



Photo 1: Group photo of some of MHOLA organization members after attending their AGM in January 2022, the 1<sup>st</sup> one on the right side the Organization Chairperson and second from the left side is the Executive Director

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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>BWF</b>	Better Way Foundation
<b>CSG</b>	Community social groups
<b>ECD</b>	Early Child development
<b>GOT</b>	Government of Tanzania
<b>SGBV</b>	Sexual and Gender Based Violence
<b>H3000</b>	Horizont 3000
<b>IEC</b>	Information Education and Communication
<b>IGA</b>	Income Generating Activities
<b>Kfb</b>	Katholische Frauen bewegung (Catholic Women movement of Austria).
<b>LSF</b>	Legal Service Facility
<b>MDCC</b>	MHOLA Day Care Centre
<b>MHOLA</b>	Mamas' Hope Organization for Legal Assistance
<b>MoCLA</b>	Ministry of Constitutions and Legal affairs
<b>SDGs</b>	Sustainable Development Goals
<b>TANLAP</b>	Tanzania Network for legal Aid Providers
<b>THF</b>	Threshold Foundation (Schwelle Foundation)
<b>VICOBA</b>	Village Community Bank
<b>VSLA</b>	Village Savings and Loan Association

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The Management and staff of MHOLA understand the value of what our Clients and public offered to us. It is through them the image of MHOLA has grown up and individual staff enjoyed the blessing of meeting these clients, in some situation, their personal life improved by connecting with the Clients, since not always clients came seeking assistance but also opens doors of blessing through connections. By attending Clients also professional experience of staff, grow from time to time, and on the other hand, MHOLA visibility expands. We do appreciate their choice of working with MHOLA and promise to continue improving the quality of our services for their interest. We call upon them all to assist us improving our services delivery system by providing their recommendations through our website [www.mhola.or.tz](http://www.mhola.or.tz) or in our physical offices.

MHOLA management also extends appreciation to all staff, volunteers and interns who were part of this year's accomplishment. During tough moment a lot happens inclusive, misunderstand between the secretariat and management, when the management choose to prioritize organization agenda over staff prioritize. This could have happened in this reporting period, but we still hope for better in the future. We call upon all always to carry the organization vision, mission and values to pass through hard moment. The management promise to continue striving for conducive working environment.

Generally, we invite you all to be part of MHOLA new financial year 2022/2023 plans. Through joined effort we shall continue serving and supporting the needy. Kindly pass through our annual plan for more understanding our future plans, and always feel free to let us know how you can be our partner on achieving our plans.



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MHOLA financial year runs from October to September, as such this report covers October 2021-September 2022. In order to have a good lead four objectives were set to be achieved within this year :(a) Enhancement of women and children to understand basic fundamental rights, (b) Promote ECD in the remote area through increased household income, (c) Provision of Legal Aid and Counseling, (d) Building institutional capacity. Achieving the above objectives will mean contributing to the achievement of MHOLA strategic plan's overall goals and objectives (2019/2024). Additionally, to the above will guarantee the Wellbeing for women and children in Kagera region and improvement of Organisation structure capacity of MHOLA.

Approaches set to achieve the target included game competition, capacity building sessions to special groups, Provision of legal aid services and Day care services, Joint work and Networking, Roundtable discussion with targeted groups and decision makers, fundraising and resource mobilization. All these targeted to benefit 250,000 (60% being women) community members and 14,500 (60% being women) individual people with legal related problems and offer day care services to 40-day care students at MHOLA day care. To achieve all that MHOLA needed Tshs.1, 158,705,056/- as an alternative budget.

The path to an end was not smooth Tshs.412, 553,231.87 was raised (35.6% of the budget). Some key activities were suspended like construction of Physiotherapy building for children with special needs, Purchase of vehicle for student at Day Care Centre, Capacity building trainings, Roundtable discussion and Legal Aid joint work, financial support to women social groups, payment of statutory contributions and staff salaries. Suspension of these activities affected negatively expected results, and community trust particularly parents who had hope for services at the physiotherapy building (Rehabilitation facility).

The above challenge had also good stories behind. About 81,238 (43% being women) were reached through awareness rising. About 3,111 (60% being women) direct enjoyed the legal Aid services and at the end of the reporting period 77% cases were resolved and children 3,127 from most vulnerable families enjoyed day care services at MHOLA Day care centre. MHOLA also noted sustainability sign at community level, there is increase of engagement of community members in joint Income generating activities whereby the profit gained they use to support other vulnerable families. MHOLA also noted multiplicity of income generated from zero rate loan offered to the community social groups and their effort toward further investment. MHOLA is also proud of the referral setup among VEO, WEO, Land Tribunals, Police gender desk and District Authorities, Paralegals, CSGs, Religious leaders and MHOLA. All these are actively able to engage in addressing clients disputes including referral role to MHOLA.

