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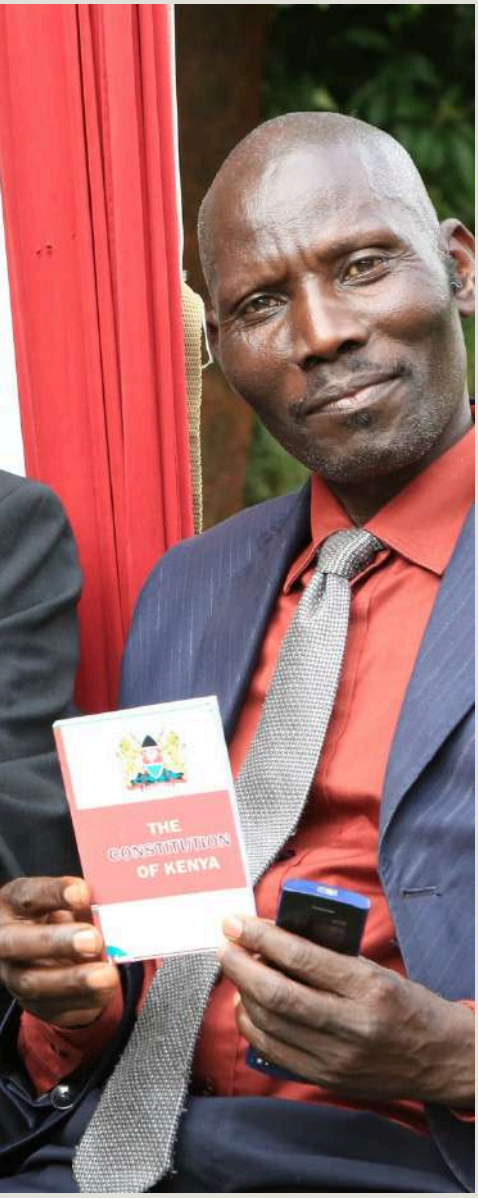




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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT ON 2025



JUSTUS MUNYITHYA,

Board Chairperson

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Kituo Cha Sheria – Legal Advice Centre, it is my honour to present our 2025 Annual Report. For over five decades, Kituo has stood at the intersection of law and humanity , not merely as a provider of legal services, but as a steadfast companion to those whom society has too often left behind. This past year reaffirmed that calling with quiet but profound force.

What strikes me most about 2025 is not what we counted, but what we changed. Families facing unlawful eviction found advocates willing to stand with them in court. Refugees and asylum seekers, far from home and without recourse, discovered that their dignity was worth defending. Workers whose rights had been eroded in silence gained a voice. In each of these moments, Kituo was present, and that presence made all the difference.

Beyond individual cases, Kituo continued to pursue justice at its roots. Our public interest litigation secured landmark rulings, affirming that campaigns outside the electoral period violate the right to free and fair elections, holding the state accountable for enforced disappearances, and protecting communities from being displaced without due process. These are not merely legal victories; they are declarations that the rule of law must serve everyone, not just the privileged few.

Perhaps our most enduring contribution lies in the communities we have equipped to seek justice for themselves. Through our paralegal networks, Alternative Justice Systems, and community justice centres, Kituo is cultivating a generation of informed citizens who no longer see justice as

something done to them, but as something they can actively pursue and claim. This shift in agency, quiet and gradual as it may be, is transformative.

We do not shy away from acknowledging the financial pressures that marked this year. A constrained resource environment tested our resilience, but it did not diminish our resolve. The Board remains firmly committed to strengthening Kituo's financial sustainability so that our mission is never held hostage to the availability of funding. Impact must endure.

As we look ahead to our 2026–2030 strategic period, we do so with clarity of purpose. We will deepen our work in communities, strengthen our advocacy for systemic reform, and invest in the institutional foundations that allow Kituo to serve with excellence for decades to come. The vision of a society where every person can access justice is not a distant aspiration , it is the work we do every day.

To our partners, donors, staff, volunteers, and above all the communities who trust us with their most pressing struggles: thank you. Your confidence in Kituo Cha Sheria is both a great honour and a great responsibility, one we carry with humility and determination.

TREASURER'S REPORT ON 2024



DR. ELKANA KIMELI,

Board Treasurer

The Treasurer extends appreciation to our development partners for their continued support, as well as to management and staff for their commitment to sound financial stewardship throughout the year.

In 2025, Kituo Cha Sheria recorded total income of KES 147.4m, comprising KES 140.3 million in grant income and KES 7.1m in other income. This reflects a decline compared to 2024, with grant income decreasing by approximately 6 percent and other income reducing by 50 percent. Overall, income contracted by about 10 percent, largely due to the completion of certain funding cycles and reduced levels of non-grant income.

Expenditure during the year remained aligned to the organization's strategic priorities, focusing on programme implementation, personnel, administrative operations, and advocacy and research activities. These investments enabled the organization to sustain its core services and respond effectively to the needs of the communities it serves.

Kituo's funding base remains well-diversified, with no over-reliance on any single donor. This diversification continues to strengthen the organization's resilience in a shifting funding landscape. Coupled with prudent financial management and ongoing resource mobilization efforts, this ensured that operations remained stable and uninterrupted during the year.

Overall, the 2025 financial performance reflects a controlled and manageable adjustment, with the organization retaining a solid financial position. Going forward, Kituo will continue to prioritize funding diversification, deepen strategic partnerships, and explore innovative financing approaches to sustain its impact and long-term growth.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON 2025



DR. WAMBUA KITUKU

Executive Director

As we close 2025, we reflect on a year that called for focus, adaptability, and steady leadership. Within a shifting financial and operational landscape, Kituo Cha Sheria remained anchored in its mission to expand access to justice for poor, vulnerable and marginalized communities, while continuing to respond to evolving and complex justice needs.

Across our programmes, we sustained delivery of legal aid, strategic litigation, and community-based justice interventions at scale. The Legal Aid and Education Programme supported over 2,700 clients and maintained a strong litigation portfolio, including public interest cases addressing land rights, environmental justice, governance, and accountability.

Our community-centred approach continued to define our work. Through paralegal networks, Alternative Justice Systems (AJS), and legal aid clinics, we strengthened grassroots justice mechanisms and expanded access in underserved areas. For instance, working with the National Steering Committee on Alternative Justice System, KITUO supported the launch of Mombasa County AJS Action Plan and Samburu County AJS Panel for practitioners. The Forced Migration Programme delivered integrated legal and psychosocial support to refugees and asylum seekers, while advancing key litigation and policy work on access to documentation, services, and livelihoods. The launch of a campaign on promotion of right to work for refugees by KITUO and a coalition of refugee actors is perhaps the highlight of our work in 2026.

At the same time, the organisation sustained a strong advocacy presence at national, regional, and global levels, contributing to policy processes and justice sector reforms. KITUOs joint campaign with the African Alliance for People Centered Justice for the formal recognition by Africa states of legal empowerment as integral to people-centered justice underscores our critical advocacy work. Our communications function further enhanced institutional visibility and public engagement, ensuring that community experiences continue to inform both practice and policy. Today, KITUO is able to reach to hundreds of thousands with legal information through multiple platforms and forums.

Throughout these efforts, we are reminded that while our work is grounded in law and policy, its true impact is reflected in the dignity, agency, and lived realities of the people we serve. Beyond the numbers and milestones, it is the quiet transformations, when individuals understand their rights, when communities organise to defend them, and when systems begin to respond, that continue to define our purpose.
The year unfolded within a constrained resource environment, with shifting funding patterns and increasing demand for services. This required careful prioritisation and disciplined resource utilisation to sustain programme delivery.

We continued to strengthen internal systems in areas such as data management, coordination, and programme planning, key foundations for improving efficiency, accountability, and learning across the organisation. KITUO developed a new strategic plan (2026-2030) which positions the organization to venture into new areas of climate justice, while consolidating our work for greater impact and sustainability.
Several lessons emerged. The importance of aligning ambition with available resources remains central to effective delivery. Strong internal coordination and communication are essential to maximising impact. Continued investment in staff, systems, and community capacity is critical for long-term resilience.

