



NEWSLETTER 2020



OPEN REMARKS FROM DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Esteem Readers,

Greetings from the Executive Director of Action for Justice in Society (AJISO), we are glad that you are here as we sum up our activities for our 2020 projects.

On behalf of our devoted and dedicated AJISO staff, volunteers and our donors who include Bread for the world, The Foundation for Civil Society, Moyo International, Pro Bono School partnerships for one World and The Dutch embassy in Tanzania, We are humbled and grateful for your full support throughout 2020.

Our organization's mission is to promote Human Rights, access to justice and socio economic empowerment of women and children in Tanzania. We focused on child protection programs at Rombo and Mwanga districts at Kilimanjaro and Kivule ward Ilala District in Dar es salaam, we also improved our free legal aid service and actively participated frontline on the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our hearts are overjoyed for the parties that we have positively impacted and benefited such as VICOBA groups and students of our online internship programs. Nonetheless, we have joined forces with our new partners, a partnership to reckon with that has been

fruitful in delivering intended results. We are delighted to cover all these activities in this issue as well.

However, we also took one step further by participating in Tanzania's 5th general election as observers giving an eye to detail to the whole process of pre, during and post-election activities. In the observation, we collected relevant information that determined that the elections were credible, free and fair.

That said, we extend our sincere gratitude to all our partners and well-wishers to those who take their time to support our activities by making donations both in cash and in kind from 2019 to date. A vote of thanks is an understatement.

Our previous year's achievement is just a stepping stone to more remarkable service provision in the coming year 2021.

Cheers!

Best Regards,
Virginia Calist Silayo,
AJISO -Executive Director.



AJISO CHILD PROTECTION GATEWAY

All over the world, and particularly in Tanzania, many children experience violence, neglect and abuse every day. Action for Justice in Society (AJISO) took one step forward at the beginning of 2020 and created a fascinating project to enhance social-economic justice for children, women and marginalized groups.

The project activities were designed and implemented based on three key pillars, First is to campaign against gender-based violence (GBV), Second is to enhance wards-level child protection pillar to introduce and monitor school clubs to combat gender based violations at Mwanga and Rombo districts in Kilimanjaro region, Dodoma city Majengo ward and Dar es salaam Kivule Ward in Ilala District.

At Mwanga District and Kilimanjaro, we work closely with the Foundation for Civil Society and Probono school partnerships for one world on helping the MTAKUWWA committee, designing work plans on how to fight and stop violence, and establishing school clubs to fight Gender-Based Violence.

Over the course of the year, the three wards of Lembeni, Kirongwe and Mwanga have been competitive and completely benefited

from these projects and nine schools of Kisangara, Lembeni, Mbambua, Kisangara-Kivundu, Lomwe, Mwero, Usangi Day Secondary Schools and Asha rose Migiro secondary school have been capacitated on child rights and child protection measures. Pro Bono School partnerships for one world also support Mbonea High School from Kivule ward in Ilala- Dar es salaam.

On the other hand, we were very proud to work with Bread for the World in two divisions with eight wards in the Rombo district of Kilimanjaro, where we facilitated the MTAKUWWA committee in designing work plans on how to fight and stop violence, and established 20(14 primary schools, 6 secondary schools) school clubs to fight gender-based violence.

