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2017 – a milestone year for making the law accessible to all



The LAC office in Windhoek



Introduction to the LAC

VISION

Namibia is a human-rights-based democracy founded on equality, justice and dignity.

MISSION

We, the Legal Assistance Centre, being a public interest law centre, collectively strive to make the law accessible to those with the least access, through education, law reform, research, litigation, legal advice, representation and lobbying, with the ultimate aim of creating and maintaining a human rights culture in Namibia.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

The Legal Assistance Centre (LAC) carries out its mission through three main activities:

1. Legal advice and litigation
2. Education and training
3. Research, advocacy and lobbying

These activities are carried out through three major units:

1. **Land, Environment and Development Project (LEAD)** – works specifically on land, environment and rural community empowerment issues.
2. **Social Justice Project (SJP)** – works directly to fight human rights violations, mainly through litigation.
3. **Gender, Research and Advocacy Project (GR&AP)** – works to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women through legal research, law reform and related advocacy work.

MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE THREE LAC UNITS

Social Justice Project (SJP)	Gender Research and Advocacy Project (GR&AP)	Land, Environment and Development Project (LEAD)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human rights and constitutional test case (impact) litigation, particularly in relation to socio-economic rights (i.e. the right to health) Human rights educational materials Legal advice Training of candidate legal practitioners Training of government officials and law enforcement agents Training for key populations, correctional services and health service providers on "HIV and the Law". 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender research for law reform and public debate Advocacy and lobbying for law reform Educational materials on family law issues with a particular focus on issues that affect women and children Education and training for communities and policy-makers on legal issues related to gender 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test case litigation on land disputes and access to land rights Legal assistance to conservancies and community-based organisations Focus on Wildlife Crime Community dispute resolution Research and policy formulation on land rights Education and training on land rights and land administration

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Toni Hancox, LAC Director



Director's Foreword

In 2017, the Legal Assistance Centre (LAC) continued its focus on the following four areas – as per our strategic planning resolution in 2015 to address these areas within the following three to five years:

1. **Inequality** – incorporating issues of discrimination, marginalised communities, LGBTI, HIV, gender, children, disabilities and inheritance.
2. **Socio-Economic Rights** – with particular emphasis on health, education, water and sanitation, and also incorporating issues of disabilities, land, environment and poverty.
3. **Rule of Law / Access to Justice** – incorporating issues of public education, police brutality, due process, *Namlex*, *Law Reports*, governance, watchdog role, court process, elections and litigation.
4. **Emerging Rights** – to allow us to respond to topical issues quickly.

The overlapping of the four focal areas indicates the LAC's belief that all human rights are inter-dependent and should not be dealt with in separate packages.

It was Mary Robinson, the then UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, who said that “absolute poverty is the worst human rights problem in the world”. I agree. Poverty underlines each and every human rights abuse dealt with at the LAC. How can people live a life of dignity if they cannot feed or house their children, or provide them with a worthwhile education and effective healthcare? It is with great concern that I must add that after 17 years at the LAC, I cannot emphatically say that a lot has improved in the human rights arena. It is cold comfort to know that if the LAC were not here, the situation would have been much worse. We continue to fight our battle, alongside our partners, to bring about a life of dignity for all in Namibia. The time has come for all role players to stand together and to realise that it is our right to demand a better future. Let our children not see us as the generation that was passive in the face of inequality.

On another note, we bid farewell to three of our trustees. Elize Angula, Bisey Uirab and Nico Kaiyamo have served the LAC well. We thank them for their years of commitment and tireless support of the Centre's work.



The trustees of the Human Rights Trust which oversees the LAC's work. From left: Tangeni Amupadhi, Clement Daniels, Elize Angula, Norman Tjombe, Toni Hancox, Nico Kaiyamo and Esi Schimming-Chase. (Bisey Uirab was unable to be present on this occasion.)

This report is not an exhaustive document detailing all of the LAC activities in the period under review, but rather it is intended to provide an overview of the organisation's work in 2017. More information on any topic can be provided on request.



The launch of the Namlex and Annotated Statutes databases, LAC office, 6 December 2017. Speakers included Honourable Chief Justice Peter Shivute, Honourable Attorney-General Sackey Shanghala, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice Gladice Pickering and Dianne Hubbard, LAC. Complimentary memory sticks containing the three databases were given to key stakeholders who attended the launch.

