

TANZANIA NETWORK OF LEGAL AID PROVIDERS (TANLAP)



Annual Report 2020

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List of Abbreviations

CBOs	Community Based Organizations
CHRAGG	Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
FBOs	Faith Based Organizations
FoAA	Freedom of Assembly and Association
FoE	Freedom of Expression
GBV	Gender Based Violence
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
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
TANLAP	Tanzania Network of Legal Aid Providers
TAWLA	Tanzania Women Lawyers Association
VAC	Violence against Women
WILDAF	Women in Law and Development in Africa
WLAC	Women Legal Aid Centre

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Furthermore, TANLAP also wish to acknowledge the support from government institutions during the implementation of the activities in 2020, with special appreciations to the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs and the Office of Regional Commissioner of Kagera. All in all, we acknowledge the bold support from various stakeholders mentioned and not mentions, in the implementation of the activities in 2020. 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.

Message from the Board Chairperson

The Board of Directors of TANLAP is delighted and honored to present the organizational annual report of the year 2020. It was the year which TANLAP continue to implement the Strategic Plan that ended in 2020. It was the year to celebrate the achievements the organization has achieved in advocating for the provision of legal aid services and access to justice in Tanzania particularly for women and girls. It was the year for reflection on the challenges resulted to COVID -19.

In the implementation of the activities throughout the year 2020, TANLAP has enjoyed true cooperation from various government institutions, to mention a few; The Ministry of Constitution and Legal Affairs; The Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania; The Judiciary and many other institutions, which we engaged during the implementation of the activities in 2020. We trust that, this kind of working relationship and cooperation we have established will continue in the next years for the benefits of the Tanzanian community who dreams for access to justice and rule of law in the country. Our duty as the Board of Directors is to ensure the Secretariat perform the activities under the strategic areas of and Capacity Building; Advocacy and Networking; Coordination and Harmonization of Legal Aid Provision; and Organizational Development and Sustainability. Despite the financial challenge in 2020 due to COVID -19, we proud and happy to, UN Women, National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and USAID for the support provided to ensure the activities are implemented. TANLAP will continue to work collaboratively with development partners to ensure financial resources are available to facilitate the implementation of various activities in the coming years.

Furthermore, we are contented that the Board was able to hold its mandatory meetings as stipulated in the Constitution. We are also grateful for the Secretariat for its efforts, knowledge and tireless spirit to implement the activities in 2020 despite the challenges encountered due to COVID 19. The completion of this annual report is a testimony of its efforts and dedications. We further feel humbled to acknowledge the support from members of TANLAP for their immense support to the Board and the Secretariat. We the Board, will always make effective use our experiences, expertise and time to make TANLAP grow and reach another level. With special note, we are privileged to acknowledge the support we have received from the general public and media outlets in 2020. TANLAP will continue to work in collaboration with the public to ensure access to justice for all.

Dr. Helen Kijo Bisimba
Board Chairperson
December, 2020.

Form the Executive Director's Desk

This is a brief annual report that gives summary of the activities planned and implemented in the year 2020. It also includes the achievements, challenges and lessons learned during the implementation of activities in 2020. It was a year that mark a final year of the implementation of Strategic Plan, which its implementation started in the year 2016. The Strategic focused on Capacity Building; Advocacy and Networking; Coordination and Harmonization of Legal Aid Provision; and Organizational Development and Sustainability.

We are humble to inform you that, despite the financial scarcity in 2020 due COVID -19, TANLAP was able to implement the activities as detailed in the Annual Work Plan. We are happy that the Secretariat was able to engage with civil society organizations, government institutions, and the public in general as part of advocacy and networking for effective provision of legal aid services to ensure access to justice for all.

The support, comments and inputs we received were useful throughout the year 2020. For proper management of the organizational resources as required, the Executive Director has remained a Chief Accounting Officer of TANLAP assisted by the Finance and Program Officers. Also, we are privileged to report that the management conducted all its required meetings for proper implementation of the planned activities. Finally, we are pleased to present to you this report highlighting what we have done in the year 2020.