End of this year is the new beginning. MHOLA is confident for the future since despite of the financial challenges yet has a capital of committed and qualified staff and members, Trustful

Clients and good Friends, Committed partners and peaceful working environment. The total target budget for the year 2022/2023 is Tshs. **1,245,671,722.67**, MHOLA invites all for the support.

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND OF MHOLA

In Tanzania the issue Gender Based Violence (GBV) is among the problem that reinforced gender inequality. The reports indicate that GBV mainly affect life of many women and girls due to societal norms and practices that discriminate against them and legal framework. Denial of right to own or enjoy access to matrimonial properties and other economic resources or lack of right to participate on decision making and political arena was among the incidents happening in the Kagera region where MHOLA operates.

Generally, the situations in question decreases woman's powers and confidence in the community economically and socially. This discrimination makes women in rural communities less potential and portrays them as a source of labour. This is potentially harmful to local community especially women and becomes worse to widows and orphans who are most vulnerable in the society due to their reduced social protection. The government of Tanzania has domesticated numerous regional and international instruments which aims at protecting women and child rights, promote gender equality and women empowerment, such as convection on the elimination of all form against women (CEDAW), Convention of the right of children, 2030 sustainable development goals and Africa we want 2063 to mention just few. However, incidences of physical violence to women are highly observed.

According to DHS the decrease of physical violence declines sharply if only an increase of education to community members about GBV will be increased. Therefore, MHOLA interventions desired contributing to the reduction of forms of GBV mainly manifesting in the hard-to-reach villages especially in the fishing communities through raising awareness on prevention of GBV and women rights as well as strengthening alternative dispute resolution institution in order to promote human rights for women and other vulnerable children.

To achieve the objectives above different approaches were employed to include increase awareness on GBV, Women rights protection and knowledge where to report violation, Provision of Legal Aid services to survivors of human rights violation and GBV, Manage documentation and report of GBV and Human right abuse cases and involvement of women, Youth and Men in IGA. This report will highlight what happened in this financial year, what were the achievements and setbacks and the reasons for it. It is divided into six parts that are Implemented activities, Success stories arose from the implemented activities, Lessons learned, Challenges and Recommendations, and lastly plans for the next financial year 2022/2023.

## 1.2 MHOLA: BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Mamas' Hope Organization for Legal Assistance, famously MHOLA is the Non- Governmental Legal Aid Organization based in Tanzania. It was first registered on **30th October, 2006** and granted certificate of registration number **14550** according to **The Societies (Application for Registration) Rules 1954 of the Tanzania laws**. In 2015 the organization complied with Non-Government Organization (NGO) registration requirements and was issued with registration number **00NGO/00008006** under the Tanzania Non-government Act. Also the organization is registered by Ministry of Constitutions and Legal affairs (MOCLA) as legal aid provider with registration number **No. LAP-2019-0005**. The headquarters of the organization are located at Muleba District while owns branch offices in the districts of Karagwe, Ngara and Bukoba Municipal within Kagera region.

### Our Vision

A health society which is free from Extreme Poverty, Gender Violence and Discrimination

### Our Mission

To empower the community through creating awareness on right and health related issues, provision of legal and psychosocial assistance to women, children and Vulnerable people who have no access to that right.

### Our Core Values

Integrity

Transparency

Team Work

Professionalism

Volunteerism

Confidentiality

Accountability

Quality service

### MHOLA GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE:

1. Organization's Members (AGM)
2. Board Members (BM)
3. Executive Council
4. Management-Secretariat

### Current Board Members:

1. Adv. Laurian Vedastus- Chairperson
2. Dr Andrew Mushi (PhD)- Member
3. Ms Leoncia Salakana - Member
4. Mosg.Fr. Dr Pius Rutechura (PhD)- Member
5. +Bishop Jackson Mushendwa- Member
6. Ms Erenestina Mpinzile- Member
7. Ms Adelina Kabakama - Member

### Current Executive Director :

Mr SAULO P. MALAURI

### Organization departments:

1. Administration and Finance department
2. Primary Health Care &Community based health Care department
4. Legal Aid Department
5. Monitoring and Evaluation Department

