

Mlinzi wa Haki Newsletter April - June

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From the Empowerment and Accountability Desk

Dear esteemed readers

Greetings from the Legal and Human Right Center

It's another exciting Mlinzi wa Haki Newsletter (Second Quarter, 2021). I am here to welcome you all on board to explore the LHRC programs in an unwavering mission to ensure every person enjoys the existence of a just and equitable society.

The center impressed with the launching of Tanzania's 2020 Human Rights Report which was a compiled report of the entire year 2020. The report was prepared with our intellectual team and succeeded to cover every aspect of human development.

In this issue, we'll look at different eight (8) training workshops for our social workers, paralegals, and people with disabilities (PWDs). The paralegal training took place in Dodoma, Mwanza, and Dar es Salaam, while the PWDs training took place in Musoma, and the social workers training took place in Arusha, Mbeya, Kigoma, and Mwanza.

We had the privilege to organize and facilitate a workshop training for 94 women members of parliament in Dodoma with the objective to influence the needs and priorities of women, children, and PWDs into national policies, plans and budget with Tanzania women parliamentarians.

The ambition to reach all is never overlooked. We were successful in engaging the media, notably through our social media pages, Haki tv channel, radio stations, and television programs. I'd like to express my gratitude to everyone for their extraordinary efforts in achieving these goals.

Finally, in terms of governance, we were successful in monitoring the Kigoma by-elections in the Buhigwe and Muhambwe seats and preparing the consolidated report that was presented to the NEC.

I invite you to read, enjoy and share the Mlinzi wa Haki Newsletter with your colleagues.

**Warm Regards,
Felista Mauya
Director of Empowerment and Accountability**

Human Rights for all

Everyday, we get committed to our resources to build a just and equitable society in which everyone can have equal access to justice. For a couple of years, we have been working tirelessly to produce human reports, our reports have proven to be a useful instrument in our quest for the society we seek.

As our commitment to quality human rights reports, we have been consulting civic space experts, conducting surveys to human rights monitors, analyzing local and international reports on Tanzania's Human rights situation, and monitoring traditional and digital media.

The 9th of April 2021 went down in history by the launching of the 2020 Human Rights Report. The report entailed aspects on mob violence, witchcraft and gender related killings, violence against children, the death penalty, restrictive laws and amendments, arbitrary arrests and detention, human trafficking and violation of the right to presumption of innocence.



"The Human Rights 2020 Report has 7 chapters and every year we have a call or assessment. This year's theme is a threat to Covid-19's impact in different groups particularly women and young girls"

