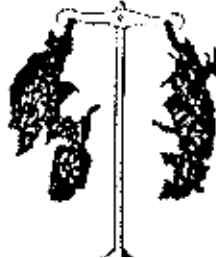


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Abbreviations

ACRWC	African Charter on Rights and Welfare of the Child
CBOs	Community Based Organizations
CJ	Chief Justice
DANIDA	Danish International Development Agency
EACROTANAL	Eastern African Centre for Research on Oral Traditions and African National Languages
FM	Frequency Modulation
IT	Information Technology
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
No.	Number
Prof.	Professor
REDET	Research and Education for Democracy in Tanzania
SFCG	Search for Common Ground
S/N	Serial Number
SIDA	Swedish International Development Agency
SUZA	State University of Zanzibar
TACCEO	Tanzania Civil Society Consortium on Election Observation
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TVZ	Television Zanzibar
UNCRC	United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
WAHAMAZA	<i>Chama cha Waandishi wa Habari za Maendeleo Zanzibar</i>
ZAFELA	Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association
ZANECRI	Zanzibar Network for Children's Rights
ZBC	Zanzibar Broadcasting Cooperation
ZEC	Zanzibar Electoral Commission
ZIORI	Zanzibar Indian Ocean Research Institute
ZLS	Zanzibar Law Society
ZLSC	Zanzibar Legal Services Centre
ZYBL	Zanzibar Yearbook of Law

CHAPTER ONE

Background and Profile of the Organisation

(a). Introducing the Centre

The Zanzibar Legal Services Centre has been in existence for the past 21 years. It was established in 1992 as a non-governmental, voluntary, independent and non-profit making organisation. Its major aim is to provide legal services to the poor, women, children, the disabled, marginalised and other disadvantaged sections of the Zanzibari society. Other aims and purposes of the Centre are to popularise knowledge on the law; and to produce publications in all areas of legal concern to the people of Zanzibar.

In order to achieve these aims, the Centre strives to ensure that all the people of Zanzibar have a basic understanding of legal and human rights principles and can act on them in order to build a society based on rule of law, good governance and the observance of human rights norms.

The Centre is a body corporate and thus has capacity to sue and be sued in its own name and owns both moveable and immovable property. It also has its own Official Seal and Emblem.

(b). Purpose and Objectives

The Centre primarily provides legal aid. That is counselling and advice for the poor and those who cannot afford to hire lawyers to handle their legal matters. Those in need of legal aid visit the offices of the Centre in both Unguja and Pemba. In addition, the staff of Centre who are admitted into the Roll as Advocates provide legal representation in the courts of law in deserving cases which have satisfied the Centre's criteria for taking legal matters to court. All the legal aid provided by the Centre – be it purely advisory or litigation is free of charge. Another area in which the Centre is active is in provision of legal education to the public in order to raise people's awareness on their basic rights and civic responsibilities. As it will be elaborated in this report, this is done through various means including seminars, workshops, round-tables, the media – Television and Radio programmes etc.

Legal research is another strong area of the Centre. Thus conducts, co-ordinates and commissions research on legal issues. The results of the research done is disseminated through meetings of all forms in which scholars, politicians and people from all walks of life meet to converse and exchange views. Some of the results of the research done have been attractive to the government and thus have helped to shape the policies and laws on various subjects including the area of the rights of the child in Zanzibar.

The most prominent research which is done jointly with the Dar es Salaam-based Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) on annual basis is the *Tanzania Human Rights Report*. This has been a joint enterprise between the two sister organisations since 2006.

(c). Vision

Rights and Access to Justice for all

(d). Mission

Zanzibar Legal Services Centre is a Non-partisan, Non-profit Organization dedicated to raising people's awareness, Promoting Human Rights and Good Governance.

(e). Activities

Other avenues used by the Centre to carry out its objectives include holding of legal aid camps; paralegal trainings; Film Shows; producing a quarterly Newsletter called – *Sheria na Haki*; public lectures; organising public lectures and conferences; and preparation of specialised and tailor-made trainings.

The Centre has two Documentation Centres – one in Unguja and the other in Pemba. These are equipped with some of the best legal books on the market as well as internet search possibility for the reader. The Centre acts as a repository for all Zanzibar legal materials that can be used for research purposes. This has made the Centre a prime destination for those in search of legal science and students from various institutions of higher education use the Centre as an important internship station.

(f). Organisational Structure

ZLSC is a registered Trust with a Board of Trustees. The Board is the top policy-making organ of the Centre. It is assisted an Executive Director who is its Secretary. The current Board of the Centre is provided at the end of this Report.

As intimated, apart from its head office in Zanzibar Town, the Centre has also a sub-office in Chake Chake, Pemba.

(g). The Staff and Secretariat of the Centre

The Centre has different cadres in its staff headed by the Executive Director who is also the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), the Pemba Office is headed by a Co-ordinator who is also a Programme Officer. Currently, the Centre has 20 staff in which 14 are in Unguja and 6 are in Pemba. The names and positions of all staff together with Board members are provided in Annexure One to this report.

