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SOCIAL JUSTICE LEAGUE COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION

MAY 2022 TO AUGUST 2022 PROGRESS REPORT

In May of 2022, Social Justice league (SJL) was registered as a Community Based Organization Established in 2022. SJL seeks to promote Gender Democracy and Gender Equality through the actualization and promotion of fundamental human rights that are enshrined in Kenya's Constitution and other enabling legislation.

During our first year, we sought to establish networks within Homabay County that would help us serve the community more efficiently, and to also identify who we would work with as an organization.

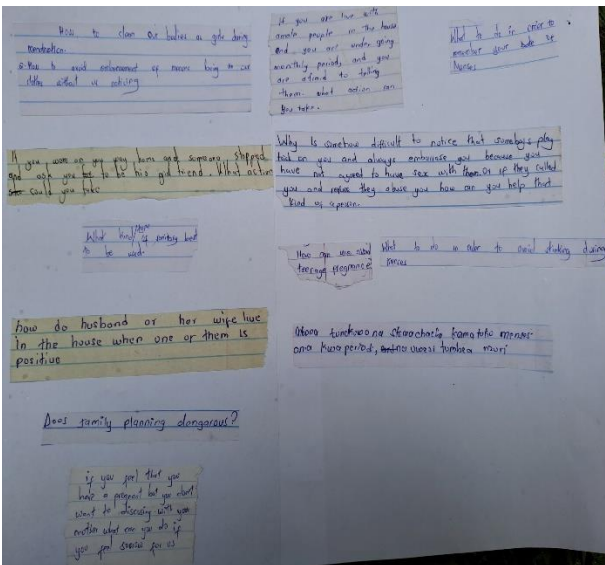
NETWORKS

As an organization, we have been fortunate to join several networks that have allowed us to have access to information that has better informed the work that we do.

We registered to be part of the Homabay Civil Society Network and we were also added to the Homabay County Gender Sector Technical working group. As members of these two networks, we were able to contribute to the planning of the launch of the Homabay County Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) Policy, which was launched during the commemoration of International Women Day 2023.



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Members Conducting Community Activities



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During this launch, we were privileged to serve the community by providing legal aid services to community members that had attended the event. Some of the areas we covered included: succession, marriage, divorce and land ownership.

We have also conducted several activities in schools. One is Alara Primary School and the other is Got Rachar Secondary School. These activities have majored on topics that the students asked us to talk about. For example; menstrual health and hygiene, confidence, self-care and HIV/AIDS.

Apart from the above-mentioned networks, we are also part of the Pro-Bono Institute of Kenya, which is Kenya's first Clearing House that seeks to promote access to justice through the institutionalization of pro-bono practice. These provides the organization with the opportunity to help promote access to justice in Homabay. We are still working on a way of best presenting cases that are brought to us to the clearing house for further legal redress.

SJL was engaged in a consultancy aimed at translating a curriculum that was anchored on exploring ways to change inequitable social norms about Gender Equality and Women's land rights, from English to the local language of Swahili.

SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS



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Through our social media pages on twitter, tiktok, LinkedIn, Instagram and Facebook, we have also taken part in various social media campaigns that speak to different sexual and reproductive health rights. We ran these campaigns on Menstrual Hygiene Day, Sexual Assault Awareness Month and International Women's Day.

EVENTS

We have also had the privilege of attending several events and presenting our views and interacting with people from different cultures. Some of them are:

1. The Feminist Foreign Policy Convening hosted by the Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy discussing feminist foreign policy in relation to sexual and reproductive health rights, protecting minority rights and education; while also looking at how German Foreign Policy affects how they fund Africa.
2. The 67th UN Conference on the Status of Women. Together with panelists at a parallel event organized by the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) to discuss the role of rural women as agents of change.



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3. She's the First's summit which brought grassroots organizations together, giving them a platform for sharing their experiences working with communities.
4. The Forum organized by the African Union Economic, Social & Cultural Council ([African Union ECOSOCC](#)) to participate in the second Annual Citizen's Forum on Democracy and Digital Governance.

CONCLUSION

We have experienced great success over the past one year that we have been in operation and as we proceed to the next phase, we expect to have great partnerships that will further help us push our work to better the community that we live in.