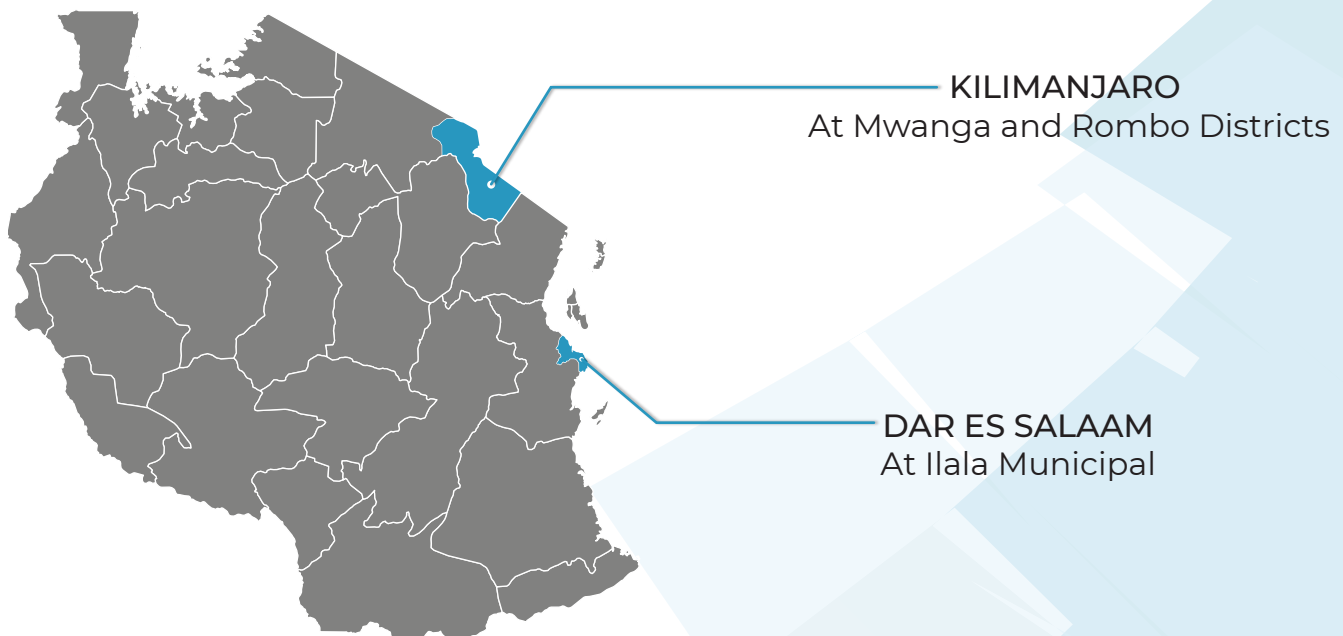
The four wards of Ubetu-Kahe, Kingachi, Kirongo-Samanga and Kitirima are proud to have an influence on the Usseri division as well as for Tarakea division we worked at Motamburu kitendeni, Tarakea Motamburu, Nanjara and Nanjara Reha wards.

Through this collaboration with Foundation for Civil Society, Bread for the world and ProBono School for partnerships for one world, AJISO succeeded and excelled in improving social-economic justice for children, women and marginalized groups in Kilimanjaro and Dar es Salaam. We are impressed with all the activities we have carried out in the year 2020. Our team is very optimistic about 2021 and we are looking forward to improving our collaboration with donors and to increasing our target area and recipients.

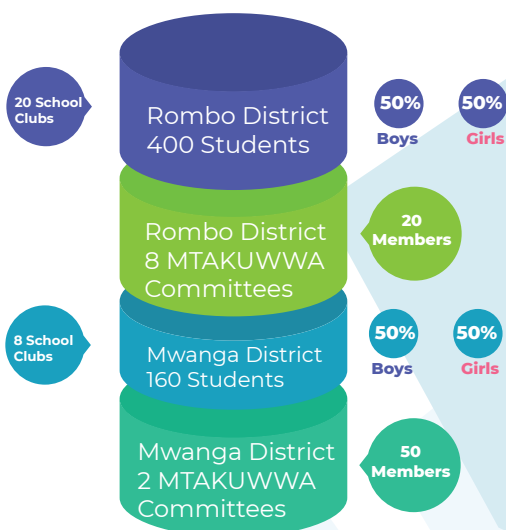


(Headmistress of Asha Rose Migiro sharing with different stakeholders about the impact of the school Child Protection Policy during the feedback meetings). Photo Credit. AJISO Media 2020