Above all, the commitment and adaptability of our teams continue to define Kituo's strength.

In the coming year, our focus will be on strengthening institutional systems while sustaining programmatic impact. This includes enhancing data and reporting, improving internal coordination, deepening resource mobilisation, and investing in staff wellbeing.

We will continue to advance strategic litigation, community legal empowerment, and policy engagement, while ensuring our programmes remain focused, responsive, and aligned with our long-term strategy.
As we move forward, we remain guided by a simple principle: that access to justice must be practical, inclusive, and responsive to the realities of those we serve.

To our partners, funders, staff, and the communities we walk alongside, we extend our sincere appreciation as we look forward to implementation of the new strategic plan.



1.0 ABOUT KITUO CHA SHERIA

Kituo cha Sheria–Legal Advice Centre (hereinafter referred to as "KITUO") is the oldest human rights organization in Kenya, East, Central and the Horn of Africa. Established in 1973, KITUO exists to promote access to justice for poor and marginalized communities through legal aid, public interest litigation, advocacy, research, and community legal empowerment.

1.1 OUR MISSION

To empower the poor and marginalized people to effectively access justice and realize their human rights.

1.2 OUR VISION

A society of empowered communities with equitable access to justice.

Scan the code for the Strategic Plan 2020- 2024

1.3 STRATEGIC FOCUS

Strategic Objectives

- Strengthen and ensure the implementation of quality programs and services that promote and protect the rights of the poor and marginalized.
- Build evidence grounded in research to inform better policies and practices on access to justice and human rights.
- Strengthen the voices of the poor and marginalized to represent themselves in accessing justice to realize and enjoy their rights.

2.0 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The governance of KITUO is overseen by a Board of Directors, consisting of directors elected by the General Assembly, as mandated by Article 7 of the Constitution. The Board is led by a Chairperson and currently has seven members, with the Executive Director serving as the Secretary.

2.1 BOARD OPERATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Meetings:** The Board is required to meet quarterly, with provisions for special meetings as needed.
- **Standards:** KITUO is committed to the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, ethics, and compliance with all applicable laws, adopting strict rules of conduct based on best corporate practices.
- **Fiduciary Duties:** Board members must act in KITUO's best interest, upholding their fiduciary responsibilities and duty of care. This includes avoiding conflicts of interest, not disclosing confidential information, and prioritizing KITUO's interests.
- **Committees:** The Board has the power to establish committees to properly exercise its powers and discharge its functions. It has established three committees:

  a) Finance and Human Capital Committee (FHCC)

  b) Programmes and Resource Mobilization Committee (PRMC)

  c) Audit and Risk Committee (ARC)

2.2 BOARD COMPOSITION

During the FY 2025 the Board composition included some changes in membership. For the months of January 2025 to April 2025, Mr John Mwariri, the Coordinator- Legal Aid served as the Ag. Executive Director after Dr Annette Mbogoh's resignation due to her appointment as a Commissioner of the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA). From April 2025 to date, Dr Wambua Kituku was appointed as the substantive Executive Director and Secretary to the Board.

NAME	POSITION
Mr Justus Munyithya	Chairperson
Dr Elkana Kimeli	Treasurer
Dr. Wambua Kituku	Secretary
Justice Hellen Wasilwa	Member
Justice Patrick Otieno	Member
Ms. Fatuma Dubow	Member
Ms. Serah Esendi	Member
Mr. Mosongo Maosa	Member

2.3 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Board members respect the values, principles and the requirements of the Constitution of Kenya, including:

1. The national values and principles provided for under Article 10 of the Constitution;
2. The rights and fundamental freedoms provided for under Chapter Four of the Constitution;
3. The responsibilities of leadership provided for under Article 73 of the Constitution;.
4. Board members also uphold the tenets of good governance as guided by the Board Charter.

Scan the QR code to learn more about corporate governance.

3.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2025, Kituo Cha Sheria reinforced its position as a leading access-to-justice institution by delivering integrated legal aid, advancing strategic litigation, and deepening community-based justice systems to address both immediate legal needs and systemic injustices affecting marginalized populations.

Through the Legal Aid and Education Programme (LAEP), Kituo provided legal counselling and representation to **2,754 clients** and handled **851 court matters**. The programme sustained **34 ongoing public interest litigation (PIL)** cases and **5 new PIL matters**, addressing critical issues including land rights, labour justice, environmental protection, and constitutional governance, contributing to notable jurisprudential outcomes.

The Forced Migration Programme (FMP) delivered significant impact in promoting the rights of refugees, and asylum seekers. The programme reached **15,000 individuals** through **legal aid and awareness** initiatives, including **1,500** engaged in **legal aid clinics**, **550** supported through **legal representation**, assisted **292** to **access legal documentation** and filled **5 public interest litigation cases** that contributed to systemic reforms. Through MHPSS interventions, **1,500 people** were reached with psychosocial support, and **140 community actors** were trained on mental health and peaceful coexistence.

The Advocacy, Governance, and Community Partnerships (AGCP) programme expanded grassroots legal empowerment and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. Kituo trained **637 justice actors**, including **170 community paralegals, 230 on AJS, 128 prison-based paralegals**, and **109 actors including police, chiefs and widows** enhancing frontline justice delivery.

2.1 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2025



3,304 clients received direct legal support.



895 court matters handled, including **44 PIL** cases.



9 Legal Aid Clinics across **7** counties



1,500 people supported directly through MHPSS



637 justice actors trained and **3** social justice centres launched.

4.0 THE LEGAL AID AND EDUCATION PROGRAMME (LAEP)

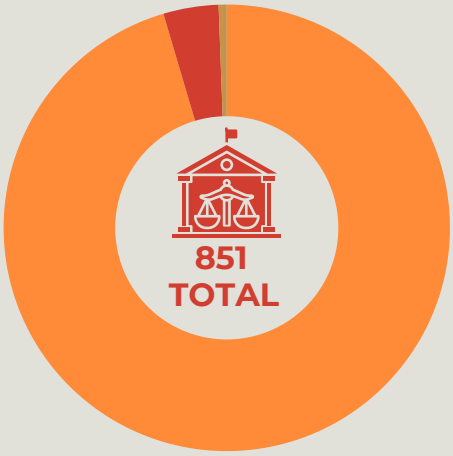
The Legal Aid and Education Programme (LAEP) is central to KITUO's mandate of enhancing access to justice for poor and marginalized communities, delivering legal aid, representation, legal empowerment, and strategic advocacy to address both individual grievances and systemic injustices. Legal aid clinics remain one of the most visible and impactful entry points of this work, serving as a critical bridge between KITUO and the communities it supports. Through these clinics, the organization provides free legal advice and assistance while also promoting legal awareness and civic engagement.

In the reporting year, KITUO mounted **9 legal aid clinics** across **7 counties** (Nairobi, Migori, Turkana, Kwale, Kilifi, Isiolo, and Mombasa). The clinics provided legal advice and assistance to **668 people** (351 men and 317 women). Beyond the clinics, KITUO further strengthened access to justice by providing legal counselling and representation to **2,754 clients**, attending to **851 court cases**, and initiating **5 new strategic PIL** matters. These efforts were complemented by sustained investment in community capacity through paralegal training and grassroots engagement, enabling more sustainable, community-led access to justice.

4.1 COURT ATTENDANCES

During the reporting period, LAEP handled a total of **851** court matters, comprising **812** single welfare cases, **34** ongoing public interest litigation (PIL) cases, and **5** newly filed PIL cases.