### Organization area of works:

1. Legal aid services
2. Promoting Early Child Development (ECD)
3. Poverty Reduction through Increasing Household Income & Climate Change

## 2.0 PLANS AND TARGETS SET IN 2021/2022

At the beginning of the year 2021/2022 financial year, MHOLA family members set goals to be achieved. The set goals support the large organization strategic plans of 2019/2024. Within it, two goals were designed:-

1. To improve the wellbeing of children and Women in Kagera region
2. Improve the organization structure capacity of MHOLA

To achieve the above goals the following were the objectives set to be achieved: -

1. Enhancement of women and children to understand basic fundamental rights
2. Provision of legal aid services including legal education
3. Promote ECD and increasing household income to the remote areas
4. Building Institution capacity of MHOLA for smooth running of planned intervention

Below the targets above at the department level sub-activities were set. These includes the following: -

1. Fundraise Tshs. 1,158,705,056/- to support the organization annual budget for the financial year 2021/2022.
2. Conduct legal education to 250,000 people from Kagera region, 60% of the people reached to be women enabling them to understand their basic human rights and ECD issues. These include Conduct 2 Capacity building sessions to 120 Decision makers and Religious leaders on Will writing, Probate administration procedures, Gender based violence and environment conservation skills: 4 roundtable discussion on Policy dialogue to set a conducive environment for legal aid provision, Land rights and child rights: Conduct mediation, legal advice, case related and court representation to 14500 individual people; 1 joint legal aid outreach session within Kagera region
3. Conduct 12 coordination meeting with likeminded organization dealing with women and children affairs to have a joint strategy on addressing women and children issues, Support 50 women groups with IGA skills and financial support
4. Conduct 12 monitoring routine and supportive supervision to MHOLA Branch Office, Paralegal Organization and Community social groups
5. Documentation and distribution of success stories, design, Produce and distribute 5000 IEC materials.
6. Provision of day care services to 40 students at MHOLA day care services 50% being children with special needs; 4 roundtable discussion on child affairs with parents to improve the wellbeing of children especially those with special needs; Support pre-primary students with school materials and fees; Celebration of Wellbeing Day and African child day: Construction of rehabilitation health Centre



7. Perform administration issues, which include Conduct Organization statutory meetings (1 AGM, 4 Board meetings, 2 Executive Council meetings, 2 staff Meetings, 12 Management meetings). Conduct Annual Organization Financial Audit; effecting staff salaries benefits/entitlements: Organize capacity-building session to MHOLA staff members; Purchase of organization equipment (Computer, vehicles, Solar systems and Construction of new buildings, maintenance and repair of the available organization assets.
  
8. The above were the key and strategic activities set to achieve the goals above within a reporting period. In order to implement them the total sum of Tshs.1.158,705,056/- was to be secured. Unfortunate due to various global challenges, which beyond management reach fundraising strategies, did not achieve such amount only Tshs. 412,553,231.87 was secured. Thereof some of the activities were left aside despite of its importance, on the other hand some unplanned activities were implemented depending with circumstances emerged within implementation period.

## 3.0 ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES PER OBJECTIVE

### 3.1: Enhancement of women and children to understand their basic fundamental rights.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES	ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION
1. Conduct legal education to 250,000 (60% being women) to raise awareness on legal related and ECD issues.	A total number of <b>81,238(46,688M, 34,550F)</b> people were reached within this reporting period. Participation on events such as Law week, International women day, MHOLA Mia Mia Cup, African child day, Albinism International Awareness day, Village Meetings and other Community social events enabled reaching the number above. Out of the number above <b>3,127</b> were children reached under legal education programme. The achievement of the general target is <b>33%</b> men and <b>43%</b> of the women targeted.
2. Conduct coordination meeting with likeminded organization dealing with women and child rights.	7 Coordination meeting were undertaken within a reporting period. Four in Muleba District and three in Bukoba District. These meetings were organized by District Community development Officers and Non-government Organization within a specific district attended, presented their implementation reports and plans for the next quarter. National and International event concerning women and child rights were

