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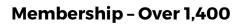
## Profile

## About Us



Established 1985 during the 3rd UN conference in Nairobi











Over 3,000,000 women and children benefited



**FIDA-Kenya Offices** 

**Enhancing Access to Justice:** FIDA-Kenya has been promoting access to justice for thousands of women through provision of legal aid, self-representation trainings in women and women prisons, pro bono lawyer scheme, legal representation, and strategic impact litigation on matters including child custody and maintenance, land and matrimonial disputes, labour and economic rights.

### **Other Areas of interventions**

- Toll Free number: In 2020, when the Covid-19 pandemic worsened the vulnerability patterns for victims of SGBV, FIDA-Kenya launched its toll-free line to clients to ease reporting of cases and obtaining support
- Governance: enhancing participation of girls and women in political, economic/social leadership and governance systems, through capacity strengthening sessions for women leaders at the grassroots and county levels and for women-led CBOs and feminist groups.
- Gender responsive governance
- Promotion of sexual and reproductive health rights
- Eradication of all forms of SGBV including harmful traditional practices such as female genital mutilation and child marriage.
- Support to Court Users Committees across the country
- Enhancing Alternative Dispute resolutions through engagements with traditional Council of Elders and local authorities support.

## Accreditations

Observer status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the African Commission on Human and People's Rights (ACHPR).

- National Shadow Report on Women Land Rights published in 2019
- The adoption of the Resolution on Women's Rights to Land and Productive Resources by the ACHPR

Continuous regional advocacy such as the Women Inheritance Now (WIN), CSO Platforms of the African Union Land Policy Initiative and Lake Victoria Rights Alliance - East African to engage in joint advocacy on women's rights

# **Our Programs**

This noble course is executed through two expansive programs which are;

### **Access to Justice**

The program is modelled to enable women to access justice. Services include:

- Legal representation: provision of legal aid and litigating matters on behalf of women and girls.
- Self-representation: equipping clients with skills and knowledge to represent themselves in court.
- Psychosocial support: goes hand in hand with provision of legal aid to clients. Takes the form of individual counselling, couple counselling and group therapy.
- Strategic Impact litigation: focuses on building jurisprudence that advances the rights of women and girls in Kenya
- Alternative dispute resolution mechanisms such as mediation and working with informal justice systems for resolution of disputes.

### **Women and Governance**

- Promoting Women's equal citizenship and transformative justice
- Legislative and Policy Engagement: continuosly building the capacity of women to advocate and lobby for favorable laws and policies that are gender responsive and engage in strategic partnership at international, national, county and community levels.
- Enhancing Women's Political Participation
- Gender responsive governance: enhancing accountability mechanisms and women's ability to participate and influence governance structures
- Promoting Socio-economic and cultural rights.

This program promotes women's equal citizenship and transformative justice. For over 15 years, FIDA-Kenya intensified advocacy for a new Constitution that would be gender responsive. Additionally, through continuous public debates and advocacy in defending women's rights, FIDA has been working to build the capacity of women, advocate and lobby for favourable laws and policies that are gender responsive and engage in strategic partnership at international, national, county and community levels. This programme aims at consolidating the gains of women in the Constitution and secure effective implementation through different institutions.

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FIDA-Kenya Annual report is distributed to all our members and partners and is available for download on FIDA-Kenya website.

Enabling policy/legislative environment- 2021, a year that gave hope to the realisation of gender justice.-slogan

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# **Message from the Chair**

It is my pleasure, once again, as Chair of the Board of the Federation of Women Lawyers in Kenya, FIDA-Kenya to write this introduction to our Annual Report 2021.

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to pose challenges for the entire reporting period. I am proud of the speed and efficacy with which we continued implementing almost all of our planned work, while also addressing the many new challenges posed by the pandemic with respect to the protection of the rights of women and girls and in enhancing their access to justice.

During this reporting period, there continued to be program disruptions due to the pandemic.The surging numbers of infections in Kisumu County resulted in temporary closure of our Kisumu Office. legal aid clinic. Despite the challenges, that came with the pandemic the, we adjusted with imagination and enthusiasm, and explored new ways of doing things and of growing in new directions. We capitalised on the use of digital platforms for the realisation of access to justice for women and girls in Kenya. For example, provision of legal aid through toll-free line (0800720501) continued.

Though the technical assistance for key criminal justice institutions, FIDA-Kenya aims to make justice and fair trial accessible to women including those in prisons across the country. During the period under review, FIDA-Kenya, with the support from the Danish Embassy through URAIA, has supported the establishment of Nine (9) Virtual Justice Centres across the country in six (6) women prisons in Nyeri, Kisii, Shimo LA Tewa, Kodiaga, Thika, Langata and FIDA-Kenya Regional offices in Nairobi, Kisumu and Mombasa.

FIDA-Kenya also continued to strengthen partnerships and synergies at the grassroot level by working closely with Community Based Organizations, County Gender Sector Working Groups Prisons, the Judiciary, and other Justice actors resulting in coordinated approach in addressing SGBV and successful implementation of activities.

Consequently, to enhance access to justice for women and girls, FIDA-Kenya continued to offer legal advice, representation as well as self-representation trainings to 11,836 through the toll-free centre, digital platforms as well as in-person sessions.

In order to address existing gaps in law and align domestic laws to international standards and to increase gender sensitivity in our legal systems, FIDA-Kenya continued to challenge various laws and practices that negatively impact the realization of gender justice as listed in this report.

During the period under review, we continued our discourse on advancing women's greater participation in the National and County-level political leadership and to increase public awareness on the role of women and persons with disabilities in political leadership. We aim to contribute to increasing the number of women elected in the six elective positions in the 2022 general elections.

We hosted the first National Women's Conference in August then later on in December, 350 female political aspirants went through capacity-building sessions at the WLA between 6th and 8th December. The training that followed the launch of the Vote-A-Dada campaign in August is part of the continued engagement with women political aspirants; women political leaders; advocates of democracy, supporters of gender equality, intellectuals, and duty bearers in the electoral process to discuss, enlighten and build the capacity of women political aspirants in the 2022 electoral cycle through women leadership forums.

These are just a few highlights of the many activities we do. In closing, we, our Board, management and staff, thank you all for your contributions to FIDA-Kenya your appreciation of our work and your continued involvement with us moving forward.

Finally, on behalf of the Board, let me express our profound appreciation to all the hardworking FIDA-Kenya's women and men – and the many more the organisation partners with – for their impressive efforts and commitment during one of the most difficult and challenging year.





Anne Ireri Executive Director







The restrictions imposed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic made it harder for survivors to report abuse and seek help and for service providers to respond efficiently. However, FIDA-Kenya provided alternative mechanisms to assist victims, for instance utilizing the toll free number (0800720501) to report cases; strengthening the capacity of Kenya's justice institutions to prioritize and address the rising number of GBV cases during the pandemic; accelerating the roll-out of an e-filing and casetracking system in court stations which has resulted in an improved access to justice for survivors of GBV through automated functions of the judiciary. Also, the country's first operating guide on the establishment of state-owned Gender Based Violence Recovery Centers is in place.

