

2024 Annual Report

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Rebuilding
Lives





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Message from the Board Chair



It is with great pride and humility that I present to you the Kenya Legal and Ethical Issues Network on HIV and AIDS (KELIN) Annual Report for the year 2024. This report highlights the achievements, milestones, and lessons learned as we continue to advance our mission of promoting and protecting health-related human rights in Kenya and beyond.

As we reflect on the past year, it is impossible to be blind to the resilience and commitment of our team, partners, and the communities we serve. Despite the challenges posed by a dynamic social, legal, and economic environment, KELIN has remained steadfast in its dedication to advocating for the rights of marginalized populations.

Our work has influenced legal and policy reforms, empowered communities to engage in decision-making processes, and strengthened partnerships with stakeholders across civil society, government, and regional human rights bodies.

As we celebrate these accomplishments, we recognize that the journey is far from over. Inequities in health access and justice persist, and the intersectionality of social, cultural, and economic barriers continues to challenge our progress. Yet, in these challenges, we find purpose and a renewed commitment to our vision of a just and equitable society.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend our deepest gratitude to our donors, partners, and supporters whose unwavering belief in KELIN's mission makes our work possible. I also commend our dedicated staff for their passion, ingenuity, and tireless efforts in advancing human rights. Together, we have proven that collaborative action and community empowerment are the cornerstones of sustainable change.

As we look forward to the year ahead, I invite you to join us in our ongoing quest for justice and equality. Let us continue to work together to reclaim rights and rebuild lives.

Thank you for standing with KELIN.

Ambrose Rachier

Allan Maleche
Executive Director

Message from the Executive Director



As I reflect back on 2024, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the unwavering commitment of #TeamKELIN, our partners, and the communities we serve. Together, we have remained steadfast in our mission to uphold and protect the health-related human rights of marginalized populations, ensuring that dignity, equality, and justice are not just ideals but tangible realities for all.

A major milestone worth celebrating is KELIN officially being certified as a research institution by the National Commission for Science, Technology, and Innovation (NACOSTI). This certification underscores our commitment to research excellence and ethical conduct and enhances our credibility and trustworthiness, enabling us to advance evidence-based advocacy and amplify the voices of the communities we serve through our diverse focus areas, including HIV, TB, and key populations; sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR); health governance; women's land and property rights (WLPR); and strategic litigation.

As we look toward 2025, I am energized by the opportunities to deepen our impact. This year, we aim to continue strengthening partnerships, fostering innovation, and ensuring that human rights remain central to health governance. Our shared journey reminds us that progress is possible when we combine our strengths, amplify marginalized voices, and act with purpose and conviction.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our donors, collaborators, and allies who have walked this journey with us. Your trust and support have been pivotal to our achievements. To #TeamKELIN, your passion, resilience, and dedication inspire me every day.

It is my pleasure to present the 2024 Annual Report, which captures the strides we have made and the transformative impact of our collective efforts.





With gratitude and determination,

Allan Maleche

Thematic Areas

Summary 2024

In 2024, KELIN deepened its commitment to advancing health and human rights through a bold, rights-based approach that tackled systemic gaps across five thematic areas:

- 01 **HIV ,TB, Key & Affected Populations** 
- 02 **Health & Governance** 
- 03 **Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights** 
- 04 **Strategic Litigation** 
- 05 **Women Land & Property Rights** 

Key highlights included the nationwide scale-up of community-led HIV/ TB monitoring, landmark health governance initiatives like the Kisumu Digital Health Roadmap, and growing momentum on nutrition advocacy through the #KulafitiKe campaign. KELIN also continued to drive legal empowerment, offering pro bono legal aid and expanding litigation into emerging areas such as obstetric violence and the climate-justice nexus.

Through cross-sectoral partnerships and evidence-based advocacy, KELIN championed community-centered justice, influenced policy reforms, and mobilized civil society around global accountability platforms like the Universal Periodic Review.

In a year marked by civic space challenges and rights rollbacks, KELIN remained steadfast in its mission: rebuilding lives, reclaiming rights, and shaping systems that work for all.

HIV, TB, and Key Populations



Transformative Impact

In 2024, KELIN solidified its role in advancing health rights, equity, and access to essential medicines through various initiatives across Kenya and the region. With a focus on HIV, TB, and key populations, KELIN engaged stakeholders, communities, and policymakers to drive transformative change and ensure no one is left behind in the fight for equality in health care.

KELIN's advocacy for a rights-based approach to TB care included a series of impactful activities. Community-Led Monitoring (CLM) was at the core, empowering TB champions across counties to advocate for improved service delivery and accountability. In Kisumu County, dialogues led by KELIN-trained TB champions identified key challenges like stigma, inadequate resources, and gaps in service delivery, while emphasizing the importance of the One Impact CLM platform. This tool enables communities to monitor TB services and address human rights violations effectively.