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	discussed and celebrated together, inclusive sharing of budget.
3. Conduct 2 Policy dialogue with decision makers to set conducive environment for legal aid provision, land ownership and women and child rights	The activity was not implemented due to lack of fund
4. Conduct 2 capacity building session to 120 Women leaders, Religious leaders and community/government leaders on Will writing, Probate administration procedures, gender based violence and environment conservation	Two capacity building session to 83 targeted group trained on Will writing, probate procedures, Gender based violence and Environment conservation
5. Conduct football competition (MHOLA Mia Mia Cup 2021)	MHOLA MIA MIA football league took place within a reporting period. Sixteen football teams participated from Muleba and Bukoba Districts within Kagera region. About 32 matches were played at Zimbihire football stadium in Muleba where by at the end about 56,000 (33,600Male, 22,400Female) participated. Apart from football matches also legal education was offered during half time break sessions and main topic covered was Will writing and administration of estates procedures.
6. Provision of Skills and materials to 50 Community social groups on IGA	Total number of 48 community social groups were visited and capacitated on different issues regarding IGA. Among the topics covered includes financial management, Chain of value on food production, environment conservation and women rights. Financial support and materials were not issues within a reporting period.
7. Collection and documentation of successful stories from a project area	One success story from community social groups based in Kagoma and Magata Karutanga Wards were documented and shared for public consumption through MHOLA website and video show during public events.
8. Conduct monitoring visits and follow-ups to community social groups	48 Community social groups were visited within a reporting period. Roundtable discussion on their challenges and encouraging stories were documented and shared to other groups for case studies.

9. Prepare and share situation analysis reports to the Board, Donors and government	Four quarterly reports were prepared and shared to the Board, Management and partners.

**Description of the objective achievement:** The key target group was women and children to understand their basic fundamental rights and be able to utilize and protect them. Based on statistics above only 37,677 were reached which is equivalent to 46% of the people reached. The general feedback from the community is that women and children are able to speak out and report incidents of violence, this indicates level of understanding their basic fundamental rights. Even though MHOLA is not a sole facilitator of this change but were proud to be part of this success.

**3.2 Promote ECD in the remote area and increase household income**

PLANNED ACTIVITIES	ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION
1. Provision of Day care services to 40 students (50%) being children with special needs	MHOLA Day care Centre recruited 35 <b>(17Male, 18 Female)</b> and out of them 15 students were children with special needs. Mainly nature of disability was physical. The services provided were classroom training, body physical exercise (games), food and resting. The service was between 7:30am to 4:00pm. Therefore the target achievement was 88%.
2. Construction of rehabilitation Centre	Despite importance of this structure in achieving MHOLA strategic goals of supporting children with special needs, the same was postponed due to shortage of fund to support construction.
3. Purchase of school bus to support children with physical disabilities and those residing far from MHOLA compound, but entitled for MHOLA day care services	This activity also was not implemented due to lack of fund.
4. Conduct four roundtable discussion on child affairs with parents	Three roundtable discussion was conducted. The main agenda being conducive environment for the children development while at school and home. Child safeguarding issues was also discussed and rules set to be abided by both MHOLA and parents. Apart from financial crisis the rest of the plan was smooth implemented.
5. Routine monitoring visit and supportive	Families of children attending MHOLA day care centres were visited to follow-up on child

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<p>supervision to children's home and day care centres supported by MHOLA</p>	<p>safeguarding issues and identification of children to be enrolled at MHOLA. The visit was very important to know the nature of disability the child had and special needs before enrollment. <i>In one of the visit one child was found sick but being cured with local remedies, under the financial support of MHOLA she was diagnosed at Kaigara Hospital and later referred to Bugando Referral zone Hospital in Mwanza region where she was found with cancer and part of her leg cut to avoid spread of the disease.</i></p>
<p>6. Construction of ECD- Centre, dormitory for children and Support to pre-primary students with school materials.</p>	<p>During the reporting period MHOLA supported construction of Day care Centre at Karagwe Prison compound, the centre aim providing day care services and promoting childhood development of children whose mother are serving prison sentences at Karagwe prison, the same is still undergoing construction. Through the support from Anita foundation we were able to do the finishing construction of one office and dormitories for children at MHOLA day Care Centre and give space for children to take a break after lunch. Again 15 pupils from poor families were served with school materials (uniform, exercises books and school fees).to join pre-primary school</p>
<p>7. Support of student with school materials</p>	<p>Four students were supported with school fees. These are students attending collages however from poor families</p>
<p>8. Celebration of wellbeing day</p>	<p>One session of wellbeing event was conducted and children with medical challenges were assisted to get medication.</p>
<p>9. Celebration of African child day</p>	<p>In collaboration with other institutions (Government and Non-government), MHOLA cerebration this day by offering material supports to children in needs and legal education</p>
<p>10. Payment of incentives for care takers and volunteers</p>	<p>MHOLA day care centre was served with a total of four permanent staff/volunteers, two teachers and two cooks. In between MHOLA received four interns from King Rumanyika Teachers Collage who undertook practical exercise for about four months. Incentives was</p>

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	not smoothly paid since flow of income was also not smooth. However, at the end of reporting period all incentives have been paid.
11. Prepare and share implementation reports to the Management	Monthly reports were prepared and shared to the management for decision making and compilation of other reports to be submitted to Board, Partners and government.