Court matters handled 2025



95% SINGLE WELFARE CASES
812

4% ONGOING PIL CASES
34

1% NEW PIL CASES
5

95% of cases are direct legal aid support



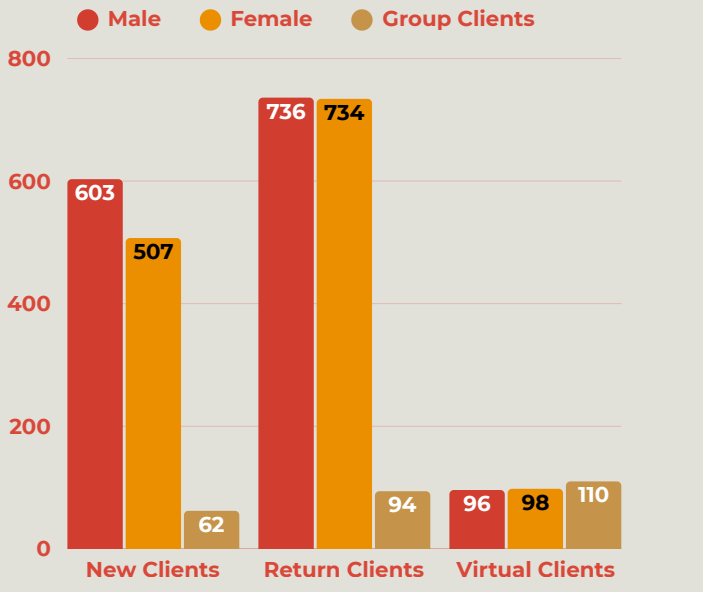
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL)
39 CASES

34 ongoing | **5 newly filled**



4.2 LEGAL COUNSELLING AND REPRESENTATION

During the reporting period, Kituo Cha Sheria provided legal counselling and representation services to a total of **3040** clients, comprising **1172** new clients and **1564** return clients. **304** clients were also attended to virtually.

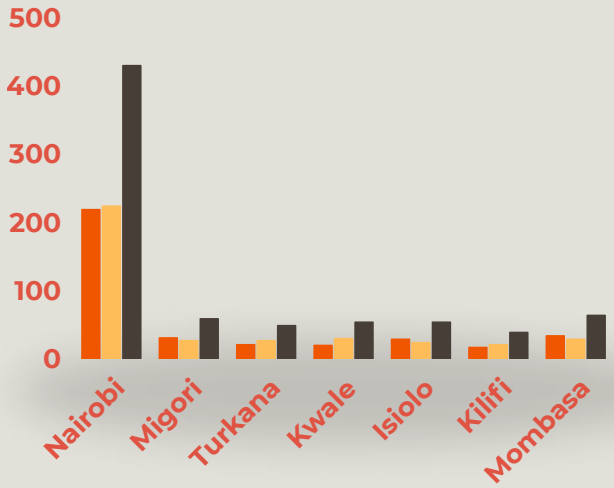


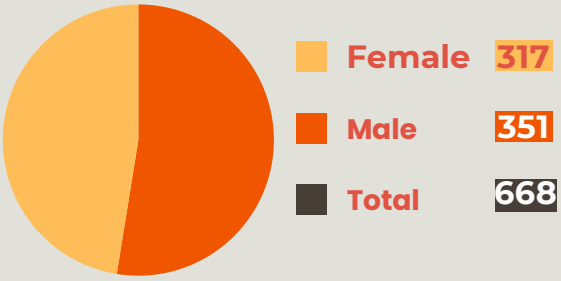
Male Clients	Female Clients	Group Clients
1,435	1,339	266

4.3 LEGAL AID CLINICS

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Total number of clients Attended to during Legal Aid clinics





3.3 VOLUNTEER ADVOCATE (VA) SCHEME

Kituo conducted a volunteer advocate recruitment drive in Isiolo, Turkana, and Nairobi. As a result, a total of **44** new advocates, **15** female and **29** male were recruited into the scheme.

Learn more about our Volunteer Advocate (VA) Scheme



4.4 SMALL CLAIMS COURT (SCC) CASES

During the reporting year, KITUO received a total of **107** Small Claims Court cases.

- **75** Matters filed in court
- **14** Matters finalized through demand letters
- **18** Matters pending filing in court
- **52** Judgment/ruling delivered
- **14** Matters still pending in court (hearing/mention)
- **09** Matters not won in court

4.5 COURT USER COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENTS



4.5.1 HIV & AIDS Tribunal Court Users Committee (CUC) Meeting

As a result of the meeting, the Tribunal committed to reviewing its case management protocols to reduce delay and enhance confidentiality in proceedings. Kituo was also invited to collaborate on a joint legal awareness initiative aimed at demystifying the Tribunal's role and procedures for litigants.



4.5.2 Milimani Commercial Courts Court Users Committee (CUC)

Following Kituo's submission on the digital divide and access to information for litigants without legal representation, the court agreed to enhance front-desk assistance and simplify access to cause lists and file tracking. It was also resolved that a working sub-committee be established to explore pro bono support mechanisms within the commercial division, an initiative Kituo pledged to support.

4.5.3 Mombasa Employment and Labour Relations Court Users Committee Meeting

Following Kituo's submission, the court encouraged the use of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms such as negotiations and conciliation prior to filing of cases. The court further agreed to conduct training and sensitization on the use of the electronic filing system. This will be beneficial to the public as some users do not have the knowledge and resources to use the system. Furthermore, the court scheduled training session on the ELRC which most court users struggle to comply with.



4.6 LITIGATIONS

5
NEW PIL CASES
KITUO filed 5 new (PIL) cases , including one challenging the suspension of inmates' medical services.
01

34
ONGOING PIL
There were 34 ongoing public interest cases, including the Early Campaign Petition.
02

14
AMICUS CURIAE
There are 14 ongoing public interest cases in which KITUO is enjoined as an interested party and amicus curiae.
03

812
SINGLE WELFARE
KITUO represented and supported 812 single welfare clients in 2025.
04

A total of 39 PIL cases were handled in 2025.

Scan to view the full list of litigation.

4.7 HIGHLIGHTS OF KITUO LAED PERFORMANCE IN 2025



01 Court Attendances
851 court cases handle; 812 single welfare cases, and 39 PIL

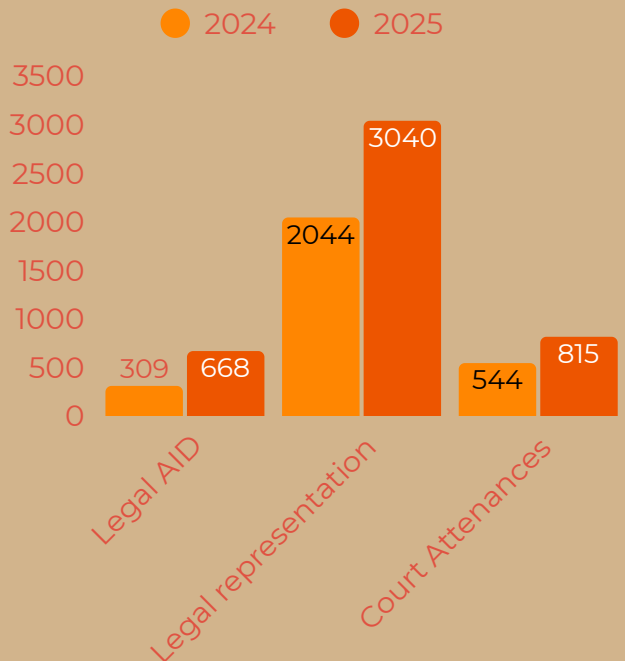
02 Legal Aid clinics and Beneficiaries
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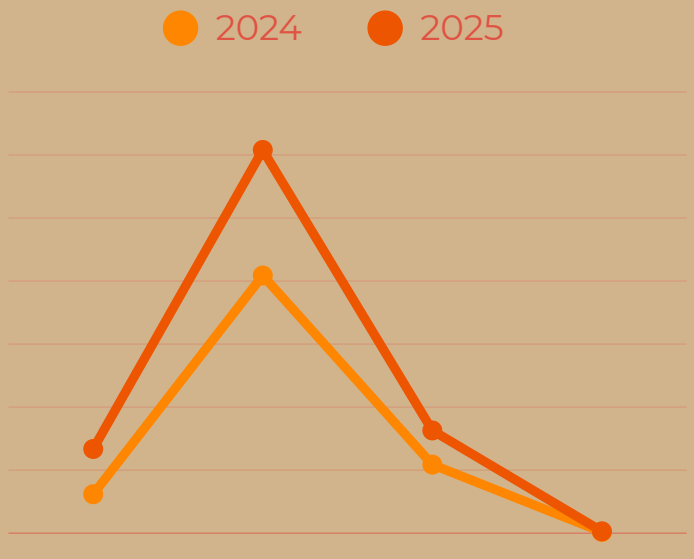
03 Legal counselling and representation
A total of 3040 clients; 1172 new clients, 1564 return clients, and 304 virtual clients were attended to .

