



*"Making legal services accessible,  
affordable and reliable"*



### **MicroJustice4All**

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# 20 years Microjustice4All

Over the past twenty years, Microjustice4All (MJ4All) has been developing a legal service provision methodology in Europe, South America and Africa for increasing legal inclusion in the context of humanitarian crises and global development, and has worked to legally empower the poorest and most marginalized people around the world.

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(a) the provision of standardized legal services to (b) marginalized target groups (c) with a view to their social, economic and political inclusion in society in the country where they live,

(d) while undertaking bottom-up institutional reform and capacity-building to increase access to justice, and building bridges between the people and their government/administration,

(e) financed in a cost-efficient and sustainable way, which can be scaled-up.

At MJ4All, our concept of legal inclusion is focused on the practicalities of everyday life. Our aim is to ensure that basic legal needs are satisfied to help provide individuals with legal protection and access to entitlements such as public services, benefits and amenities. In particular, MJ4All focuses on non-litigious private and administrative legal matters that are fundamental for legal inclusion:

- **Civil documents:** birth certificates and other documents relating to personal identity which enable access to education, health services, social benefits, microfinance and exercising voting rights;
- **Documents relating to property and housing:** property registration, documents relating to property transfer and rental issues which are vital to legal protection and access to finance;
- **Documents and issues relating to income-generating activities:** setting up businesses, co-operatives and other legal entities, contracts and basic labor issues;
- **Documents and issues relating to the above in family law and inheritance matters;** and
- **Documents and issues relevant to the specific geographic context,** for example, post-conflict, natural disasters, refugee crises and environmental issues.

## Our impact

MJ4All contributes towards a peaceful and inclusive society in which the vulnerable and marginalized groups -migrants, refugees, women and indigenous communities– have increased access to justice and enjoy full socio-economic and political opportunities. Until May 31, 2017, we provided more than 335,813 individual consultations, trained 5,685 local leaders, resolved more than 119,039 legal cases, had over 344,868 beneficiaries from legal solutions, and reached over 84,708 people with awareness campaigns in six countries across three continents. As a result, lives have improved, elderly people have drawn pensions, women and children have been able to access education and social protection, homes have been registered, lands inherited, businesses set up and laws and procedures simplified.



## Global Legal Inclusion Program (GLIP) & UN Global Goal 16

The purpose of the GLIP is to implement UN Global Goal for Sustainable Development 16. The GLIP is built on two pillars: The Global Legal Inclusion Mapping (GLIM) and the Legal Empowerment Program (LEP). Our new strategy is to identify where legal empowerment interventions are needed, for which groups and in relation to which rights. The GLIM analyzes and maps Legal Inclusion: who is legally excluded, why and what is required to change this. The GLIM approaches the issue of legal inclusion from the perspective of the individual person; bottom-up, rather than top-down. The GLIM thus serves the following two intermediate objectives:

- 1) It facilitates the formulation and funding of Legal Empowerment Programs by making legal inclusion tangible, measurable and actionable;

2) It provides the basis for priority setting on how to improve the legal and administrative system of a country to enhance the legal inclusion of all its inhabitants.

The achievement of these two intermediate objectives paves the way for the implementation of country tailored Legal Empowerment Programs to enhance legal inclusion. For this purpose, MJ4All has developed a training program with handbooks and toolkits, aimed at Training-the Trainers to enhance legal inclusion.

## **Coalition for the Global Legal Inclusion Program**

MJ4All is starting to bring together a Coalition for the implementation of the GLIP with the objective of working together both on the development of the Legal Inclusion Mapping, as well as on the implementation of the outcomes of this mapping, enhancing the legal inclusion of the identified excluded groups.

The Coalition will include a range of different institutions. In particular, we are looking for global coalition partners in the following areas:

- 1) Policy makers and funding organizations
- 2) Research institutes; universities; statistical agencies
- 3) Humanitarian and development agencies
- 4) Lawyers, legal and/or human rights organizations
- 5) Experts in public communication/lobbying/advocacy

## **MJ4All Training & Advice Services**

As part of the GLIP, MJ4All provides its handbooks and toolkits to humanitarian and development organizations, which aim to integrate legal services provision into their core activities. In addition to this, MJ4All offers training and advice services to these organizations to set up tailor-made legal empowerment programs adapted to the specific context they operate in.

## **If you are interested, please contact us!**

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