Adv. Anna Henga
LHRC-Executive Director



The top 5 most violated human rights revealed were,



The right to life



Freedom from violence



Freedom of expression



Right to liberty and personal security

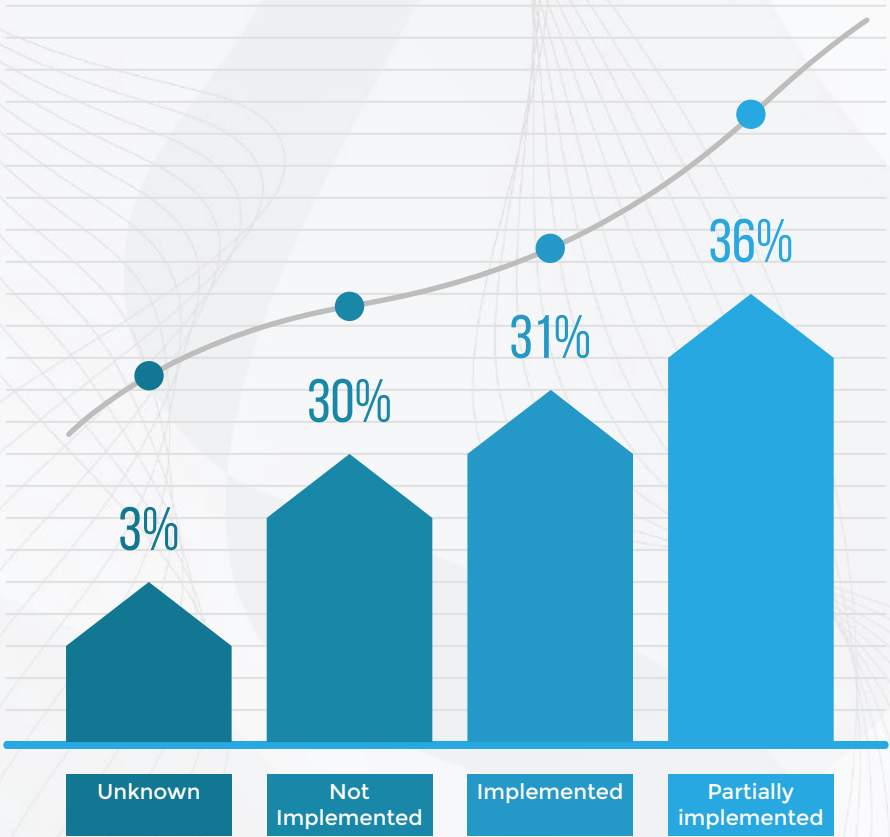


Freedom of assembly and association

The report launch event reached more than 8 million people across our social media platforms.

LHRC believes there is much to be done to end all forms of violence on human rights, especially to the most vulnerable groups. To safeguard fundamental human rights, enhance social justice, and achieve sustainable development goals (SDGs), we call upon the Government and other actors to fully implement recommendations that are not implemented and those which are partially implemented.

Status of implementation of Tanzania Human Right Reports 2015 to 2019 recommendations



However, the COVID-19 pandemic has uniquely impacted the human rights space in our communities. currently, LHRC is innovating the most relevant solutions to reach as many people as never before. We encourage each one of you to join this historical movement by engaging in our social media accounts through the #AminiaUsawa hashtag and let the journey begin!!!!.



Adv. Anna Henga, LHRC Executive Director (center), together with Felista Mauya, Director of Empowerment and Accountability (right), and Mr. Fundikila Wazambi, The Senior Program Officer-Research during the official launching of the Human Rights Report 2020.

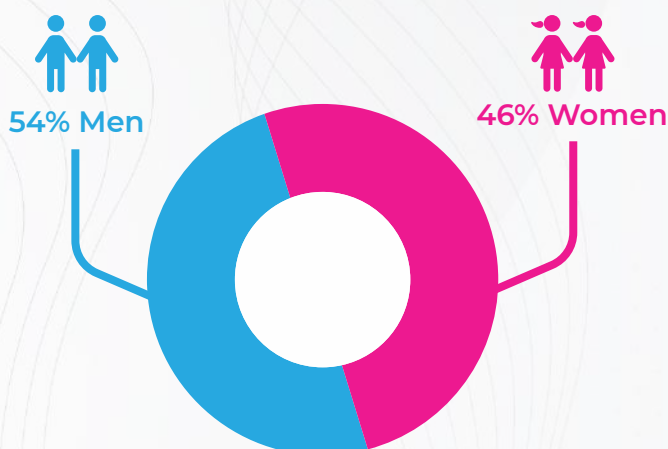


Skilling Paralegals and Social Workers for a brighter future

To become a just and equitable society is a never-ending process, requires a series of initiatives, persistence and perseverance. Since its inception, The Legal and Human Rights Center (LHRC) anticipated this, and as a result, we invest major resources to ensure that our staff, social workers and paralegals receive work-related-basic skills throughout the country.

In compliance with the Legal Aid Act of 2017 and the Legal Aid Regulations of 2018, LHRC successfully trained more than 134 paralegals from April to June 2021.

The training marathon began in Dodoma, gained steam in Mwanza, and culminated in Dar es salaam. Paralegals from seven zones attended the program, including the Central Zone, the Southern Zone, the Northern Zone, the Eastern Zone, the Southern Highlands Zone, and the Coastal Zone.