04 Volunteer Advocate Scheme
A total of 44 new advocates, 15 female and 29 male were recruited.

05 Small Claims Court (SCC) cases
KITUO received a total of 107 Small Claims Court cases.

4.8 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS





There was an overall 56.1% increase in performance compared to 2024.

4.9 SUCCESS STORIES

4.9.1 Kituo Secures Landmark HIV Privacy Ruling

KITUO represented the Claimant before the HIV and AIDS Tribunal, which delivered a landmark ruling reinforcing the right to privacy and protection from HIV-related stigma.

The Tribunal heard that the Claimant was subjected to assault, public humiliation, and unlawful disclosure of her HIV status by the Respondents, resulting in stigma, discrimination, and psychological harm to both her and her child. In its judgment delivered on 17 July 2025, the Tribunal found in favour of the Claimant and awarded compensation.

4.9.2 A Widow's Fight for Justice in Succession

Nancy Muthure Kinyanjui, a widow from Kiambu County, faced a difficult succession battle after her husband died intestate, leaving her with minor children and a recently acquired piece of land. Nancy encountered complex, costly, and intimidating legal procedures, compounded by social attitudes that often undermine women's land ownership. With support from Kituo Cha Sheria, she successfully navigated the process, was appointed co-administrator of her husband's estate, and ultimately secured the title deed in trust for herself and her children.

4.9.3 Kituo Stops Eviction of 751 Kasuitu Squatters Land Case

The case concerns 751 squatters of Kasuitu Settlement Scheme, who have occupied the land since 1974. Despite making several attempts to secure formal allocation, their efforts have been unsuccessful, leaving them under constant threat of eviction from their mud houses and prompting legal intervention by KITUO, which successfully halted the eviction. The dispute is now before the Environment and Land Court in Machakos under Case No. 14 of 2021 – James Muthusi & 750 Others v County Government of Machakos.

4.9.4 High Court Declares Early Campaigns Unlawful and Orders Legislative Reform

Kituo filed a case to stop early campaigns for the August 9, 2022 election under Constitutional Petition No. 9 of 2022 at the High Court in Nakuru. The petition challenged the practice of campaigning outside the legally designated electoral period, arguing that it undermines the principles of free and fair elections. In its judgment delivered on June 9, 2025, the court held that early campaigns are unlawful and violate the constitutional right to free and fair elections.

4.9.5 Kilimambogo Squatters' Land Rights Case Halt Eviction

Kituo represents 1,200 squatters in a housing case concerning Kilimambogo settlement scheme titles, where titles were allegedly issued to outsiders instead of rightful beneficiaries before the 2017 elections. The petition seeks nullification of the contested titles and proper vetting to ensure allocation is done to genuine beneficiaries, amid concerns of possible forced evictions. KITUO successfully stopped the eviction process.



5.0 FORCED MIGRATION PROGRAMME



Kituo Cha Sheria's Forced Migration Programme (FMP) is a specialized initiative dedicated to promoting the rights, protection, and inclusion of refugees, asylum seekers, and stateless persons in Kenya. The Programme delivers integrated support through legal aid, strategic litigation, detention monitoring, and advocacy to address immediate protection needs while advancing long-term systemic reforms. It also strengthens community resilience through paralegal training, alternative justice systems (AJS), and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), while engaging government, civil society, and refugee-led organisations to influence policy and improve access to documentation, justice, and livelihood opportunities.

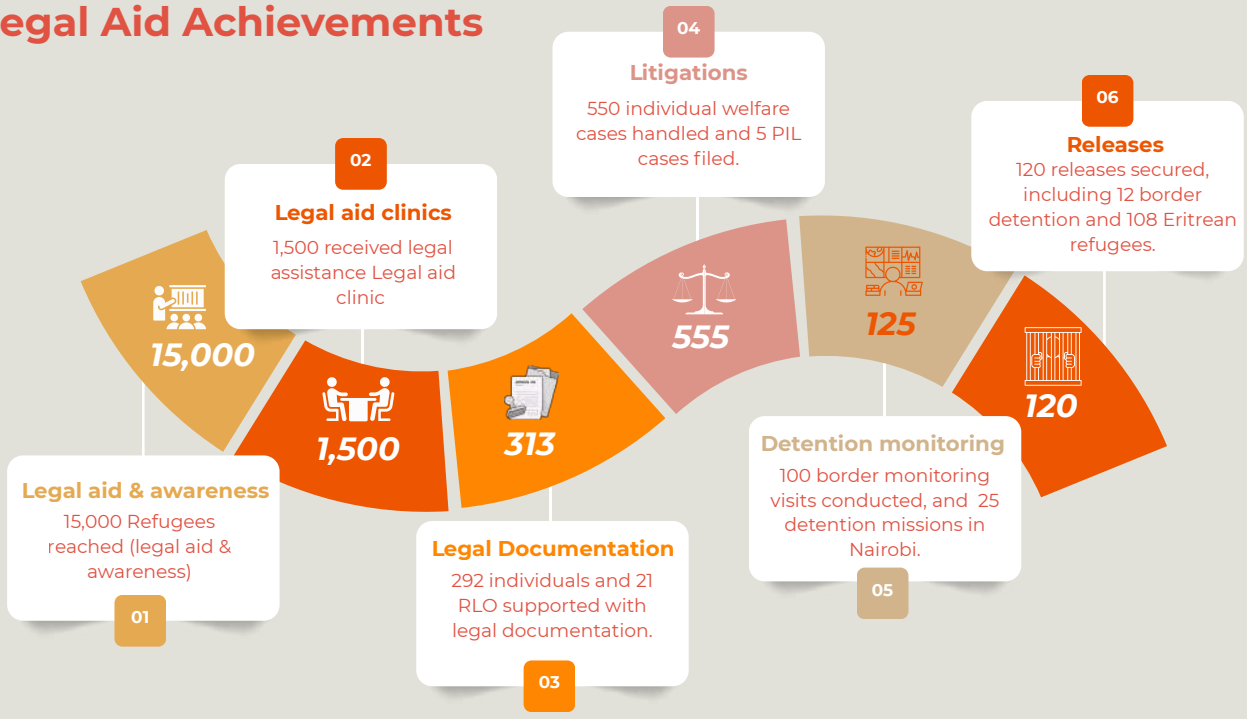
In 2025, the Forced Migration Programme (FMP) demonstrated measurable impact through its wide-reaching interventions, supporting ***15,000*** refugees, asylum seekers, and stateless persons nationwide, including ***1,500*** individuals reached through legal aid clinics across multiple locations and ***292*** individuals supported to access legal documentation, while conducting more than ***25*** detention monitoring missions that led to targeted interventions in cases of arbitrary arrest and unlawful detention; additionally, FMP served over ***550*** clients through programme support services and strengthened ***21*** Refugee-Led Organisations (RLOs) and ***21*** Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs), with these results further reinforced by ongoing court attendances and strategic Public Interest Litigation (PIL) cases contributing to systemic legal and policy changes that advance refugee rights in Kenya. At the community level, FMP trained ***140*** community actors and directly supported ***1,500*** individuals through MHPSS services, including individual counselling, mental health training, and peace and social justice training.