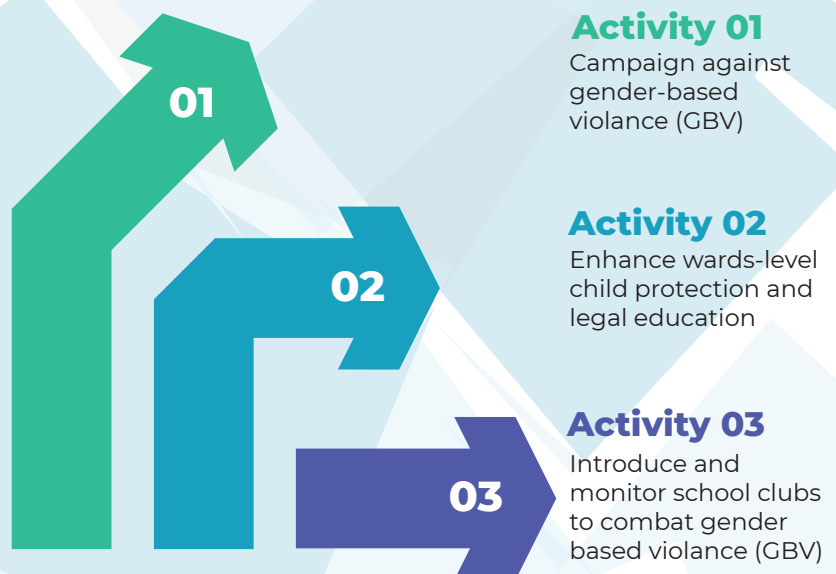
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PROJECT ACTIVITIES





PROVISION OF LEGAL AID SERVICES

In order to guarantee fair access to justice for all, legal aid service is necessary, especially for people and institutions that lack the access to sufficient financial resources. Over the decade AJISO is defined as a renown legal aid service provider to individuals who are unable to afford legal representation in the courts in all districts of the Kilimanjaro Region.

In relation to that AJISO developed a new initiative to improve social-economic justice for children, women and marginalized groups and it was launched by AJISO at the beginning of 2020, with the broad aim of providing social justice for every member of society in the districts of Rombo, Mwanga, Hai, Moshi Rural and Moshi urban. The project activities include; providing legal education, paralegal training and coordinating events for legal campaigns.

The provision of legal aid education places itself at the core and the center of project activities; AJISO identifies different individuals/groups potential beneficiaries and works closely with them. AJISO mainly works with community saving groups (Village Community Banks/VICOBA), the groups formed and monitored under AJISO at Usseri and Tarakea division in the Rombo district.

Through this project, AJISO succeeded in introducing new 47 community saving groups, with more than Tsh5,000,000 capital distributed to each group in the district of Rombo. Over time, AJISO's paralegals

offer free legal services as their regular activities at their designated locality areas, advised only when required to seek more legal professional assistance from AJISO headquarters.

AJISO has entered into partnership with 'Sauti ya Injili' 92.2 Fm, a community radio that operates at Kilimanjaro, to increase the vastness of the recipients. Our legal aid department pays a visit once a week and participates in a "Fahamu haki zako" live radio broadcast session. Over the short period of time, the radio program has brought a big impact to our radio audience concerning the legal aid service. The program is currently going viral as we frequently receive questions and feedback.

Since the launch to date, AJISO legal department in collaboration with paralegals at Rombo, we are pleased to admit more than 127,671 community members. We look forward to extending our field of operation in the near future by growing the number of new paralegals admitted and the number of our beneficiaries from all Kilimanjaro districts and neighboring regions.



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Accountability of AJISO in the time of COVID -19 pandemic



On 16 March 2020, the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children of Tanzania Honorable Ummu Mwalimu announced the first case of COVID-19, gradually increasing new cases. As a way to deal with the effects the pandemic caused, various measures were taken while regular day-to-day activities were carried out rather than following the lock down strategy of the cities.

COVID-19 was the enemy none of us will ever cease to recall, the heavy atmosphere it brought worldwide plus the dire repercussions it left behind, not only here at the Action for Justice in Society (AJISO).

It is most unfortunate that many individuals had limited access to information sources in national border areas such as the Tarakea and Usseri at Rombo district-Kilimanjaro to survive the COVID-19 pandemic. However as the world knows, accessibility of healthcare facilities in Tanzania is on a gradual progress even before the COVID-19 pandemic erupted.