**Description of achievement of the objective:** With the nature of the objective targeted and activities implemented against the budget it was not easy to achieve it positively. As observed from the list above major planned activities were not implemented. We did not do much at the outside of MHOLA compound as used to be in the past due to financial crisis. It is expected that in the future more strategies to reach more beneficiaries will be set despite financial challenges.

## Objective 3: Provision of legal aid and Counseling

PLANNED ACTIVITIES	ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION
1. Provision of legal aid to 14,500 (60% being women) individual people.	MHOLA statistics indicates that only <b>3,111 (1,308Male, 1803Male)</b> individual Clients were served through legal aid provision, mediation, counseling and Court representation. At the end of reporting period 2,401 client cases were finally resolved, 293 Clients were referred to other institutions, 396 cases are still pending at MHOLA's offices for determination and 21 Clients' cases ended without solution. Out of this number 141 Clients were supported with case related costs in terms of transport, stationaries and Court fees and 607 enjoyed Court representation (Direct or drafting). (For more clarification kindly see the attached Legal aid statistics. This is 21% achievement of the general target and 58% of women targeted.
2. Conduct 3 outreach session to the district of Muleba, Karagwe and Bukoba	The activity was not implemented due to lack of fund.
3. Payment of Hotline services	The Organisation Online legal aid database was not revived due to lack of finances.



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	Hence no legal aid services provided under such project, but many people served through normal phone calls and texts through Legal Officer mobiles.
4. Conduct one joint Legal Aid outreach session in the District of Kagera region	The activity was not implemented due to lack of fund
5. Documentation of success stories	One success story of a client who enjoyed legal aid services to acquire her share of inheritance through mediation with her relatives was documented and shared for public consumption in our MHOLA website.
6. Celebration of International events like 16 days of activisms, Law Day, International Women day and African child day	Members of legal department teamed up with other legal aid providers to celebrate National and International events like 16 days of activism, International Women day, Law Day and African child day. In all these events about 6,500 individual people were reached.
7. Purchase of legal books (New amended laws and Tanzania Law reports)	The activity has been postponed due to lack of fund.
8. Design, produce and distribute of 500 IEC materials	Brochures on women rights, land ownership and Will and probate issues were designed, however fund for production not secured hence the activity postponed to the future period.
9. Conduct 12 Monitoring visit and supportive supervision to Paralegal Organisation and Community social groups	8 Monitoring and supportive supervision visit was conducted to Individual Paralegals in their respective areas and community social groups. Paralegals in the Wards of Muhutwe, Izigo, Katoke, Kagoma, Kikuku, Bureza, Magata karutanga and Kasharunga were visited, along with community social groups they work with. Groups visited are 48, among them 32 being for women only. During the visit complicated cases, administrative and

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	relationship issues with government officials were discussed and resolved. On the other hand beneficial clients' families were visited and feedback of their cases shared and observed.
10. Prepare and submit monthly and quarterly implementation report	12 Monthly, 4 quarterly, 2 Semi-annual and 1 Annual report was prepared and shared to the management for decision making and sharing for public consumption.

**Description of achievement of the objective:** The main target of the objective was to support few individuals from the community who after receiving legal education wishes to pursue cases to regain back their rights. Mainly we target people from remoteness areas. Unfortunate due to budget constraints we did not undertake outreach activities hence people in remoteness areas were not fully engaged. Majority of the reported above are those managed to follow the services at MHOLA legal aid clinics or make a phone calls/send text. Generally, the target was underperformed and very few people were reached. However, MHOLA is grateful for serving those reached and managed to resolve their cases peacefully and majority get their entled rights.