5.1 LEGAL AID SERVICES

Legal aid services reached ***15,000*** refugees nationwide, delivering integrated legal assistance, documentation support, and rights awareness across Dadaab, Nairobi, Nakuru, Kitale, Eldoret, and Lodwar. This included ***1,500*** participants engaged through legal aid clinics, ***292*** refugees supported with legal documentation, and ***550*** clients served through casework and legal representation, particularly in Nairobi, Dadaab, Lodwar, and other urban centres.

Protection interventions were reinforced through ***100*** detention monitoring visits, including ***25*** structured missions in Nairobi, Dadaab, and Lodwar, resulting in ***12*** releases from detention and the escalation of a mass protection case involving ***108*** Eritrean refugees in Lodwar. At the systemic level, ***5*** public interest litigation cases were advanced in national courts, while community empowerment was strengthened through the registration of ***21*** Refugee-Led Organisations (RLOs) across camp and urban settings.

5.1.1 Legal Aid Achievements



5.2 LITIGATIONS

KITUO's FMP handled 550 individual welfare cases and filed 5 Public Interest Litigation (PIL) cases.

Scan to view the full list of litigation.

5.3 MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (MHPSS)

MHPSS interventions strengthened institutional capacity and community psychosocial well-being nationwide, with 36 staff and 140 community actors including refugee and host communities trained on mental health, social justice, and peacebuilding; 100 individuals directly supported through counselling and therapy; and 1,500 people reached through community forums, group therapy, capacity-building sessions, and the distribution of 1,000 information materials.



5.4 FMP IN NUMBERS

Legal Aid and MHPSS

23, 152

Refugees and asylum seekers supported through legal aid and psychosocial support

Litigations

555

550 individual welfare cases handled and 5 PIL cases filed.

MHPSS

2,026

Refugees, host communities and staff trained and supported through counselling and therapy

Detention Releases

120

12 refugees released from border detention and 108 Eritrean refugees in Nairobi

IEC materials

1,000

Brochures on refugee support services distributed

KITUO's Forced Migration Programme integrates MHPSS and legal aid to support refugees holistically addressing legal needs while promoting mental well-being and fostering peaceful coexistence with host communities.

5.5 SUCCESS STORIES



5.5.1 The Refugee Access to Work and Inclusion – East Africa (RAWI-EA)

RAWI-EA initiative emerged as a strategic, multi-stakeholder platform convened by Kituo Cha Sheria's Forced Migration Programme to advance refugees' right to work and economic inclusion in Kenya. It was established by bringing together over 15 actors, including civil society organizations, refugee-led organizations, government institutions, UN agencies, and the private sector into a coordinated working group with thematic sub-groups driving focused advocacy. Through RAWI-EA, Kituo has convened high-level national forums, produced and launched key research and policy briefs, and facilitated structured engagement between refugees and decision-makers. The initiative has strengthened collective advocacy, amplified refugee voices, and contributed to the development of clear reform pathways on documentation, work permits, and freedom of movement, positioning it as a leading platform influencing national policy and practice on refugee rights.

Scan to learn more and join RAWI-EA

5.5.2 From Trauma to Healing: A Refugee's Journey to Hope

James, a Congolese refugee, sought legal aid at KITUO but was found to be battling severe trauma from violence, loss, and exploitation he endured while fleeing conflict, including the murder of his father, captivity, and sexual assault. After arriving in Nairobi and facing homelessness and further exploitation, he developed suicidal thoughts. Recognizing his needs went beyond legal support, Kituo referred him to its psychosocial services, where consistent counselling helped him process his trauma, regain a sense of purpose.

Scan to read more about James

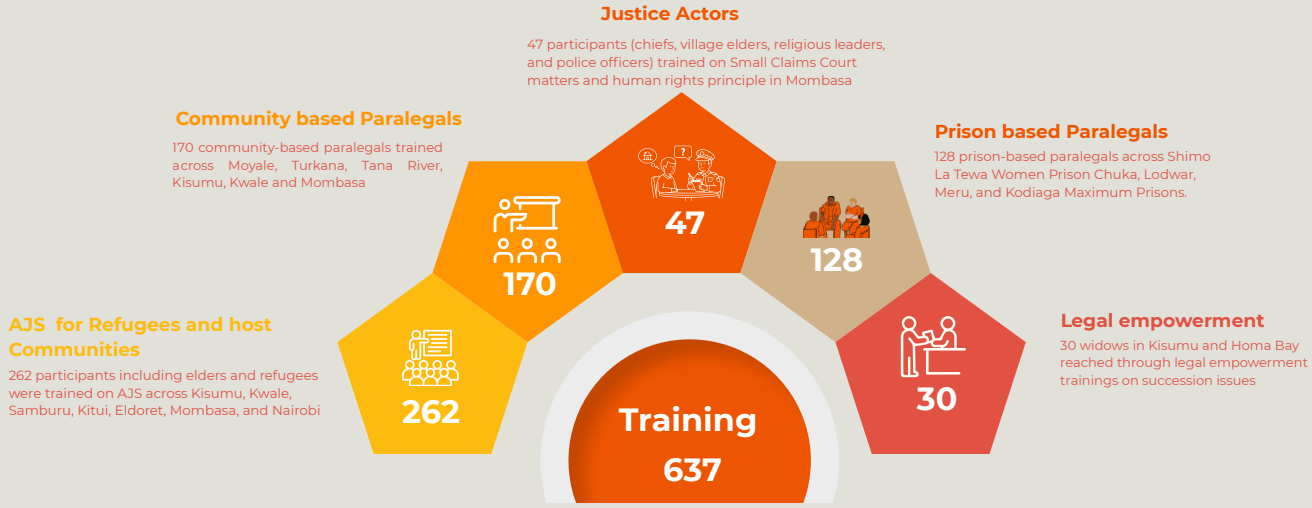
6.0 ADVOCACY, GOVERNANCE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (AGCP)

The Advocacy, Governance, and Community Partnerships (AGCP) Department at Kituo Cha Sheria advances people-centred access to justice by strengthening grassroots legal empowerment, Alternative Justice Systems (AJS), mediation, and multi-stakeholder collaboration through paralegal training and community-based interventions. Through sustained legal awareness initiatives, including; radio talk shows, community outreach, stakeholder engagement, and capacity-building sessions, the department indirectly reached an estimated audience of over 1,000,000 people.



6.1 TRAINING OF PARALEGALS AND JUSTICE ACTORS

At the core of its work, KITUO strengthened grassroots access to justice through targeted capacity-building initiatives, reaching a total of **637** participants across various programmes.



6.2 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND SUCCESS STORIES

Mombasa AJS Suit

Maralal AJS Suit

6.2.1 Launch of Justice Centre and AJS Suites

Kituo Cha Sheria, in partnership with the National Steering Committee on Alternative Justice Systems (NaSC-AJS), successfully launched two County Action Plans on AJS and established AJS Suites in Mombasa and Maralal, Samburu County. Additionally, Kituo set up a Community Justice Centre in Moyale, following a successful paralegal training.

