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TAWLA QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2018

FROM THE CHAIRPERSON:



Dear distinguished Members, as we end another working year with achievements to our association, I take this very opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your outstanding commitment to make TAWLA a better platform for advocating for women's rights. We have successfully completed year 2018 despite challenges around civil society organizations sector.

I also take this very opportunity to appreciate all TAWLA members' who have been engaging in the association's activities. Without doubt, your spirit of volunteerism in the development of our Association and the society we are serving is something to be appreciated for. My sincere gratitude goes to our partners, your support to our vision which is to envisage a society that respects and upholds the rights of women is immensely appreciated.

BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS:

COURTESY CALL TO THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSTITUTION AND LEGAL AFFAIRS:

In commemoration of the 2018 16 days of activism against gender based violence TAWLA Executive Council and the Secretariat had an opportunity to meet the Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Constitution and Legal Affairs Mr. Amon Mpanju on the 19th November, 2018, to discuss among others TAWLA engagements towards reduction of Gender Based Violence (GBV) incidences in the country and submit a model law on GBV which TAWLA believes if considered in the country's legal framework will assist in combating GBV..



Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Constitution and Legal Affairs, Mr. Amon Mpanju in a picture with the TAWLA Executive Council members and some of the secretariat members

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COURTESY CALL TO THE OFFICE OF THE JUDICIARY CHIEF REGISTRAR:

Building new partnerships and strengthening the existing relations with government and development partners remained a priority of the Executive Council. This time TAWLA's Chairperson Ms. Athanasia Soka together with the Executive Director Ms. Tike Mwambipile were privileged to visit the Chief Registrar of the Judiciary, Hon. Catherine Revocat to discuss possible engagement in ensuring the rights of women and children are protected.



TAWLA's Chairperson Ms. Athanasia Soka in a picture with the Executive Director Ms. Tike Mwambipile and the Chief Registrar of the Judiciary, Hon. Catherine Revocat

MONITORING TAWLA OPERATIONS.

TAWLA Mwanza branch had a pleasure to be visited by TAWLA Vice Chairperson Ms Lulu Ng'wanakilalala and TAWLA Head of Programs Ms Mary Richard on 6th November 2018. The aim was to assess TAWLA operations in Mwanza and its engagements with members. The team was privileged to visit, Mrs Magreth Mziray in her office MAAKI ATTORNEYS located at Seif Plaza building within Mwanza city and Honorable Judge Agnes Mgeyekwa at the High Court of Tanzania Mwanza Registry. It was also an opportunity for the Vice Chairperson to congratulate Honorable Mgeyekwa for her appointment as a High Court Judge.



TAWLA Vice Chairperson and some of the secretariat in a picture with Madam Magreth Mziray, TAWLA senior member at the MAAKI Corporate Attorneys. Mwanza



TAWLA Vice Chairperson and some of the secretariat in a picture with Madam Judge Agnes Mgeyekwa at the High Court of Tanzania at Mwanza.

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TAWLA RECOGNIZED BY KEY STAKEHOLDERS AS AN INSTRUMENT TOWARDS ACCESS TO JUSTICE TO JUVENILES.

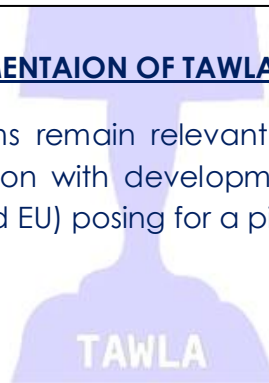
TAWLA has been working with different stakeholders in making sure children in conflict with the law are accorded legal services to ensure protection of their rights. During the quarter Tanzania Prison Department officiated its child protection policy and procedures in prisons, gender desk and corrections/prisons women's network and recognizes TAWLA's contribution towards such achievements.



Some of the partners of the Tanzania Prison Department in a picture together with General Commissioner of the Tanzania Prison Department, Phaustine Kasike (seated in the middle. TAWLA's trophy/token of appreciation from the Tanzania Prison Department

ENSURING RELEVANCE IN IMPLEMENTAION OF TAWLA PROGRAMS:

In making sure TAWLA programs remain relevant, frequent review of projects have been undertaken in collaboration with development partners. In the picture TAWLA staff and partners (We Effect and EU) posing for a picture after the review meeting.