Christina Kamili

Executive Director
December, 2020

Executive Summary

This report is a summary of annual activity report that TANLAP has implemented in the year 2020 under the support of UN Women, National Endowment for Democracy (NED), and USAID. The activities, which were implemented throughout the year reflects the annual work plan driven from the five years Strategic Plan (2016-2020). The core areas of the Strategic Plan include; capacity building; advocacy and networking; coordination and harmonization of legal Aid provision; and organizational development.

In the year 2020, number of engagements were conducted with state and non-state actors as part of capacity building, networking and harmonization of legal aid provision for marginalized groups, especially women and girls. As part of capacity building, TANLAP capacitated 56 judicial representatives in Mwanza and Mbeya on access to justice, rule of law and human rights in Tanzania. The capacity building sessions were part to recognize that rule of law, freedom of expression (FoE) and freedom of association and assembly are central pillars to the realization of a freer civic space in a democratic governance.

Furthermore, TANLAP has advocated and networked in the country and beyond for effective provision of legal aid services, promotion and protection of human rights and rule of law as key aspects to ensure access to justice. To list few, on 22nd February 2020, TANLAP honoured to be part of the African Centre of Excellence's research Component Workshop held in Kigali, Rwanda, as an inception meeting on Research on Community Paralegals in Africa and the role of paralegals in supporting access to justice is increasing in Africa. On 3rd March 2020, TANLAP honored to attend the Regional Forum on Alternative Dispute Resolution and Customary and Informal Justice in Nairobi, Kenya. The networking session beyond the country had increased visibility and branding of the organization as national network of Legal Aid Providers.

For information sharing, TANLAP has continue to maintain online system, which member organizations can report case they have addressed in their respective locations. TANLAP has also open a YouTube account for information sharing on various activities conducted. However, the year 2020 was not easy, it was a year the world faced COVID -19 pandemic that disturbed human activities largely. The impact of COVID-19 resulted to the scarcity of resources as priority shifted to address the impact of COVID-19. With or without financial resources, the Secretariat is committed to ensure effective provision of legal aid services for the marginalized population.

1 INTRODUCTION

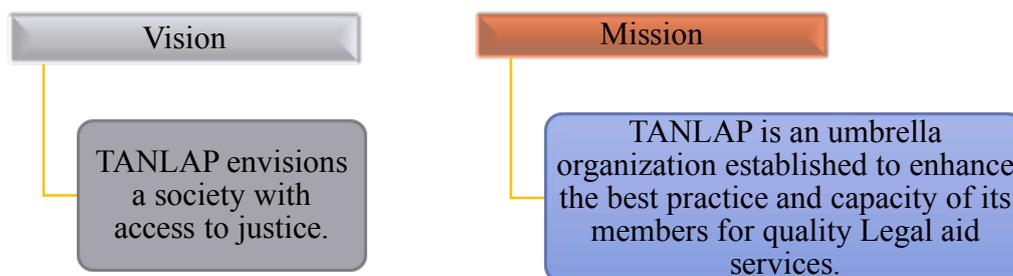
1.1 About TANLAP- A Brief Description

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 of society in Tanzania. TANLAP is registered under the NGO Act no 24 of 2002 and has a certificate of compliance (No. 1300). TANLAP founding members organization's 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).

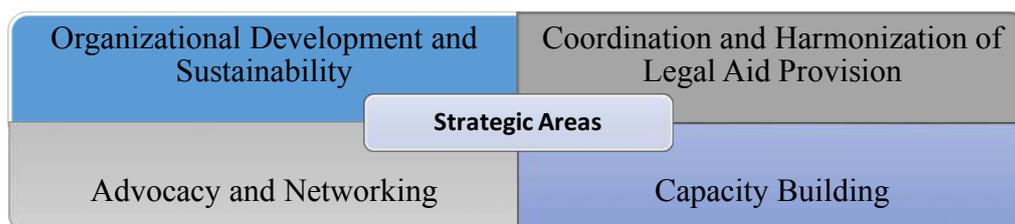
1.2 TANLAP Main Objectives

- a) To strengthen the capacity building on legal literacy among legal aid providers.
- b) To extend and improve Legal Aid provision in the country.
- c) To initiate, promote, support as may be deemed expedient, any proposed legislation or other measure affecting the interests of its members.
- d) To build mutual understanding and coordination amongst Legal Aid Providers and legal aid clients in the country.