Moyale Justice Centre

Scan for the full list of AJS hearings

6.2.2 Alternative Justice System (AJS) Hearings

Community paralegals under KITUO coordinated 8 AJS community hearings in Eldoret, aimed at promoting peaceful, accessible, and community-driven dispute resolution, while also helping to resolve conflicts and reduce court backlog:

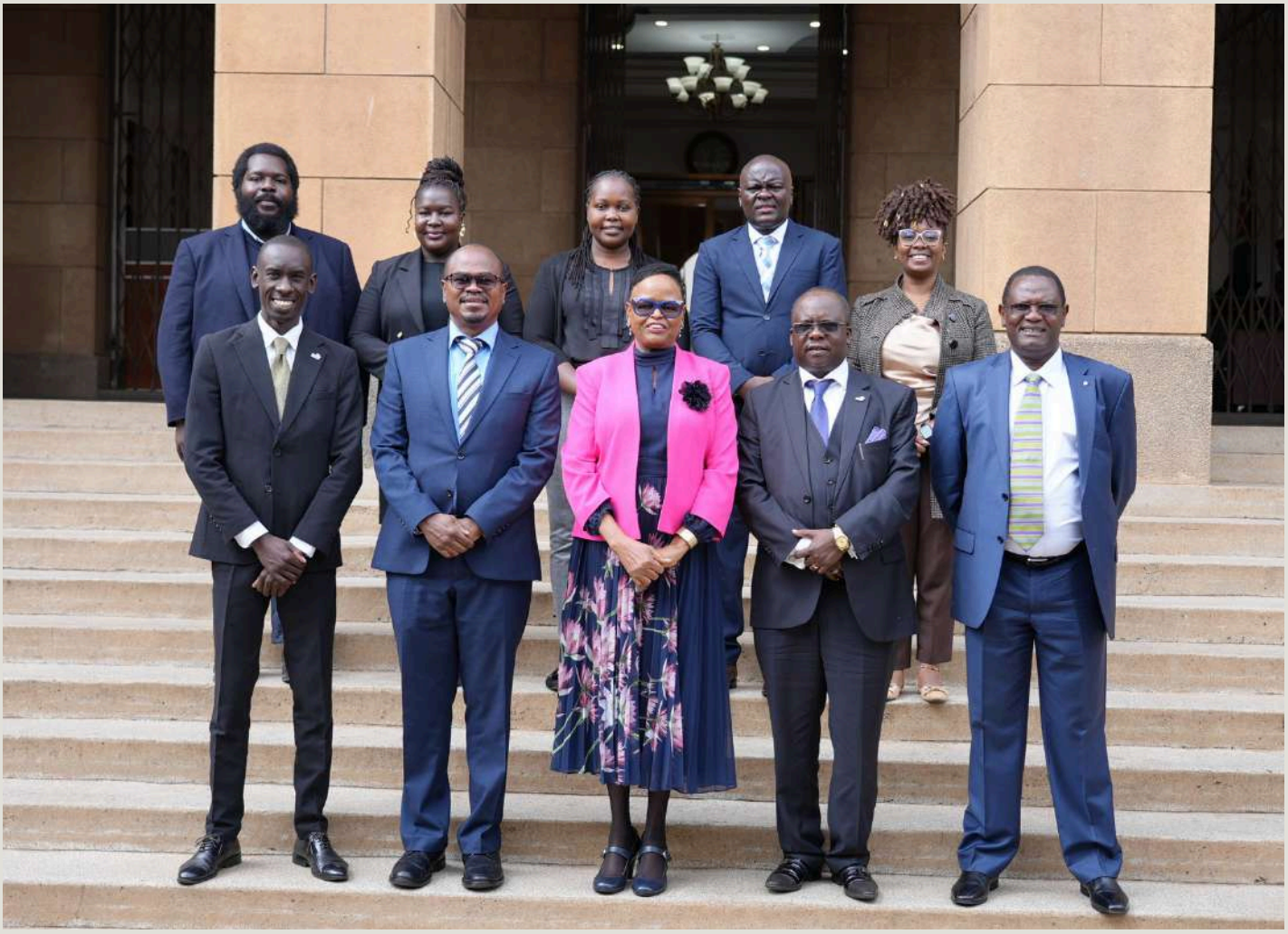
- ***Kapseret: Land dispute:*** A buyer had deposited KES 300,000 for land but lost trust in the seller. The parties were directed to provide the sale agreement and title documents for further advice.
- ***Turbo: Land dispute (encroachment):*** One party encroached on the other's land. The hearing was adjourned for further verification of boundaries.
- ***Kapseret: Debt matter:*** The case was adjourned as the debtor arrived late.
- ***KAG Soy Constituency:*** Land dispute (double allocation): The matter was referred to court due to complexity and need for formal adjudication.
- ***Turbo: Land dispute:*** Hearing conducted; deliberations ongoing pending submission of supporting documents.
- ***Kapseret: Land dispute (encroachment):*** The case was amicably resolved. Parties agreed on a 0.1-acre buffer zone and committed to respecting each other's property boundaries.
- **Turbo, Kapseret: Debt matter:** Parties signed a new repayment agreement to clear the debt in installments, with full payment scheduled by 30th April 2026.
- ***KAG Soy: Land dispute:*** The matter was deferred pending further consultations with local administration.

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6.2.3 Validation and Launch of Community Land and Climate Change Act County status reports and Presentation of the Memorandum

Kituo Cha Sheria, with funding from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), cofunded from the European Union (EU), convened a national stakeholder forum on 4th and 5th December 2025 to validate and officially launch county specific reports assessing the implementation of the Community Land Act, 2016 and the Climate Change Act, 2016 in Kenya. The two-day forum marked the culmination of targeted data collection conducted across Samburu, Kwale, and Kisumu counties. The assessment was undertaken in response to persistent challenges in land and natural resource governance that continue to undermine food security and sustainable livelihoods, particularly among communities dependent on communal and customary land tenure systems.



6.3 REGIONAL ENGAGEMENTS



6.3.1 5th Development of Comments to the PBORA Regulations

KITUO collaborated with the Civic Freedoms Forum (CFF) in developing joint submissions on the draft Public Benefit Organizations Regulatory Authority (PBORA) Regulations. The engagement sought to promote a regulatory framework that protects and expands civic space in Kenya, ensuring that public benefit and non-profit organizations can operate freely, transparently, and without undue administrative restrictions.



6.3.2 Kituo's Meeting with the Chief Justice

On 18th November 2025, Kituo cha Sheria led by the Board Chair Mr. Justus Munyithya and the Executive Director Dr. Wambua paid a courtesy call to the Hon. Chief Justice of Kenya, Hon. Lady Chief Justice Martha Koome, at the Supreme Court of Kenya, to strengthen collaboration with the Judiciary in advancing people-centered justice. The engagement highlighted Kituo's enduring commitment to ensuring that justice is accessible, humane, efficient, and community-driven.



6.3.3 Signing of the MoU with the Witness Protection Agency (WPA)

In July 2025, KITUO signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Witness Protection Agency (WPA) to strengthen collaboration within the justice sector. The partnership seeks to enhance access to justice, strengthen witness protection mechanisms, and safeguard vulnerable individuals involved in the justice process.



6.3.4 Support to the ELRC Symposium

KITUO partnered with the Judiciary in supporting the Employment and Labour Relations Court (ELRASE) Symposium. The event was convened to advance discourse on labour rights, social justice, and access to justice for workers across Kenya.

6.3.5 Memorandum Submission on the Judges' Retirement Benefits Bill, 2025



Kituo Cha Sheria submitted a memorandum to the National Assembly on the Judges' Retirement Benefits Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 27 of 2025). The memorandum called for explicit safeguards against diminution of benefits under Article 160(4), clarification of the relationship between the Consolidated Fund and Judiciary Fund to protect financial autonomy, and review of key definitions for constitutional consistency.

6.3.6 Training for Judges on Carbon Credits



Kituo Cha Sheria, in partnership with other collaborators, convened a specialized training for judges of the Environment and Land Court (ELC) on the emerging legal and policy dimensions of carbon credits and climate finance. The training aimed to enhance the judiciary's understanding of the technical, legal, and ethical implications of carbon markets within Kenya's environmental governance framework.

5.3.7 Submission on the Prison Enterprise Fund



KITUO, in partnership with the Prison Reforms Working Group, submitted recommendations on the Prison Enterprise Fund, a government initiative aimed at supporting prisoner rehabilitation, skills development, and reintegration into society. The submission emphasized the need for a human rights–based and restorative justice approach to ensure the Fund aligns with constitutional values, fair labour practices, and the dignity of persons in custody.

