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List of Abbreviations

NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
CiC	Children in Crossfire
LIWOPAC	Lindi Women Paralegal Aid Centre
LSF	Legal Service Facility
NM-ECDP	National Multisector Early Childhood Development Program
TANGO	Tanzania Association of NGOs
TANLAP	Tanzania Network of Legal Aid Providers
TAPANET	Tanzania Paralegal Network
TECDEN	Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network
SATF	Social Action Trust Fund

Message from the board chairperson

On behalf of the Board of the Lindi Women Paralegal Aid Centre (LIWOPAC), I would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who contributed to our achievements in 2025.


We extend special thanks to the organization's leadership team and staff for their dedication, hard work, and commitment in achieving our goals. We also wish to thank all our stakeholders, including the community at large, for their strong cooperation and valuable contributions toward the successful implementation of our programs.

We recognize that, without your support and collaboration, these achievements would not have been possible. We remain committed to our mission of bringing positive change to our community and look forward to continuing to work together with all of you in the years ahead.

We consider ourselves blessed to have continued implementation of ongoing projects in our areas of operation. The project implementation team will continue maintain close engagement and conduct regular visits to our stakeholders in each district.

We wish you all the very best and look forward working together again in the future.

With sincere appreciation.



Afwilile Mbembela
Board Chairperson
LIWOPAC

Acknowledgement

LIWOPAC extends its sincere appreciation to all donors and stakeholders who significantly contributed to the implementation of activities in 2025. Our heartfelt thanks go to the Social Action Trust Fund (SATF), Legal Services Facility (LSF), and TECDEN for their financial and technical support throughout the implementation period of our activities.

We also express our sincere gratitude to the Regional Commissioner of Lindi Region, Hon. Zainab Telack, the Regional Administrative Secretary and the entire regional team, all District Commissioners, all District Administrative Secretaries, all Council Directors within Lindi Region, the Regional Police Commander, and all District Security and Defense Committees.

Special appreciation is extended to the Gender Desk, Community Development Officers, Social Welfare Officers, the Resident Magistrate's Court of Lindi, District tribunal as well as other development partners who contributed significantly to the implementation of LIWOPAC's activities in 2025.

We would also like to commend the outstanding work carried out by legal aid service providers, Community Development Officers, and Social Welfare Officers for their dedication and tireless commitment in ensuring the successful implementation of LIWOPAC activities. We appreciate their willingness to work diligently in serving the communities of Lindi Region and Tanzania at large.

Last but not least, LIWOPAC extends its sincere gratitude to all beneficiaries of the various projects implemented in 2025. The positive outcomes achieved were aimed at improving the well-being of beneficiaries by ensuring access to fundamental legal, social, and economic rights.

Yours sincerely;



Nelson Choaji
Executive Director
LIWOPAC.

1.0 Introduction

With great respect and pleasure, the Lindi Women Paralegal Aid Centre (LIWOPAC) present its activities implementation report for the year 2025. The year marked a period of strengthening and consolidating our efforts to contribute to the community in Lindi region, with the aim of bringing about positive change in legal, social, and economic spheres.

In implementing the organization's Strategic Plan (2020-2025), LIWOPAC in 2025 focused on the following key strategic areas:

- a) Human Rights and Legal aid provision
- b) Early Childhood Development (ECD) and Gender
- c) Financial Management Strengthening
- d) Monitoring and System strengthening

This report aims to highlight key results achieved in each area of our work, as well as the challenges encountered and the strategies employed to address them. The achievements presented are a result of LIWOPAC's efforts, supported by the substantial contributions of SATF, LSF, Hakielimu and TECDEN, in advancing justice within communities in Lindi region and Tanzania at large.

Furthermore, we expect that this report will provide valuable insights to our stakeholders including the government, civil society organizations, donors, and the general public regarding our contributions towards promoting sustainable social and legal development in Lindi society. We continue to extend our sincere gratitude to all our stakeholders for their cooperation and support, which have enabled us to achieve these successes. We are proud to be part of the efforts toward bringing positive change to our community.

Overall, these activities have contributed to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 5, 10, and 16 by increasing **access** to justice for women and children.

2.0 Brief history of the organization

Lindi Women Paralegal Aid Centre (LIWOPAC) is a non-governmental organization that provides legal aid services to the community, particularly women and children. The organization operates in Tanzania with its headquarters in Lindi region. It was registered in 2003 under the Societies Act of 1954 and was issued Registration Certificate No. 11989. In 2008, the organization obtained an Accreditation Certificate No. 0760, confirming that it operates legally and is recognized by the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania. All legal aid services are provided free of charge to the community.