With generous support from Foundation for civil society (FCS) at Moshi Municipal and Rombo district, and Bread for the world at, Tarakea and Usseri divisions at Rombo district, AJISO took front line seats to fight against COVID-19 in Kilimanjaro region by provision of mass education, free masks and water tanks.

AJISO staffs work hard to provide mass

awareness and prevention techniques concerning the COVID-19 at the five market of Maimoria, Mbuyuni, Majengo, Manyema and Pasua from Moshi Municipal and seven markets of Tarakea , Usseri, Mashati, Mkuu, Mangulwa, Mamsera and Holili Markets from Rombo district.

Again AJISO understands the importance of masks on how it plays a vital role in protection of people against COVID-19 whereas it did go an extra mile and donated a free mask at Mawenzi Hospital located at Moshi municipal and Huruma hospital at Rombo district. The free masks aim to help health workers and patients to protect themselves against COVID-19.

The remarkable work done by AJISO in the previous activities influence Foundation for Civil Society in installing big water tanks at Tarakea, Useri, Mashati and Holili the government through Moshi Urban Water Institute built water sinks, also AJISO designed and printed flyers and banners for public awareness concerning COVID-19 in Kilimanjaro region.

AJISO insists on taking medical advice protection techniques against COVID-19 so as to protect one another against spreading of pandemic. AJISO appreciates brave medical staff all over the world who devote their time to saving billions of people during this terrible pandemic era. COVID-19 is real, and everyone must take all necessary measures to protect our beloved one and oneself.



Tanzania's General Election from the eye of AJISO.

The general election is not a single day event, the National Election Commission (NEC) works hard to supervise the whole election activities before and post-Election Day. Regardless of the undivided attention of the NEC, there is still a need for an electoral observer during the election period.

The National Election Commission (NEC) called on the Institution/Organization/Foreign State, through its Observer Management System (OMS), to apply its application for election observation during the general election in Tanzania on 28 October 2020. Our organization works with a mission to promote Human Rights, access to justice and socio economic empowerment of women and children in Tanzania, recognized the importance of this matter and took a chance.

Advocating our mission in mind, AJISO did not shy away from making observations and collecting responses about the perception of the whole election process from the citizens. The Dutch embassy in Tanzania held our hands in solidarity and offered us their full support in making the whole process a great success.

However, at the opening of the fifth general election campaign in Tanzania, which lasted from 26 August to 27 October, AJISO succeeded in visiting election campaign areas at Rombo, Mwanga and Moshi Municipal. The observation activities succeeded to cover almost all the campaign

of CCM, CHADEMA, Alliance for Change and Transparency, National Reconstruction Alliance, Civic United Front, Tanzania Labour Party, Chama cha Ukombozi wa Umma, NCCR–Mageuzi and Sauti ya Umma.

During the campaign visits, AJISO participated fully by providing civic education and observing campaign activities including campaign timetable, language used during the campaign and went further to observe and report any forms of violation against human rights especially for women and children in the fifth general election. The education aimed to provide people with general awareness about the general election and increase voter turnout during the Election Day. The training was done at Mwanga, Rombo and Moshi Municipal.

Our report findings identified positive responses from the citizens. The citizens insisted that the general election was free and fair, inclusive by providing equal chances of participation for men, women and marginalized groups who are eligible to participate in the election.

Our organization therefore urges the efforts from key players and citizens to come together and work as a nation should still be put into action even after the end of the 2020 election since development has no party but requires our team efforts.



