

SPOTLIGHT

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2025



Working together for equitable access to
justice for all

OUR REACH IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Individuals who received assistance
via our Legal Aid Call Center.

Beneficiaries 333

Individuals assisted by our community
based paralegals.

Beneficiaries 694 (461 Women, 233 Men)

Legal officers provided legal advice to

Beneficiaries 96 (49 Women, 47 Men)

People who were sensitized by our
Community based paralegals

Beneficiaries 5647 (3170 Women, 2471 Men)

Awareness conducted by our
Community Based Paralegals reached

Beneficiaries 4350 (2596 Women, 1754 Men)

We provided legal representation to

Beneficiaries 9 (4 Women, 5 Men)

IVR Awareness reached

Beneficiaries 242 (101 Women, 141 Men)

REBUILDING HARMONY THROUGH ADR

MUKAMUSHEMA and MBERA had been in cohabitation for over a year and had a son, Aydin, born on January 30, 2019. When their relationship ended, disagreements arose about child support. Although Abunzi committee had ruled that MBERA should pay 150,000 Frw per month, he stopped doing so, leading MUKAMUKESHA to seek help from us. Through our Legal mediator, both parents agreed to meet on September 16, 2025, for mediation. The discussions, held in joint and separate sessions, focused on restoring communication and finding solutions in the best interest of their child. With our guidance and MBERA's legal advisor, the parents reached several key agreements. MBERA committed to resuming the monthly payment of 150,000 Frw directly to Mukamukesh's bank account and to paying arrears of 1,800,000 Frw in three installments by April 2027. He also gave an advance of 600,000 Frw and agreed to cover the transport cost for the child during visits. Both parents arranged a meeting at Gahanga on September 20, 2025, where their son would meet and bond with his father. Mukamukesh expressed happiness that the issue was resolved peacefully without resorting to court enforcement, while MBERA was grateful to reconnect with his son after years apart. The child, too, regained his right to parental love, care, and financial support.

PROMOTING COHABITATION THROUGH PEACE EDUCATION AND NON-VIOLENT CONFLICT RESOLUTION



PEACE DIALOGUES

From August 5 to 8, we conducted a four-day training on conflict resolution and mediation for 20 youth community-based facilitators at Mahama Refugee Camp. The training brought together participants from both the camp and the host community, equipping them with practical skills to foster dialogue and peaceful coexistence. This was implemented in partnership with GIZ-CPS.

Since 2018, the initiative has continued to strengthen community resilience and foster mutual understanding between refugees and host communities. The training equipped youth with practical skills to mediate local disputes, promote dialogue, and resolve conflicts peacefully. It also strengthened collaboration and trust between refugee and host community youth, laying the foundation for sustained peacebuilding and harmonious coexistence.

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BUILDING PEACEFUL FUTURES THROUGH AWARENESS



Students were encouraged to develop a clear vision for their future and stay committed to their goals. They were reminded, If you aspire to become a doctor, soldier, or minister, avoid alcohol, stay away from risky behavior, and focus on your studies. Do the right thing at the right time.

On September 17, in preparation for Peace Week, we joined partners in the Protection sector in Mahama to conduct an engaging awareness session at Paysannat School. Together with GIZ/CPS, we sensitized 400 students on key issues such as drug abuse, school dropout, sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), and the importance of peace.



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CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY



On September 21st, for the International Day of Peace 2025 themed "Act Now for a Peaceful World," our team celebrated in Mahama with a week of activities promoting non-violence, peace education, mental well-being, and community harmony. The celebrations emphasized peaceful coexistence, conflict resolution through dialogue, and fostering understanding between refugees and host community residents.

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PILNET AFRICA REGIONAL CONVENING IN LAGOS



The 2025 PILnet Africa Regional Convening in Lagos, Nigeria, focused on harnessing the law and lawyers' skills to address poverty, social injustice, and inequality for sustainable development. Our Executive Director joined a dynamic panel discussion, emphasizing the power of effective partnerships between civil society, lawyers, law firms, and legal organizations to drive positive change.

Promote human rights and expand civic space. He also took part in a pro bono training session, where he shared insights from Legal Aid Week an impactful initiative that we have championed together with the Ministry of Justice since 2009, aimed at enhancing access to justice for all. Such platforms reaffirm our shared commitment to building inclusive justice systems, strengthening collaboration across borders, and ensuring that no one is left behind in the pursuit of equality and dignity.

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