Summary (1b)

Country	Regulatory Agency	Regulatory Maturity	Scope	Year Achieved
Tanzania	TBQA	Maturity level 3	Medicines and imported vaccines	May 2018
Kenya	ESA	Maturity level 3	Medicines and imported vaccines	April 2020
Uganda	SAKSAC	Maturity level 3	Medicines and imported vaccines	March 2022
Kenya	ESA	Maturity level 3	Vaccines (producing)	March 2022
Kenya	ESA	Maturity level 3	Vaccines (producing)	October 2022
Kenya	MOH	Maturity level 3	Medicines and imported vaccines	June 2024
Kenya	ESA	Maturity level 3	Vaccines (producing)	July 2024
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Conclusion: Kenya (PPR) yet to attain Regulatory Maturity / 6 African countries in countries (before the drugs or APIs are also have attained PLS).

Conclusion: Any good about regulatory are leveraged with significant investment and data support to integrate / drugs producing into the global value chain products?

Conclusion: Could this solve the global challenge of achieving global health equity? How does Africa's people to last same time as everyone

TB Champions from 8 Counties

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Supported **39 TB Champions** to undertake Community Led Monitoring in **47 Counties**

Nationally, KELIN conducted two national trainings on TB and human Rights to sensitize TB champions on the use of One Impact Platform for Community Led Monitoring. KELIN also facilitated TB Champions from 8 Counties to conduct community dialogues while supporting 39 TB Champions to undertake Community Led Monitoring in 47 Counties. In addition, KELIN has designed and printed posters with key messages on TB and Human rights and engaged TB

Champions to paste them at health facilities nationwide.

These engagements have significantly empowered TB champions with essential knowledge and skills. The champions are equipped and are actively reporting human rights violations in TB on the One Impact Platform while also undertaking CLM in their respective counties.



KELIN joined global activists at the 25th International AIDS Conference in Munich, to demand affordable access to Lenacapavir, a revolutionary HIV prevention drug hindered by patent restrictions. This aligns with KELIN's broader efforts to dismantle intellectual property (IP) barriers, exemplified during its Intellectual Property Awareness Literacy (IPAL) Workshop in Mombasa. The workshop built local capacity to challenge IP barriers, empowering advocates to navigate patent opposition and promote access to life-saving medicines.

KELIN also hosted consultative dialogues in Homabay, Migori, and Busia counties to discuss barriers to HIV prevention, including the accessibility of innovative tools like the Dapivirine ring and CAB-LA injections. These engagements emphasized the critical role of sustained advocacy to overcome stigma, improve service delivery, and ensure affordability and availability of HIV prevention tools.

KELIN played a pivotal role in finalizing the Community-Led Monitoring (CLM) Framework during a UNAIDS-hosted workshop in Nakuru. This framework empowers local populations to evaluate health services, ensuring the needs of vulnerable populations are met. Similarly, a consultative meeting in Migori County brought together health officials to address donor funding and the need for integrated health services, with KELIN advocating for innovative policy solutions.



Extending its advocacy beyond Kenya, hosting critical engagements in Uganda and Malawi. In Kampala, a National Dialogue on IP and Access to Medicines called for urgent reforms to improve access to affordable treatments for HIV, TB, and Hepatitis C. In Lilongwe, KELIN collaborated with local partners to address barriers posed by IP rights, emphasizing the importance of self-sufficient healthcare systems and TRIPS flexibilities.



KELIN marked World AIDS Day by empowering youth in Mombasa County to combat rising HIV infection rates. Interactive discussions highlighted challenges such as limited access to condoms and a lack of knowledge about HIV prevention. KELIN reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring youth access information, testing, and affordable HIV prevention commodities, addressing the root causes of vulnerability among adolescents and young people.

KELIN's efforts culminated in the validation of a Shadow Report on the State of TB and Human Rights in Kenya, informed by data from the One Impact platform. This report will serve as a critical advocacy tool during World TB Day 2024, driving evidence-based policy change and fostering collaboration between communities and policymakers.

Through its comprehensive approach, KELIN has empowered communities, challenged systemic barriers, and advocated for inclusive health policies. Whether advancing CLM, dismantling IP restrictions, or championing health equity, KELIN's initiatives reflect a steadfast commitment to transforming health systems and realizing the right to health for all.

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Pioneering the Future of Digital Health

This year marked significant progress in our mission to ensure that digital health solutions are accessible, equitable, and grounded in human rights. KELIN co-hosted a vibrant webinar exploring the intersection of Artificial Intelligence (AI), digital health, and human rights in Africa. This event amplified youth voices and emphasized collaborative efforts to shape inclusive digital health policies. Youth-led discussions provided actionable recommendations, reinforcing the critical role young leaders play in driving responsive governance.