6.3.8 Enforced Disappearance Discussion



On 21st August, KITUO participated in a post-surgery discussion with the International Justice Mission (IJM) on the landmark May 2025 judgment on enforced disappearance. The meeting brought together key justice sector actors to reflect on its implications for accountability, strengthen state obligations, and address implementation gaps. It also explored collaborative steps to ensure the ruling has lasting impact beyond the individual case.

6.4 GLOBAL ENGAGEMENTS

6.4.1 Hosting of the UNODC Delegation from Ethiopia

Kituo Cha Sheria hosted a delegation from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Ethiopia Office to share Kenya's experiences in advancing access to justice, community legal empowerment, and collaboration with state and non-state actors. The delegation engaged with Kituo's leadership on programmatic strategies, innovations in paralegal work, and the role of civil society in supporting justice sector reforms.





6.4.2 African Regional Forum on People-Centered Justice (ACHPR – Banjul, Gambia)

Kituo Cha Sheria, with support from the Grassroots Justice Network, participated in the African Regional Forum on People-Centered Justice held alongside the 85th Ordinary Session of the ACHPR in Banjul, The Gambia. The forum convened justice actors from across Africa to advance SDG 16+ and strengthen inclusive, community-based justice systems.

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6.4.3 Representation at the Violence Against Women (VAW) Institute, Johannesburg

Ms. Glory Kairi represented Kituo Cha Sheria at the Violence Against Women (VAW) Institute organized by the Initiative for Strategic Litigation in Africa (ISLA) in Johannesburg, South Africa. The institute focused on obstetric violence and the rights of women with disabilities, providing a platform for practitioners to engage in feminist legal theory and strategic litigation methodologies.



6.4.4 Kituo Cha Sheria at World Justice Project Forum in Warsaw

Kituo Cha Sheria participated in the World Justice Project Forum in Warsaw, Poland, under the banner of the Grassroots Justice Network. The engagement brought together legal empowerment advocates from around the world to share experiences and co-create the vision for the GJN Academy, strengthening global collaboration on access to justice. On the final day, Executive Director Dr. Wambua Kituku joined the Forum's Call to Action panel on strengthening customary and informal justice systems, also representing the African Centre of Excellence for Access to Justice.

6.4.5 Kituo Joins UNDP Talks on People-Centred Justice

On 22 October 2025, Kituo Cha Sheria's Executive Director, Dr. Wambua Kituku, participated in the UNDP Frontline Talks on "Justice and Security that Put People at the Centre." The global dialogue brought together experts and policymakers to explore ways of making justice systems more accessible, inclusive, and responsive to communities. Dr. Kituku shared insights from Kituo's work on advancing access to justice for marginalised groups, contributing to discussions on strengthening the rule of law through people-centred and equitable approaches.

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7.0 COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT



The Communications Department played a central role in advancing Kituo Cha Sheria's programmatic, advocacy, and public engagement efforts across all departments, strengthening the organization's visibility. The department also enhanced Kituo's digital footprint, achieving a 40% increase in brand visibility and audience engagement, while producing impactful multimedia advocacy content, including infographics, documentaries, and success stories.

Total Impressions:

800K

Target 500k

Total Engagement:

10K

Target 7k

Total New Followers:

8,242k

Target 5k

Performance by Platform

Platforms	Followers	Increment	Growth
Facebook	17,300	4,234	+33%
X / Twitter	12,400	830	+7%
LinkedIn	2,902	902	+45%
Instagram	760	155	+26%
Website	13,000	2,121	+20%

Produced 4 newsletters, 6 brochures, and 30 impact stories; published 500+ social media posts, 12 success story videos, 10 webinars, and 8 podcasts; issued 6 press releases; facilitated 10 radio talk shows and 3 TV interviews; and secured 17 media mentions, including 10 print media features.

8.O PARTNERSHIPS

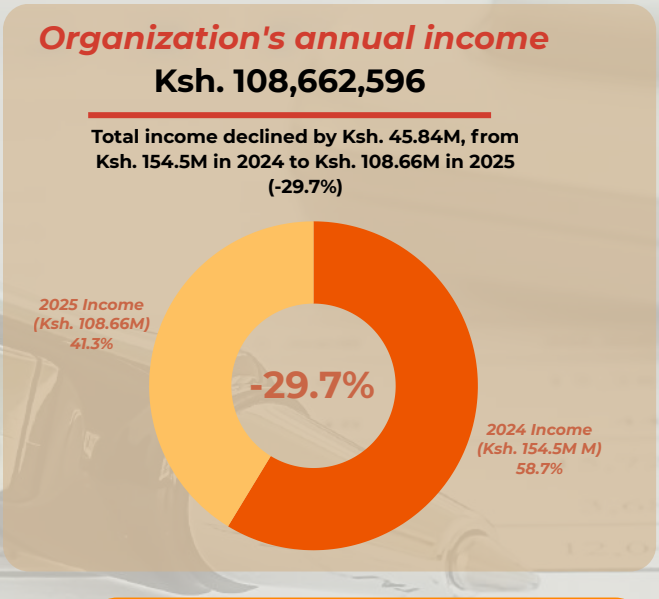
Kituo Cha Sheria strengthened its advocacy and service delivery through strategic partnerships with civil society, government institutions, Volunteer Advocates, and the invaluable support of donors and well-wishers. These collaborations enhanced litigation capacity, expanded access to justice, and strengthened community-based legal empowerment and joint advocacy efforts.

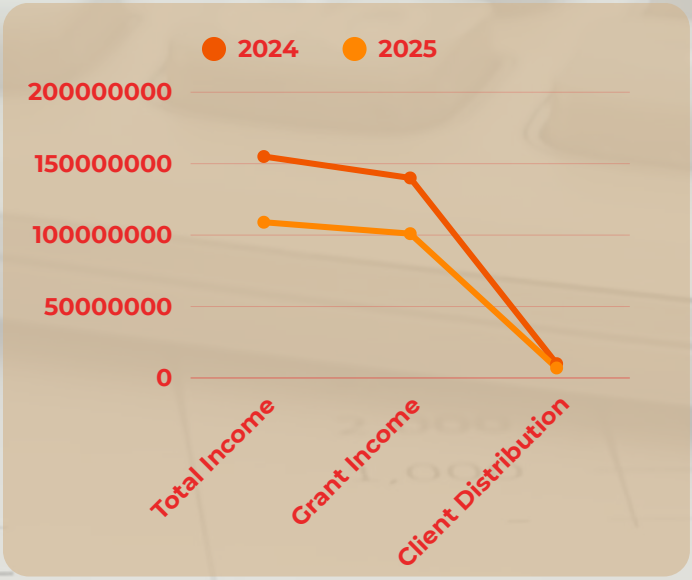
9.0 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The organization recorded a decline in total income in 2025, generating Ksh. **108.66M**, compared to Ksh. **154.5M** in 2024, representing a 29.7% decrease in revenue. This contraction reflects reduced grant inflows and lower extraordinary income streams.

In contrast to the strong surplus recorded in 2024, the organization reported a deficit of Ksh. **24.51M** in 2025, reversing the Ksh. **40.96M** surplus in 2024, indicating increased financial pressure and the need for strengthened resource mobilization and cost alignment.

