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REHABILITATION OF COURTS UNDER WAY

The rehabilitation/construction works of nine Law Courts under the Judicial Performance Improvement Project (JPIP) are on-going. The courts that are being rehabilitated/constructed are Engineer, Chuka, Kigumo, Molo, Nyamira, Nyando, Oyugis, Tamu, Vihiga

Law Courts. Rehabilitation works of the pilot projects, Kangema and Kitui Law Courts have been completed and are operational. JPIP, funded by the World Bank Group intends to rehabilitate in addition, 13 Magistrate Courts, Kabete Childrens Court and construct 9 High

Courts to support the government's infrastructure programme for the Judiciary. The on-going rehabilitation works are captured in the pictures below and in the back cover of the newsletter.



On-going rehabilitation works at Engineer Law Court.



On-going rehabilitation works at Chuka Law Court.



Masonry works being done at Chuka Law Court.



On-going rehabilitation works at Kigumo Law Court.



Construction Consultant supervising the construction at Kigumo Court.



On-going rehabilitation works at Molo Law Court.

FINANCE STAFF UP TO THE TASK

A two day training on Financial Management Procedures and Guidelines for judicial finance officers was conducted by the Integrated Fiduciary Agent (IFA). The transfer of skills and knowledge was to assist the finance officers be more efficient in handling all financial aspects of JPIP in a prudent manner. The training focused on

adherence to best practices set out by International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) and Finance Management Regulations and Procedures by the World Bank. For the past two years, the financial operations of JPIP has been handled by IFA. The IFA, in a couple of months, will be handing-over to the judicial officers and other consultants

the financial operations of JPIP. The training was attended by section heads from Finance Department, an officer from the Internal Auditors office and finance officers seconded to JPIP. Public Finance Management (PFM) specialists from PriceWater house Coppers facilitated the two day training.



Head of IFA Mr. John Thiong'o (centre) in group photo with participants who attended the training on Financial Management Procedures and Guidelines workshop.



Sarah Thuo, PWC consultant (centre) demonstrating IPSAS system to Mercy Muga and Newton Kiplagat of the Judiciary.



Head of IFA Mr. John Thiong'o in discussions with Lydia Nthiga, John Tambul and Noah Kiplagat during the Financial Management Procedures and Guidelines workshop.

MEETING OF MINDS

The Project Management Unit, Integrated Fiduciary Agent, Directorate of Building Services and seconded staff to JPIP from the Judiciary participated in a two day strategic planning workshop. Participants were brought to speed in understanding the new focus of JPIP. The project moved from focusing on

component activities to activities outcomes that have deliverables which benefit court users. Project Management Unit (PMU) and Integrated Fiduciary Agent (IFA) were able to share experiences, reflect on the environment in which the project operates and highlighted strengths, opportunities

and challenges that can be used to drive the project to success. New members of staff who had recently joined the Directorate of Building Services were also in attendance.



Hon. Joseph Were (centre in tie) and members of PMU, IFA, DBS Judiciary seconded staff in a group photo.



Participants following proceedings of the Workshop.



Head of IFA, John Thiong'o making his presentation.

KENYA LAW IN ULTRA MODERN OFFICES

National Council for Law Reporting popularly known as Kenya Law is among one of the best implementing units under the Judicial Performance Improvement Project (JPIP).

Kenya Law has initiated a number of its activities including moving into its new premises at ACK Gardens Annex, next to the Ministry of Lands. Kenya Law is housed at an ultra-modern facility that provides a good working environment for staff.

The 12000 square feet office area is spacious enough to accommodate all members of staff, has a custom

made reception area, staff lounge, boardroom, registry, mother's room and workstations. Maroon colored ergonomic chairs are visible in every corner alongside other furniture that are illuminated by their rich cherry, walnut and maple finishes. "The new furniture has brought a new energy in the office, if the big smiles and the quick strides in the office corridors are anything to go by," says Mutindi Musuva a staff member. "We finally have furniture that is not only functional and adequate, but that is also elegant and stimulating, and which instills a sense of pride for all staff."



Kenya Law Staff working at their respective workstations.



Kenya Law reception area.

REVIEW OF JPIP

Judicial Performance Improvement Project (JPIP) has in the past year made some tremendous strides towards transforming the Judiciary. The project

which is being implemented by the Judiciary and supports the Office of the Attorney General and the National Council for Law Reporting – (Kenya Law)

have initiated a number of activities aimed at improving quality service and access to justice. Some of the activities undertaken are highlighted below:



Completed rehabilitation works of Kitui and Kangema Law Courts.



Supported trainings for JTI on cascaded trainings, continuous judicial education and the annual judges colloquium workshop.



Support procurement of office space for Kenya Law.