1.3 Vision and Mission



1.4 Strategic Areas



2 SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED IN THE YEAR 2020

2.1 Introduction

This reporting period covers the activities TANLAP has implemented from January to December 2020 under the financial support of UN WOMEN, National Endowment for Democracy (NED), and USAID. The activities comply with the TANLAP Annual Work Plan and Organizational Strategic Plan focuses on the areas of Capacity Building; Advocacy and Networking; Organizational Development and Sustainability; Coordination and Harmonization of Legal Aid Provision; and Publication and Documentation as detailed below.

2.2 Capacity building

Under capacity building, TANLAP has managed to conduct a number of sessions involved various stakeholders in Mwanza, Mbeya and Kagera as detailed below;

2.2.1. TANLAP conducted capacity building with judicial representatives in Mbeya and Mwanza

56 Judicial representatives in Mwanza and Mbeya were capacitated on access to justice, rule of law and human rights in Tanzania. The capacity building sessions were part to recognize that rule of law, freedom of expression and freedom of association and assembly are central pillars to the realization of a freer civic space in a democratic governance. During the sessions, participants identified the key obstacles to access justice such as; high costs associated with the process to seek and access justice; lack of public awareness on various legal rights; language barriers as many documents are in English language; existence of draconian laws; traditions and customs; distance as many justice institutions situated in urban areas; unfriendly procedures to access justice; and legal technicalities. TANLAP will continue working with state actors to ensure realization of a freer civic space in a democratic governance in Tanzania where fundamental human rights are protected, promoted and respected.



A picture (left) during capacity building session in Mwanza on the 10th December 2020 at Mipa hotel and a picture (right) during capacity building in Mbeya on the 20th August 2020 at Usungilo hotel.

2.3 Advocacy and Networking

2.3.1 TANLAP attended advocacy and networking sessions in Tanzania and beyond

In the year 2020, TANLAP has advocated and networked in the country and beyond for effective provision of legal aid services, promotion and protection of human rights and rule of law as key aspects to ensure access to justice. The list below highlights selected key sessions that TANLAP participated as part of advocacy and networking in 2020.

- ✚ On 16th December 2020, TANLAP who is also a member of the Committee attended the launch of a National Bench- Bar Case Management Committee referred as the National Committee, which is established under the Chief Justice's Circular No. 5 of 2018. The event held at Mwalimu Julius Nyerere International Conference Centre (JNICC) Officiated by the Principal Judge of the High Court Hon. Dr. Eliezer Feleshi who also is the Chairperson of the Committee.
- ✚ On 22nd October 2020, TANLAP attended two days training organized by Tanzania Women Lawyers Association (TAWLA) at Morogoro. The objective of the training was to equip participants with knowledge on how to litigate human rights cases under the East African Court of Justice and the High Court of Tanzania.
- ✚ On 20th October, 2020, TANLAP attended a meeting organized by TAWLA to discuss the new Strategic Plan of TAWLA for 2020-2025, the meeting was held at Colosseum Hotel attended by various stakeholders including development partners such as WE EFFECT and UN WOMEN.
- ✚ From 1st to 2nd October 2020, TANLAP attended SADC Region Paralegal Conference at Zanzibar Beach Resort Hotel. The objectives of the conference were to seek support from the governments and bar associations in SADC region for paralegal recognition and create a platform for Paralegal organizations in the SADC region to share information on Paralegal's work and best practices. Furthermore, to develop and circulate a joint communique on the need for governments in the SADC region to recognize paralegal work and improve the provision of Legal Aid Services.
- ✚ From 13th to 18th November, 2020, TANLAP participated in the legal aid week in Tanga where the national commemoration was held.
- ✚ On 29th January 2020, TANLAP attended a meeting on advocacy and strategic litigation organized by PALU and ICNL aimed to discuss on the increase state violation of the constitution, and the role of human rights defenders to ensure protection and promotion of rule of law and adherence to the constitution.
- ✚ On 5th February 2020, TANLAP executive Director, members of THRDC and the Executive Director of Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NHRI), Mr. Gilbert Sebihogo under the coordination of THRDC Secretariat paid a courtesy call to the Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance of Tanzania (CHRAGG). The meeting aimed at strategizing on how to work effectively following the appointment of new Commissioners and learning how other equivalent Commissions works in Africa.
- ✚ On 5th February 2020, TANLAP, members of THRDC and the Executive Director of Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NHRI), Mr. Gilbert Sebihogo under the coordination of THRDC Secretariat paid a courtesy call to the Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance of Tanzania (CHRAGG) to strategize on how to work effectively and learning how other Human Rights Commissions work in Africa following the appointment of new Commissioners of CHRAGG.