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In Dodoma TAWLA successfully trained paralegals and police gender desk officers in Mpwapwa and Bahi districts on GBV and access to justice for victims under the support of the Embassy of France and the Foundation for Civil Society. In the picture TAWLA staff and partners (Embassy of France and Foundation for Civil Society) during a monitoring field visit to the project beneficiaries.



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TAWLA WORK WITH JOURNALIST TO ENSURE WOMEN AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL PROCESSES:



A newspaper cutting of an article talking about TAWLA capacity building to journalists on the importance of participation of women and youth in the political processes.

ADMISSION OF NEW ADVOCATES TO THE BAR:

TAWLA is once again proud to have its young members who have been working as interns and volunteers in its offices at Headquarters and branches admitted to the bar. We extend our warmly congratulations.



TAWLA members, Advocates Sarah Ngereza and Modesta Mshana in a picture with TAWLA secretariat member

The new advocates include:

Witness Minga (Dar office)

Irene Mgonja (Dar office)

Suzan Kawanga (Dar office)

Modesta Mshana (Dar office)

Sarah Ngereza (Dodoma office)

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INCREASING TAWLA MEMBERSHIP BASE:

TAWLA Mwanza office managed to talk to 50 Law students from the Faculty of Law of St. Augustine University Mwanza campus. This increases the number of young and energetic lawyers who are willing and dedicated to serve women and children in their communities who are in need of legal services. This is also the best way of advancing our mission and vision as an organization. The students filled Application forms and they were given TAWLA Membership handbook for their reference as to the benefits associated with TAWLA membership.



Expected future TAWLA members

PARTICIPATION OF TAWLA MEMEBRS IN DECISION MAKING BODIES

TANZANIA FOREST FUND COUNCIL:



TAWLA's Vice Chairperson in a picture with Minister of Tourism and Natural Resources, Hon. Hamisi Kingwangalla at the launch of the new Tanzania Forest Fund board.

TAWLA's Vice Chairperson, Ms. LULU NG'WANAKILALA and Ms. GRACE MFINANGA, senior TAWLA member were appointed members of the Tanzania Forest Fund Board (TaFF) by the Minister of Minerals and Natural Resources, Hon. Dr. Hamis Kigwangala.

We are thrilled to see Ms. Lulu in this new leadership role with the Forest Fund Board as she was appointed Vice Chairperson of this Board.

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Ms. Sarah Mhamilawa, TAWLA-Honorary Treasurer

TAWLA's Honorary Treasurer, Ms. Sarah Mhamilawa has been elected as the new Vice President of the East African Law Society (EALS) during the East Africa Law Society Annual General Meeting held on the 1st December 2018 at Mombasa. Before this appointment she was serving as Deputy Secretary General to the Council of the EALS.

As an Association their appointment does not only reflect belief which the appointing authority has in them as individuals but in the Association (TAWLA) which has always worked towards equality in access, use and ownership of land in the country. Many congratulations to them.

TAWLA MEDIA ENGAGEMENT:

TAWLA continued to engage both traditional media and social forums in advocating for women and children rights. During the quarter TAWLA has been featured in a number of articles, radio and television programs. Apart from transmitting our messages to the public TAWLA visibility has also expanded



A newspaper cutting of an article talking about TAWLA's efforts to provide legal aid services to children in conflict with the law

PARTICIPATION IN THE CSO's WEEK 2018:

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TAWLA participated in the CSO's week 2018 themed Industrialization Drive in Tanzania: People, Policy and Practice where we discussed among other things, the review of the non-governmental organizations policy in Tanzania.



Ms. Tike Mwambipile-TAWLA ED greeting the Minister of Energy Dr. Medard Kalemani when he visited TAWLA's booth during the CSO's week at Dodoma.