LIWOPAC implements various development projects through the support of development partners. These include:

Provision of legal aid services funded by the Legal Services Facility (LSF), supporting children living in vulnerable conditions (MVC) in education, health, and child protection funded by the Social Action Trust Fund (SATF) and Mtoto Kwanza project funded by TECDEN.

2.1 Vision

LIWOPAC aims to have a society that respects and protects the fundamental rights of women and children.

2.2 Mission

LIWOPAC seeks to empower women and children in Lindi Region through the provision of legal aid services, training, and advocacy using available resources in a transparent and accountable manner.

3.0 Stakeholder engagement

During the implementation of activities in 2025, LIWOPAC worked closely with various stakeholders from public institutions, the private sector, and individual partners to support the community in achieving justice.

From January to December 2025, LIWOPAC collaborated with the Office of the Regional Commissioner for Lindi, all local government authorities in Lindi Region, and Newala District Council in Mtwara Region, the Office of the District Commissioner for Lindi, the Ministry of Constitution and Legal Affairs, and the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups.

LIWOPAC also worked with private sector and civil society stakeholders including; TECDEN, TANLAP, TAPANET, TANGO, SATF, and LSF, who have been key development partners in advancing community development efforts in Lindi Region and Tanzania at large.

4.0 Governance

The LIWOPAC Board has continued to provide oversight of the day-to-day operations implemented by the organization. The Annual General Meeting also approved the audited financial report for the year 2025. All Board meetings for the year 2025 were conducted as planned in the organization’s annual calendar.

Weekly management meetings were also held as outlined in the organizational annual calendar. These meetings focused on discussing the implementation of daily activities, challenges, achievements, and identifying solutions to challenges arising during the implementation of various project work plans.

5.0 Project implementation.

In 2025, LIWOPAC implemented four (4) projects with different thematic areas as follows:

LIST OF PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY LIWOPAC JAN-DEC 2025				
PROJECT NAME	DONOR	AMOUNT (TSH)	TIME FRAME	PROJECT EREA
MVC Care and Support Education Program)	Social Action Trust Fund (SATF)	52,114,425.27	Janury 2025 - December 2025	Lindi DC, Newala DC and Nachingwea DC
Sauti ya Mwanamke project (Gender through legal aid provision)	Legal Service Facility (LSF)	6,312,122.00	Janury 2025 - December 2025	Lindi Municipal
Mtoto Kwanza (ECD Related Project)	TECDEN & CiC	27,722,885.73	Janury 2025- December 2025	Lindi Region
PEAT Project (ECD-Accountability)	HakiElimu Tanzania	3,700,000	March - July 2025	Lindi Municipal

6.0 Implementation Results.

6.1 Outcome 1: Legal Aid Services and Human Rights

6.1.1 Provision of Legal Aid Services

LIWOPAC successfully provided legal aid services to the community, enabling people to



Figure 1; Team of LIWOPAC Paralegals in action heading GBV cases to client. Picture taken during reconciliation at LIWOPAC office.

access justice and resolve various disputes. During the 2025 implementation period, the organization reached a total of 79 clients (22 males, 57 females) through legal aid services. The most common cases reported included child maintenance, marital disputes and divorce, and land-related conflicts.

6.1.2 Provision of Legal Education

In 2025, the organization implemented various legal aid interventions, including providing legal education to the community, particularly women and children, on different laws and issues such as gender-based violence, marriage, land matters, child maintenance, inheritance, and others.

The education was delivered through various platforms, including village and street meetings, schools, community groups, out-of-school youth sessions, and women's meetings.

Through legal education activities, LIWOPAC paralegals reached a total of 117,797 people (93,826 males, 23,971 females).



Figure 2. Somoe Mpochi (Paralegal) provide GBV education to Msinjahili P/S (Lindi MC)

This represents an increase of more than 100% compared to 18,241 people reached in 2024. This increase was attributed to the commitment of paralegals as well as the expansion of the number of paralegals within the organization. The figure below provides a breakdown.

6.1.3 Human Rights Issues

LIWOPAC obtained permission from the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to provide voter education during the voter registration exercise for the Permanent Voters' Register prior to the 2025 General Election. In addition, the organization was granted accreditation to observe the 2025 General Election during the campaign period and on election day to report on the conduct of the electoral process.



Figure 3. Fomer LIWOPAC ED hand over voter education materials to staff ready for exercise.

Voter education was provided to all citizens to enable them understand electoral procedures and encourage them to exercise their constitutional right to participate in elections. LIWOPAC reached a total of **12,707 people (5,082 males, 7,625 females)** through various channels including mass media, national and community radio stations, social media, public gatherings, boda boda waiting areas, markets, street meetings, and publications across six councils of Lindi.