In addition to the skeleton staff at the two centres in Unguja and Pemba, the Centre has recruited 64 Paralegals from all 50 Electoral Constituencies as volunteers for facilitating and supporting legal assistance to the needy in their respective communities.

(h). Ethical Standards

According to the Constitution of Zanzibar Legal Services Centre, 1992 as amended, all persons participating in the operations of the Centre must show the utmost good faith to others in all matters relating to the Centre. At the same time no one is allowed to use the Centre's facilities or influence to further private gain or any partisan, political, religious, ethnic or similar interests contrary to the objectives of the Centre.

(i). The Strategic Plan 2008 – 2011

Before 2008 the Centre did not have any Strategic Plan. It conceived programmes and activities which various friends and partners picked and supported. This was not a very sustainable arrangement.

In 2007, the Centre came up with the idea of preparing and putting into paper its thinking on how it would like its work to be organised. That was the genesis of a new Strategic Plan. The new four-year plan (2008-2011) was mainly supported by three strategic partners who have been supporting the work of the Centre for years. These were the Royal Danish Embassy in Dar es Salaam; Embassy of Sweden; and the Embassy of Finland. The three development partners entered into a joint Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Centre through which they pooled their resource together into a basket that underwrote the whole strategic plan.

This Strategic Plan came to an end on 31st December, 2011. As indicated earlier, year 2012 was a “fallow” year – for the Centre to re-organise itself. While carrying out its normal activities through bridging funding from the basket partners, the Centre utilised this period to organise an external evaluation of the four-year work and prepare a new five-year Strategic Plan (2013-2017).

(j). Funding of the Centre

In the year 2013 the Centre has been generously supported by various development partners including the following:

- (a). Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA);
- (b). Embassy of Finland;
- (c). Save the Children (International);
- (d). Foundation for Civil Society (FCS);
- (e). Ford Foundation Office for Eastern Africa;
- (f). Open Society Initiative for Eastern Africa (OSIEA); and
- (g). Zanzibar House of Representatives.
- (h) Search For Common Ground (SFCG)

The Centre is eternally grateful for the support which has made its dreams of making Zanzibar a better place to live in through allowing a large section of Zanzibaris to access justice.

CHAPTER TWO

Strategic Objective One

Standard Legal Aid Services for Poor and Marginalized People Provided

Under this strategic objective the Centre managed to conduct various activities such as;

(a). Legal Aid as the Basis of the Centre

Legal aid provision is among the core activities of Zanzibar Legal Services Centre (ZLSC). Legal aid specifically targets the poor, disadvantaged, marginalize and vulnerable sections of the Zanzibar society. These groups, due to economic and social reasons are unable to access justice due to in ability to afford the high fees charged by advocates in private practice.

Legal aid – which includes legal advice, counseling and assistance, on assisting and prepare clients for self court representation and prepare clients legal documents. Legal aid is provided at two main levels in Zanzibar: Firstly at each of the two Zanzibar Legal Services offices at Migombani and Chake Chake in Unguja and Pemba respectively. 10 Lawyers, 6 in Unguja and 4 in Pemba work on daily basis from Monday to Friday to receive and serve clients from all corners of the two Islands of Zanzibar.

At community level, the Centre uses its trained paralegals residing in each of the 50 electoral constituencies of Zanzibar and other from SMZ special department to provide legal support, assistance and directions to legal clients within their constituencies. Paralegals have been recruited and retained by the Centre in order to be of service to the population.

Some of the cases received by the Centre from clients have ended in Courts of Law. In some of these cases the clients have represented themselves with guidance from the staff of the Centre, while in those with public interest the Centre has itself appeared in Court. Up to December 2013, the centre managed to serve 900 clients and 952 clients from Paralegals.

The Table below shows the Number of clients received by Programme Officers in Unguja and Pemba

S/N	Name of the Dispute	Unguja			Pemba		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
1	Land	184	43	227	85	21	106
2	Employment	46	32	78	13	0	13
3	Family and Matrimonial	3	44	47	4	4	88
4	Child Abuse	20	19	39	5	8	13

5	Gender Based Violence-GBV	0	55	55	1	15	16
6	Criminal including theft, grievous Body harm etc	16	7	23	3	0	3
7	Matrimonial	7	59	66	0	10	10
8	Contract / Divorce	11	58	69	1	4	5
9	Insurance	3	0	3	0	0	0
10	Traffic	9	0	9	1	0	1
11	Legal Advice/Clarification	51	4	55	42	12	24
		350	321	671	155	74	229
Total number of ZLSC clients in 2013 is 900 peoples							

(b). Ad-hoc Legal Aid Clinics

Although, legal outreach is not a scheduled programme of the Centre, from time to time, the Centre in collaboration with its partners - the Zanzibar Law Society (ZLS) and Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA) organises *ad hoc* programmes of this nature depending on the need. Early this year, one such programme was organised in February in Kizimkazi and Makunduchi in the South Region of Unguja. Also, a similar activity was done in Uweleni and Ngwachani in Pemba. The main focus in all these programmes was to sensitize the people on the rights of the child. People who received free legal aid in Centres legal aid clinics were 222 among whom 107 were female and 115 were male.