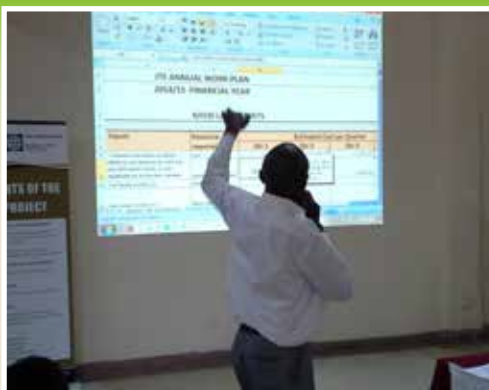
Conducted a Communication Baseline Survey.



Supported Justice @ Last initiative.



Rehabilitation works of Nine Judiciary Courts.



Supported the 2014/2015 Annual Budget Work Plan workshops across the country.



Supported the development of Training Needs Assessment for Human Resource and Administration Directorate.



Held work plan development workshops for implementing units.

REVIEW OF JPIP

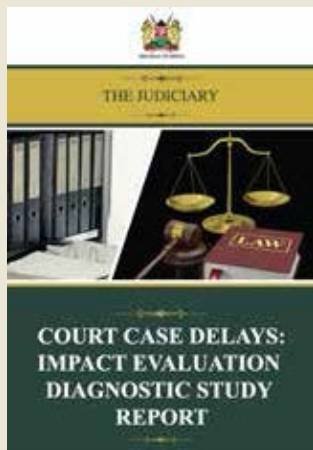
Supported the development of the following booklets:



Held meetings with implementing units and Task Team Leaders at the World Bank offices in Nairobi.



Supported the signing of Performance Contracting programme.



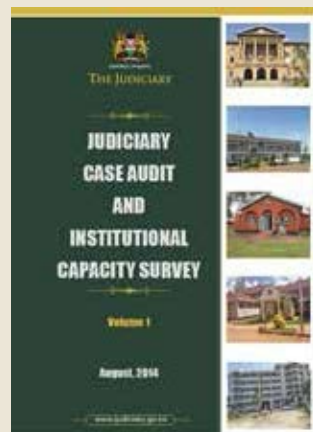
Hon. Chief Justice Dr. Willy Mutunga chairing a Project Steering Committee meeting.



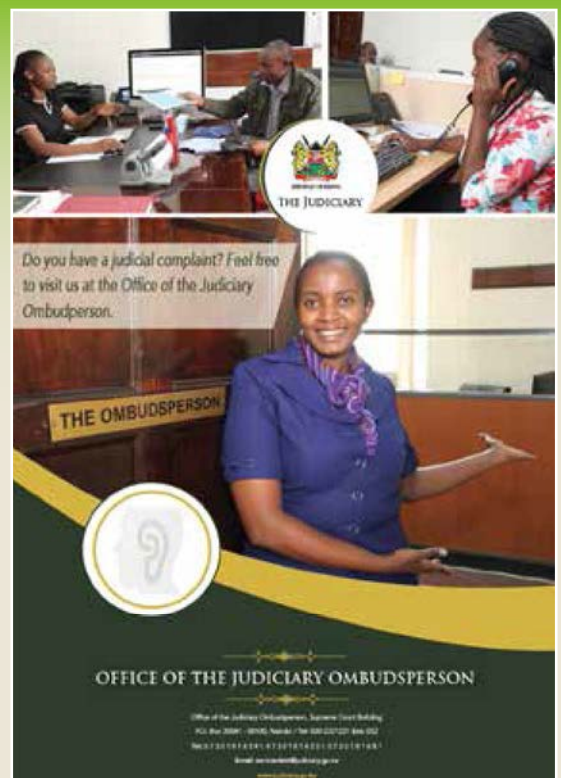
Supported Kenya Law in the acquisition and distribution of copies of the constitution to institutions and the general public.



Procured vehicles for Judiciary.



Hon. Chief Justice Dr. Willy Mutunga unveils the PMMSC Report with Hon. Justice Daniel Musinga.



IEC Materials for Office of the Ombudsman

SHARING OF BEST PRACTICES ON PROCUREMENT

The Integrated Fiduciary Agent (IFA) held a two day training on Procurement Procedures and Guidelines that aimed at sharing best practices, knowledge and capacity of procurement. It was also to prepare the procurement staff for a smooth transition of procurement

functions on JPIP activities that are being handled by IFA.

The training workshop was attended by Heads of Departments of the Judiciary, Supply Chain Management officers, members from the following committees: Judiciary Tender Committee,

Judiciary Procurement Committee, Judiciary Evaluation Committee, Inspection and Acceptance Committees, Judiciary Disposal Committees, user departments involved in procurement and Finance & Accounting officers.



Victor Yator and Edwin Makhokha following workshop proceedings.



Participants following presentation by Procurement Specialist James Okello.



Guest Lecturer Mbungu Mbuba emphasizing a point.

SAFEGUARDS ADHERED IN COURT CONSTRUCTIONS

The Judicial Performance Improvement Project (JPIP) on-going court rehabilitation and construction works are in compliance with Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) safeguards.