6.2 Outcome 2: Gender Issues

LIWOPAC conducted awareness-raising and community support activities aimed at addressing gender discrimination, promoting gender equality, and supporting women and girls to access their rights. The following activities were implemented:

6.2.1 Participation in International Women's Day Commemorations

LIWOPAC, in collaboration with the government, provided education and participated in community activities. Lindi Municipal Council commemorated the event in Milola Ward, where education was provided to women on women's rights, gender-based violence, entrepreneurship, and marriage issues.

Prior to the main commemoration day, a women's conference was held at Nachingwea DC, officiated by Hon. Kassim Majaliwa (Prime Minister), focusing on discussions regarding women's welfare. A total of **325 people (68 males, 257 females)** participated.

At the regional level, the commemoration was held in Nachingwea District, where LIWOPAC legal aid representatives participated in providing education. A total of **870 people (95 males, 775 females)** were reached at the legal aid booth with various legal education sessions.

6.2.2 Participation in the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

Every year from 25 November to 10 December, Tanzania commemorates the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. LIWOPAC, in collaboration with the government, provided education in 12 wards of Lindi Municipal Council.

A total of **2,344 people (626 males, 1,718 females)** were reached through school-based education and community group sessions. Through these commemorations, the organization also increased its visibility in the targeted wards.

6.2.3 Participation in the Nanenane Agricultural Exhibition (Ngongo)

LIWOPAC participated in the 2025 farmers' exhibition held at Ngongo grounds in Lindi Municipal Council for the Southern Zone. The organization was allocated a booth to provide education on child protection, gender equality, and dispute resolution for residents of Lindi and surrounding areas. **A total of 105 people (40 males, 65 females)** visited the LIWOPAC booth and received legal and organizational information.

6.3 Outcome 3: Children's Fundamental Rights

The organization worked closely with communities to promote awareness and implementation of children's rights, focusing on education, health and child protection interventions.

6.3.1 Identification of New Students Living in Vulnerable Conditions

In 2025, the organization enrolled approximately 40 new students (20 males, 20 females) into the project in Lindi and Nachingwea Districts. These Form One students were identified from vulnerable households, where LIWOPAC, through SATF funding, will support them in education and health interventions until they become self-reliant. This exercise was conducted alongside school uniform measurements to students.

6.3.2 Fees and food contributions for Secondary and Vocational Students

During 2025, LIWOPAC supported **29 beneficiaries (11 males, 18 females)** from Masasi FDC Vocational Training Centre by covering tuition fees, transport, and subsistence allowances. Additionally, **94 secondary school students (47 males, 47 females)** were supported with food contributions and transport for boarding students. This intervention was implemented under the project supporting children living in vulnerable environments funded by SATF.

6.3.3 Distribution of School Materials

Beneficiaries under the vulnerable children support project received school materials including uniforms, socks, sweaters, shoes, 50 books for Naipingo Secondary School (Nachingwea DC), exercise books, solar lamps, and sanitary towels for female students.

The target was **145 beneficiaries (72 males, 73 females), while 142 beneficiaries (69 males, 73 females)** were reached from primary schools, secondary schools, and vocational training centers. Three male students were not reached due to absenteeism and drop out without valid reasons.

6.3.4 Registration and Provision of Health Insurance for Children

This activity was conducted in October 2025 for beneficiaries under the vulnerable children support project funded by SATF. A total of **73 households** out of the planned **91** wards were registered, representing 80.2% coverage. Beneficiaries were enrolled and provided with Community Health Fund (iCHF) insurance in Lindi, Nachingwea, and Newala districts.

6.4 Output No. 4: Parenting, Care, and Early Childhood Development (ECD)

In implementation of this output, the Organization, in collaboration with the Lindi Regional Secretariat, continued to promote and support the implementation of the National Multisectoral Early Childhood Development Programme (NM – ECDP). Through the Mtoto Kwanza Project, a total of five (5) key sectors namely Education, Health, Community Development, Social Welfare, and Nutrition were directly involved in the implementation process.

Furthermore, through the implementation of this project, the Organization successfully carried out the following activities:

6.4.1 Conducting NM-ECDP Council Review Meetings.

This activity brought together all major stakeholders involved in the implementation of the program from the five key sectors. Participants were drawn from the Departments of Nutrition, Social Welfare, Education, Community Development, Planning, and Health, as well as representatives from Mother and Child Health Clinics and other non-governmental organizations.

A total of five (5) districts Mtama, Liwale, Ruangwa, Nachingwea, and Lindi District Council were reached through this activity. Overall, 460 (197 males and 263 females) participants participate in the review meetings.