AJISO Empowering Saving Groups

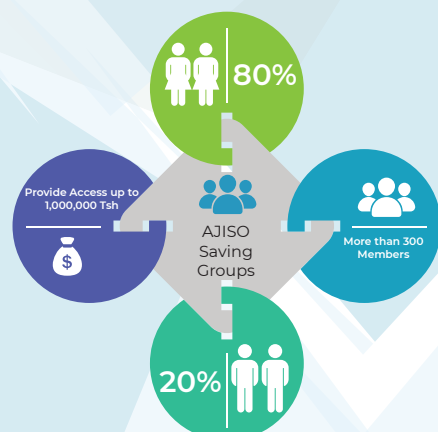
Gaudencia Straton is a chairperson of KIWAWAKI VICOBA group and paralegal Since 2017 from Tarakea- Rombo. She obtained a broad range of training from AJISO focused on financial management, agriculture and modern animal husbandry, entrepreneurship and legal aid services. Today, Gaudencia is developing the economy of her family, getting access to soft loans of up to 1,000,000 Tsh from her local KIWAWAKI VICOBA groups.

Gaudencia Straton represents more than 300 other beneficiaries of AJISO financial inclusion project from Rombo districts in Kilimanjaro regions. A financial inclusion project was introduced by AJISO early in 2017 (women 80 percent, men 20 percent). The project aimed to establish VICOBA groups at Mengwe, Mkuu and Mashati divisions under MOYO International and at Usseri and Tarakea divisions were under Bread for the world.

AJISO works closely with all these groups to enhance financial inclusion and end gender based violation among group members. The groups received different training to help them acquire new required skills in financial management, agriculture and legal aid service from AJISO staff.

Women were dependent, strictly prohibited to engage in social-economic development activities and there is no room to access soft loans due to their cultural beliefs. Today everything has changed. Women engaging in vicoba activities have started different economic activities and gained economic independence, Family members (Particularly Husbands) receive training and offer opportunities to women to participate in development activities.

AJISO is committed to expanding the degree of financial inclusion impact. In 2021, new groups are set to be established with 600 new members from the districts of Rombo so as to improve financial independence and encourage individuals to boost their family economy and the general well-being of the society.



A DROP OF HOPE, FOR THE MARGINALIZED GROUP



Organizations need funds to accomplish their objectives, with private contributions from individuals, essential sources of funds are established. This in turn enables the organization to fulfill its purpose.

The Action for Justice in Society (AJISO) is in a mission to ensure justice is upheld in the society for both women and children who require the support of key players, various stakeholders and several well-wishers who donate to the course empowering us to operate smoothly by providing us with both financial and moral support .

Our organization has been receiving donations from both individuals and organisations, as well as local and foreign supporters, since 2019. Cash donations are approved at **Mkombozi Commercial Bank, Account Name AJISO SUSTAINABLE ACCOUNT, Account Number 00511507877902**. For in-kind donation, we recommend that our donors to pay a visit to our headquarters office located at Ramole street in Kiusa Ward, Near Korongoni Parish Moshi, Kilimanjaro.

On that account, we extend our sincere gratitude to our pre-existing donors for their remarkable contribution, your acts of service has made a massive mark to our success as an organization and touched the lives of the community we work with.

We therefore urge other key players, stakeholders, individual persons to take part in advocating our mission and vision by offering donations as well. Our organization believes that through your donation, it will assist us to take one step further in serving the marginalized group in our community.



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Picture No 1. AJISO Staff attending the Law Week matchings that was Conducted in Moshi. *Photo credit AJISO media 2020*



Picture No 2. AJISO'S officers together with the teachers who obtained training on NPA-VAWC from Usseri and Tarakea Division in Rombo District. *Photo credit AJISO media 2020*

PARTNERSHIPS THAT WORK.



Picture No 3. AJISO Board members, Founding members and staff in a group picture with UZIKWASA Facilitators. *Photo credit AJISO media 2020*



Picture No 4. Miss Angelina Salewa Legal Aid officer at AJISO welcomes Tanzania Attorney General Prof. Adelardus Kilangi at TANLAP tent during the Law Week which was held on 23th to 27th of January 2021 at Nyerere Square Dodoma Tanzania. *Photo credit TANLAP media 2021.*



OUR MISSION

To promote Human Rights, access to justice and socio economic empowerment of women and children in Tanzania.

OUR VISION

AJISO envisages a society which values, respects and protects social justice to women

OUR GOAL

To ensure that access to justice and social-economic empowerment among poor and vulnerable women, children, and men in Tanzania is enhanced.

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