal aid to the public. He admitted that in Kyerwa district, which has four divisions, Legal aid service is a necessity that call for special attention. *“Last year, I requested TANLAP to come back in Kyerwa to organize the event for legal aid provision. I’m very happy to see TANLAP has responded to my request positively. In Kyerwa, there is no office of legal aid providers, no district court, and key citizen issues are Land, Matrimonial, inheritance, and GBV. In Kyerwa, there are still cultural practices that are harmful to women’s rights. I encourage citizens to report any act of violence against women and children in Kyerwa. The government will not tolerate anyone who violates women and children rights”*

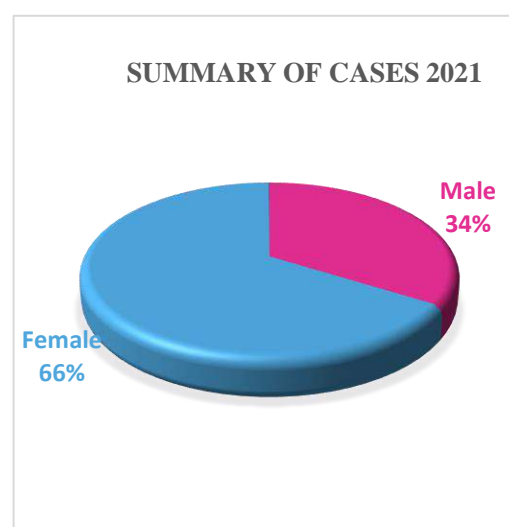
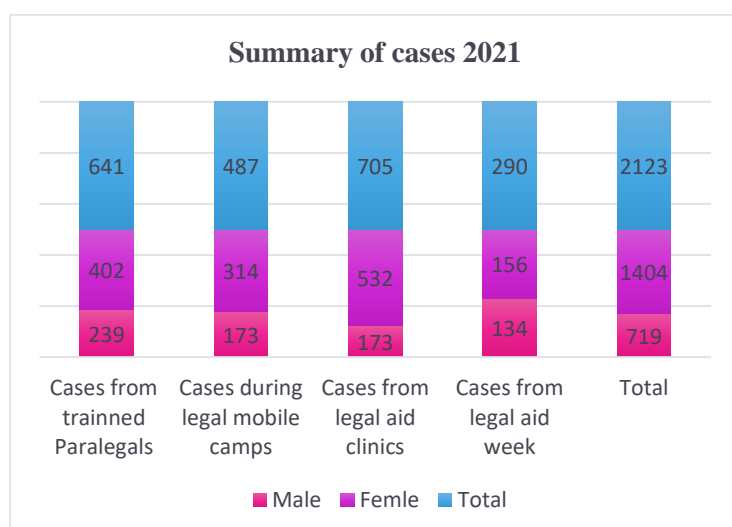


Pictures taken during Legal Aid Week in Kagera- Kyerwa to provide legal aid services on 21st and 22nd May 2021.

At the end of providing legal aid in Kyerwa, it was noted that for effective provision of legal aid services, there is a need to improve collaboration among stakeholders to address the challenge of violence against women and children. Collaboration must be linked with Legal Aid Providers to open offices in Kyerwa to enhance legal aid provision, especially to women and girls. In a special way, the District Commissioner requested TLS to extend its services to other districts of Kagera including Kyerwa district that is left behind. A total of 260 cases (134 male and 156 female) were addressed as summarized below;



In 2021, TANLAP has taken care of a total of 2123 cases as 719 were male clients and 1404 were female clients. The cases were received from various sources such as from Paralegals, mobile legal aid camps, legal aid clinics and cases from legal aid week in Kagera and Mbeya. The summary of the cases in 2021 are highlighted below;



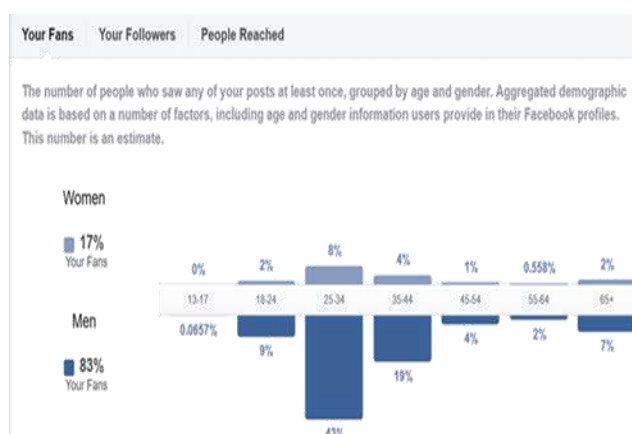
From the above diagrams, TANLAP has attended 1404 (66%) female clients and 719 (34%) male clients in 2021. As mentioned above, the cases were attended from various sources within the project areas of Mbeya, Kilimanjaro, Njombe and Kagera. TANLAP will continue to provide legal aid services to women and young person as part of ensuring access to justice for all, particularly to women and young persons.