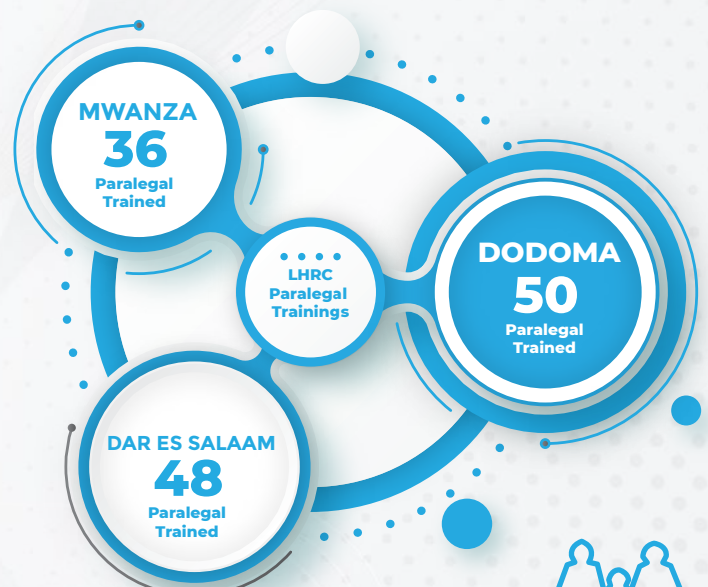
The training programs for both regions were predominantly focused on three main goals, to build a pool of paralegals who are fully registered in accordance with applicable law. To provide critical information to paralegals in order for them to comply with registration requirements. Finally, to educate paralegals on their responsibilities as service providers under the 2017 Legal Aid Act.

In Dodoma we successful train 50 paralegals from 12 units of Kiteto, Babati, Hanang, Simanjiro, Loliondo, Mvomero, Kilosa, Mbulu, Mbinga, Nyasa, Ludewa, and Singida. On April 22nd and 23rd, 2021, at the Nashera Hotel.

Nonetheless, on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th April 2021, training was shifted to Mwanza Gold Crest Hotel, where 36 paralegals from Tarime, Serengeti, Geita, Ukerewe, Maswa, Bariadi, Meatu, Kahama, and Shinyanga attended the training session.

Eventually, 48 paralegals from 12 units in Temeke, Ilala, Tunduru, Namtumbo, Songea rural, Mtwara DC, Mtwara rural, Newala, Tandahimba, Masasi, Nanyumbu and Makete were convened in Dar Es Salaam on Tuesday 25th and 26th May, 2021 at the Seashells Hotel.

We believe that this six day series of training at Dodoma, Mwanza and Dar es salaam is not the end, LHRC will continue to provide such training on an as-needed basis for our staff, social workers, and paralegals who serve as the front line in the never-ending war for a just and equitable society in Tanzania.



The social welfare training began on April 20th and 23rd in Arusha, then went to Mwanza on April 27th and 30th, then Kigoma on May 4th and 7th, and finally Mbeya on May 18th and 21st in 2021.

The LHRC trained a total of 153 social welfare officers in Arusha, Mwanza, Kigoma, and Mbeya; social welfare officers came from 104 different district councils and 24 different regional offices, representing 24 distinct regions. The session included 81 women SWO and 72 men, as well as one participant with a Bumbuli impairment.

The analysis revealed that social workers lacked knowledge in areas such as human rights, gender, PWD services, and juvenile rules, but soon after the training, we all saw a 32 percent improvement in knowledge compared to the pre-testing assessment.

The 16 days of Social welfare training was facilitated by Mr Fulgence Massawe, LHRC Director of Advocacy and Reforms, Mr Victoria Nongwa from Tanzania Judiciary, Mr Jones Tarimo from Ministry of Health, Amina Msaki and Zainabu Kitende from President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government Tanzania (PO-RALG)

“I just heard that the Law of the Child has been amended in 2019 but have never seen it, and even if I would not have understood much since I am not a lawyer. With this training I have understood more about my roles as SWO in protecting children under the LAW, also I have understood about the new amendments and how crucial they are to me. It is a new beginning with which I believe will assist us in incorporating what we have learnt into our activities”



FaithMary Lukindo
SWO Mwanza

LHRC Social welfare training



16 Training Days 16



6 Trainers



4 Regions



72



81

6 Objectives of the Social welfare training

To increase knowledge on the role of Social Welfare in protection of women children and PWDs

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To increase knowledge on Human Rights and GBV

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To empower SWO on the Vulnerable children Management Reporting system

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To increase knowledge on laws, policies, guidelines and rules protecting women, children and PWDs,

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To empower SWO on Post violence services for children , PWDs and Women

5

To discuss on legal and policy and practical challenges facing SWO in the protection of women Children and PWDs



Capacitating Women of the National Assembly

Parliamentarians play a critical oversight role for policy development and administration of a country. The contribution of women in parliamentary decision making processes is very much needed in the development of the community and the nation at large. Over the years, women parliamentarians have therefore played a significant role in ensuring that implementations of laws and policies are passed by the government and the state.