- ✦ On 22nd February 2020, TANLAP honoured to be part of the African Centre of Excellence’s research Component Workshop held in Kigali, Rwanda, as an inception meeting on Research on Community Paralegals in Africa and the role of paralegals in supporting access to justice is increasing in Africa.
- ✦ On 3rd March 2020, TANLAP honored to attend the Regional Forum on Alternative Dispute Resolution and Customary and Informal Justice in Nairobi, Kenya. Also, attended by Hon. Judge John Mgetta of the High Court of Tanzania, Hon. David K. Maraga - The Chief Justice and the President of the Supreme Court of Kenya.
- ✦ On 19th May 2020, TANLAP in collaboration with the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs (MoCLA) conducted a joint virtual conference with Legal Aid Providers (LAP’s) to discuss the Impact of COVID-19 on Justice Systems in Tanzania. The overall aim of the conference was to discuss the Impact of COVID-19 on Justice System in Tanzania, and deliberate on what should be done collaboratively to enhance and facilitate access to justice timely.
- ✦ On 13th July 2020, TANLAP attend the CSO's civic space forum aiming to brainstorm on effective civil society advocacy in a dynamic environment.
- ✦ On 29th – 30th July 2020, TANLAP attended the CSO's refresher workshop on the implementation of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Recommendations organized by Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC), Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) and Save the Children. The meeting opened by Hon. Amoni Mpanju- Deputy Permanent Secretary- Ministry of Constitution and Legal Affairs (MoCLA), also attended by Hon. Nyanda Shuli- Commissioner of Commission of Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) of Tanzania. The meeting paved the way for non-state actors to prepare for the shadow report on the implementation of the UPR recommendations as Tanzania will be reviewed in May 2021.



As a positive results 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 continue to maintain good working relationship with both governmental circles and non-state actors that has facilitated effective implementation of various interventions TANLAP had planned for the year 2020. As a lesson learned, in the coming years, 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 for the coming years.

2.4. Coordination and Harmonization of Legal Aid Provision

2.4.1. TANLAP coordinated the provision of legal aid services during the sixteen days of activism against GBV

TANLAP in collaboration with the office of Regional Commissioner coordinated the provision of legal aid services during the commemoration of the International 16 days of activism against Gender Based Violence (GBV) in Kagera region. The event was launched at Omurushaka centre in Karagwe district on 25th November followed by the provision of legal education and legal aid services in public places and prisons within Karagwe, Kyerwa and Biharamulo districts. The provision of legal aid was officially closed at Nyakanazi in Biharamulo on 29th November 2020 by Hon. Fahamu Mtullya- High Court Judge, Bukoba Division.



At the end of the activity, Legal Aid Providers were able to provide legal aid services to 500 individuals (155 females and 345 males) and legal education to a total number of 2292 individuals (712 females and 1580 males) in Karagwe, Kyerwa and Biharamulo as disaggregated in the table below;

Table 1: Legal Aid services by sex and Place

	Females	Males	Total
Omurushaka	57	71	128
Isingiro	29	30	59
Nyakanazi	33	27	60
Kitengule Prison	0	59	59
Bukoba Prison	26	66	92
Muleba Prison	3	49	52
Biharamulo Prison	7	28	53
Rwamurumba Prison	0	15	15
Total	155	345	500