The Table shows Number of people served in the ZLSC Legal Aid Clinics

S/N	Gender	Total
1	Female	107
2	Males	115
	Total	222

(c). Legal Aid and Assistance by Paralegals

This year, the Centre was lucky to have a two set of paralegals. That is 1st and 2nd Year in Unguja and Pemba. That meant that each electoral constituency had at least two paralegals providing legal aid and also legal education to the population. In the larger and geographically challenged constituencies which are complicated to serve, there were up to four paralegals. In addition, there

were paralegals in the Special Forces of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar. This arrangement made provision of legal aid to the people of Zanzibar much easier and smooth.

The table below shows the number of legal clients served by paralegals from January to December 2013:

S/N	Month	Unguja				Pemba			
		Males	Females	Children	Total	Males	Females	Children	Total
1	January	20	2	10	32	10	1	5	48
2	February	10	4	6	20	12	8	8	48
3	March	23	5	18	46	17	5	9	77
4	April	13	15	11	39	7	13	9	68
5	May	4	2	6	12	9	8	6	35
6	June	23	2	10	35	18	9	11	73
7	July	45	23	11	79	14	9	8	110
8	August	32	28	10	70	12	12	5	99
9	September	30	24	18	62	14	7	10	103
10	October	35	19	15	73	12	14	11	106
11	November	27	16	20	63	5	12	6	86
12	December	33	21	13	67	9	14	9	99
	Total	295	161	148	604	139	112	97	348

(d) Paralegals Training

On realizing the importance of Paralegals and at the grass roots level, thus paralegals are used by the Centre as a good link between the Centre and Zanzibar Community as they offer free legal aid and human rights trainings in all Zanzibar constituencies. The Centre decided to train its Paralegals since 2010 in basic law subjects in two years basis. For a year 2013 from January to

December, the Centre had managed to conduct the total of 24 Paralegal trainings to the first and Second year paralegals, two trainings were conducted in Unguja and two in Pemba in every month of the year; these trainings were followed by an annual examination which was conducted in December in both Islands. It should be noted that the first year and second year Paralegal trainings are funded by Legal Services Facility (LSF) and the Foundation for Civil Society (FCS) respectively and this make the total of 129 paralegals.

The table below shows number of Paralegals in Unguja and Pembe in 2013

S/N	Name of Event	Females	Males	Total
1	Unguja			
	First Year Paralegals	18	23	41
2	Second Year	22	14	36
	Pemba			
1	First Year	07	22	29
2	Second Year Paralegals	07	16	23
	Total	54	75	129

(f) Conduct awareness raising seminar for Shehas on the role of Paralegals

The Centre conducted five two-days' District based trainings, three in Unguja and two in Pemba, to Zanzibar Shehas on several issues such as Paralegals roles in Zanzibar communities, Human rights and good Governance, and empower them to understand on Regional Administrative Act No. 1 of 1998. The below table provides the details on these Shehas training; This seminar was funded by Legal Services Facility (LSF) whereby the LSF facilitate 70 paralegals of ZLSC.

S/N	Dates of Events		District (s)	Number of Participants		
				Male	Female	Total
1.	6 th November 2013	7 th November 2013	Urban, Unguja	28	02	30
2.	12 th November 2013	13 rd November 2013	West, Unguja	22	05	27
3.	23 rd November 2013	24 th November 2013	North 'A' and 'B', Unguja	26	04	30
4.	12 th November 2013	13 th November 2013	Chake chake, Pemba	28	02	30
5.	21 st November 2013	22 nd November 2013	Wete, Pemba	25	05	30

Success and Challenges under Strategic Objective One

Zanzibar Legal SERVICES centre is the only organization working in Zanzibar Unguja and Pemba in providing legal aid to the people of Unguja and Pemba by doing so it uses its paralegal to provide legal aid and it programme officers. The big achievement in providing legal assistance in the year 2013 is the increased number of people reached by the Centre. Compared to the year

2012 the centre served people while in the year 2013 the centre served 900, 952 by paralegals and 222 on legal aid clinics therefore all clients served by ZLSC were 2074 people.

Strategic Objectives for Aim Two

Public Engagement in Constitution and Law-making Processes Enhanced

(a). Centres' Contribution on New Constitution Process

On 9th January, 2013, the Centre joined other three organisations namely, Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA), Zanzibar Law Society (ZLS) and the Zanzibar Constitutional Platform (*Baraza la Katiba la Zanzibar*) to present its views on the new Constitution.

The Centre on its part decided to concentrate in the areas of strength – human rights and contributed on the best Bill of Rights for the country. It also made proposals on national symbols. Interestingly, about 90% of contribution of the Centre was adopted by the Constitutional Review Commission (CRC) – sometimes not word for word but one could not miss the adoption of ideas.

As a result of this tremendous contribution, the Centre was later appointed as a constitutional *fora* and its stakeholders discussed the Draft Constitution at length in both Unguja and Pemba. In the *fora* 100 stakeholders including Paralegals, ZLSC staff, ZLSC, some members from Trade Unions, and some of ZLSC board members were able to give their views freely and even plough in some of the views given earlier but not taken up the Commission. This was an important opportunity for the Centre to make its mark in the new basic law of the land with hope that this time around the people of Tanzania will be able to get the type of constitution they desire and deserve.