A study conducted by the National Crime and Research Centre on gender-based violence in the country revealed that GBV cases had increased by 92% in 2020, as compared to the previous year. Globally, at least 1 in 5 women experiences gender-based violence, most often from someone who is close to them. This preceded a study conducted by the National Crime Research Center which highlighted that there was a 92% increase of reported GBV cases between January and June 2020 as compared to 2019. FIDA-Kenya has had over 1,316 cases on GBV matters and over 6,000 calls on GBV by August 2020.

Kenya has also made a great move in movement building especially using the media as an advocacy and sensitization tool, this was evident in a recent case in late March whereby a radio station was fined and staff fired after they mocked a victim of GBV. This is among the robust initiatives against all forms of GBV that are being realized. The assuming of Khamala Harris and Samia Suluhu Hassan to top leadership positions has given hope to many young women aspiring to be leaders and also given the general feministic agenda a boost. The climax of it all was the appointment of Chief Justice Martha Koome as the Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya and President of the Supreme Court. She is a FIDA-Kenya member and served as FIDA-Kenya Chairperson from 2001 to 2003 FIDA-Kenya held a luncheon in her honour on the 3rd of November at the Kempinski hotel. FIDA-Kenya's research publication on supported Virtual Justice Centres VJC Article (2).pdf was launched at the luncheon.

The year 2021 was momentous for FIDA-Kenya as we launched our Vote a Dada campaign aimed at ensuring women in Kenya are fully involved in the leadership and decision making of the country. The upcoming general elections on 9th August 2022 will present opportunities for women to be elected and appointed into various positions of governance in Kenya. The constitutional guarantee of no more than two thirds gender in leadership is yet to be attained in Kenya despite several attempts. This includes Chief Justice Emeritus David Maraga providing an advisory opinion to the President Uhuru Kenyatta to dissolve the 12th Parliament for being unconstitutionally constituted. FIDA-Kenya will not relent in her quest to ensure women occupy the front row of leadership and that their numbers count. After all, more than half the population cannot be discussed without involving them.



# Members Corner: Guest Article,

On 13th October 2021 Kenyans woke up to the death of world record holder Agnes Tirop, one of the fastest rising athletics giants on the international stage who had tumbled the 10km race world record barely one month before her demise. The 25 year's old lifeless body was found in her home after she was stabbed to death by her husband who had been abusive throughout their marriage.

According to statistics from Count Dead Women-Kenya, there were almost 60 reported cases of Kenyan girls and women killed in 2021 because of their gender. The Federation of Women Lawyers-Kenya (FIDA-Kenya) has called on the President to declare femicide and gender-based violence (GBV) national disasters in the wake of the disturbing count of the rising rates of femicide in the country. The safety and security of Kenyan women is continuously violated and yet these are their inherent human rights, including right to life.

Femicide is not just the murder of women by men, it's about how and why women are killed. Femicide should be a separate category from murder because women are being killed specifically because they're women. Gender-neutral terms such as 'murder' systematically ignore targeted violence against women.

The Constitution of Kenya states that the Government has an obligation to end all forms of violence against women and it must honor this obligation by recognizing a femicide as a national disaster and take drastic steps to counter it. Firstly, The Government through its agencies i.e. National Police Service, Directorate Criminal Investigations, Judiciary should ensure speedy investigations, prosecution and determination of femicide cases. Ivy Wangeci's family is yet to get justice for their daughter who was axed to death in 2019 by a man who felt entitled to her life; the case is still in Court, 3 years later. Secondly, Femicide should be recognized as a different offence from murder which is provided for in the Penal Code. Instead Femicide should be enacted as an offence under the Sexual Offences Act with a minimum harsh sentence.



Jackie Menjo FIDA-Kenya Member







Thirdly the Government should collaborate with other relevant stakeholders and conduct nationwide advocacy and sensitization about femicide. Policies should be set for the media to cease victim blaming and sensationalizing of femicide.

Femicide is the culmination of misogyny's violent hidden side. It is a crime that condenses all the twisted logic of patriarchy into lethal violence. It is a folly for Kenya to set an ambition to end femicide if we don't distinguish it from murder.

**Enabling policy** environment

## **National Gender Policy 2021**

The Kenyan National Policy on Gender and Development March 2021 was finally enacted. The policy is designed to provide a framework for contributing to strengthening the gender equality work in the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development, by giving due attention to gender considerations and promote equity and equality between women and men, girls and boys.

This important document underscores the importance of gender mainstreaming across sectors clearly outlining policy actions towards sustainable environment for all from a gender perspective.Key strategies utilized to achieve the policy objectives were: Institutional strengthening, formulation of measures to identify and address gender-specific vulnerabilities, institutionalize collection of gender disaggregated data, review and enhancing existing strategies for capacity building in gender mainstreaming, ensure reporting and accountability mechanisms for gender mainstreaming are put in place, and establishment of gender research and documentation.

## **Kisima Declaration: End FGM**

On 5th March also, President Uhuru Kenyatta presided over a landmark declaration by 40 top clan elders of the Samburu Community who publicly announced an end to female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) and child, early and forced marriage. Known as the Kisima Declaration. The Kisima Declaration aligns with the June 2019 proclamation by His Excellent (H.E.) President Uhuru Kenyatta to end FGM/C in Kenya by 2022 and marks a new level of deeper engagement with communities in ending harmful practices.

## Accelerating Progress towards Gender Equality and Ending SGBV

Kenya's president Uhuru Kenyatta unveiled a new plan aimed at accelerating progress towards gender equality and ending gender-based violence in Kenya by 2026. The policy brief titled "Kenya's Roadmap to advancing gender equality, ending all forms of gender-based violence and female genital mutilation by 2026," was presented during an event to mark the national launch of the Generation Equality campaign, as the country prepares to take part in the global Generation Equality Forum to be held in Paris.

The commitments include an increase in funding for gender based violence prevention and response through the allocation of US\$ 23 million by 2022, with plans to progressively increase the amount to US\$ 50 million by 2026. The roadmap also outlines measures to strengthen research and innovation for evidence-based policy formulation and programming on GBV and FGM. The 2022 Kenya Demographic Health Survey will feature a module on gender-based violence that will inform the development of a national GBV management and information system.



Figure 2 Prof. Margaret Kobia, Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Public Service and Gender leads the unveiling of Kenya's Roadmap to Advancing Gender Equality

'We simply will not reach sustainable development unless women achieve their full rights and enjoy the space to contribute their vision, perspective, energy and expertise' (President Uhuru Kenyatta)

The Generation Equality Forum is a global gathering to accelerate equality, leadership and opportunity for women and girls worldwide, convened by UN Women, Mexico and France. FIDA-Kenya is an active member of this noble forum

### 2.2 Our Contribution to Legislation. (Advocacy)

FIDA-Kenya also responded to government calls for public participation on various bills in Parliament: These include;

1. The Memorandum on the Finance Bill 2021/2022: Engagement in 1 policy discussions around public finance which resulted in adoption of our recommendation on exemption of breast milk supplements from VAT under the Finance Act 2021.