6.4.2 Project Advocacy through Media engagement

Through media engagement specifically community radio stations such as MASHUJAA FM project implementers utilized various radio programmes to provide education and raise awareness within the community. These media platforms were used as an effective outreach mechanism to disseminate information on Early Childhood Development and related interventions, particularly targeting rural and hard to reach areas where direct project access is limited.

Therefore, through the use of community radio enabled organization to reach a wider audience, enhance community understanding, and reinforce key messages related to parenting, care, and early childhood development.

6.4.3 Conducting NM-ECDP Regional level Review Meeting

Under this activity, a regional level review meeting was conducted to discuss cross-cutting issues of the project. The meeting was integrated with the **quarterly Nutrition and Early Childhood Development (Nutrition- NM-ECDP) coordination meeting**, which is held twice a year.

The forum provided an opportunity to present and discuss challenges, opportunities, proposed solutions, and achievements arising from program implementation. These discussions involved all district-level stakeholders and ended with the formulation of resolutions and recommendations to guide the implementation of activities during the subsequent program cycle. A total of **261 (150 males and 111 females)** stakeholders participated in the meeting.

6.4.4 Participation in the Commemoration of the Day of the African Child

The Day of the African Child is commemorated annually on 16th June. During the reporting period, LIWOPAC participated in this important event by providing education and awareness on children's rights. In collaboration with the Ruangwa District authority, LIWOPAC jointly organized and participated in the commemoration held at Chienjele Ward. The event was attended by approximately 2,000 participants, exceeding the initially planned target of 1,700 people.

Through this activity, community members gained increased knowledge and awareness on parenting, child growth and development, children's rights and the prevention of violence against children.

7. Financial Management

During the period from **January to December 2025**, through the implementation of various projects, the Organization collected a total of **TZS 101,856,629.00**. This amount facilitated the successful implementation of a wide range of activities as outlined in the Organization's annual work plan.

According to the **external auditor's report**, the Organization received an **unqualified (clean) audit opinion**, confirming that the funds utilized were properly accounted for and that the expenditures were consistent with the services and activities delivered, thereby demonstrating value for money and sound financial management practices.

8.0. Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

In order to assess the effectiveness and impact of the implemented projects, **LIWOPAC** conducted regular **monitoring and evaluation (M&E)** activities within project implementation areas. Various online data collection tools including Survey CTO, google form and KoboCollector were adopted to facilitate data generation activity.

The findings and results generated from these monitoring and evaluation exercises have been instrumental in **improving service delivery**, enhancing project performance, and ensuring that project interventions continue to effectively address the needs of the intended beneficiaries.

9.0. Challenges

- a) **Low participation of women in public meetings.** The project team has taken steps to encourage village leaders to mobilize women to participate in public meetings. The use of special attendance forms that capture participation data help in assessing the extent to which women are engaging in community meetings.
- b) **Absenteeism and school dropouts among some beneficiaries.** This has been accounted as significant challenge of school dropouts among children due to various factors, including peer influence and lack of parental awareness and commitment in supervising children's education.
- c) **Heavy rains during the rainy season** affecting community legal education activities. Heavy rainfall has negatively affected the implementation of community legal education activities. This has been largely due to damaged road infrastructure, which has made it difficult to travel from one area to another.

10. Lessons learned


- a) Collaboration with stakeholders in project implementation enhances the timely delivery of quality services to intended beneficiaries. This has been clearly demonstrated through the legal aid services provided by the Organization in partnership with other legal stakeholders. Through this collaborative approach, clients have been able to successfully access justice and realize their rights, particularly in cases where multi stakeholder support was required.
- b) The use of radio as a communication and outreach platform has significantly increased community awareness of the Organization's work and has encouraged more community members to seek and claim their rights. Radio programmes broadcast through Mashujaa FM in Lindi have played an important role in educating communities on their rights, the procedures for claiming those rights, and the various interventions and services implemented by the Organization within the community.

- c) Collaboration with LGA in activity implementation has provide significant chance for organization to expand its service across the region. In this reporting year, organization benefited with free govement vehicle that support during various intervention at council level. Either, LGA’s involvemet has provide chance for outcome to be realized within the framed time.

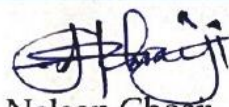
11. Approve and certification

By signing this official organization annual report, we acknowledge that the information provided her in is correct and reflect reality of organization outcomes achieved through the commitment offered entire January to December 2025. Thus, we will be reliable in case of any misleading and mispresentation of any information presented in this report.

Signed on behalf of Organization, DayMonth Year.....



Afwilile Mbembela
Board Chairperson
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