The table below shows participants on the discussion of the first Draft of the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania

S/N		Males	Females
1	Unguja	16	14
2	Pemba	24	6
	Total	60	30

Strategic Objectives for Aim THREE

Research Publication and Documentation on Issues of Legal and Human Rights Undertaken

In the period January to December – 2013 a number of activities were undertaken which would assist Zanzibaris to be informed on legal and human rights issues and generally raising the debate on democratisation of the isles. Among the activities done include the following:

(a). Publications

There is very little available in form of the written word that is available in Zanzibar in the area of human rights, law and democratisation. Therefore, the Centre takes it as one of its core work to fill this gap. This explains the initiative to introduce a number of publications some of which were published during this period.

(i). *Sheria na Haki* Newsletter

The Newsletter has two basic objectives. First, is to introduce the public to the work of the Centre. This is aimed at the common Zanzibari on the streets as well as the government leaders and other functionaries. Second is to provide legal and human rights education to the public through the scholarly articles published in simple and understandable language.

In the period under discussion i.e. January – June, 2013 two issues of the Newsletter were published. One issue in March, 2013 and the second in June, 2013. These issues of the newsletter cover various topics of interest to the public in Zanzibar.

(ii). *Tanzania Human Rights Report 2012*

As is the tradition, the *Tanzania Human Rights Report*, which the Centre prepares together with the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) of Dar es Salaam came out in the first half of 2013. The main objectives of *Human Rights Reports* is, among others, to serve as an advocacy tool designed to inform and shape the promotion and protection of human rights and good governance in Tanzania. Similarly, it acts as a barometer measuring the adherence to human rights standards in Tanzania. Over time, the Human Rights Report has developed to become the main reference material when it comes to human rights situation in the country. It is divided into two parts and Part 2 is devoted to Zanzibar and it is this part which is prepared by ZLSC.

As the tradition, the Report was launched in both Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar and distributed widely free of charge. Apart from the interested members of the public, the Centre was also sent to various government offices and institutions of interest in Zanzibar. The Dar es Salaam Launching was monitored by LHRC in their Lugakingira House at Kijitonyama and the Chief Guest was Hon. Prof. Haruna Lipumba the CUF Chairman.

On 3rd May, 2013, ZLSC launching the Tanzania Human Rights Report at EACROTANAL hall, the Chief Guest of this event was the Speaker of the Zanzibar House of Representatives. The participants were some of Government officials, Paralegals, Citizens and Trade Union Members.



The Speaker of the Zanzibar House of Representatives in a group picture with some of Government Officials and ZLSC staff after launching of Tanzania Human Rights Report 2012 at Ecrotanal Hall, Maisala, Zanzibar on 3rd May, 2013.

(b). Documentation Centres

In the period January to December, 2013, the two Documentation Centres in Unguja and Pemba continued uninterrupted to provide services to the public. The main beneficiaries of this service were students of Zanzibar University who spent their internship at the Centre. Also, paralegals of the Centre utilized effectively the materials available in the two Documentation Centres to improve their performance. In addition, there were the normal casual researchers – local and a number from abroad. From January to June, ZLSC documentation Centre Served 287 people, 206 in Unguja and 81 Pemba. Also the Centre in 2013 managed to open useful resource Centre called ‘Prof. Haroub Collection’ which comprises of a lot of reference books which was used by the late Prof. Haroub Miraj Othman the founder of ZLSC. The collection comprises more than 3,000 books and journals on political science, human rights and language.

The table bellow shows documentation centre’s clients on a monthly basis:

		Unguja		Pemba		
	Month	Males	Females	Males	Females	Total
1	January	2	7	2	5	16
2	February	11	11	2	3	27
3	March	7	7	6	6	26
4	April	28	9	1	2	40
5	May	10	4	2	0	16

6	June	15	4	0	4	23
7	July	9	5	7	1	22
8	August	11	7	7	1	26
9	September	12	6	6	5	29
10	October	9	5	9	2	25
11	November	11	3	5	3	22
12	December	7	6	1	1	15
	Total	132	74	48	33	287

(c). Media Programmes

The Centre entered into agreement with Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC) and through this agreement it was able to prepare and air educational programmes in both Radio and Television. These programmes covered a variety of topics on law and human rights. While most of the programmes were pre-recorded, the Centre also had a few live programmes which excited viewers and listeners who telephoned to ask questions.

During this period, the Centre was invited to co-operate with private FM Radios which offered free airtime to the Centre. Most of these were live programmes which proved very popular with the population.

All in all, the Centre managed to conduct a total of 87 Radio and TV programmes through ZBC and about 20 through the local FM Radio Stations.

The two broadcasting media cooperations - Zanzibar Broadcasting Cooperation Television and Radio, used to air '*Ijuwe Sheria*' programs are Government owned and covers almost all parts of Zanzibar two Islands, Unguja and Pemba with listenership. The estimated number of listeners to the media programs is said to be 391,872 of which 184,083 are males and 207,789 are females.