2. The Memorandum on Alternative Dispute Resolution Bill: FIDA-K made its submissions to the Senate Justice and Legal Affairs Committee on 20th September 2021 at the Tribe Hotel.

3. The Memorandum on National Cohesion and Peace Building Bill.

4. The Memorandum on Preservation of Human Dignity and Enforcement of Economic and Social Rights Bill.

5. Memorandum to the Ministerial Committee on Gender Welfare in Sports in August. Submissions was based on reports that FIDA-Kenya had received on the pervasiveness of sexual harassment of female sportspersons in Kenya. Part of the policy recommendations included the immediate investigation and prosecution of Offenders. Protection of survivors and development of sexual harassment policies within the Sports field. Home / Sports

# Sex pests in federations killing Kenyan girls sporting ambitions

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### 6. Contribution to the Finance Bill 2021/2022

7. In our continued efforts to curb harmful practices and empower women in Kilifi County, we continue to support Kilifi County Government in the development of policies aimed at ending GBV. In effort to curb harmful practices and empower women in Kilifi, FIDA-Kenya is providing technical leadership in partnership of the County Government development of GBV policies as follows: 7. In our continued efforts to curb harmful practices and empower women in Kilifi County, we continue to support Kilifi County Government in the development of policies aimed at ending GBV. In effort to curb harmful practices and empower women in Kilifi, FIDA-Kenya is providing technical leadership in partnership of the County Government development of GBV policies as follows:

i. GBV & GENDER & DEVELOPMENT POLICIES-draft policies and policy briefs have been developed and an MCA meeting is scheduled for the 14th December, 2021 for validation before tabling at the Assembly.

ii. WOMEN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT POLICY AND STATUS REPORT-status report delivered, awaiting draft policy on 14th December, 2021.

iii. STATUS REPORT AND DRAFT POLICY ON ADOLESCENT SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS WITH FOCUS ON TEEN PREGNANCY-the status report and draft policy have been shared with the county department of gender.

iv. S.O.P GUIDELINES ON GBV AND TRANSLATION TO SWAHILI AND GIRIAMA AND STATUS REPORT ON GBV-a validation meeting with stakeholders was conducted in December, 2021. 8. In partnership with the Judiciary, we developed a draft Judiciary training guide on GBV & FGM which. The guide was tested during the training of magistrates / Kenya Magistrates and Judges Association (KMJA) preconference held on 9th and 10th of December 2021

# 9. Development of CSOs Alternative Report to the Maputo Protocol.

Following publication on the Commission's website of Kenya's Initial Report on the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa, FIDA-Kenya jointly with other Civil Society Organizations made written contributions under various themes relating to the Maputo Protocol. This led to the preparation of a draft report was prepared and reviewed on 25th May 2021



The shadow report on women land rights

# 2.3 Development of Women's Rights Pro Se and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Manuals

FIDA-K in partnership with Lawyers Without Borders (LWOB) launched 2 legal manuals on 8th June 2021.. At the request of FIDA-Kenya, LWOB partnered with Intel's lawyers and law firm Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher to create the Women's Rights Pro Se Manual. The women pro se manual is intended to serve as a resource for pro se Kenyan women litigants as they navigate the court system in handling issues related to marriage, divorce, child custody, and inheritance.

It explains, amongst many topics, the court system, the process of a trial, best practices for behavior in court, and mediation. The adoption of this manuals and its distribution to women pro se litigants and advocates in Kenya could result in significant positive impacts.

These impacts might include: empowering women pro se litigants by providing a guide to which they can refer before and during trial, leaving them better prepared and more confident; lowering the burden on FIDA-Kenya which, in turn, will allow for greater attention to be given to those clients they are able to represent; and, hopefully, improving outcomes for women pro se litigants by providing guidance on how to effectively represent themselves in court. The second manual that was launched is the Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Manual. The manual is a guide for lawyers it details best practices for working with victims of sexual and gender-based violence.



Figure 3L-R FIDA-Kenya Board Member Commissioner Jedidah Waruhiu, LWOB Director, Law Society of Kenya Executive Director Mercy Wambua, FIDA-Kenya Executive Anne W Ireri and FIDA-Kenya Chairperson Nancy Ikinu during the launch

# 2.4 Improved implementation of existing laws and policies that promote gender equality and increases access to justice by women.

Legal and policy gap analysis on women's political participation in Kenya

FIDA Kenya conducted this study with the objective of mapping out legal and policy gaps as well as barriers that impede women's' political participation in Kenya. We reviewed the legal, institutional and social contexts in which women vie for election and serve in office, at both the national and county levels. Through the report, we have highlighted the challenges faced by women in seeking political office and the challenges they face to effective leadership while in office.

This report also reviewed the role of key stakeholders in promoting women's political participation and made recommendations on how these institutions could be more effective. This analysis was conducted at the national level and at the county level in eight counties: Bungoma, Elgeyo Marakwet, Garissa, Homa-Bay, Kirinyaga, Kitui, Kilifi and Samburu counties.

# AWESOME

Galvanising our power together to end Sexual & Gender Based Violence and promote Women's political participation.

Enhancing Access to Justice Through provision of Legal Aid

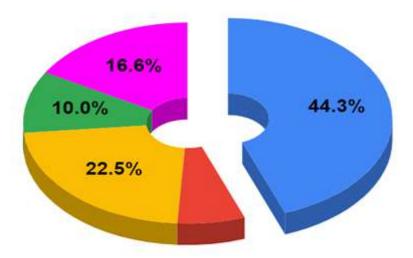
### **3.1 Legal representation**

FIDA-Kenya's core mandate is the provision of legal aid in efforts to ensure access to justice to clients.

Each day, FIDA-Kenya receives distress calls and appeals from women and girls who have experienced Gender-Based Violence, defilement, intimate partner violence, incest child neglect and abuse, family dispute, property spousal maintenance, child custody and maintenance, child marriage, divorce, Female Genital Mutilation, widow and wife eviction and request for counselling and psychosocial support amongst others.