Making Namibian law more accessible to the public

In December 2017, the LAC launched three databases aimed at making Namibian law more accessible to the public:

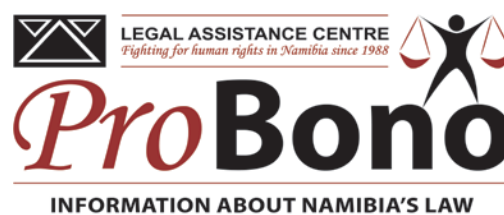
Namlex Update 2017: Namlex is a document which contains **a detailed description of every statute in force in Namibia**, with Wikipedia-like entries which give a summary of the statute and citations to regulations, rules, notices, cases and commentary about each statute. The current update brings this document up to mid-November 2017. GR&AP is presently training the **Namlex Update Team**, a group of young government lawyers, in how to prepare future updates to ensure the sustainability of Namlex.

Namlex Appendix 2017: This document is an **index of all the multilateral treaties which are binding on Namibia**. These treaties form part of the law of Namibia, but up to now there was no publicly-available list of the treaties in force. The Namlex Appendix provides an entry for each treaty with a short description, information about how the treaty became binding on Namibia and the date on which this took place. Other entries give information about treaties which Namibia has signed but not yet ratified. This project has been conducted in cooperation with the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation, and is up to date through 23 November 2017.

Annotated laws update: The annotated laws provide **the actual text of a statute or regulation as it stands today**. Several years ago, the LAC was commissioned by the Parliamentary Support Project to prepare annotated statutes and post-Independence regulations, which were made available on the Parliament and LAC websites. In 2017 The LAC updated this database to make it current to mid-November 2017.

In 2017, the LAC launched a **newspaper column called “ProBono”**, which appears monthly in *The Namibian*. The topics covered in the 14 ProBono columns of 2017 were:

- 1) Pro bono (volunteer) work by legal practitioners
- 2) Compensation for crimes
- 3) Public demonstrations
- 4) Rape and disability
- 5) Learner pregnancy – prevention
- 6) Learner pregnancy – management
- 7) Police searches
- 8) Abortion after rape
- 9) Corporal punishment in private schools
- 10) Penalties for poaching
- 11) Marital property and “Red Line” marriages
- 12) Prescription (the time limit for bringing a legal action)
- 13) Children’s right to claim maintenance
- 14) Will-writing.



In the introduction to each column, the public is invited to submit comments or proposals for future topics. The published columns are available from the website of *The Namibian*: www.namibian.com.na. (You can find the entire series by entering the term “ProBono” in the “archive search” section.)



Social Justice Project (SJP)

The SJP focuses on **socio-economic rights** (such as the right to access health, property, clean water and sanitation), mainly of poor communities, vulnerable groups and minors. The SJP is the LAC's litigation vehicle, and the bulk of its work relates to court litigation. Here we highlight three far-reaching matters dealt with in 2017.



SJP training sessions

Defending a family from eviction

This matter was referred to the LAC by the Office of the Ombudsman. Our client was a family of six including a newborn baby. In 2016, the head of the household was served with a summons seeking to evict him from a certain plot in the Havana area in Katutura (Windhoek). The plaintiff claimed that she had “inherited” the plot from her late mother who passed away in 2006. On this basis she sought to evict our client from the land. The magistrate granted the plaintiff default judgment which enabled her to evict the defendant and his family from the property. For some reason the defendant never entered appearance to defend.

We decided to take on this matter for two reasons: Firstly, we felt that the magistrates' courts rules need to be revamped as a matter of urgency to give magistrates the power to refuse granting judgment by default where the plaintiff has not made out a case. Secondly, this matter involved a legal practitioner (and member of the Law Society) issuing summons without applying his mind to the matter. The summons relied heavily on an inheritance issue, which issue was never pleaded in the papers. It is very concerning that at least one lawyer practising in our courts is not sufficiently informed about our laws of inheritance.

After our intervention, the default judgment was rescinded and the client is now defending the case with our assistance.