(d). Internship Programme

Over the years the Zanzibar Legal Services Centre has been collaborating with institutions of higher learning in Zanzibar and Tanzania Mainland through which law students can absorb their internship programmes at the Centre. During this period the students are attached to programme officers and learn the practice of the law. They participate in the interview of legal aid clients, prepare briefs and also accompany programme offices who are advocates in the courts of law.

Also, during this period the Documentation Centres are open to the interns for reading and search of literature for their research. At the same time, during their time at the Centre computers with full internet access are made available to them. In this way students normally fight for the few vacancies available for those wanting to do their internship at ZLSC.

In the year 2013, the Centre received a total of 32 students from Zanzibar University (ZU) and University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM). The interns began arriving in June until September, 2013 in groups of ten for the period of two weeks intervals. Internship is one of the requirements of

the degree of Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) in various Universities which is done in various places including private advocates’ chambers and institutions like the Centre.

Also this year for the first time the Centre received 17 students from Zanzibar University who undergo the Diploma in Child Protection Rights .The Centre established the child rights desk which deal with all child abuse cases reported at the Centre since 2009. The officer incharge on child abuse cases normaly helps our clients on legal aid or legal causing to the children.

The Table below shows the number of Interns at ZLSC during the year 2012:

Description	Zanzibar University (ZU)					
	3 rd Year Students)(LLB)			Diploma in Child Protection Rights Students		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Number of University Students	17	15	32	22	32	54

f). Professor Haroub Day and Launching of the *Zanzibar Yearbook of Law (ZYBL)*

In the effort to spread legal aid and education to many people, ZLSC has successfully launched the Yearbook of Law on 28th December 2013. The book was launched the same day of the commemoration of the life of the founder, the first Chairman and member of the Board of Trustee of the ZLSC, the late Professor Haroub Miraji Othman. The launching of the Zanzibar Yearbook of Law has been addition to the publications done by the Centre since its introduction. The book cover academic publications all around the globe, issues of different dimension in law will be discussed from domestic to international law.

It was reporting during the launching of the book has been a step forward for the Zanzibar Legal Services Centre in its effort in publication and dissemination of legal aid and knowledge. It was further reported that, Zanzibar is the second country in Africa to manage publish Yearbook of law after South Africa.



Hon. Amb. Seif Ali Iddi, the Second Vice President of Zanzibar speaking to the participants of the Launching of *The Zanzibar Year Book of Law* Vol. 1 in commemorating the Prof. Haroub Day at EACROTANAL Hall, Zanzibar.

Success Story of Strategic Objective Two

For the First time ZLSC managed to launch ZYBL volume 1 of 2011, this event make ZLSC to be the first organization in East Africa and make Zanzibar to be the Second country to publish ZYBL after South Africa.



Launching ZYBL: The Second Vice President of Zanzibar, Amb. Seif Ali Iddi Launching ZYBL Vol. I.

Strategic Objective Four

Human Rights of Marginalized Groups Promoted and Protected

In the year of 2013 the, Zanzibar Legal Services Centre, as an advocacy institution which believes that changes can come as a result of calculated demands popularised and internalised by the population, took advantage of the existing occasions to popularise certain popular and important demands in the society. Among the avenues used by the Centre include the following:

(a). Law Day

Law Day is a relatively new phenomenon in Zanzibar. It is a day which is organised under the auspices of the Judiciary to mark the end of the Courts vacation. It is used as a means of reminding the population the need to popularise and uphold rule of law in Zanzibar. On every occasion that this Day has been celebrated, it has been graced by H.E. the President of Zanzibar. This year was no exception. Other speakers include the Attorney General of Zanzibar; the President of Zanzibar Law Society (ZLS) and the host the Chief Justice of Zanzibar.

The Centre as a major stakeholder in legal issues in Zanzibar works very closely with the judiciary and other stakeholders to organise the Law Day which is marked on February every year.

(b). Women's Day

On 8th March, 2013, the Centre joined the rest of the world to mark the Women's day. Two meetings were organised in Unguja and Pemba. The Unguja meeting was attended by 46 women and 43 men while that in Pemba attracted 23 women and 5 men only. Among the topics discussed included Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and the process of domestication of the Maputo Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women of 2003.



The Pemba Office Co-ordinator of the Zanzibar Legal Services Centre in a group photo with ZLSC staff and participants of the women day on 8th March, 2013

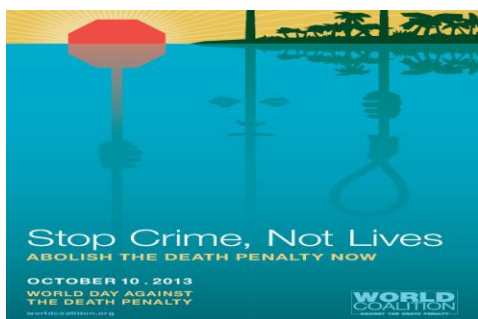
(c). May Day

The 1st day of May each year is the May Day. This is the workers day and it is marked in a large portion of the international community including Zanzibar. To the Centre, this is an important day because the majority of the cases which the Centre receives are labour matters – mainly relating to the tourism industry. The Centre thus meets and organises with stakeholders in this industry to sensitize the population of the rights of the working people and this has been very special occasion.