Table 2: Legal Education by sex and Place

	Females	Males	Total
Omurushaka	304	156	460
Isingiro	130	90	220
Nyakanazi	203	108	311
Kitengule Prison	0	200	200
Bukoba Prison	65	635	700
Muleba Prison	3	141	144
Biharamulo Prison	7	180	187
Rwamurumba Prison	0	70	15
Total	712	1580	2292

2.4.2. TANLAP introduced and launched Mwanamke Imara Project

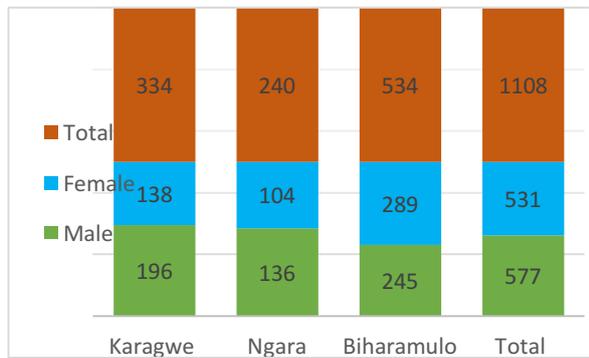
The overall goal of the Mwanamke Imara activity is to end all forms of violence against women and young people in Tanzania by empowering women and youth to challenge violence and discrimination at the family level and within the community and unleash their full potential. TANLAP will be leading other organizations to ensure improved access to justice for women and young people on right based issues (land and property rights, inheritance and gender-based violence) in Mbeya, Njombe and Kilimanjaro. In Njombe, the project was introduced on the 19th November 2020 before the Regional team led by the Regional Administrative Secretary. In Mbeya the project was introduced before the regional team led by the Regional Commissioner on the 20th November 2020, while in Kilimanjaro, the project was introduced on 23rd November 2020 before the regional team led by the Regional Commissioner. Furthermore, as part of project set-up and kick off, TANLAP and other implementing partners managed to officially launch the Mwanamke Imara project on 7th December 2020 at Dodoma.



2.4.3 TANLAP coordinated legal aid week in Kagera

From 3rd to 8th March 2020, TANLAP organized the Legal Aid Week in Kagera region in Karagwe, Ngora and Biharamulo districts. The legal aid week was conducted from 3rd – 8th March 2020. In his opening speech, the Regional Commissioner acknowledged the existence of various cases in Kagera region including GBV related cases. He appealed to the community to use the legal aid week to present their cases as all authorities at the regional level were available to addresses cases presented. He said, *recognizing the need to address the legal challenges the community is facing, TANLAP in collaboration with the regional government in Kagera under UN Women support, have decided to commemorate legal aid week in Kagera to enable community members to present their cases to the authorities.*

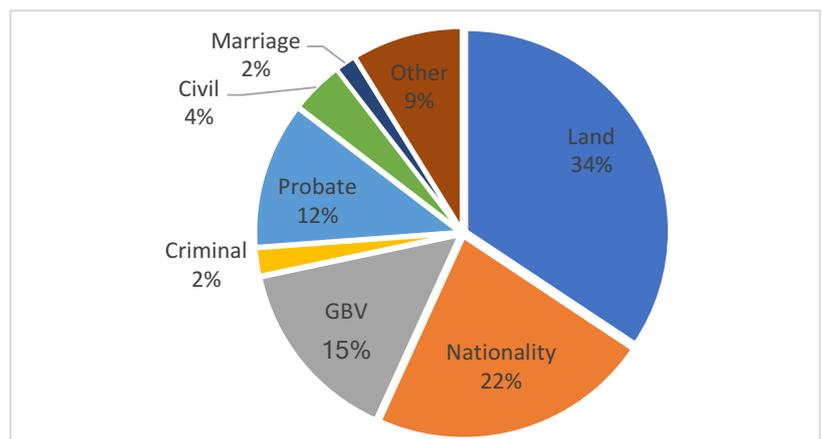
Figure 1: # of cases during legal aid week in Kagera



Data obtained during the legal aid week in Kagera shows that a total number of 1108 individuals were given legal aid services, females were 531(48%) and males were 577 (52%). In Karagwe, females were 138 (41%) and males were 196 (59%). In Ngara, females were 104 (43%) and males were 136 (57%), while in Biharamulo, males were 245 (46%) and females were 289 (54%).