Seeking justice for victims of medical negligence

The SJP has been dealing with 7 cases of infant death caused by vaccinations being administered without proper assessment. All of these cases have been placed before court. It appears that the Government is reluctant to settle any of them, therefore the SJP might take these cases to trial, in the hope of setting some precedents in respect of State-required vaccines.



Putting an end to forced sterilization

Following the much publicised and reported-upon clients' success in the appeal hearing when the Supreme Court confirmed the High Court's ruling that proper consent for the sterilization procedure was lacking, offers of settlement were made to the 3 victims of forced sterilization who took their matters to court. In addition, offers of settlement were made to 13 clients who suffered the same harm, but in whose cases litigation was stayed, with the view that should the 3 clients succeed, this success would apply to all those in similar positions.

This forms the essence of strategic litigation practised by the SJP, in that there are insufficient resources to bring all matters before court, therefore careful selection of cases is required to ensure that the cases litigated have the broadest possible impact on those who find themselves in similar situations as the litigant.



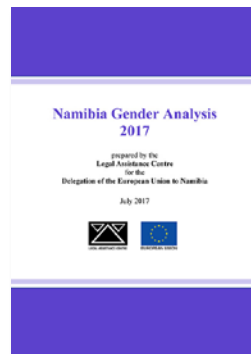
Gender Research and Advocacy Project (GR&AP)



A pastors group in Okahandja who participated in a GR&AP outreach workshop on Family Law in 2017

EU Gender Analysis

GR&AP was commissioned by the Delegation of the European Union to Namibia (EU) to produce a gender analysis to guide future intervention on gender issues in Namibia by the EU and its member states. This report was completed in July, informed by a host of Namibian statistical data as well as interviews with 20 key stakeholders from government and civil society. The report was complemented by a presentation to Jana Hybaskova, EU Ambassador to Namibia, on specific recommendations based on the analysis.



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Available on the EU Delegation website: https://eeas.europa.eu/sites/eeas/files/namibia_gender_analysis_2017.pdf



CHANGE Project

The Law Society of Namibia commissioned GR&AP to provide a comparative law desk study of regulation of the legal profession, including outreach and pro bono activities by legal practitioners. The purpose of the study was to inform discussions around the CHANGE Project, which is aimed at developing recommendations for possible amendments to the regulatory system governing the legal profession, to ensure a proactive, trusted and relevant legal profession in Namibia.

Available from the Law Society of Namibia on request

Child Care and Protection Act

GR&AP continued to assist the Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare (MGECW) with **technical advice** on the finalisation of the regulations which are needed to accompany this law so that it can be brought into force. We also worked on drafting chapters of a detailed **guide** to the Act and regulations for service providers, accompanied by matching **PowerPoint presentations** to be used in training sessions, and a set of **comics** on key issues in this law aimed at the general public. Eleven draft chapters were reviewed in detail in a series of meetings with MGECW staff, social workers, police officials and a Commissioner of Child Welfare, and revised in light of the input. However, these projects cannot be finalised until the regulations are in place.





At a workshop for MPs hosted by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, GR&AP facilitated sessions on forthcoming law reforms on family issues such as divorce and marital property, and distributed written materials (prepared with funding from OSISA) on these bills.



A GR&AP outreach workshop on corporal punishment. This community group in Rehoboth classified the issue of disciplining children as a huge problem.

Family Law

GR&AP has been making inputs into several draft family laws, particularly the **Uniform Matrimonial Property Regime Bill**, **Divorce Bill** and **Marriage Bill**, working in close consultation with the Law Reform and Development Commission and the relevant line ministries. In 2017 we provided input and analysis to key stakeholders on successive drafts of several of these bills, as well as research on specific issues such as bigamy, sham marriages aimed solely at gaining residency rights and “destination weddings” for tourists. GR&AP researched, prepared and distributed factsheets on “**6 reasons in favour of easier divorce**” (highlighting the links between difficult divorce and gender-based violence) and “**6 reasons in favour of no-fault divorce**” (motivating the complete removal of fault from divorce proceedings). In July, GR&AP gave detailed presentations on family law reforms at a workshop for women MPs and their staff, primarily members of the National Assembly standing committee that deals with gender, during which we provided numerous handouts for future reference. We also engaged in discussions of some of these draft bills at a **consultative workshop** organised by government in September, and at a **consultative workshop** on divorce convened by the Ministry of Justice in December. In addition, GR&AP targeted church and community leaders for **outreach workshops**, to convey information on the proposed family laws to persons often called upon by community members for assistance with family issues. We targeted pastors who serve as marriage officers and are also well-placed to share information with their congregations and at meetings of pastor groups. Some of our workshops also included representatives of youth groups.