Income Source	2024 (Ksh)	2025 (Ksh)	Change (Ksh)	% Change
Total Income	154.5M	108.66M	(45.84M)	-29.7%
Grant Income	139.8M	101.35M	(38.45M)	-27.5%
Client Disbursements	9.87M	7.31M	(2.56M)	-25.9%





Expenditure Analysis

2024



113.67M (73.6%)

2025



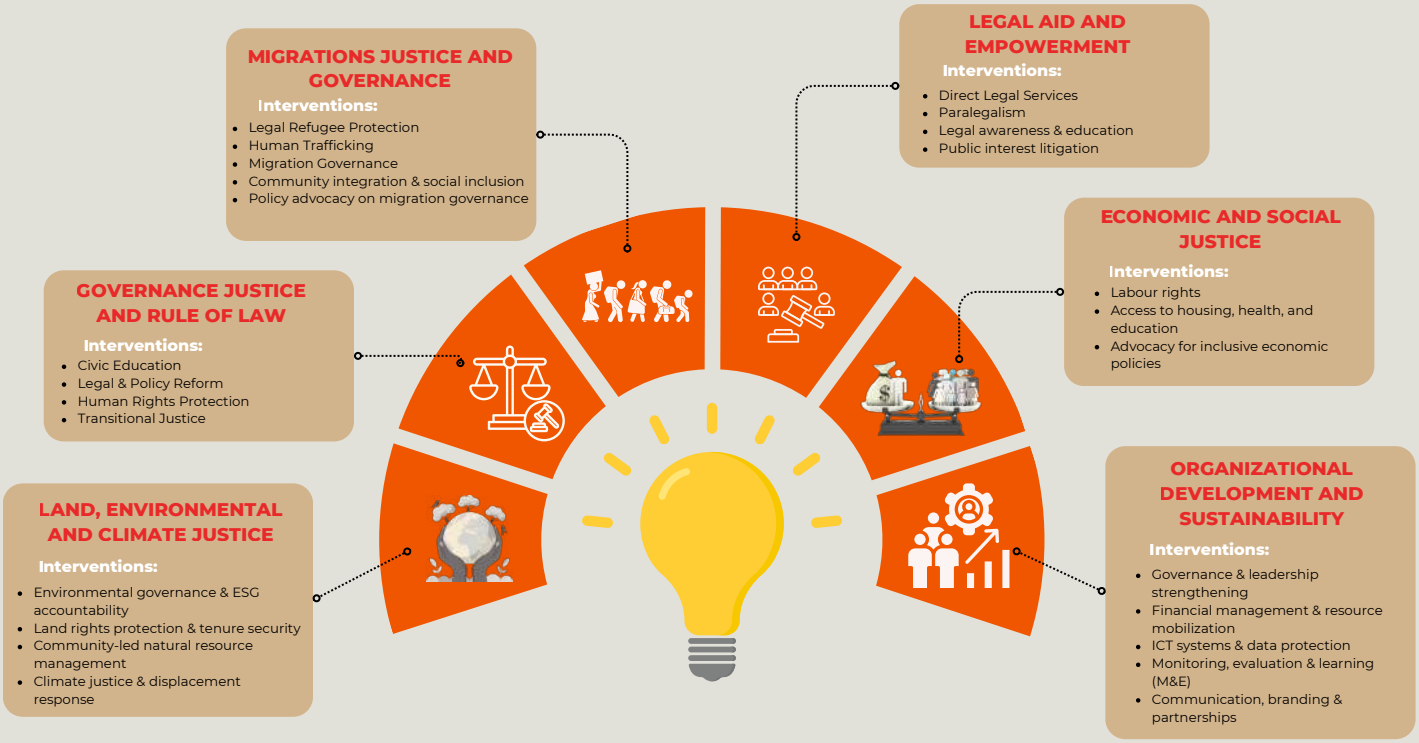
133.17M (122.6%)

Expenditure increased in 2025, reversing the cost-containment trend observed in 2024.

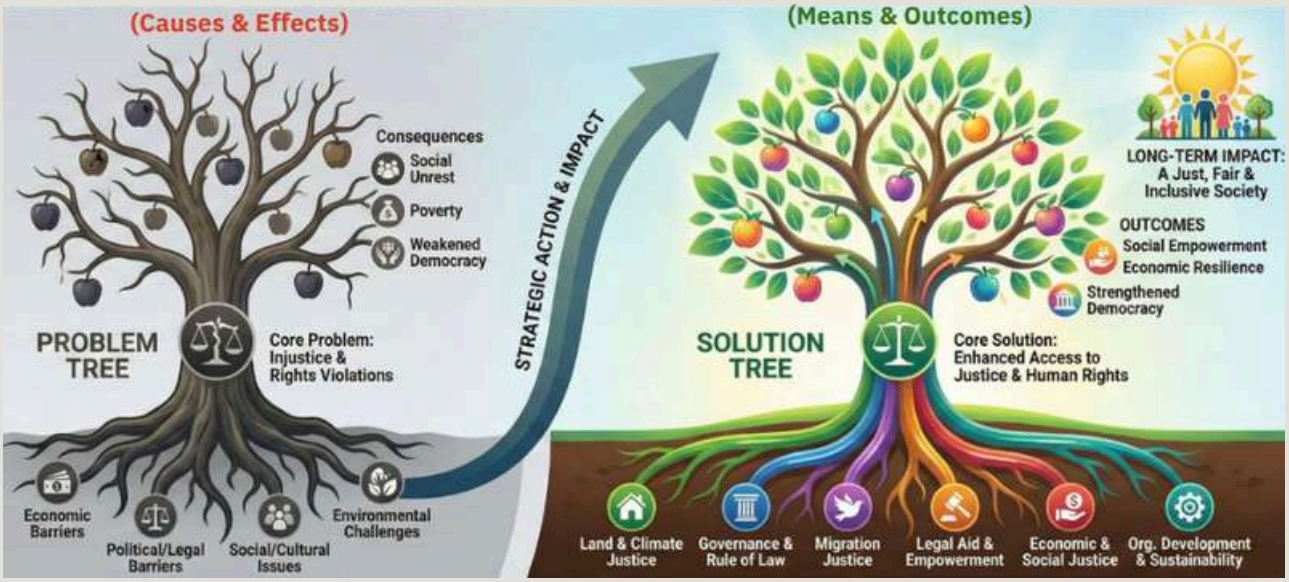
10.0 STRATEGIC OUTLOOK

Kituo Cha Sheria's strategic outlook for 2026–2030 is anchored on transitioning from diagnostic planning to measurable, system-driven impact, with a deliberate shift toward strengthening legal empowerment ecosystems, institutional sustainability, and evidence-based advocacy.

10.1 STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA 2026-2030



10.1. 1 Strategic Analysis



11.0 GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP

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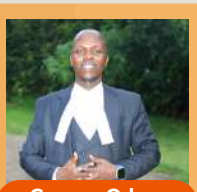
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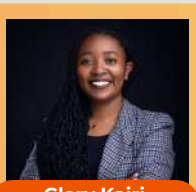
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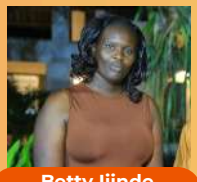
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12.0 CONCLUSION

In 2025, Kituo Cha Sheria consolidated its role as a leading access-to-justice institution by delivering impactful, people-centred legal services, advancing strategic public interest litigation, and strengthening grassroots legal empowerment across Kenya. Through its Legal Aid and Education Programme, Forced Migration Programme, and Advocacy, Governance and Community Partnerships work, the organisation not only addressed individual grievances but also drove systemic reforms in areas including land rights, labour justice, environmental protection, and refugee inclusion. The integration of Alternative Justice Systems (AJS), mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), and community paralegal networks further deepened sustainable, community-led justice mechanisms. Despite a constrained financial environment marked by reduced income and increased operational costs, Kituo demonstrated resilience, strategic adaptability, and continued relevance through strong partnerships, evidence-based advocacy, and institutional collaboration. Moving forward, the organisation remains committed to expanding access to justice, strengthening policy influence, and mobilizing resources to sustain and scale its transformative work for marginalized and vulnerable communities.



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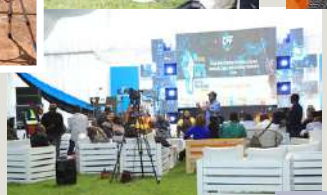


















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