In regard to this, the Legal Human Rights Center with a special request from the Executive Committee members of Tanzania Women Parliamentarian Group (TWPG) on 6th June 2021 organized and facilitated a training session to 94 women parliamentarians at Pius Msekwa Hall in Dodoma. In attendance were also 42 parliamentarian staff and 11 journalists.

Workshop objectives

01

To influence the needs and priorities of women, children, and people with disabilities into national policies, plans and budget with Tanzania women parliamentarians

02

To empower women MPs with leadership skills and knowledge so that they can be more effective in engaging in their roles as policy makers.

03

To increase knowledge and skills of women parliamentarians in identifying and analysing policy issues for marginalized groups particularly women, children and people with disabilities (PWDs).

04

To increase solidarity for women parliamentarians on raising and influencing women agenda and empowering female parliamentarians on how best to represent themselves in parliament.

The training was graced and facilitated by the Hon.Tulia Ackson, the Deputy Speaker of the parliament, the late Dr. Anna Mghwira, Advocate Fulgence Masawe who represented the LHRC's Executive Director and Hon. Ms.Shally Raimon, chairperson of the Tanzania Women Parliament Group (TWPG) and special seat Kilimanjaro.

During her speech, Hon. Dr. Tulia Ackson urged the women parliamentarians to uphold moral standards at the workplace when relating to their male counterparts so as to maintain their dignity. She also emphasized on punctuality of arrival to parliament sessions, discipline, grooming and hygiene matters for a respectable parliamentary woman.

Also, Hon. Ms. Shally Raimon extended her sincere gratitude to the LHRC for the workshop and the human rights report that was presented and expressed how much she was looking forward to more workshops in the future.

The workshop played a very significant role in bringing together women MPs who came to an agreement encouraging more of the training sessions to be held in future, abolish party ideologies, stimulating uniformity in decision making and a discussion on a way forward concerning the negative perception on the parliamentary motion of girls dropping out from school due to early pregnancies.

As a whole, bringing together top women leaders to discuss issues that are of much concern to not only them but also the nation at large was a notable milestone putting in consideration the turnout of women MPs was quite high contrary to our expectations.

We are delighted to have facilitated the training implementing the LHRC's strategic objective 4; *To improve the legal and policy frameworks governing specific rights of women, children and People with Disabilities (PWDs)* that were met and we look forward to organizing similar workshops in the near future.



“Congratulations to the presenters (LHRC) Deputy Speaker and Dr. Anna Mghwira in all 10 years I have been in Parliament I have never been called to a seminar like this to guide me on how to behave when I am in Parliament. This seminar is important and very good. After this seminar I will have to change my routine of ever being in Parliament. This seminar has helped to remind me of my responsibility. I am among the MPs who are late in parliament because of having a young child who needs my care. But I will have to reschedule my time.”

MP Participant



Facilitators and the coordinator of the workshop. From left is Dr. Anna Mghwira while presenting a topic on women leadership and roles of Women Parliamentarians, the second is Dr. Tulia Akson and Ms. Shally Raimon, the chairperson for the Tanzania Women Parliamentarian Group



Disability is NOT inability

It is known that disability is not synonymous with incapacity; In that belief the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) capacitated 151 persons with disability (PWDs) from 7th to 9th June 2021 at Afrilux hotel in Mara region. The workshop was graced by Mara Regional Commissioner Hon. Eng. Robert Gabriel Luhumbi.



Mara Regional Commissioner Hon. Eng. Robert G. Luhumbi received the Human Rights 2020 -Report from the LHRC team

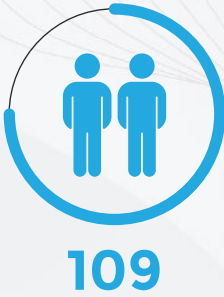
“Let us remember that people with disabilities are people like us. They have all the rights that people without disabilities have. They are righteous before men and before God, let us take this opportunity to restore their great honor.

Hon. Eng. Robert G.Luhumbi



The training brought together 109 male and 42 females, a 9 percent increase over the first quarter of 2021, indicating an increase in PWDs related

knowledge and access to information among PWDs seeking legal aid services.



The workshop's goal was to strengthen the capacity of PWDs Committee members at the Regional level on their understanding of their roles, responsibilities as well as Legal Rights and obligations in order to be able to effectively address the needs and priorities of the PWDs at various levels in Mara region.