	December 2020	June 2021	Dec 2021
Total client attendances	3344	3166	4763
New client attendances	903	1604	1744
Subsequent clients (appointments)	2341	1562	3019
Cases taken up and files opened	151	343	542
Cases filed in court	52	83	200
Process service effected	69	113	262
Cases concluded	14	18	31
Cases successfully concluded	10	16	30
Cases unsuccessfully concluded	4	2	1
Success rate of concluded matters %	81%	<b>89</b> %	99.50 %
Files audited	1431	178	354
Files closed	304	304	12

### Cumulative statistics as per December 2021



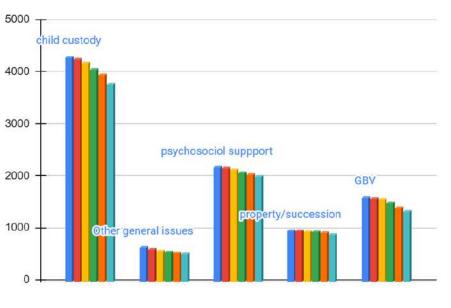
#### child custody

Other general issues

- psychosociol support
- property/succession
- GBV

Categor y	Statistics from 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2020-31 <sup>st</sup> Decembe	Num ber	Totals
GBV	Attempted Rape	17	
	Child marriage	14	
	Defilement	233	-
	Divorce	36	
	Forced Marriage	5	
	FGM	21	
	Incest	6	
	Physical, Emotional, Economic, Mental, Sexual Intimate Partner Violence	691	
	Rape	110	
	Physical abuse by relatives: in-laws	126	
	Sexual harassment by others	59	
	Sodomy	7	
	Widow eviction	113	
	Wife Eviction	174	
	Sub-Total		1612
	Cyber Bullying	2	
	Child Custody and maintenance	3528	
	Child neglect and abuse	358	
	Threats and/or Physical abuse from other sources e.g., police, other law enforcement		
	officers	224	
	Extra Judicial Executions	10	
	Violations at the workplace	186	
	Sub-Total		4308
Propert	Division and Matrimonial Property Disputes	410	
y Dispute	Rent Dispute	21	
S	Other property Disputes	536	
	Sub-Total	_	96
	Commercial Claim	1	
	Succession	416	
	Family Dispute	161	
	Spousal Maintenance COVID-19 related requests for psychological support by patients, family members who have	49	
	lost loved one to the virus	16	-
	Requests for counselling	235	
	Medical negligence	10	
	Theft	14	
	Forceful entry and destruction of property	1	
	Reporting misconduct of an advocate	38	-
	Inquiries by partners, the media, stakeholders	253	
	Inquiries by FIDA-Kenya's existing clients	945	
	Repeat calls / duplication on same case/ wrong numbers	44	
	Sub-Total	1	2183
	Other general Issues	645	
	TOTAL	9715	-

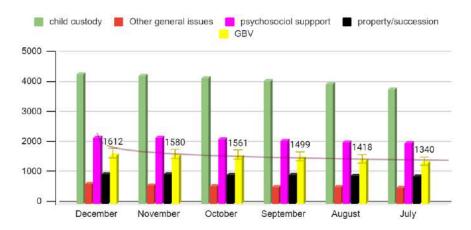
### Correlation for the months July, August , September ,October , November and December 2021



December
 November
 October
 September
 August
 July

Child custody still records the highest values for all the six months December (4308), November(4257) October(4186) September(4068), August(3967), and July (3792)

#### Trendline for cases



Child custody/maintenance cases have proved to be the ones still trending

# **3.2 Chief Justice luncheon and launch of the Virtual Justice Centres (VJC) research article**

In line with our mission, in partnership with the Judiciary and with the support of The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), we organized a high-level meeting to discuss Gender Based Violence with an introspect into FGM. The meeting reflected on the gains made in the decade since the enactment of the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation Act (No. 32 of 2011) and what is expected of various actors as Kenya works towards the elimination of the vice by the year 2022.

The high-level consultative meeting was graced by The Chief Justice of Kenya, Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome, EBS. A luncheon in honor of the Chief Justice, who is also a former FIDA-Kenya Chairperson, was held thereafter.

### **Recommendations highlighted from the meeting**

- Enhance community sensitization on FGM
- The Anti-FGM board and FIDA-Kenya should identify and assist in the prosecution of FGM cases that will provide jurisprudence and precedents that will guide the courts in the adjudication of FGM cases.
- Continuous prosecution of FGM cases
- FIDA-Kenya's Virtual Justice Centres (VJC) publication was also launched then



### 3.3 Enhancing Access to Justice to Women in Custody

### **Establishment of Virtual Justice Centers in female prisons**

Women in detention have been greatly affected by the measures placed to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, as a result of the World Health Organization COVID-19 protocols. The ban against prison visits and the closure of the Courts severely affected the women's self-representation initiatives. FIDA-Kenya having addressed the access to Justice challenges that were being faced by its self-representing clients then embarked on duplicating the innovation to various female prisons where the inmates were facing similar challenges.

The issue of lack of ICT gadgets to enable inmates access virtual courts had been reported in several CUC meetings, similar concerns had also been raised by various Officers in Charge of female prions that FIDA-Kenya works with. Since the establishment of the first FIDA-Kenya virtual justice center at Nyeri Women's prison on 28th September 2020.. FIDA-Kenya has been supporting the establishment of similar virtual justice centres in other female prisons in Kisii, Thika, Langata, Kodiaga and Shimo Ia Tewa Women's prisons. This has been made possible by the support of the Danish Embassy(DANIDA) through URAIA, UNDP and the Embassy of Sweden and Diakonia.

Though our technical assistance for key criminal justice institutions, we aim to make justice and fair trial accessible to women including those in prisons across the country. Our support includes provision of computer equipment, flat screen television sets and continuous self-representation trainings to enable wide participation in virtual court proceedings. We also offer virtual counselling and group therapy sessions for clients at our offices and female inmates.



Globally, 10 million people are imprisoned, three million of whom are held awaiting trial. As prisons typically operate at between 200% and 300% capacity, the prisoners endure living in congested cells, at high exposure to communicable diseases. In the face of a global pandemic, these inmates are at high risk of contracting and spreading COVID-19.

Beyond affordability, there is only one lawyer for every 5,686 people in Kenya. It is not unusual for inmates to wait up to a decade for a trial. Prisoners are often left to navigate the justice system alone. Without basic knowledge of their rights and legal options, they are prone to suffering unfair and prolonged incarceration without appeal.

Photos taken in Shimo la Tewa and Kisii women's prisons VJCs respectively

### **Performance Of FIDA-Kenya VJCs in Women's Prisons**

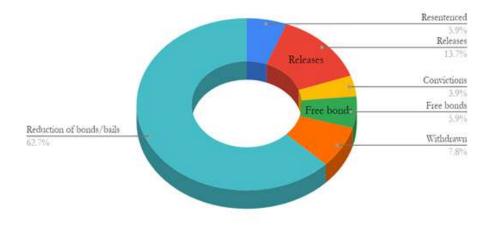
As at 15th October 2021 the Nyeri Women's Prison VJC had served 266 inmates.

On 21st January, 2021; FIDA-Kenya supplied Thika Women Prison with VJC equipment and as at 30th September 2021 the VJC had served 199 inmates.

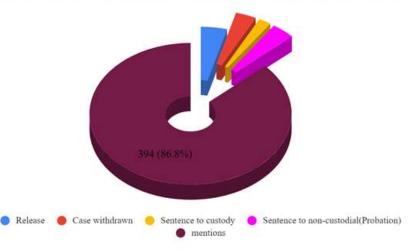
The same was replicated in Langata Women's Prison on 22nd January, 2021 where they were supplied with 2 laptops and a printer. Due to an increase in demand of the Virtual Justice Center equipment at Langata Women's prison, FIDA-Kenya made delivery of additional 2 laptops in the facility on 7th May, 2021. As at **30th September 2021, 1350** inmates had used the VJC.