An Environmental and Social Safeguards Review Report undertaken by World Bank Group consultant reveals that four Judiciary courts that are being rehabilitated meet the required guidelines set out by National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA) and National Construction Authority (NCA).

The environmental and social safeguards performance review was undertaken at Chuka, Engineer, Kigumo and Molo Law Courts. The rehabilitation and construction works comprise of increasing the number of court rooms and chambers, separate holding cells for both

gender and juveniles, administration offices, and other court facilities.

The report notes that contractors have an ESMP checklist that they follow in order to comply with requisite safeguards policies. Gender inclusivity has been considered though the uptake on the side of women is low. There seems to be satisfactory adherence to occupational, health and safety standards. It was noted further that workers have been sensitized on HIV/AIDS and STDs. In situations where workers have been sourced from outside the county, sensitization sessions have been undertaken to enable them work effectively in the community. The sites have safety officers who act as first line of First Aid in cases of emergency. The report further states that there is need for continuance compliance monitoring.



Construction workers wearing safety gears.



Female workers (center) are involved in the construction works.

ICT AS AN ENABLER



Sheillah Amondi of ICT Directorate issuing out computers and laptops.

equipped with modern technology. The computers and laptops are essential working tools that are expected to assist the courts be more efficient and effective in attaining the core mandate of the Judiciary in dispensing of justice in a fair and timely manner.

The use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the judicial system contributes immensely towards (1) Access to the Law; (2) Recording of Court Proceedings; (3) Case Management and producing data for administrative purposes; (4) Storage and retrieval; (5) Continuing Education; and (6) Communication. With the use of ICT the pace of proceedings will be speeded up considerably. Cases

ought to be resolved faster, both at trial, and on appeal. Soon it will be possible to have court proceedings recorded, transcribed and delivered at the shortest possible time.



Desktops procured under JPIP to enhance efficiency in courts.

The Judiciary has received 362 computers through the Judicial Performance Improvement Project (JPIP). The Computers consisting of 190 Laptops and 172 Desktops will ensure that court stations are well

EMBRACE NEW TECHNOLOGY AND CULTURAL VALUES

Contractors have been urged to embrace new technology that would remove old habits in the Judiciary. The Kajiado High Court Judge Hon. Reuben Nyakundi called for design of courts that will incorporate modern facilities that will not stigmatize people. Hon. Reuben Nyakundi stated this during the handing over of the site to the contractors who are to build a new High Court in Kajiado County. The Hon. Judge appreciated on behalf of the Judiciary the parcel of land donated by the Kajiado County where the new court will be built. The Judge pressed upon the contractors to consider expansion and growth of the county when

designing the new High Court.

The Minister for Lands for Kajiado County, Hon. Ali Letura stated that Kajiado County was eager to assist its people get easy access to justice. With a High Court in Kajiado County, it will reduce the distance members of the public have to travel. Currently, High Court matters are being taken as far as Nairobi (75.6km), Nakuru (223.4km) or Machakos (86.8km) due to lack of a High Court in the County.

Members of the Kajiado Law Courts Court Users Committee provided valuable inputs including cultural values and traditions that should be

incorporated into the architectural design of the new court. They requested that there should be sufficient facilities, waiting areas and offices for stakeholders in the justice sector e.g police, lawyers, DPP and prison wardens.

At the handing over ceremony was Hon. Fredrick Momanyi representing the Registrar of the High Court, Director of Build Services Arch John Okello, CUC members, judicial officers and staff of Kajiado Law Court amongst others. Kajiado High Court is one of the High Courts that are to be constructed under the Judicial Performance Improvement Project (JPIP).



Hon. Judge Reuben Nyakundi (third from left) together with CUC members inspecting the parcel of land where the Kajiado High Court will be constructed.



Hon. Minister for Lands in Kajiado County Hon. Ali Letura addressing CUC members with Hon. Judge R. Nyakundi (seated right), Hon. Momanyi representing the Registrar of the High Court and the CEO Kajiado Courts.



Kajiado Law Court

ON-GOING REHABILITATION WORKS....continues from cover page.



The architect discussing the court design at Molo Court site with JPIP Project Coordinator (orange jacket) listening.



On-going rehabilitation works at Nyando Law Court.



Steel works at Nyando Law Court.



Architects discussing building design details at the Nyamira Law Court.



On-going rehabilitation works at Nyamira Law Court.



On-going rehabilitation works at Oyugis Law Court.



Construction engineer and Clerk of Works from DBS ensure quality materials are used at Oyugis court construction.



On-going rehabilitation works at Tamu Law Court.



Construction worker ensure precision of standards are adhered to at Tamu Law Court.



On-going rehabilitation works at Vihiga Law Court.



Regular site meetings to access progress on the rehabilitation works are held at construction sites.

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