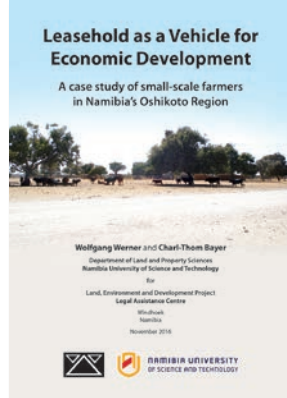
Corporal punishment and gender-based violence

The unacceptably high level of violence in our society has been a problem for many years. This GR&AP project seeks to address the protection of the child and the concern that many children grow up learning that the way to deal with problems in a relationship is to use force. Corporal punishment remains a widespread practice in schools (despite its illegality) and in homes. Therefore there is an urgent need to explain the linkage between corporal punishment and gender-based violence as a motivation for behaviour change, and to provide alternatives to corporal punishment in an environment where beating children is culturally acceptable and there is little support for developing improved parenting skills. GR&AP published a **factsheet** on the links between corporal punishment and GBV, explaining how disciplining children with violence perpetuates the cycle of violence. It was distributed nationwide as an insert in *The Namibian* on 16 June, to coincide with the Day of the African Child. We also gave presentations on alternatives to corporal punishment, and the links between corporal punishment and gender-based violence, to 23 groups in different parts of the country, and we engaged in radio and television presentations on these topics. Based on the positive feedback received, we realise that Namibia would benefit from continued outreach and awareness-raising campaigns on the connection between corporal punishment and societal violence.



Serving the public directly

GR&AP assisted 156 clients in 2017, and distributed over 115 000 publications plus over 1 000 posters, and provided information on a range of legal topics through the print and broadcast media – see page 10.



The 'leasehold report' finalised at the end of 2016 was launched in May 2017, with an accompanying policy brief. Pictured above are the authors, Wolfgang Werner (left) and Charl-Thom Bayer (right), with LEAD Coordinator Willem Odendaal.

A LEAD comic reaping great success in advocacy

Supporting democracy in traditional communities

LEAD argued the Kapika case in August 2017. In essence, the application brought by the LAC on behalf of our client, Mutaambanda Kapika, was to review the appointment, by the Minister of Urban and Rural Development, of our client's older brother, Hikuminue Kapika, as the traditional leader of the Ombuku traditional community. We argued that the Ministry did not consult properly with the wider Ombuku community before approving Hikuminue Kapika's application for appointment as their chief. Judgment was given in favour of our client on 8 March 2018. (Further details can be found at www.namibian.com.na/168440/archive-read/Himba-brothers-fight-over-leadership.)



Chief Mutaambanda Kapika (right) and his team at court.

Protecting customary land rights

Our client, Mr Kashela, brought an application alleging the expropriation of communal land by the Katima Mulilo Town Council without just compensation. The client was unsuccessful in the High Court, but an appeal has been lodged with the Supreme Court and a date for hearing is awaited. Litigation on urban land rights in this Katima Mulilo matter as well as a similar matter in Outapi holds huge importance for those holders of communal land whose land has been gazetted as townland (freehold land) without consideration being given to the existing customary rights of the holders of the land. In this regard, LEAD will also be dealing with compensation issues in due course.