Shimo la Tewa and Kodiaga women's prison launched their centres on the 13th and 21st of September 2021 respectively.

Perfomance of VJC at Nyeri Women's prison as per 17th August 2021







### **Enhancing Access to Justice through Virtual** Legal Aid

FIDA-Kenya also continues to use the Virtual Justice Centers to offer virtual legal aid and conduct virtual group therapy counselling sessions.

Virtual Legal Aid for Langata and Thika Women Prisons was held on 5th February, 2021 where the women inmates were taken through the UN Standard Minimum **Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners.** 

On 26th February, 2021, inmates from the two prisons were taken through Plea Bargaining and Diversion **Guidelines.** The virtual sessions were conducted by pro bono lawyers who took up a total of 12 matters filed in Makadara, Kibera, Milimani, Kiambu and Thika Law Courts.

As at 30th September 2021, 600 women in Langata Women's prison and 140 from Thika Women Prison and 66 from Nyeri Women's Prison had received Virtual Self **Representation Training.** 







Virtual Self-Representation Trainings at Langata and Thika Women's Prison

Through the UNDP rapid response program, Nairobi office conducted **7** virtual psychosocial support sessions between February and March 2021 with women in Langata and Thika prisons reaching 25 participants. This novel approach proved successful and enabled staff to develop new ways of meeting programmatic demands through virtual techniques. This has been used to conduct similar psychosocial support sessions through the VJCs in the various prisons regularly this year.

Group therapy sessions for survivors of Gender Based violence were held between 14th May and 25th June 2021 with 10 participants actively in attendance.





Virtual Group therapy sessions in progress



#### Kisii Women's Prison Mary Naeku-CPL

Sensitive matters attracting cultural stigma e.g FGM are being handled well in the e-platform as opposed to physical hearings. We pray that the judicial system fully embraces VJCs.



Kisumu- 'I have been able to conclude my case uninterrupted, I started it in Mombasa and just concluded it here in Kisumu. I am so happy to experience this venture.

### **Beneficiary Kisumu Women's Prison**



Nyeri- 'I prefer VJCs since it ensures privacy. Previously people used to stare at me during hearings especially in my case as people keep on staring at my baby and giving sensitive comments during physical hearings. VJCs also conveniences my baby and me as we usually need a lot of considerations before stepping out. Let alone limiting exposure to COVID-19 contraction.'

**Beneficiary Nyeri Women's Prisons** 



#### Nyeri prison Elizabeth Sivi- Officer in charge

'Physical hearing is expensive, the logistical implications can't match the convenience the JVC is offering. Through this system, FIDA-Kenya has helped ease access to court processes for our prisoners-No delays in court hearing and ruling saves time used going to court while ensuring safety and protection from COVID-19. Thank you, FIDA-Kenya.

Probono annual conference 2021 at Tamarind Hotel

### 3.4 Strengthened Partnership and Linkages with Probono Lawyers, mediators and counsellors

Towards realization of access to justice for the indigent women and girls, FIDA-Kenya has continued its steadfast partnership with pro-bono lawyers who play a vital role in bridging the gap of inequality in our justice system that hinders the indigent clients and victims of human rights violations from accessing justice. In working jointly with probono lawyers, hwe have been able to assist indigent women and girls in articulating their justice needs and finding appropriate redress mechanisms for the human violations reported.

FIDA-Kenya held regional Probono Lawyers Annual Conference and Debriefing sessions on the 29th October 2021 and 30th October, 2021 in Mombasa and 4th and 5th of November 2021 at Tamarind Tree Hotel on Langata in Nairobi County, 29th October and 30th October, 2021 in Kisumu County. Probono lawyer awards was issued to two outstanding lawyers who took complex cases and went out of their way to rescue and find safe shelters for women in distress. Their timely feedback on progress of the cases as well as commitment to give back to the society contributed immensely to enabling women access justice.

#### Why do we invest in Mediation?

Mediation provides a comparatively efficient mechanism for parties to amicably resolve disputes while enhancing unity and mutual respect among family members (or parties to the dispute). This intervention also allows parties in dispute to come up with their own tailor-made solutions to their differences.

During this second half, a resumption of our normal services has been piloted through in person sessions, virtual sessions as well as facilitating negotiations between parties.

	NRB	KSM	MSA	TOTAL
Invitations	364	189	191	380
External mediators recruited	12	7	31	38
Total number of mediations conducted	79	134	79	21 2
Successful mediations	52	123	39	162
Unsuccessful mediations	27	11	40	5 1
Success rate (%)	%	91%	50 %	70.5%
Virtual Professional Mediation Training			1	0
Mediation Review Forum	1	03	5	8
Facilitated negotiations	0	02	0	2
Successful negotiations	0	01	0	1
Virtual mediations conducted	0		20	20

#### **Results per region**

### 3.5 Engagement with traditional justice systems

**Engaging the Community on AJS Policy** 

Capacity Building on AJS Policy between August and November

#### WESTERN KENYA

- 180 Community members Nyakach and Seme Counties
- 15 Judges and Magistrates in Kisumu
- 23 CUC members
- 47 AJS Commissioners

Capacity Building on Alternative Dispute Resolutions and Case Documentation

With the support of Diakonia, FIDA-Kenya held a training session for elders drawn from South Mugirango in Kisii County in September 2021 on alternative dispute resolution and case documentation. A total of 24 elders including 10 women and 14 men were in attendance. The elders sited issues of land injustices to women, sexual gender based violence and illiteracy as the main issues affecting women in South Mugirango of Kisii County



Figure 4: Engaging members of the community in Kajiado County

### Enhanced Capacity Building for Council of Elders to Strengthen gender responsive practices and decisions within the AJS

We are proud to have been part of the team that developed the AJS Policy that was launched in 2022. We are happy to be part of the National Steering Committee on the Implementation of the AJS policy and are keen on utilizing AJS to achieve gender justice for women.

FIDA-Kenya, informed by the knowledge of the role played by the Elders as a symbol and enforcer of their community's conservative cultural traditions, we continue to work with local communities has continuously ensured that the IJS systems uphold the principles of human rights in their adjudication, and that they adhere to Constitutional entrenched principles of good governance, human rights and transformative justice.

FIDA-Kenya with support from DANIDA-URAIA, Diakonia engaged over 15 Council of Elders under the Women's Access to Justice Project in partnership with the Na-SCI-AJS in line with its mandate and terms of reference with the bid to ensure full implementation of the AJS Policy. In addition, FIDA-Kenya is keen on building the capacities of the AJS practitioners as well as the community at large to facilitate accessible and independent delivery of justice through informal structures.

During this reporting period, FIDA-Kenya strengthened the capacity of 39 council of elders drawn from Njuri Ncheke based in Meru County, Othaya Council of Elders based in Nyeri County and the Akamba Council of elders. The capacity building forum was held on 4th and 5th October 2021 at Three Steers hotel in Mere, 26th and 27th August, 2021 respectively.

The purpose of the capacity building forum was to equip the council of elders with knowledge on the alternative justice system (AJS) and sensitize them on the importance of achieving gender justice through AJS.