## Objective 4: Organization Sustainability:

PLANNED ACTIVITIES	ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION
1. Payment of Administrative costs and office running costs.	Administration costs paid includes staff salaries and volunteer incentives, statutory contributions, office consumables and utilities, security services costs, Bank charges, office maintenances and repair, vehicle maintenance and repair, vehicle fuel and purchase of new office equipment. The payment of all that was not smooth since cash flow was not systematic. The management was obliged review the staffing and cut some of the posts more than 10 staff was affected with the exercise. On the other hand the letters to the government authority were shared to request postponement of payment of statutory contributions in order to pay some urgent bills.
2. Provision of Covid – 19 PPE	MHOLA distributed 200 buckets, 200 boxes of surgical face mask and 400pcs of hand wash

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	soap. These were distributed to Paralegals and members of community social groups.
3. Conduct of organization statutory meetings (AGM, Board, Executive Council and staff)	The scheduled meetings were implemented, however not in provided calendar period due to financial constraints and time for all participants.
4. Traveling for missions and attending special invitations.	MHOLA received different invitations within Tanzania and outside Tanzania, some from government and some from likeminded organization or development partners. On the other hand MHOLA management also designed travel missions strategically to facilitate fundraising opportunities. On the other hand majority of invitations were opportunity for MHOLA staff/ members' capacity building. To some invitations lack of fund limited its participations, especially those required the organization to contribute some costs.
5. Resource mobilization to increase MHOLA local internal sources by 15%	Within this reporting period MHOLA established more IGA. Apart from agriculture activities, hiring of conference facilities and accommodation and professional expertise also engaged on food processing and poultry farming. To enable all that some infrastructures were set to make it more useful, infrastructures set included installation of cassava process mills, solar system and incubator for chicks' production. At least the total sum amounting to <b>Tshs.26,198,204.92</b> was raised/mobilized during the reporting period. This is more than 18% achievement of the target.
6. Conduct Audit of projects and Organization finances transactions	All finances report of MHOLA were prepared accordingly. Along with that individual donors sent their independent Auditors to Audit their specific finances. All reports recommended of financial transactions to be fair. We are yet to get the consolidated financial Audited report from the appointed Auditor by the board
7. Conduct Monitoring and supportive supervision.	2 routine monitoring and supportive supervision was conducted by the executive office to the Branch offices. Pending administrative issues were discussed and

	resolved.
8. Prepare and submit Annual report	All the required reports were submitted timely to the, government and beneficiaries.

**Other activities done during the implementation of the Project**

ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION
1. Donating to Jakaya Kikwete Islamic school	A total amount of 2,000,000 TZS was contributed to Jakaya Kikwete Islamic school. The school dormitories were burnt by fire and therefore MHOLA contributed 2 Million TZS to buy mattress. The money was handled over to the Muleba District commissioner (DC) and District executive director (DED) by MHOLA executive director.
2. Capacity building sessions on gender responsive programme, Policy dialogue, resource mobilization and peace building.	With the support from H3000 and Schwelle foundation MHOLA staff and board members were trained on different capacity building sessions on Policy dialogue skills, resource mobilization skills, research, report writing and documentation of successful stories, gender responsive programming, Taxation of charitable organization and compliance, peace building and conflict resolution and lastly orientation of new staff and members to MHOLA working guide. All the skills gained increased the staff performance.
Installation of Cassava processing Mills, purchase of incubator, construction of cassava processing mill and chicken house.	Establishment of Cassava processing Mill and Purchase of Incubator for chick production. These two activities were implemented to support resource mobilization strategies of internal sources. Cassava was cultivated, processed and flour sold and Eggs and chicken produced and sold.

**Description of achievement of the objective:** Generally the objective intends to improve capacity of MHOLA staff, set structures, financial capacity (fundraising and expenditure) as well as publicity of MHOLA. The general observation as per activities implemented above indicates that the available structures and MHOLA staff are stable. This is observed in terms of the budget planned and amount secured, which is equivalent to 40% of the achievement. Despite shortage

of fund MHOLA survived without any problem with the targeted beneficiaries, government institutions or donor partners. The situation was not smooth to staff and Management but strived to push the target ahead. On the publicity of MHOLA activities we did not do much of the outreach work, hence limited the achievement, however MHOLA image is good to the public, and this is proved by number of referrals from community members, government officers and other Non- government Organizations. On the other hand we receive many application from universities/collages calling for opportunities of internship for their students. All these proves achievement of the target.

### 4.0 GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE GOAL ACHIEVEMENT

As reported above, MHOLA had two major goals to achieve within a reporting period, these are improve the **Wellbeing for women and children in Kagera region** and **Improvement of the Organization structural capacity of MHOLA**. Based on the feedback of activities implemented above we are confidently sure that even though we did not perform the target as desired, yet something was achieved.

