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The Federation of Women Lawyers, Kenya (FIDA) is non-profit, non-partisan and non-governmental, membership organization committed to the creation of a society that is free from all forms of discrimination against women through the provision of legal aid, women's right monitoring, advocacy, education and referral. Membership to FIDA Kenya is open to Kenyan women lawyers and women students.

The organization was started in 1985, after the 3rd UN Conference on women, which was held in Nairobi, Kenya. Currently, there are more than 400 registered FIDA (K) members. The secretariat is located at Amboseli Lane, off Gitanga Road, Lavington area in Nairobi. The Kisumu and Mombasa Legal Aid Clinics were opened in the year 1997 and 2003 respectively. The Kisumu office is located at Awour Otiende Road, Kisumu, while the Mombasa office is located at Dedan Kimathi Road in Mombasa.

FIDA Kenya works to achieve its mission through four main Teams/Programs namely:

- The Legal Aid Team.
- The Strategic Leadership Team.
- The Women Rights Monitoring and Advocacy Team.

- The Finance and Administration Team.

THE VISION

The vision of FIDA Kenya is to help create a just society that is free from all forms of discrimination against by reason of either their gender or sex.

THE MISSION

Realizing that women play an active and significant part in the development of our society and form the majority of Kenyan's population and yet they face major systemic obstacles that prevent them from full enjoyment of their rights and privileges, FIDA Kenya:

- Offers quality legal services to a limited number of women.
- Creates awareness of Legal Rights and educates women on how to claim their rights through self-representation.
- Researches, monitors and reports women's rights violations.
- Lobbies and advocates for reform of Laws and Policies.
- Monitors the implementation and

enforcement of legislation, policies and International Human Rights Instruments.

- Undertakes transformative Public Interest Litigation.
- Engages and nurtures linkages with strategic partners.

OBJECTIVES/PURPOSE OF FIDA-KENYA

Our objective is:

- To enhance access to justice by needy women in Kenya in targeted areas.
- To improve the legal status of women in Kenya.
- To enhance public awareness on women's rights issues.

GOVERNANCE

A council of eleven (11) members elected every two years from the membership governs FIDA Kenya through delegation to an Executive Director who is an ex-officio member of the council. The current Executive Directors is Jane Onyango.

FIDA KENYA TEAMS

Legal Aid Services Team

This team forms FIDA Kenya's core programme, whose main objective is to provide legal aid services, legal representation, counseling services, public interest litigation, mediation services, legal awareness and referrals to needy women.

The Women's Rights monitoring And Advocacy Team

This team seeks to monitor and document the rights violations and also monitor the implementation of International and Regional Human Rights instruments. The team produces annual reports on the legal status of Kenyan women in order to ensure that FIDA Kenya's advocacy and lobbying initiatives are adequately informed. Under the programme, a core group of women human rights monitors from different parts of the country are trained to monitor women's rights violations in their communities and submit monthly reports to FIDA Kenya.

Finance and Administration Team

The main objective of the Finance and Administrations is to provide financial and administrative support services to all teams so as to assist and contribute to the achievement of FIDA Kenya's objectives.

Strategic Leadership Team

The objective of this Team is to position the organization strategically and to ensure proactive responses to the external environment. In this regard the team builds and nurtures collaboration with strategic partners among state and non-state actors to promote women's rights. The team is also charged with the responsibility of mobilizing resources accountability to development partners and ensuring quality delivery of services.

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