2.4.5 Organizational website and social platforms Maintained

TANLAP has continued to manage and maintain organizational social platforms such as Twitter, Website, Facebook, and Instagram. The materials aimed at educating the public about violence against women and girls. Also, TANLAP has opened and registered a YouTube account to enhance sharing of educative materials to the public.

a) Facebook Account

TANLAP Facebook Account by the end of 2021 reached a maximum average post reach of about 10,200 people with total followers of 3,130 and page likes of 3,075 people with a percentage ratio of 19% Women and 81% Men from various corners of Tanzania in which women engagement has slightly increased, the largest audience is the youth ranging from 25-34 years of age with the most active post engagement (30%).



b) Instagram account




By the end of 2021, the Instagram account of TANLAP had a community engagement (audience) of 1,665, Account reaches 607, content interaction 167 which equals to +1.8%, 1,550 followers which equals to +4.5% with up to 323 posts. The audience is of 65.1% men and 34.9% women, while the majority (51%) of them aging from

25-34 years of age, many of them (59.3%) residing in Dar es

c) Twitter Account

In Twitter account in 2021 approximately 1567+ tweet impressions over 90 days period from various followers interested with the activities that TANLAP has posted. Over the period of 90 days, for July resulted to 1,268 impressions, August 2,345 impressions and 1,467 impressions for September 2021). Followers has also increased to 290.

	TANLAP @tanlapz · Mar 11 On March 10, 2021, TANLAP in collaboration with Makete Paralegal Organization, WILDAF and Makete government authority coordinated the provision of legal aid services at Iwawa - Makete, Njombe as part of the activities to ensure access to justice under Mwanamke Imara project. pic.twitter.com/YxeTikFL0V View Tweet activity	74	5	6.8%
	TANLAP @tanlapz · Mar 8 As part of commemorating International Women's Day this year, TANLAP in collaboration with TAWLA under Mwanamke Imara Project coordinated the provision of legal aid services at Ikamambande village, Lwangwa Ward, Busokelo Council, Rungwe District in Mbeya Region. pic.twitter.com/CdkHnbgV7 View Tweet activity	55	1	1.8%
	TANLAP @tanlapz · Mar 7 Happy International Women's Day to all women !!! #choosetochallenge2021 pic.twitter.com/pwivxSeCST	35	1	2.9%

2.5 Organizational Development and Sustainability

TANLAP continued to work with trained Paralegals, Legal Aid Providers and all other stakeholders who have benefited and who will continue to benefit from TANLAP's projects. Beneficiaries will continue to use the acquired knowledge and skills as ambassadors to ensure sustainability of the project.

2.5.1 Fundraising activities

TANLAP continued to maintain partnership with NED, UNWOMEN and USAID- funded project. TANLAP has submitted proposals to different donors and will continue to fundraise to ensure sufficient resources are secured for effective project implementation particularly on provision of legal aid services for access to justice and sustainability of the Network.

2.5.2 Staff, Board and Annual General Meetings

TANLAP Secretariat has conducted monthly and quarterly staff meetings to ensure compliance with organizational regulations and policies. These staff meetings have been useful to shape the organizational direction towards implementation of project activities. In 2021, the Board meetings conducted in May and December as per the developed Board Calendar. The Board has been influential to shape the organizational direction in implementation of activities. The Annual General meeting was conducted on 28th May 2021. Members had the opportunity to receive reports and deliberate on various issues for organizational development.

2.5.3 TANLAP developed Strategic Plan: 2021 – 2025

In order to ensure organizational development, TANLAP developed the organizational Strategic Plan for 2021-2025 that provides the direction of the organization on how to coordinate and harmonize the provision of legal aid services towards enhancing access to justice for all. It focuses on the areas of strengthening capacity of Legal Aid Providers; networking and engagement to enhance access to justice; coordination and harmonization of provision of legal aid services; and organizational development and growth.

3 PART THREE: LESSONS LEARNED, CHALLENGES AND CONCLUSION

3.1 LESSONS LEARNED

Throughout the year 2021 the following lessons have been learnt:

1. Strategic engagement by working closely with the Government yields more results and enhance access to justice to the wider community and Tanzania as a whole.

3.2 CHALLENGES

1. The provision of legal aid services amid the COVID -19 pandemic was a challenge. It required observation of health protocols to minimize the transmission of COVID- 19. To address the challenges, Legal Aid Providers and clients continued to observe health Protocols during the provision of legal aid services.
2. Limited access to infrastructure, some of the project areas are quite remote, hence demand for project transport to facilitate the implementation of the activities. Some of the selected project wards are located in the interior with limited access of infrastructure, which is a challenge for timely implementation of project activities at the ground.

3.3 CONCLUSION

TANLAP will continue to work with and through its members collaboratively with various stakeholders to ensure access to justice, especially for poor communities including women and children. TANLAP is thankful to development partners - the National Endowment for Democracy, UN Women, USAID and others for continuing to support the implementation of TANLAP interventions believing the support will continue for the coming years. Special thanks to member organizations who have participated variously in the implementation of various activities. Working in collaboration with members, government institutions, the public and development partners, TANLAP will continue to ensure proper utilization of resources with strict adherence of integrity and accountability to ensure coordination and harmonization of provision of legal aid services, advocacy and networking, capacity building as well as organizational development in the coming years.