PROBONO LAWYERS SCHEME:

As a way of embracing our volunteerism spirit; members are herein reminded to advance TAWLA's mission and vision by taking up cases under pro bono basis. Interested members are asked to liaise with the Secretariat for legal aid brief.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Please visit our social media profiles for daily updates on our activities and engagements. Please follow our twitter account **@TawlaTz**



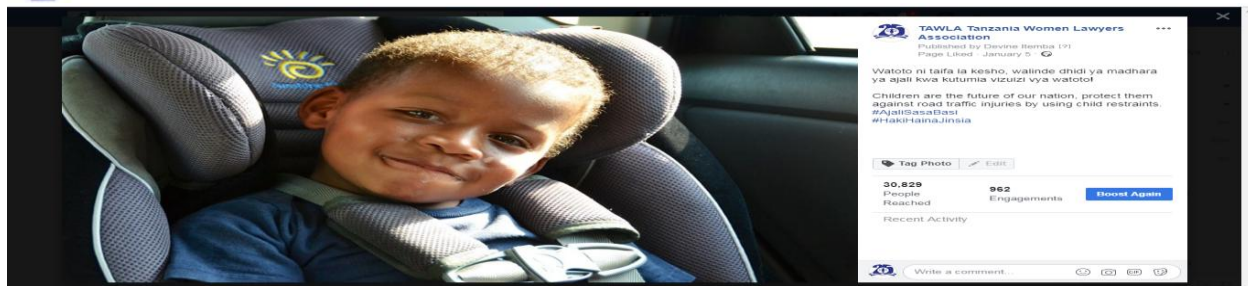
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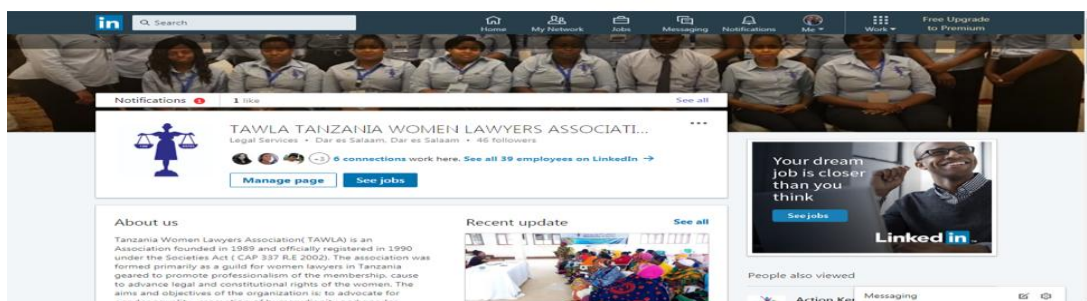
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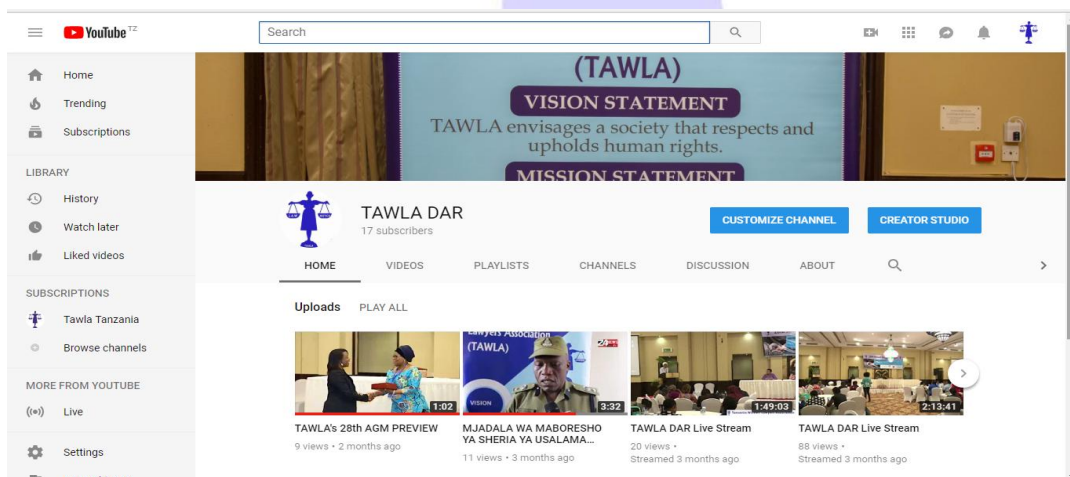
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