

TAWLA QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER: JANUARY - MARCH 2020 FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



Adv. Athanasia Soka

Dear distinguished members, it is with great honor that I am writing to you through our quarterly newsletter. I am super proud of your active participation during our Mobile Legal Aid clinic sessions which formed part of the 30 years commemorations. You showed people what we are made of. I also take this opportunity to urge all of us members to take necessary precautions to stay safe in the fight against Corona virus (COVID 19). Let us all follow safety procedures as provided for by the relevant authorities.

1. BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS

1.1 COURTESY CALL TO THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, GENDER, ELDERLY AND CHILDREN

In preparations for the commemorations of TAWLA 30 years, members of TAWLA's Board, Advocate Athanasia Soka (Chairperson), Madam Mariam Mvano (Member) and TAWLA Head of Programs Advocate Mary Richard had an opportunity to meet the Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children Hon. Ummy Mwalimu on the 12th February, 2020, to discuss among others the Minister's/Ministry's engagement in the commemorations of TAWLA 30 years.



Group photo of TAWLA's Chairperson, Advocate Athanasia Soka (2nd from left), Minister of Health, Community development, Gender, Elderly and Children Hon. Ummy Mwalimu (in the middle), Member of TAWLA's Board of Directors, Madam Mariam Mvano (2nd from right) and TAWLA's Head of Programs, advocate Mary Richard (first from right)

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1.2 COURTESY CALL TO THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF TANZANIA WOMEN JUDGES' ASSOCIATION (TAWJA)

The TAWLA's Executive Director Ms. Tike Mwambipile together with the Head of Programs Ms. Mary Richard were privileged to visit the Chairperson of the Tanzania Women Judges' Association (TAWJA), Hon. Madame Judge Joaquine De Mello to discuss among others possible engagement in ensuring the rights of women and children are protected and also TAWJA's involvement in the TAWLA 30 years' celebrations.



TAWLA's Executive Director (in the middle) handing TAWLA publications to Hon. Madame Judge Joaquine De' Mello

1.3 COURTESY CALL TO THE OFFICE OF MBEYA REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

Building new partnerships and strengthening the existing relations with government and development partners remained a priority of the TAWLA Board. This time TAWLA's member of the Board of Directors, advocate Annmarie Mavenjina together with the Executive Director, advocate Tike Mwambipile were privileged to visit Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Hon. Albert Chalamila to discuss possible preparations for the opening of the TAWLA regional office in Mbeya.



Member of TAWLA's Board, advocate Annmarie Mavenjina (left) and the Executive Director, advocate Tike Mwambipile (right) with Hon. Albert Chalamila, Mbeya's RC.

1.4 VISIT TO TAWLA BY OFFICIALS FROM THE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND GOOD GOVERNANCE (CHRAGG):

TAWLA regional office in Dodoma was honored to host the Chairperson of the Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG), Hon. retired

Judge Mathew Maimu together with other CHRAGG Commissioners. TAWLA's Executive Director, advocate Tike Mwambipile and Ms. Fortunata Matinde (TAWLA member) were present to discuss with them among other things, ways of improving and strengthening TAWLA's partnership with CHRAGG.



A group photo of CHRAGG Chairperson Hon. retired Judge Mathew Maimu (third left) with other Commissioners and TAWLA members.

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1.5 VISIT TO TAWLA OFFICES BY THE TANZANIA HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS COALITION (THRDC) OFFICIALS:

TAWLA regional office in Tanga was honored to host the National Coordinator of the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC), Mr. Onesmo Ole Ngurumwa together with their membership affairs officer and TAWLA member, Advocate Joyce Eliezer. Their visit focused on discussing new and improved ways of enhancing TAWLA's security measures in the implementation of daily work. TAWLA being a member of the THRDC, has a duty to carry out its mandate in a manner that does not jeopardize its security. **A group picture of THRDC officers together with TAWLA's regional coordinator in Tanga.**



2 IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES OF THE 30 YEARS COMMEMORATIONS

2.1 LEGAL AID SERVICES

This year TAWLA celebrates 30th years of its existence. In so doing, there are several organized and implemented activities to mark our existence in advocating for justice and gender parity. We started our commemorations with the **Provision of Legal Aid Services** in all five regions where TAWLA have offices.



TAWLA members providing legal aid services at Nyamagana District Court's grounds

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2.2 LEGAL EDUCATION

TAWLA also carried out the **provision of Legal Education** to university and secondary school students. TAWLA members in Arusha managed to visit Tengeru Social Welfare Institute and talked about TAWLA undertakings, rights based and gender issues. In Mwanza, TAWLA members visited and provided legal education to students and teachers at the College of Business Education (CBE) and to the staff of the Tanzania Breweries Limited (TBL) Mwanza.



Advocate Magreth Mziray (TAWLA member) addressing workers of the Tanzania Breweries Limited, Mwanza



Advocate Matilda Philip addressing students and lectures of the Institute of Social Welfare, Arusha

2.3 CHARITY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

One of TAWLA's work focuses on the commitment to its community on the promotion of women's rights. TAWLA members in Mwanza under the leadership of Hon. Madame Judge Agnes Mgeyekwa, visited FOREVER ANGELS Orphanage Centre at Mwanza and provided them with basic needs. This centre takes care of children who are below the age of 5 years.



Madame Judge Agness Mgeyekwa (in a blue coat) together with other TAWLA members and other development partners handing supplies to the Forever Angels orphanage centre custodian

3. PARTICIPATION OF TAWLA MEMBERS IN THE DECISION MAKING BODIES

TAWLA member, Advocate Genoveva M. Kato was appointed one of the Commissioners of the Tanzania Judiciary Services Commission. TAWLA is honored and proud to see its vast wealth of members in high decision-making positions.



Newly appointed Commissioner of the Tanzania Judiciary Services Commission, Madam Genoveva Kato being sworn in by the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, HE Hon. Dr. John P. Magufuli.

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4. THE LEGAL AID WEEK

TAWLA participated in the Legal Aid Week organized by the Judiciary in all regions where we have our offices. TAWLA members and staff jointly provided legal aid services in allocated places, provided legal education in schools, market-places and higher learning institutions and participated in community conversations with other stakeholders such as police and the social welfare department.





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The Legal Aid Week 2020 in pictures

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5. PUBLIC AWARENESS ON TRENDING LEGAL ISSUES

Raising public awareness on legal issues as one of TAWLA's core function has kept seeing a progress under this reporting period. Several media houses engaged TAWLA in search of information on how far we have gone to ensure gender justice in the country.



TAWLA members Advocates Happiness Mfinanga (right) and Irene Mgonja (middle), talking about women land rights systems in the country during the Malumbano ya Hoja live TV talk show.

6. TAWLA SOCIAL MEDIA

Please visit our social media profiles for daily updates on our activities and engagements.



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Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19

+ WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands with soap and warm water regularly.



+ COVER A COUGH OR SNEEZE

Cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve, or tissue. Dispose of tissue and wash your hands afterward.



+ DON'T TOUCH

Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth, especially with unwashed hands.



+ KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



+ STAY HOME

If you experience respiratory symptoms like a cough or fever, stay home.



+ GET HELP

If you experience symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, fever, shortness of breath), call your health care provider or local health department before seeking care.



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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Siku ya wanawake duniani



Ungana nasi katika matembezi ya kupinga ukatili wa kijinsia kuanzia
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