Figure 5: Training of Akamba Council of Elders on their role in securing gender justice through AJS



Figure 6 An elder training in session

### Women participation in leadership and governance

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# 4.1 Reigniting the Women's Rights movements across the country

The process of democratization in Kenya from the 1990's up to the promulgation of the Constitution of Kenya in 2010 marked an increase in the Women Rights Movement (WRM). In this formative period, women activists began lobbying for affirmative action through the parliamentary system by lobbying for legislative changes.



Figure 7 Four women judges (from left), Justices Joyce Aluoch, Roselyn Nambuye, Effie Owuor and Mary Ang'awa in Nakuru Courts during the AGM of the Kenya Women Judges Association in September 1993. This however proved to be unsuccessful in a patriarchal system. It was not until the Constitutional reform process began in earnest in the late 90's that the WRM gained traction by shaping the women's agenda through the Kenya Women's Political Caucuses (KWPC).

KWPC was representing 43 women's organizations that coalesced around gender equality and affirmative action. FIDA-Kenya was an integral part of this movement and recognized the need for a multi-thronged approach in influencing affirmative action both in governance institutions and the relevant laws and policies.

In the recognition of the power of the movementbuilding FIDA-Kenya was keen on reigniting the women's rights movement across the country as part of the measures of the institutional reform process that will result in greater participation and representation of women in elective positions and the governance structures. This was done through a series of 8 regional networking forums for mapped-out WROs.



Figure 8: Coast Region Women Rights Movement addressing a press conference in Mombasa



Figure 9: Eastern WROs at Embu adressing a press conference

These networking forums led to formation of 8 robust regional movements in Eastern, North Eastern, Western, Central, Coast, Nairobi, Kisumu and Rift valley regions.

### 4.2 National women conference

FIDA-Kenya held the inaugural Women Leadership Conference held on 26th and 27th August 2021 under the theme "Wakati ni sasa, Kauli mbiu ni moja, vote a dada"

The conference aimed at initiating discourse on advancing women's greater participation in the National and County-level political leadership and to increase public awareness on the role of women and persons with disabilities in political leadership and to contribute to increasing the number of women elected in the six elective positions in the 2022 general elections.

This National consultative forum was streamed live from the main venue at Radisson Blu Hotel with participants gathering in 6 other venues in Nairobi, Mombasa, Kisumu, Nakuru, Bungoma and Embu who were connected through a virtual integrated livestreaming of the event.



Figure 10: A participant from Migori County contributing virtually

Participants were drawn from female political aspirants, women's rights organizations, electoral management bodies, political parties, and sitting members of both houses of Parliament selected across diversity groups (youth, young women, minority women, and women with disabilities) in the 47 counties of Kenya.

Additionally, the Conference was structured to increase public discourse on the role of women and persons with disabilities in political leadership and contributee to increasing the number of women elected in the six elective positions in the 2022 general elections.

#### Launch of Vote A Dada Campaign

At the opening of the meeting, FIDA-Kenya launched its 2022 election advocacy campaign "-Vote-A-Dada." This is an initiative whose goal is to increase the number of women participating in 2022 elections as candidates as well as voters. The call respects intersectionality thus including older and young women, women with disabilities and those from marginalized communities.

The meeting had two deliverables namely;

- The launch of Vote A Dada Campaign.
- The Conference Communique that communicates the key messages and recommendations from the Conference in support the Conference Theme "Wakati ni sasa, Kauli mbiu ni moja, vote a dada"



### 4.3 Women Leadership Academy

The Women Leadership Academy is part of the FIDA-Kenya's Vote-A-Dada campaign. The campaign seeks to increase public discourse on the role of women and persons with disabilities in political leadership and increase the number of elected women in the 2022 general elections.

#### **The Women Leadership Academy**

The WLA was conducted for three days. Each day had a specific agenda and the panelists were ranging from electoral bodies to elected representatives. The panels spoke on various issues such as electoral laws, branding and media engagement, security of an aspirant, campaign experience among others. The chief guest was Kirinyaga Governor Hon. Waiguru Former Deputy Chief Justice of Kenya, Hon. Nancy Baraza, was also present to give the keynote address.



Figure 10, 11: Pictorials during the event

Enhancing presence at the grassroots as a sustainability avenue

### Support to select Community Based Organizations and Male champions

FIDA-Kenya has been supporting 45 Community Based Organizations across the country. The support includes regular trainings, providing networking opportunities and technical support which includes litigation services.

FIDA-Kenya rides on the strong community presence of the CBOs Who also act as FIDA-Kenya's ambassadors on the ground. Through the project implemented by TYSA in Turkana west 8 young people 4 female and 3 males have secured jobs as field officers and program coordinators.

Through our community outreach and sensitization to the youth and women groups, more community members in Tana River are now aware of their rights.

Through our support the Kisumu Town Network have also established a Social Justice Centre at Kiboswa-Kisumu where they successfully held a legal clinic on March, 11th 2021. They also Collaborate with other partners to whom they can refer certain cases; CSO Network, GBVRC, KNCHR, KEFEADO, KELIN Kenya, Children Office, and Gender officer, Kondele Police station for appropriate action.

Safaricom Foundation Partnership with Baringo Gender Technical Working Group which CIPAF CBO is a convener has yielded good results after Safaricom foundation visited and promised to build a Safe House for victims of Gender based and a recovery Centre in Baringo.

Working in networks builds opportunities for people to strengthen their capacity on preventing and responding to GBV. It also magnifies the little resources that the many CBOs have to be able to respond and act much faster.

Through constant monitoring, FIDA-Kenya continues to offer technical support to CBOs and male champions to offer legal aid and to carry out advocacy for emerging issues within the Counties. This engagement has enhanced access to justice for rural communities and strategically positioned CBOs to collaborate with decision makers in the development of policy, programs and service delivery.

Rehema Tsuma sought our services on 13/07/2021 at around 10:00am after she was in a conflict with her husband. The husband refused his had family responsibilities. When confronted an argument ensued between the two with the husband going to an extent of beating her up while accusing her of having an affair with their neighbour. We intervened to help settle the matters. After we had successfully intervened, the husband and wife went home happy and rejoicing, their marriage went back to normal.