Figure2: % of types received during the legal aid week in Kagera

Referring figure above, 1108 cases were received during legal aid week in Kagera region in districts of Karagwe, Ngara and Biharamulo. Categorically, 381 (34%) land cases; 248 (22%) nationality cases, 165 (15%) GBV cases, 24 (2%) criminal cases, 129 (12%) probate cases, 46 (4%) civil cases, 18 (2%) marriage cases and 97(9%) other cases as illustrated in the pie chart.



2.4.4. TANLAP engaged local government officials to provide legal aid service in Kagera

On 29th August 2020, TANLAP managed to engage local government officials to provide legal aid service in Kagera District Prison and at ELCT grounds in Kagera. The event was officiated by Bukoba District Commissioner- Hon. Deodatus Kinawiro on behalf of Regional Commissioner. The event started with capacity building to 120 local government officials including Ward Executive Officers, Division Executive Officers, and Mtaa Executive Officers. On the other hand, Legal Aid Providers including MHOLA and Advocates from Tanganyika Law Society had



the opportunity to provide legal service at the Bukoba District Prison and at ELCT grounds that was prepared for provision of legal aid service. During the engagement with Local government officials to provide legal education and legal aid, 636 prisoners and inmates received legal education at Bukoba District Prison; while 104 individuals received legal aid services where 50 were prisoners and inmates and 54 individuals received legal aid at ELCT ground as detailed in a table below;

Table 3: # of individuals received legal education during engagement with local government officials in Kagera

	Females	Males	Total
Kagera District Prison	37	13	50
ELCT Ground	21	33	54
Total	58	46	104

The implementation of the project in Kagera that aimed to enhance access to justice for women and girls through the provision of legal aid services, from January to December 2020, about 2032 (1007 females, 1025 males) individuals received legal services in Kagera. Similarly, 11,018 individuals (7393 females and 3625 males) have received legal education in Kagera in the same period.

On the other hand, from January – December 2020, TANLAP received a total of 294 (209 females and 85 males) cases from member organizations including Crisis Resolving Centre; African Institute of Cooperative International Law; Action for Justice in Society; Tabora Paralegal Centre; Umoja wa Wasaidizi wa Kisheria Biharamulo; Mama’s Hope Organization for Legal Assistance; Community Development Initiative Support Organization; Lindi Women Paralegal Aid Centre; Arusha Women Legal Aid and Human Rights Organization; and Njombe Paralegal as detailed below;

Table 4: # of cases received from members in 2020

Case type	Females	Males	Total
Rape	1	0	1
Provocation	7	2	9
Assault	6	3	9
Conspiracy	0	2	2
Theft	0	2	2
Sexual harassment	1	0	1
Stolen property	1	0	1
Matrimonial	60	14	74
Probate	10	7	17
Land	44	18	62
Labour	6	2	8
Tort	1	4	5
Contract	10	4	14
Others	62	27	89
Total	209	85	294

Source: TANLAP Monitoring and Evaluation System (Data Base)

2.4.5 TANLAP organized reflection session with LAP's on provision of legal aid and access to justice in Tanzania

On 26th June 2020, TANLAP organized reflection session of Legal Aid Providers on legal aid provision and access to justice in Tanzania. The meeting was opened by Hon. Amon Mpanju- the Deputy Permanent Secretary of MoCLA. The meeting was held in Dodoma at Morena Hotel. In recent years, legal aid has become as one of the main vehicles for achieving access to justice, equal



access to court and fair trial to the poor and marginalized groups. Hon. Mpanju emphasized to LAP's to continue working according to the laws and guidelines. LAPs as part of NGOs in Tanzania need to continue collaborating with the government to ensure delivery of services to people especially women and girls. Also, Hon. Mpanju stressed on the importance of LAPs to enhance collaboration and communication among themselves to ensure effectiveness and efficiency in services delivery.