Seeking to set precedents for ancestral land rights claims

Consultations and the filing of pleadings continued in the ancestral land rights claim of the Hai||om San of Etosha. This case revolves around issues not previously ventilated in the Namibian legal system, therefore comprehensive preparation is imperative, and research on the various legal questions continues. Consultations were held with the legal support teams, the clients, and experts on the issue. Namibia's judicial system does not recognise class actions. Therefore, to bring the matter to court on behalf of 2 700 Hai||om clients, the applicants first had to apply to the High Court by way of a class action certification application. All the necessary papers were filed, and the matter was due to be argued in November 2017 before a full bench of the High Court. However, South African Counsel for the Respondents were engaged in hearings in their Supreme Court, which takes precedence over the High Court, and the hearing was postponed to May 2018. In the interim, extensive Heads of Argument were researched, drafted and filed, and the mammoth task of collecting and indexing the authorities to be utilised in the hearing was completed. If the clients are successful, this could bring about positive changes in Namibian jurisprudence on the interpretation of *locus standi*. Class actions can especially benefit those who want to determine their socio-economic and environmental rights (a.k.a. third-generation rights). At international level, such an application has required soliciting an affidavit from the UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of Indigenous Peoples. This is an example of litigation taking years to complete. This ancestral land rights claim is the first claim of its kind in Namibia, and some five years of research was undertaken before the decision was taken to proceed to court.



Other highlights of 2017

Outreach through the media

In addition to the “ProBono” column published monthly in *The Namibian* (see details on page 4), the LAC made the following appearances in the national print and broadcast media in 2017:

Print media:

- Two opinion pieces on **statelessness** published in *The Namibian* on 13 and 17 January
- An op-ed on **abortion statistics** published in *The Namibian* on 11 April
- An op-ed on **teen pregnancy** published in *The Namibian* on 5 May
- A letter to the editor on **road safety** published in *The Namibian* on 5 May
- Information on **protection orders** re-published in the May edition of *Sister Namibia* magazine
- An article on **rape** quoting GR&AP extensively, published in *Confidante* on 18 September.

Television:

- In February the Director was interviewed by OneAfrica TV on **LGBTI rights**, by NBC Radio regarding **Constitution Day**, and on NBC TV’s *Good Morning Namibia* regarding the **LAC’s plans for 2017**.
- In November the Director was interviewed on *Good Morning Namibia* as a pre-recording for a show on **Human Rights Day**.
- In December the Director was interviewed twice by NBC TV in relation to the launch of the **Namlex and Annotated Statutes databases** and **Human Rights Day**.
- GR&AP staff made several appearances on NBC TV’s *Good Morning Namibia* throughout the year.
- The GR&AP Coordinator was interviewed by NBC TV on **family law reform**.
- The GR&AP Coordinator joined a discussion of **maintenance** on the NBC show *Tupopyeni*.

Radio:

- An interactive telephonic interview on Damara/Nama Radio on the **Day of the African Child** (6 June)
- 9th hour NBC Community Radio slots on the **work of the LAC** and **cohabitation**
- Kosmos Radio interview on **maternity leave**
- NBC Radio discussions on **corporal punishment** and **rape**
- A live NBC Radio presentation on **civil marriage**
- 12 NBC Radio shows (funded by the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung) on the **Communal Land Reform Act**.

Collaboration with other organisations

(The following summary of collaborations in 2017 concerns the LAC generally and the activities of the Director as the organisation’s representative in these collaborations. The many collaborative activities of the SJP, GR&AP and LEAD Coordinators and staff are too numerous to include in this report on highlights.)

The LAC continues to be a member of the Action Coalition which is advocating for access to information legislation, citing freedom of expression as an important human right, without which there cannot be a true democracy.

The LAC has an ongoing relationship with the Office of the Ombudsman, providing input and support to certain projects. At the same time, the Ombudsman has provided us with information on alleged human rights abuses for investigation and consideration as to whether the issues should be addressed by the LAC.

The Director serves on the Project Team of the Law Society of Namibia’s Change Project. This project is doing extensive research on the current practice of law and what can be done to address same in order to make the law a proper tool for substantive change. The project is also looking at current realities for the legal profession, and recognises that change must take place for the profession to remain relevant and viable.



Delegates at the democratisation workshop in Johannesburg



The outgoing council of the Commonwealth Lawyers' Association

The Director serves as a trustee on the Board of the Aids Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA).

In March, the Director, in her capacity as a member of the council of the Commonwealth Lawyer's Association, attended the Commonwealth Lawyers Conference in Australia as a nominee of the Law Society of Namibia. She presented two papers at the conference, one relating to mediation and the other to climate change.