The workshop went one step further and provided participants with the opportunity to discuss various issues confronting PWDs in the region, and they were able to identify stigma and discrimination, a lack of access to health services due to the frequent humiliation by health providers, and the infrastructure of health centers posing obstacles to their reach.

The workshop's success in the Mara region has given the LHRC confidence to expand reach to other regions. We are ready to collaborate with other stakeholders to pool resources, experience, and vision to advocate for PWDs rights in Tanzania.

The more you can accept and love others for who they are, the more you can learn to love yourself without needing anything in return.



The joint picture of the attendees of LHRC Capacity Building Workshop. The workshop was held at Afrilux hotel Musoma from 7th to 9th June 2021

Topics Covered

01

Situational Analysis of PWDs

02

Laws Governing PWDs Issues

03

Human Rights And The Rights For PWDs

04

The PWDs Act No.9 Of 2010

05

The roles and Responsibilities of the Regional Committee

06

Service provision for PWDs

Meeting the Publics' need for Human Rights knowledge



Reaching the public in large numbers has never been an easy task, most so if traditional methods of communication are used. When an individual or an organization desires to make public announcements and achieve massive engagement from the public through constant dialogues and feedback, they are forced to look outside physical meetups and customary methods. Modern means of communication therefore come into play.

For this reason, the Legal Human Rights Center, in the pursuit of achieving our strategic objective one, public empowerment through knowledge and awareness, has consistently made an effort to engage with key players, stakeholders, clients, and the broader community through constant release of a compilation of various human rights agendas and activities via social media platforms, community radios, televisions, press statements and public announcements.

To begin, in the course of April to June, through our social media platforms, was an onset of two massive campaigns coined #AminiaUsawa and #ElimuyaKatiba. The campaign was very successful via our social media platforms including facebook, instagram and twitter (@humanrightstz). The campaigns went viral reaching over 36,700 impressions and about 2000 views which was indeed an incredible milestone.

Nevertheless, apart from the social media effort, the LHRC continues to work tirelessly with media outlets. With flying colours we managed to disseminate 107 programs of which 11jue Sheria programs on Star TV were on gender, children, persons with disabilities (PWDs), governance,

human rights school clubs, women and children's rights, land ownership, the constitution and the national budget.

If you happen to miss it,

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MASSIVE CAMPAIGNS LAUNCHED

#AminiaUsawa and
#ElimuyaKatiba.
#SHELEADING

3%

INCREASE HAKI TV VIEWERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

An increase from 3,760 to 3,850
from the airing of 32 programs

15

PRESS RELEASES

On human rights activists, killings
of innocent people and
condemning/commending
government actions.

107

PROGRAMS DISSEMINATED

12 IJUE SHERIA PROGRAMS
ON STAR TV

95 MLINZI WA HAKI PROGRAMS VIA
COMMUNITY RADIOS

Also 95 Mlinzi wa Haki on community radios that included topic discussions on GBV, children and land, rights and property ownership. Haki TV viewership and subscriber count saw an increase from 3,760 to 3,850 from the airing of 32 programs with the majority of that gain from President Samia Suluhus' visit to Mwanza, which was live-streamed.

Issuing corporate publications also served as a great medium for the compilation of our activities. The 15 press releases were released on human rights violations to journalists and human rights activists, killings of innocent people and condemning/commending government actions.

Overall, the LHRC is glad to work with the public to advance human rights and to address

contemporary human rights challenges. We are also delighted that the dissemination of human rights knowledge via social media, community radios and TV, public announcements and press releases has increased public awareness of human rights and sparked widespread engagement, discussions, and action. This is an excellent starting point for continuing to advance the agenda for a just and equitable society.



*Adv Joseph Oleshangai
(LHR Program Officer) at
Dodoma FM talking about the
need for New Constitution.*