2.4.6 TANLAP printed and disseminated user friendly Legal Aid Act, 2017 and its Regulation of 2018

As it was in the past years, in the year 2020, TANLAP printed and disseminated to the public 500 copies of the Legal Aid Act in simplified Swahili language. The user-friendly documents inform the public about the content of the Legal Aid Act and its Regulations to enable them to understand the legal requirements in the course of provision of legal aid service to the marginalized including women and girls. TANLAP will continue to print and disseminate the user friendly Legal Aid Act, 2017 and its Regulation of 2018 as a strategy to enhance public understanding of the document that govern the provision of legal aid service.

2.4.7 TANLAP facilitated the registration and operations of 60 Paralegals in Kagera

In January and May of last year, TANLAP facilitated refresher course and training for 60 Paralegals on the modern approaches in dealing and reporting GBV cases. The 60 Paralegals (29 male, 31 female) were picked from local community in eight districts of Kagera region, which are Bukoba Municipal, Bukoba rural, Muleba, Ngara, Misenyi, Kyerwa, Karagwe and Biharamulo. As part of compliance to the Legal Aid Act and its Regulations, trained Paralegals must be registered. Hence, TANLAP has facilitated the registration of Paralegals through MHOLA and provide operational cost that will enable them to provide legal aid service and report back to TANLAP.

2.4.8 TANLAP maintained organizational website and social platforms

In the year 2020, TANLAP continued to manage organizational website and other social platforms. Through the social network platforms of Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, educative materials have been posted aiming to educate and increase public understanding about violence against women and girls as well as the activities TANLAP implemented. To continue broadening information sharing and visibility, TANLAP has opened and registered a YouTube account to enhance sharing of educative materials to the public.



2.5 Organizational Development and Sustainability

2.5.1 Fundraising activities

In the year 2020, TANLAP continued to maintain partnership with UN Women, NED and TAWLA under Mwanamke Imara Project funded by USAID. TANLAP will continue to submit proposals to development partners once the opportunity deemed appropriate to ensure sufficient resources are secured for effective project implementation. Furthermore, in the end of 2020, TANLAP was approached by International Rescue Committee and Plan International and submit joint proposal to development partners. TANLAP will continue to communicate with Plan International and International Rescue Committee to ensure the submitted proposals provides positive results. Furthermore, TANLAP will continue to fundraise for sufficient financial resources that will enhance the provision of legal aid services to the marginalized people especially women and girls.

2.5.2. Staff, Board meetings and Annual General Meeting

TANLAP has conducted staff and Board of Directors meetings to ensure compliance with organizational regulations and policies. The staff meetings has been useful to shape the organizational direction in the implementation of project activities. The Board of Directors meetings were conducted in each quarter. The Board of Directors has the role to provide directives on proper adherence of the rules to ensure program and financial compliance. In each quarter, the Board of Directors received both narrative and financial reports. From the Board, the Secretariat



received instructions for improvement in project implementation. Due to the requirement under the new constitution of TANLAP, the Board of Directors shall be meeting twice a year instead of quarterly. On the other hand, TANLAP managed to conduct Annual General Meeting that was held on 26th June 2020 at Morena hotel, Dodoma.

3 ACHIEVEMENTS

In the year 2020, TANLAP achievements have been clustered on the strategic areas under the Strategic Plan as summarized below;

1. Capacity Building

Under the strategic area of capacity building, TANLAP managed to train 56 judicial representatives in Mwanza and Mbeya on access to justice, rule of law and human rights in Tanzania. The capacity building sessions were part to recognize that rule of law, freedom of expression and freedom of association and assembly are central pillars to the realization of a freer civic space in a democratic governance. Furthermore, as an achievement TANLAP Capacitated 120 local government officials including Ward Executive Officers, Division Executive Officers, and Mtaa Executive Officers on effective provision of legal aid services as stipulated in the Legal Aid Act, 2017.

2. Advocacy and Networking

Under advocacy and networking, TANLAP managed to network in the country and beyond for effective provision of legal aid services, promotion and protection of human rights and rule of law as key aspects to ensure access to justice. Through advocacy and networking, TANLAP has achieved to establish a good working relationship with state and non-state actors in the implementation of project activities in respective project areas, particularly in Kagera region. TANLAP has maintained a good working relationship with the office of Regional Commissioner since when TANLAP started the project of provision of legal aid services to enhance access to justice for women and girls. TANLAP will continue to uphold the good working relationship and collaboration with state and non-state actors to ensure effective provision of legal aid services to enhance access to justice and rule of law.