In May, again upon the nomination of the Law Society of Namibia, the Director attended a democratisation workshop of the SADC Lawyer's Association and chaired a number of sessions.

In June, a presentation titled "Bioethics and Human Rights" was made at a Bioethics workshop in Windhoek. Comments from participants included the following:

***"Thanks a lot for your interesting paper which made it worthwhile attending the entire event.
Best regards, Bertchen, Earthlife Namibia"***

***"You really were a highlight amongst talks of local representatives! Much appreciated! Keep going!
Best of luck and blessings. - Waltraut Fritzsche, Namibia Wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft (Namibia Scientific Society)"***

Also in June, the Director was invited to sit as a member of the Ombudsman's public hearing panel on racism and discrimination. A full report was prepared which included recommendations for change.

In August the Director and the other LAC lawyers provided legal advice at the Free Legal Advice Day organised by the Law Society of the Namibia and the Office of the Ombudsman.

We had cause to celebrate on being informed that the LAC had won the JP Karuaihe Human Rights Excellence Award in 2017 – this being the 4th time! This award honours contributions to human rights. It was handed over by the JP Karuaihe Fund trustees at the Law Society AGM on 1 December 2017.

In conclusion, we share a response to our 2016 annual report:

***"Thanks for this and congratulations on all those achievements.
Your organisation does so much for the country.
Warm regards, Louis"***

Our way forward

The LAC will continue to work in the in the areas of social justice, gender and land, simultaneously providing input on other human rights interventions as required. Fundraising continues to be a major priority, with a funding trip by the Director planned in 2018 to pay visits to current and potential donors. It is apparent from this report, and from feedback received, that the LAC must continue to serve as a voice for the indigent and marginalised in Namibia who continue to suffer some 28 years after Independence.



JP Karuaihe Fund trustees with award recipients in 2017



Staff enjoying our Independence Day celebrations in March



Donors to the LAC in 2017

We extend deepest thanks to our donors for supporting our work in 2017.

- Africa Groups of Sweden (AGS)
- American Bar Association (ABA)
- British High Commission
- Brot für die Welt
- Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- Embassy of Finland
- European Union
- Gesellschaft für Organisation, Planung und Ausbildung (GOPA)
- Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF)
- International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA)
- Legal Practitioner's Fidelity Fund
- Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA)
- Pupkewitz Foundation
- The Royal Foundation (a charitable organisation of Prince William and Prince Harry)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- United States Embassy
- Wildlife Conservation Network – Save the Elephants
- World Wildlife Fund (WWF)



Getting in touch with the LAC

A large volume of information on the LAC's activities (projects, cases, publications, etc.), donors and finances, as well as digital versions (PDFs) of most LAC publications, are available on the LAC website: **www.lac.org.na**. Hard copies of many publications are available at our office: **4 Marien Ngouabi Street**, Windhoek. We also have a very active Facebook page: **www.facebook.com/pages/Lac-Namibia/**

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United Nations has requested for assistance with information made available by the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation on 23 November 2017.

Human Rights (Child's) records of Parliament proceedings were checked for action by the National Assembly in respect of resolutions received on 23 November 2017.

Information on whether certain acts in force internationally are confirmed during September-November 2017.

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◀ Posters made for the launch of the updated Namlex and Annotated Statutes databases, to give guests at the launch a picture of the information contained in each database.

EXAMPLES OF FEEDBACK ON LAC ACTIVITIES IN 2017

“Good day LAC. I really like the alternative ways to Corporal Punishment. I would like LAC to invite or inform me when you have some kinds of training or induction on any matter.”

“Right now, we are very fortunate to have this training from the Legal Assistance Centre. We have to take it serious in order to improve our way of living and for our communities to benefit, and I know I talk a lot on behalf of some of you because you are shy to express yourself.”

“I am a technical advisor for the Justice Centres in Uganda. Researching meaningful IEC material on legal aid, I came across LAC's materials which I find very well made ... my congratulations on the great comics and animations! ...”

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“Thank you so much for the updated catalogue and list of publications. This is certainly one of the most useful resources in Namibia, covering publications on various social issues. We have made extensive use of the materials in the LAC publication list and we really value and appreciate your work. ... Thank you once again and keep up the good work.”