FIDA-Kenya community structures engagements (CBOS and male champions)

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# Ventures and explorations

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In 2021, FIDA-Kenya has given attention to special interest groups in an effort to realise intersectionality in the community. FIDA-Kenya adheres to this narrative and acknowledges its space in enhancing gender equality. With support from UNFPA, FIDA-Kenya relays this agenda to widows in Pokot, Turkana and Marakwet. This was also made possible with support from FORD and Womankind AWESOME and DANIDA-Uraia





Photos during legal aid and psychosocial support clinics in Chesogoch and Sigor in West Pokot and Elgeyo Marakwet Counties respectively





Widow being given the toll free number to call



Members of the Living Bread Widows and Widowers in Kajiado



Marginalised women in Habaswen receiving legal advice



PWDs being sensitized on their rights

Tunaweza PWD group members in Mombasa going about their business







Legal aid in Lamu

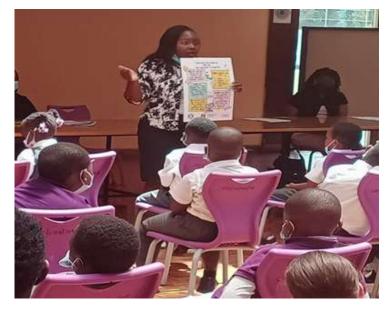
Strengthening Protection and Promotion of Women's Rights through Commemoration of Key International Days

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FIDA-Kenya through its Access to Justice programme and in partnership with Uraia Trust through the Danish Embassy, Diakonia, UNFPA and Womankind Awesome launched a series of activities over 42 counties across the country to mark the important season where the world intensifies advocacy efforts against SGBV. These include Community Outreach Programmes, Road Shows, Free Legal Aid Clinics, and Psychosocial Support Camps, Webinars, Radio and TV Talk Shows and Group Therapy Sessions as key strategies of supporting and advocating for the elimination of Gender Based Violence.





School children being sensitized on their rights in the digital age during the international day of the girl child



Marking the 16 Days of Activism!

Celebrations during the International Women's Day

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### Peaceful Demonstration calling for amend to rape culture in Kenya

FIDA-Kenya together with university student leaders organized a peaceful demonstration in Nairobi on 8th June 2022. The demonstration was to condemn the rape and murder of Markrine Wainaina of Masinde Muliro Science and Technology University in Nairobi. Insecurity in universities and other institutions of higher learning has been on the rise as a result many students have lost their lives



Unfortunately, a big number of the victims have been female students. The demonstration was geared towards pressuring the state and the security agencies to increase surveillance and action against Perpetrators.

### **Participation in rescue missions**

FIDA-Kenya was able to respond urgently and rescue a woman and her 3 children from the area where she was to undergo Female Genital Mutilation on 22nd June 2021. The woman and her three children were taken to a safehouse where their health and safety is guaranteed. Through the support of USAID and DANIDA,FIDA-Kenya financially supports and economically empower GBV survivors.



Rescue missions in Kilifi county



Blurred images of the Survivors of SGBV at the safe house



Survivor with dera business and food and monetary assistance respectively

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### Strengthened Partnerships with Court Users Committee to Enhance Access to Justice.

FIDA-Kenya in partnership with DANIDA-URAIA, Awesome and Diakonia supported Court Users Committee Meetings in various counties in order to foster mutual understanding and participation in decision making on matters access to justice. During the period under review, we supported CUCs in Hola, Nyeri, Nairobi Kisii and Kapsabet among others.



Pictures taken during the training of the Nyeri Law Courts CUC Members on 18th June 2021





Photo taken during the handover of supplies for the Nyeri Central Police Station 8th June 2021.

## Virtual data collection for the development of Judicial Officers Training Manual

In partnership with UNFPA, we held virtual focus group discussions to develop guidelines for the judiciary on female genital mutilation and child marriage. The guidelines will be utilized in the development of training manuals for judicial officers on FGM/child marriage and the impact it has on adolescent girls and young women. The paralegals targeted in this activity were drawn from UNFPA's five focus Counties of Baringo, West Pokot, Elgeyo Marakwet, Narok, and Samburu.

### **Training of Magistrates and Judicial officers**

In November 7th to 12th the 52 Judicial officers were trained how to interpret evidence in SGBV cases. The training conducted by a forensic expert was facilitated by FID-Kenya to ensure that the victims of SGBV have their day in court. The training was also a continuous program to build the capacities of

Women Economic Empowerment

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interventions. This is done inform of offering technical trainings on business ideas e.g. on beadwork, soap making and revolving fund. Through the support of URAIA-DANIDA, USAID search for common ground, UNFPA and GIZ, women have been able to get sustainable sources of income for improved livelihoods across the country.

Apart from offering legal aid to clients, FIDA-Kenya conducts WEP to survivors to ensure sustainability of our project



Soap and charcoal briquettes made by a women group in Taita taveta



Traditional attires "Mahando" which the women sell and hire out in Kilifi county





FEMALE HOST, GUESTS, ARTISTS: A POSITIVE SPACE FOR WOMEN

### FIDA-KENYA LAUNCH OF THE WOMEN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 'VOTE A DADA'

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ANNE WAMBETI IRERI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FIDA-KENYA

**Media** 

Engagement

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FIDA-Kenya's visibility has greatly improved as we have continued to enjoy great media coverage of our work nationally and in the various regions in both national and local dialects. Also, FIDA-Kenya board and executive members frequently featured on radio and TV talk shows, print and online media platforms

FIDA-Kenya continues to leverage on the influence that mainstream media has in order to effectively advance our agenda of ultimately creating A Society that respects and upholds Women's rights. We have enhanced our engagements with media organisations such as the Kenya Editors Guild (KEG), the Media Council of Kenya (MCK), Kenya Correspondents Association (KCA) of Media Women in Kenya (AMWIK) and the Journalists for Human Rights. The Community of Mukuru Kwa Njenga braved the rain in a procession in their quest to #OrangeTheWorld **Q** and #EndViolenceAgainstWomen.

They declared: #NoToRape #NoToFemicide #NoToSGBV #NoToFGM

#### #FIDA4GenderJustice #FIDAKenyaMtaani



Lawyers group urges Kenyan government to declare femicide, gender-based violence a national disaster

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Iraia ADVOCATES WEBINAR SERIES ENHANCED ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR WOMEN MIGRANT WORKERS IN THE GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL 2nd December 2021 PANELISTS The Rights of Women Migrant Workers: Perspectives from omen Migrant Workers in the Saudi Arabia Time: 9:30am-11:00 am + Victims and Victims Associations Stella ndirangu Register through this link https://bit.ly/3EbI4LK eputy Directo

Webinar on access to justice on migrant workers

### **Production of IEC materials**

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1.	Fliers <ul> <li>About FIDA</li> <li>Self- Representation</li> <li>Mediation</li> <li>Women Land &amp; Property Rights</li> <li>SGBV</li> </ul>	15,000
2.	<ul> <li>Banners</li> <li>Mission Vision (17)</li> <li>Conference Banners (7)</li> <li>Programme Banners (Awesome, UN women, UNFPA 12)</li> <li>Tear Drop Banners (6)</li> </ul>	33
3.	T-shirts	1000
4.	Notebooks <ul> <li>Participant's notebooks</li> <li>Panellists' notebooks</li> </ul>	1100
5.	Folders <ul> <li>Conference folders</li> <li>Program Folders</li> </ul>	1200
6.		860
7.	VJC stickers (Branding donated items)	10
8.	Placards	25
9.	Fliers (Various FIDA-Kenya Fliers Braille Versions)	250

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### Reactions from the vote a dada launch in social media



Mombasa media editors training

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### Over the period under review, the organization has featured in over 909 media mentions across varied media outlets.