To begin with goal one: Improve the wellbeing for women and children. While achieving this goal we also contribute to the International sustainable development goals (SDG No: 5 which target to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. The main target of the said goal is to eliminate all forms of discrimination, harmful practices against women, enable women participate on leadership position, give women equal rights on access to economic resources and ownership, especially land to mention just few. On the other hand many studies in Tanzania indicates that despite many promising government and non-government efforts to advance women empowerment, yet rate of GBV is high. Majority of women especially from rural areas are voiceless on access of economic resources and do not free participate on leadership position. The recommendable solution for all that is to have multiple efforts from different level and more capacity building to enable women understand their rights. Again based on the number of people reached by MHOLA and individual women assisted, we are confidently sure that the goal was achieved even though at a small magnitude.

Regarding improvement of the Organization structure of MHOLA. The report above indicates that services were offered as planned. The capacity of staff in terms of delivery of their services has increased despite the financial challenges. MHOLA staff and board members received several capacity building sessions which intended to grow their professional expertise and also personal



capacities. Within a reporting period about five policies were discussed, reviewed and established on Child safeguarding Policy, Gender Policy, Resource Mobilization Policy, Environment and Climate Change, and Financial Policy. All these enabled improvement of MHOLA structures and adherence on working guides, safeguarding MHOLA asset and image. On publicity of MHOLA profile no much was done a lot of activities implemented were indoors and very few activities was shared to the public through our website and social accounts.

All in all we asses ourselves to have underperformed the target and plan to improve in the future.

## 5.0 BUDGET AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

MHOLA's budget within this financial year was Tshs.1,158,705,056 to accomplish the planned objectives. The source for such fund was expected from our esteemed donor partners, community and MHOLA. At the end of reporting period only Tshs. 412,553,231.87 was fundraised which is equivalent to 35.6% of the expectations. In reality this highly affected the implementation of the planned activities, especially those planned depending on donor's project activities. The consequences of all that was underperformance of expected results. Despite the financial challenges yet MHOLA values and generously thank Better Way Foundation, Horizont3000 (ADA +kfb), Schwelle Foundation, Anita Foundation, Amani girls, Deakonie and Dr. Helen Kijo- Bisimba for the financial support, connection to other financial opportunities, Expertise, time and guidance. We invite you all in the next financial year to continue supporting us to achieve the planned goals.

## 6.0 SUCCESS STORIES

Despite financial challenges yet we have good stories to tell: -

1. **Increase of capacity of women to understand and defend their legal rights and those of their children:** Generally, the feedback from the community and service providers indicates that women capacity on defending their rights is increasing. This proves growth on understanding of their legal rights and where to report incidents of violence. However more strategies should be invested to reach more women especially in rural areas.
2. **Community social groups involvement on addressing challenges of children from poor families and orphans.** Majority of community social groups supported by MHOLA are currently able to use part of their profit to serve children from poor families or orphans. This is a great achievement on MHOLA's intervention which at the beginning of establishing this groups apart from supporting women financially also desired to reduce dependency syndrome and community disregarding children living in very poor families.

3. **Strengthened coordination and collaboration between MHOLA, the government and other stakeholders.** In the past MHOLA hosted and covered different coordination meetings which involved different stakeholders and the government officers. Within a reporting period when financial situation was not smooth the program continues being organized by the government and costs being shared with all stakeholders. This is also a great achievement that the prior ideas of enabling all stakeholders to work in collaboration has been sustained.

On the other hand MHOLA observed a good referral system among stakeholders since they all knows who offers what and under which limitations and geographical location.

4. **Increased MHOLA capacity on raising income through internal sources.** The capacity of MHOLA has increased on raising income through established IGA. This is observed from previous report where the amount raised was small compared to the current one. This indicates that if more effort is invested in resource mobilization more income will be raised, hence reducing dependency on external sources to accomplish MHOLA goals.

## 7.0 LESSON LEARNED, CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### 7.1 LESSON LEARNED

1. The use of sport and games like the MHOLA Mia Mia Cup tournament was helpful and a good approach to reach a good number of people in a very short time. However in the future games should target women since are the most intended group to be reached.
2. There increase of incidents of murder and suicide cases which are caused by love affairs and family misunderstanding especially between husband and wife.
3. MHOLA is still the reliable referral organization to majority of Non-government Organizations and government department in legal issues, hence we should sustain the quality of services we offer to bond the trust we have in the general public.