(d). Day of African Child

16th June each year is the Day of the African Child. This is a day to mark and address the various ills befalling our children in the continent and Zanzibar. The Centre in corroboration with the Ministry responsible to the plight of the Child utilised this occasion to sensitise the various section of the bureaucracy in Zanzibar on the rights of the Child. In the meetings held in both Unguja and Pemba, it was noted that child abuse in Zanzibar has been on a sharp increase and the trend needs to be checked very soon.

(e). Death Penalty Day



Death Penalty is the one of the most barbaric, inhuman and brutal mode of punishment that has been and still practicable in the world. International statistics indicates that the overall use of death penalty world wide is declining due to various campaigning on abolition of death Penalty. Tanzania and Zanzibar imposed death punishment on capital offences, though Zanzibar since 1964 has had a *defector moratorium*. Zanzibar legal Services as an institution does not

believe in the Death Penalty, notwithstanding the fact that it is surrounded by Muslims who in a way believe in that form of punishment.

The 2013, mark of the day of abolition of death penalty 10th October, ZLSC invited different people to discuss on the abolition of death penalty in Zanzibar. The commemoration was Official launched by the High Court Judge, Lady Justice Hon. Rabia Hussein Chwya . The 2013 theme was ‘*Stop Crime, Not Lives Abolish the Death Penalty Now* . As usually the debate was very live and there was two wings the one who support ZLSC on abolition of death penalty and have their own reasons and the second wing they do not support the death penalty abolition in Zanzibar and also they have their own grounds. Three papers was presented before discussion one was presented by Padre Philip Munguti from Anglican Church who presents death penalty in Christian perspective, Mr. Amour Omar Mbwana from *Wakf na Mali ya Amana* who presented a paper on the concept of death penalty in Islam and the last presentation was on Death penalty in Zanibar Laws which was presented by Dr. Mohammed Makame from Zanzibar University. The

commemoration was marked by 53 people from government institutions, NGOs, Paralegals and ZLSC staff among whom 32 were males and 21 females.



Activist Rashid Yussuf Mchenga contributes during International Death Penalty Day meeting organised by ZLSC on 10th October, 2013 held at ZLSC Hall Migombani



Hon. Lady Justice Rabia Hussein of the Zanzibar High Court (Centre) in a group picture with ZLSC with Some of Government Officials, ZLSC leadership after the Opening Ceremony on marking the Death Penalty day at ZLSC Hall, Migombani, Zanzibar on 10th October, 2013.

(f). Human Rights Day

On 10th December, 2013, ZLSC joined the rest of the world in commemorating the Human Rights Day at its Centre's Hall situated at Migombani in Unguja. The commemoration was marked by 78 people among whom 45 were males and 33 females. The Guest of Honour for this

event was Minister of Constitutional Affairs and Justice, Hon. Abubakar Khamis Bakary. Also in Pemba Office the mark the day with discussion where by the Chief Guest was Officer in charge of the Zanzibar Ministry of Constitutional Affairs and Justice (*Afisa Mdhamini*).

Since 1948, the world has been continuously commemorating the Human Rights Day as a way of advocating for human rights promotion and protection among different people of all countries of the world. The 2013's message was '20th year Working for your rights'. The debate was very lively with participants questioning the commitment of the government to the promotion of a human rights culture in the country. It was suggested that during this event ZLSC should invite more people especially from rural area of Zanzibar to participate.



The Officer in charge of the Zanzibar Ministry of Constitutional Affairs and Justice (with black suit) in a group picture with some of participants in the commemoration of International Human Rights Day 2013 at ZLSC Pemba Office , Chake Chake Pemba on 10th December, 2013.

(g). Legal Aid Day

Every year, ZLSC in and other legal aid NGOs providers in Zanzibar like ZAFELA and ZLS commemorate 13th December the International Legal aid Day by providing free legal aid in various places especially in rural areas in Unguja and Pemba. In the year 2013, the Centre mark this day in North 'A' Region Unguja at Mkokotoni 47 participants , 10 males and 37 females and Mto wa Pwani 40participants 5 males and 35 females, 13 .Pemba marked in South Region at Pujini , 10 people received free legal aid, 9 males and 01 female.

The table below shows no of participants in Legal Aid Day

	Name of Event	No. of Clients	
		Males	Females
1	Mkokotoni Unguja	5	35
2	Mtowapwani Unguja	10	37
3	Pujini Pemba	9	1
	Total	24	73

(h).Magistrates, State Attorneys, and Doctors Trainings on Child Rights

ZLSC working together with Save the Children in protection and promotion on child rights in Zanzibar since 2007. Four day training was conducted in Unguja and Pemba on 14/9/2013 and 15/9/2013 and 9/11/2013 and 10/11/2013 respectively. The main objective of this training was to make a fora for all important stakeholders who working on advocacy of child rights in Zanzibar. For a long time there was a serious suspicious and blaming on each other on the causes of increasing of child abuse cases , this means police blame court on not being serious on child abuse cases especially on conviction of perpetrators before the court while court blaming the doctors and police on their weak evidence which presented before the court . Therefore ZLSC and Save decided to have this meeting to make clear road on child rights in access to justice. The total of 60 people participated in the training in Unguja and Pemba.