Our social media sites are updated daily with interactions and partnerships with donors, as well as local and international like-minded organizations. The Facebook page is updated at least twice a day. Queries from the platform are responded to daily. It is a platform popularly used by members of the public seeking assistance from FIDA-Kenya. We continued creating content through graphics and messaging for social media on topical issues such as the rising cases of femicide, national uptake of the two thirds gender principle, or promotion of Sexual Reproductive Health Rights.

Twitter page is the most frequently used platform and is one of the most followed with over 33, 500 followers. We have a monthly average of 904,000 tweet impressions and 300 new followers.

We have also continued to update our different social handles among them You Tube and LinkedIn which are updated at least twice a week and have set up new accounts on Instagram and Tiktok.

We have enhanced our social media engagements through new social media sites and tools. You can currently connect to us through Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Tiktok.

We have managed to set up new, activate dormant, and revive our social media engagements through new social media sites and tools. You can currently connect to us through Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, Tiktok and Mailchimp. Our digital photography will be available on Flickr once updated.

### **Digital media platform engagement**

Twitter, Facebook, Tiktok, LinkedIn and Instagram pages are the most frequently used platforms. The sites are updated daily with interactions and partnerships with donors, as well as local and international like-minded organizations. The Facebook page is updated at least twice a day. Queries from the platform are responded to daily. It is a platform popularly used by members of the public seeking assistance from FIDA-Kenya.



FIDA Kenya Twitter 8 Day summary

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Anne Ireri – Executive Director, FIDA: When I look at t Kisii incident. There were very many wrongs & the wrongs started when each speaker started. It is very disrespectful that political leaders have been using funerals to perpetuate political agendas. #DayBreak

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FIDA-Kenya's press conferences



Anne Ireri – Executive Director, FIDA: When I look at the Kisii incident. There were very many wrongs & the wrongs started when each speaker started. It is very wrongs started when each speaker started. It is very



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Meet Our People

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### **Capacity building for Board Members**

During the period, the grant facilitated three (3) board capacity-building events. On 30th September 2021, we organized a one-day personal branding workshop to enlighten the board on crafting a powerful personal brand for themselves and the organization.

On 1st October 2021, the board attended a one-day training on Monitoring and Evaluation at Lukenya Getaway Resort. The training was attended by seven (7) members of the FIDA Kenya Board. The main objective of the exercise was to build the capacity of the Board members on monitoring and evaluation and learn new emerging trends in monitoring and evaluation.

Besides, FIDA-Kenya organized a board Team Building Session on 2nd July 2021 at Panari Resort through the grant. The training covered performance review, self-care, and team building experiential activities. The training contributed towards increasing self-awareness among the FIDA leaders and creating a shared consciousness and enhanced effectiveness for the board as a team

### **Building effective organizational culture**

Our Result Based Management meeting was held from 29th June to 2nd July and 13th to 17th December 2021 bringing together Board members and staff .. The RBM meeting is a crucial pillar to FIDA-Kenya's work and helps ensure that our processes and services contribute to achieving desired results. In addition, the meeting is instrumental in setting out strategic objectives

### **In Briefs**

### Kisumu County askaris who dragged woman on tarmac suspended

FIDA-Kenya Kisumu office joined protests and called for the suspension of Kisumu County enforcement officers who were caught on camera mercilessly dragging a female hawker on tarmac on 24 March 2022. Beatrice Atieno was arrested by the city askaris for selling her oranges and lemons on the pavements of the Kisumu central business district.

Following protests by FIDA-Kenya and other partners, Kisumu County Governor Anyang' Nyong'o ordered the suspension of the enforcement officers who will remain on suspension until investigations into the incidence that has shocked and angered Kenyans is concluded.



Kisumu County Enforcement Officers drag woman hawker on the tarmac



Appointment of Anne W. Ireri as Chair of Election Observation Group (ELOG).

### **High Level Support to Membership**

The period under review saw several FIDA-Kenya members appointed to various high-level constitutional offices as Court of Appeal Judges, High Court Judges, and Commissioners of various Commissions. Among these is the Chief Justice Hon. Martha Koome.

The Board and management of FIDA-Kenya offered the candidates their unwavering support in different ways. Recommendation letters were issued promptly upon request. The board members led by the Chair Nancy Ikinu accompanied the Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome during her vetting on May 13 2021 and attended the swearing in on 21 May 2021 giving her total support.



Hon. Justice Jackie Kamau, Mrs. Patricia Nyaundi (Former ED FIDA-Kenya), Deputy Chief Justice Lady Justice Philomena Mbete Mwilu, Chief Justice Martha Koome, Hon. Anne Amadi Chief Registrar of the Judiciary (Former ED)

# Supporting safe spaces for girls and young women to challenge FGM

During the period, we continued our advocacy to end all forms of FGM is strengthened through engaging in strategic public interested litigation. FIDA-Kenya, participated as one of the interested parties in Constitutional Petition 8 of 2017 (Tatu Kamau v Attorney General & 14 others [2018] eKLR). On 17 March 2021, judgment was handed down by the court in a case where Dr Tatu Kamau, as the Petitioner, challenged the constitutional validity of the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation Act, simply known as the Anti-FGM Act. Dr Kamau filed a petition seeking a declaration from the Court that the Anti-FGM Act is unconstitutional for being in violation of adult consenting women's right to culture, health and equality. Furthermore, Dr Kamau's petition argued that the practice of FGM seems fundamentally entrenched in certain communities in Kenya as a social norm.

In the judgment, the Court disagreed with Dr Kamau in all but one respect. The Court found that the human rights listed by Dr Kamau can be justifiably limited by the Anti-FGM Act due to the nature of the harm resulting from FGM to individuals' health and well-being. Further that there was sufficient public participation undertaken to pass muster

During the period under review, we continue creating public awareness on the case through radio talk shows, webinars and social media where we engage stakeholders and the public in discussion on the judgment to increase an understanding of the case and have strategic discussions on the judgments' orders that were directing law review on the prohibition of all harmful practices of FGM. This will ensure that there is a continuous discussion that will lead to public awareness on the legal avenues available to redress and eliminate FGM.





Pictorials/ Success stories



GBV awareness week at Changamwe



200 million women and girls worldwide have undergone #FemaleGenitalMutilation. Find out what our partner @fidakenya does in Kenya to stop this dangerous practice. #OrangeTheWorld **9** @woman\_kind



### Anti FGM campaigns.



Kilifi Technical Working group meeting



WEBINAR #ACT2ENDFGM

- Topic: Supporting safe spaces for girls and young women to challenge Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
  - SEPTEMBER 8 2021 11AM 1PM

ZOOM LINK: https://billy/FIDA-KENYA



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CHRISTING HUNGS BOARD MEMBER FIDA-KENVA JOHN CHIGITI ADVOCATE & PRO BONO LAWYER FIEA-RENVA









Community dialogues in Hola

Media Engagement



Anti FGM campaigns.



Supporting women rights organisations





Anti FGM campaigns.

Supporting widows in Mberee



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## Vision

A society that respects and upholds women's rights.

# Mission

The promotion of women's individual and collective power to claim their rights in all spheres of life.

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