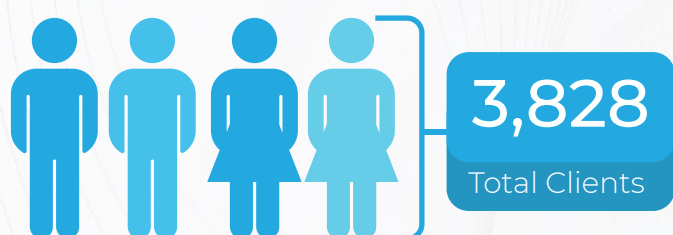
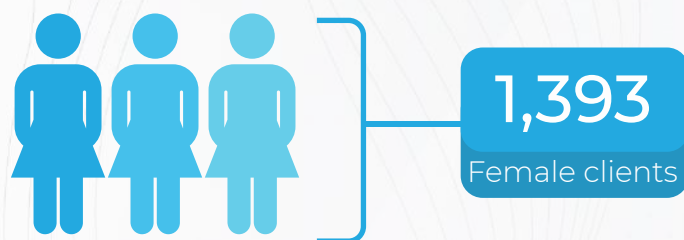
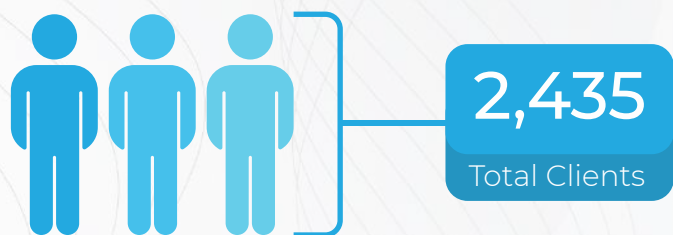




Legal Aid Desk

Do you know that access to justice is a necessary component of the rule of law? It guarantees justice in cases of human rights violations. The Legal and Human Rights Center is aware of this and has been providing free legal aid to underprivileged citizens through our legal aid clinics in Kinondoni, Dodoma, and Arusha.

In the course of April to June we supported 3,828 clients whereby 2,435 are Male clients and 1,393 are Female clients. This equals 76 percent of the quarterly target, a 12 percent increase from the first quarter of 2021. Women accounted for 36% of legal aid beneficiaries, while males accounted for 64%; the ratio between the two has remained nearly constant in the first half of the year.



76% Equivalent to
quarter target

In relation to this, a total of 479 clients (240 males and 239 females) whose cases were/are pending in courts/tribunals were supported. Clients were advised on how to approach various issues before the courts/Tribunals. The majority of empowerment occurred in accordance with the nature of the client's case and the legal basis for the case in court, and strengthened the client's ability to defend their access to justice cases.

Furthermore, we managed to draft 788(487 Male,301 Female) documents for clients' cases. The documents were filed in various Courts/Tribunals and administrative authorities, since not all cases are taken to courts/tribunals others are fit for amicable determination, therefore 34(16 male,18 female) reconciliations were amicably settled.

Additionally, we followed up on 671 client issues (458 male, 213 female) at Courts and Tribunals to ascertain the status of the matters in order to provide proper advice and legal action.

Likewise, we represented 161 (86 male, 80 female) clients in Courts/Tribunals, the majority of whom were considered vulnerable and in need of support. To strengthen our customers' competence on a variety of issues pertaining to their situations, we gave 2,683 (1633 male, 1050 female) self-help kits.



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Haki TV

Kwa Jamii yenye Haki na Usawa





Each picture conveys a message



On the 9th April 2021, LHRC launched the 2020 Human Rights Report at the LHRC Head Offices Kijitonyama, Dar es Salaam. Issues discussed were: sexual corruption at higher education institutions, freedom of expression, assassinations as a result of citizens taking the legal into their own hands, and brutality against children.



On 22nd-23rd April 2021, at Nashera Hotel, the LHRC offered training to more than 50 paralegals from 12 units of Kiteto, Babati, Hanang, Simanjiro, Loliondo, Mvomero, Kilosa, Mbulu, Mbinga, Nyasa, Ludewa, and Singida attended.



On the 31st May 2021, during an open discussion, Citizens contributed and shared their perspectives on the constitution. The debate session that was broadcasted live on youtube with the title our constitution had the goal of providing education on the constitution.



On the 5th June 2021, Adv Anna Henga, LHRC Executive Director (left picture) at the National Institute of Transport (NIT) was part of the LHRC team that provided leadership training for girls from various colleges and secondary schools across the country.



On the 12th June 2021, the LHRC, in collaboration with the Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner's Office and the Tanzania Albinism Association (TAS), organized a special Symposium at Karimjee Hall in Dar es Salaam to discuss various challenges that people with albinism face in Tanzania, such as violence, abuse, and cancer.

On the 11th June 2021, Members of the Jangwani Secondary School Human Rights Club paid a visit to the Legal and Human Rights Center's headquarters in Kijitonyama, Dar es Salaam, to learn about human rights issues.



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