In all these two trainings the facilitators used their knowledge and efforts to make sure that the participants achieved the proper knowledge on child rights. Differents topics were discussed including the International and national Conventions on Child Rights (CRC) and African Charter on Rights and Welfare of the Child(ACRWC), Child Labor, The girl child, Rights of child in conflict with the law and child safe guard. All these was facilitated by professional facilitators on Child Rights.



The Officer in charge of the Zanzibar Ministry of Constitutional Affairs and Justice in opening the two days training meeting to Magistrates, State Attorneys from the Office of Director public Prosecution , and Doctors on child rights protection supported by Save the children and ZLSC AT Hifadhi Hall, Tibirinzi Pemba on 9th – 10th November,2013



Strategic Objective Five

Demand Driven Civic and Voter's Education

(a). Training of Secondary Teachers

Over the years, the Centre has realized that there are groups in the society which, if trained, could have multiplier effect. These are particularly teachers and trade union leaders. The teachers have countless students and pupils as audience.

Therefore, in 2013 the Centre organized two training programmes for Secondary School teachers of Civics Subject in schools in both Unguja and Pemba. This is done with good collaboration between the Centre and Zanzibar Ministry of Education where by the Centre facilitates the training and teachers never miss the trainings. During this trainings it has been found that, this type of training have been very helpful and reaches a lot more people over and above those who attend. The Centre has great dream to change the attitude and method of teachers in teaching civics subjects especially in human rights aspect.



Training Makes Perfect: Secondary School Teachers in a Human Rights Training in Unguja

(b). Training of Retired Teachers (JUWAWAZA)

JUWALAZA (*Jumuia ya Walimu Wastaafu Zanzibar*) is an Association of Zanzibar Retired teachers. An realizing the importance of teachers in Zanzibar. ZLSC accepted the request of the retired teachers on getting support being trained on civic education basis on constitutional making and understanding their associations' Constitution and conducting their internal election because they never have election since 2005 when it was established. On 28-28th November, 2013, 35 members of JUWAWAZA was trained on Civic education and Human rights topics and

after that they managed to conduct their first election in supervision of ZATUC (Zanzibar Teachers Trade Union).

c). Civil Societies Round Tables

Zanzibar Legal Services Centre in collaboration with other local organizations in Zanzibar like Tanzania Media Women Association (TAMWA), (Re)Claim Women’s Space in World Heritage with support of Search for Common Ground(SFCG) managed to conduct the total of three round table discussion target on the Citizen Engagement in Governance whereby different topics including “Land registration and Bububu Lessons Learned’ (Mwanyanya), “The Role of Woman in the next election” Citizen Engagement in Governance in The Zanzibar Strategy for Growth And Reduction of Poverty2010-2015 (MKUZA II).

The target objective of these training was to increase the CSO leaders and members knowledge (capacity building) on communication strategies, government strategies and policies such as MKUZA II and Good Governance, how CSO are informed about policies and their role towards the implementation of the government policies. These round tables in the way which will enable the participants to discuss the topics and also to share and learned from each other. From all those discussion the participants come up with a solution that as NGOs and Government institutions they to understand their role as for implementation of government policies and how they can assess the government accountability towards the implementation of its policies. Also they planned to have effective communication between the government and the communities so as to communicate (disseminate information) these policies to their respective communities.



Participants concentrates in the paper presented on women engagements on the coming election during the Round Table Discussion Organised by ZLSC and Search for Common Ground at EACROTANAL HALL on 7th September, 2013.

(d). Regional Training on Positive Discipline

ZLSC in collaboration with Save the Children – East Africa Regional Office organized a five days training for facilitators on Positive Discipline which was conducted from 23rd -27th

September 2013 at the Zanzibar Beach Resort, Zanzibar. This is the only training which is a priority for trainers to understand that physical punishment to children is a violation of their basic right of protection against violence. Continuing beating children in schools is a violation of children's dignity.

The training was attended by participants from different African Regions like, Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Sudan, Mozambique, Zambia and Zanzibar.

This training was facilitated by Ms. Jean from Canada who is a teacher working with University of Manitoba in Canada particularly on the child protection Unit and Mrs. Farida Bascha, a Regional Child Protection Manager for East Africa. During the training, different topics was discussed including Positive Discipline, Identifying long term goals of the child , Providing warmth and structure, Understanding how children think and feel, Problem solving and Responding with positive discipline.



