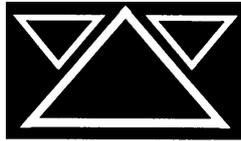


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Launch of research briefs on corporal punishment, maintenance and cohabitation

The Legal Assistance Centre is pleased to announce the release of research briefs on corporal punishment, maintenance and cohabitation. The Legal Assistance Centre has taken the detailed reports on these topics and summarised the key information into shorter and more concise briefs, intended for use by policymakers and stakeholders. The research briefs were produced with support from the Embassy of Finland in Windhoek.

On corporal punishment:



Some people think that corporal punishment is an effective and harmless means of disciplining children, but a number of studies suggest otherwise. This research brief provides information about why alternative forms of discipline are critical for Namibia.

On maintenance:



Around two-thirds of maintenance complaints result in an order. The amount of maintenance ordered is typically about N\$250 per month for a single pre-school age child. If the maintenance complaint is a simple one and the absent parent is willing to pay maintenance, the process of making an order is relatively quick and easy. However, if there are challenges along the way, the process can be very difficult. This research brief provides information about the current situation and makes recommendations for improvements to the system.

On cohabitation:



Namibian law currently provides little protection for people who are not married but live together as a couple. This research brief provides information about possible options for law reform.

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