### 7.2 CHALLENGES

1. Unfortunately, due to limited resources we cannot conduct outreach clinics for awareness creation anymore, a need for user friendly and cost effectively approach **Ignorance of law - do not know where to seek assistance in case of disputes and domestics violence (i.e. digitalization legal Aid)** to reach more people in need is only remained option for now.

2. MHOLA received several applications of children with special needs but failed to accommodate them due to lack of qualified teachers and environment set up, hence disappointment to the community.

Lack of user-friendly and conducive facilities to help children with physical disabilities, screening and counselling services to survivors,

i.e.



***We started construction of rehabilitation centre but we could not go far due to limited funds. A need for support to accomplish the construction is of paramount important to serve the children.***

3. Fuel price increase has increased the life expenses which contradict the prior financial budget prior approved partners/donors. Drop up of Tanzania currency value which result on less transfer from donors against the expectations, hence redundancy of some activities planned.
4. Limited fund to support the Organization budget has affected much smooth implementation of planned activities, hence failure to achieve the target. Soliciting new partners/donors who ready to support the sustainability strategies is of paramount important for future existence of the organization
5. Transportation means for the children who are coming to MHOLA Day Care remained to be a challenge for some of parents and care givers. A need to secure a reliable and user-friendly means of transporting children from home to the Day care and vice versa.

## 8.0 OUR FUTURE PLANS AND STRATEGIES

Our key goals for accomplishment remain to be improvement of the **Wellbeing for women and children in Kagera region** and **Improvement of the Organization structural capacity of MHOLA**. Among the challenges observed on achieving the goals above were divided into categories, those involved MHOLA and on the other side the community served by MHOLA. MHOLA plans to improve her interventions in number of ways to include the following: -

- (a) To engage in more IGA to increase the base of income from internal sources. This includes utilizing the available land by engaging on agriculture activities, improve the infrastructures to accommodate the gender needs and special needs and accommodation of more children with special needs.
- (b) Strengthening the available IGA activities such as chick production, poultry farming, food processing project by ensuring available electricity supply (i.e solar energy) and reliable water supply for irrigation.

- (c) Introduction of digitalization legal aid for the purpose of increasing access to legal services especially to the hard-to-reach areas. On the other hand engaging trained staff and paralegals on how best they can use the digitalization legal aid approach to support the community on legal aid awareness creation.
- (d) Introduction of cost sharing where parents/care giver will be obliged to contribute the running costs of day care including reliable transportation of children. This will go along with Upgrading MHOLA day care center to pre-primary and primary school to enable children who graduate at MHOLA day care centre and fail to be enrolled in pre-primary and primary due to their special needs/disabilities.
- (e) Undertake more practical mentorship on ECD programme, particularly changing the mindset of the parents and community on parenting skills and shared responsibilities.

In order to achieve the above for the financial year 2022/2023 MHOLA will be required to raise the total sum of **Tshs.1,245,671,722.67** whereby the source for income is expected from 85.74 from Partners/Donors/Friends, 14% from MHOLA Income Generating Activities, 0.26% from Community. MHOLA invite you all to join efforts for the Wellbeing for women and children in Kagera region and nearby regions development. The support can be addressed in terms of cash, materials and human skills.

### 9.0 CONCLUSION

MHOLA believes that the following areas can facilitate the organization to continue serving the vulnerable children and sustain its role of promoting ECD at the project area. *These include **Creating a conducive infrastructure to support the children with special needs, Provision of transportation facilities and psychosocial support, engaging to the income generation activities and Restructuring of MHOLA*** (staffing, Policies and upgrading hotline legal services. But on the other hand, introducing new approach of reaching people through digitalization can increase access to legal aid service with less costs from beneficiaries hence increase access to justices



# MAMAS' HOPE ORGANIZATION FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE (MHOLA)



Widows attending awareness meeting organized by MHOLA on matrimonial related and land rights related issues in Muleba district



On the left side awareness campaign on child rights and administration of estates to Ibuga Secondary school within Muleba District and on the right side legal education on rule of law and good governance in Tanzania to Village and street executive officers



Two photos from left side are for MHOLA members attending meeting and visiting resource mobilization projects and on the right side is MHOLA staff attending annual staff meeting. All meetings took place at MHOLA headquarters.



# MAMAS' HOPE ORGANIZATION FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE (MHOLA)



MHOLA staff participating on matching activity during celebration of 2022 Law Day and light side the newly constructed building by MHOLA for day care in Biharamulo which will serve more than 250 children who have nowhere to enjoy their right to education.



Cassava and maize plantation activities at MHOLA compound as part of Income Generating Activities