Mr. Hussein Halane, a Regional Director of Save the Children East Africa Regional Offices(Centre) in a group picture with some of participants in the Regional training on Positive discipline at The ZANZIBAR Beach RESORT, Mazizini, Unguja on 23rd November to 27th November, 2013.

e) Public Sensitizations

Three Public sensitization was organized by Zanzibar Legal Service Centre in Collaboration with Search for Common Ground, these two Organizations aimed to raise awareness to Zanzibaris on Citizen Engagement in Governance especial to those who live North Unguja at Mkokotoni which includes participants from Shehia of Mkokotoni, Tumbatu and Donge, while in South was at Paje

including the participants from Paje, Jambiani and Bwejuu and Urban Unguja at Eacrotanal Hall include people from Mchangani, Malindi, Kiponda, and Mkunazini Shehias.

These public sensitizations meetings was designed to impart sufficient legal knowledge of the constitutional structure, Human right, Separation of Power and Good governance. Different topics were discussed like the Constitution of United Republic of Tanzania of 1977 and the Constitution of Zanzibar of 1984 Human right, Separation of Power and Good governance, Human right perspective citizen engagement on the good governance. The participants of these meetings were Shehas, member from Civil Societies, citizens, and people from media. The total number of participants were 150 as shown in the table below:

	Name of Event	No. of Clients	
		Males	Females
1	South Region, Paje	5	35
2	North Region, Mkokotoni	10	37
3	Urban West, EACROTANAL	26	24
	Total	24	73

f). Shehas, Land Tribunal Clerks and Police Training on Land Laws in Zanzibar



Participants in the Shehas, police and land tribunal clerks listening the presentation from a facilitator on Zanzibar Tenure Act, 1992.

Strategic Objective Six

Organizational Development and Sustainability of ZLSC Enhanced

As this was a transitional phase from one Strategic Plan to the next, not much was planned during this early period of the year. The little that was done include the following:

(a). Recruiting New Paralegals

In early 2013 ZLSC recruited 70 new paralegals for all electoral constituencies in Unguja and Pemba. In most of the constituencies one paralegal was recruited but the number was added in cases of large constituencies and those which are geographically challenged and thus making accessibility difficult. In addition, a special category of paralegals were recruited from the Special Forces of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar. The Special Departments of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar include *Kikosi Maalum cha Kuzuia Magendo* (KMKM) – the Coast Guard; Fire and Rescue Services; *Jeshi la Kujenga Uchumi* (JKU) – the National Service; *Chuo Cha Mafunzo* – the Prisons; and *Valantia* – the Volunteers. All these paralegals were prepared for training in the basics of the law in order to enable them to serve the poor, marginalised and vulnerable members of the Zanzibar society in their respective constituencies and institutions. This recruitment was an important addition to the pool of paralegals serving Zanzibaris in both Unguja and Pemba.

(b). Co-operating with other Organisations

The work done by the Centre requires very close co-operation with like-minded organisation doing similar work in order to be effective. Thus, the Centre continued to maintain very close link with other organisations on the isles and beyond. This involved doing joint activities and campaigns for a better society.

Among the traditional partners who continued to work closely with the Centre in 2013 were *Umoja wa Walemavu wa Zanzibar* (UWZ); Zanzibar Law Society (ZLS); Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA); and the Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRGG) – Zanzibar Office. At regional level, the Centre continued its co-operation with the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC); East African Civil Society Organizations' Forum (EACSOF); East African Law Society (EALS); Southern African Lawyers Network (SALAN); and Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU).

In addition, the Centre works very closely with the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar (SMZ) and its institutions as well as the Zanzibar House of Representatives.

Working with all these organizations improved the work of the Centre as it was a learning experience for an emerging institution like the Zanzibar Legal Services Centre.

(c). Mafunzo ya Ngope

In staff Capacity building the centre where it is necessary tries to equip its staffs on up-to-date knowledge in order to make the centre runs smoothly. In the year 2013 the centre realized that its website is dominant and it needs to be up-to-date with useful information to the visitors. By realizing that it decided to send the IT officer to Dar e s salaam in the web site management and other IT support training. The said training helped our officer to manage the Centres' Website.

(d). Mafunzo ya Quickbook

The members of staff of the Accounts Section underwent an intensive training on the *Quickbook* Accounting Package. This was a very successful training and now this programme is now in use in the Centre.

(e). Staff Retreat

As a tradition, the Centre organises an annual retreat to reflect on the year's performance and plan for the coming year. In the year 2013 the retreat was held at Travellers Inn Hotel on the East Coast of Zanzibar between 20th and 22nd December, 2013. Unlike previous years the 2013retreat was only participated by staff themselves including all members of staff from Unguja and Pemba as well as representatives of the Paralegals of the Centre from the two islands and chaired by Management of the Centre.

The Chairperson of the Board of trustees was invited in the opening ceremony of the retreat and deliver a constructive speech which explained the expectations of the Board to the ZLSC staffs in the year 2014.

At this particular retreat, each member of staff presented his/her work by power-point. Questions were asked and each presented was intensely discussed. The Management of the Centre presented its annual report and projections of what could be done in the coming year. These were also subject to an open discussion.

This Staff retreat received and debated at length the evaluation of the work of the Centre by the Consultants. Strengths and weaknesses were indicated and reasons for performance speculated on.

The Draft Work Plan of the Centre (2014) was also presented, discussed and adopted with minor adjustments ready to be sent to the Board of Trustees for the approval.

THE WORKFORCE

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