3. Coordination and harmonization of legal aid provision

Under this strategic area, TANLAP achieved a number of results including; providing legal aid services to 2032 (1007 females, 1025 males) individuals and provided legal education to 11,018 individuals (7393 females and 3625 males) in Kagera. Received a total of 294 (209 females and 85 males) cases from member organizations from January to December 2020. Printed and disseminated to the public 500 copies of the Legal Aid Act in simplified Swahili language. The user-friendly documents inform the public about the content of the Legal Aid Act and its Regulations to enable them to understand the legal requirements in the course of provision of legal aid service to the marginalized including women and girls. Facilitated the registration of 60 Paralegals through MHOLA and provide operational cost that will enable them to provide legal aid service and report back to TANLAP. Furthermore, organized reflection session with Legal Aid Providers on provision of legal aid services and access to justice in Tanzania. The meeting was attended by Hon. Amon Mpanju- the Deputy Permanent Secretary of MoCLA. TANLAP, continued to manage organizational website and other social platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram for sharing educative materials aiming to educate and increase public understanding about violence against women and girls as well as the activities TANLAP implemented.

TANLAP managed to open and register a YouTube account to enhance sharing of educative materials to the public.

4. Organizational development and sustainability

Under this strategic area, TANALAP managed to conduct staff and Board meeting as well as the Annual General Meeting to ensure effective implementation of programmatic and administrative issues of TANLAP. Also, TANLAP has managed to signed Mwanamke Imara project, which is funded by USAID and implemented by four organizations under a consortium model.

4 LESSONS LEARNED

In the year 2020, it was a lesson learned that, there is a need for organizations to have contingency plan in case of unexpected events such as COVID-19. When COVID-19 was declared as pandemic in the world its impacts were manifested not only on health aspect, but also on operation of various institutions. Many institutions were closed as a mechanism to respond to COVID -19, because they didn't have contingency strategy to respond to the pandemic. Other organizations closed due to operational constraints caused by shortage of funds. As a lesson learned due to the impact of COVID-19, organizations need to have preparedness plan to ensure that their operations continue during emergency. Also, TANLAP learned that collaboration among state and non-state actors is key to effective implementation of activities. TANLAP in many cases has been working collaboratively with government institutions, members and other like-minded institutions to ensure coordination and provision of legal aid services and access to justice. Working in collaboration among various justice stakeholders in respective project areas has enhanced public trust to the activities TANLAP has been implemented. In the coming years, TANLAP will continue to maintain a good working relationship with government and non-government institutions to ensure legal aid services are provided to the marginalized especially women and girls. In a different note,

5. CHALLENGES

The impact of COVID- 19 has continued to affect the implementation of planned activities, especially on the ability of the organization to fundraise. This is because many development partners have shifted their grants focus to address COVID 19. The situation has resulted into scarcity of resources to implement various activities. For example, due to COVID-19, UN Women has just awarded TANLAP the cost extension contract of only 6 months (July – December 2020) instead of signing a new one-year contract. To address the challenge of resource scarcity, TANLAP has continued to fundraise in order to fulfil the financial demands as per the annual plan.

5 CONCLUSION

While the year 2020 was challenging due to COVID 19- pandemic, TANLAP will continue to work collaboratively with various stakeholders to ensure access to justice, especially for poor communities including women and children. This is because the collaboration so far has enabled, the Ministry of Constitution and Legal Affairs to be a central coordinating body, linking the state and the non-state

actors to ensure proper and regulated provision of legal service and access to justice, democratic governance and the rule of law in Tanzania. On the other hand, TANLAP is thankful to development partners - the National Endowment for Democracy, UN Women, USAID and others for continuing supporting the implementation of TANLAP interventions. It is with great hope that the support will continue for the coming years.

Special thanks go 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 principles to ensure effective coordination and harmonization of provision of legal aid services, advocacy and networking, capacity building as well as organizational development and sustainability in the coming years.