For the first time, KELIN participated in the Digital Rights and Inclusion Forum (DRIF) in Accra, Ghana. Leading a panel on “Digital Health and Inclusion,” we engaged over 50 regional delegates in a compelling dialogue

on human rights, youth participation, and equitable digital health solutions. This platform solidified KELIN’s reputation as a thought leader in integrating human rights into digital health strategies.



A milestone under the Digital Health and Rights Project for us was the publication of the comprehensive Kenya Country Brief on Digital Health, marking a significant milestone in the organization's ongoing efforts to enhance digital health rights in Kenya. As part of the

Digital Health and Rights Project (DHRP), this brief highlights the future of human rights in the digital age while recognizing the critical role of young people in policy development and governance.



We remain committed to advancing human rights in digital health. We aim to strengthen partnerships, amplify youth voices, and advocate for inclusive policies that leave no one behind.

Health and Governance



A Healthier Future Through Food Policy and Advocacy

In 2024, Kenya witnessed groundbreaking initiatives aimed at combating unhealthy diets and the rising threat of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). At the heart of these efforts was a multi-stakeholder approach led by KELIN and partners, bringing together lawyers, policymakers, civil society, digital strategists, and other key stakeholders to champion policies that prioritize healthier food systems.

Recognizing the role of unhealthy food marketing in shaping consumer habits, KELIN spearheaded efforts to regulate food promotion, particularly to protect children. A key milestone was the Ministry of Health's Technical Committee drafting regulations to restrict the marketing of unhealthy foods and beverages. This landmark step ensures that children are shielded from harmful influences, setting the stage for healthier eating habits nationwide.



KELIN's advocacy also extended to educating communities through dialogues in Mombasa, Baringo, and Nairobi counties. These engagements emphasized the power of informed decision-making by sharing research on Front-of-Pack Labeling (FOPL) and the Kenya Nutrient Profile Model (KNPM). Stakeholders, united to develop an advocacy action plan, signaling a collective commitment to combat NCDs.

To amplify this message, KELIN hosted an inception meeting with digital strategists, introducing them to the objectives of the Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHAi)



grant. The meeting focused on leveraging digital platforms to sensitize the public on nutrients of concern and advocate for policies promoting healthier diets. Together, participants including digital strategists co-created a comprehensive media campaign strategy and a six-month work plan to drive these efforts.

Adding to these efforts, a [video infographic](#) campaign was launched, educating the public about the importance of FOPL as a policy tool for healthier diets. Furthermore, Kenya hosted the East Africa Strategic Planning Forum, a pivotal event addressing harmful nutrients like sodium, sugar, and trans fats, while exploring regulatory strategies to curb their impact.

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pursuing strategic litigation, KELIN and its partners are leading the way in promoting healthier diets and lifestyles. These efforts aim to empower communities, strengthen policies, and protect future generations from the burdens of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). By equipping communities with knowledge and tools, these initiatives ensure they can actively advocate for policies that protect themselves and their children from harmful food advertisements, fostering healthier eating habits and safeguarding public health.



Data driven approaches to bridge digital health transformation gaps in Kenya.

Kenya is charting a bold course toward achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) through the integration of digital health technologies. At the heart of this transformation is the Transform Health Coalition Kenya, coordinated by KELIN, which champions a people-centered approach to healthcare. By focusing on key populations, youth, women, and private sector partnerships, the coalition is driving efforts to ensure that digital health systems are equitable, accessible, and aligned with human rights principles.

In 2024, significant strides were made to strengthen digital health initiatives. Roundtable dialogues held in Kiambu, Kitui, Kisumu, and Tharaka Nithi Counties brought together health leaders, including County Executive Committee Members, Directors of Health, and Health Records and Information Officers, to champion digital health adoption. A parallel dialogue with the private sector, conducted in collaboration with the Kenya Healthcare Federation, fostered multi-sectoral collaboration and emphasized the importance of public-private partnerships in healthcare digitization.



In Kisumu County, the coalition successfully finalized the Digital Health Transformation Roadmap 2023–2028, a meticulously crafted plan which was developed through a consultative process involving key stakeholders from the county responsible for implementing health services to guide the county's healthcare digitization journey. This milestone was the culmination of a year-long effort involving extensive stakeholder consultations to address the county's evolving healthcare needs. Similar efforts are now underway in other counties, with



the goal of developing tailored roadmaps to drive localized healthcare solutions.

Community engagement also played a pivotal role in these efforts. A sensitization forum in Kisumu County increased public awareness of the Digital Health Act and related regulations, fostering accountability and advocacy within the community. Meanwhile, at the national level, the Ministry of Health validated critical digital health regulations, including the Health Data Governance Framework and Telemedicine Guidelines. Despite a court case temporarily suspending the Digital Health Act, these initiatives underscore Kenya's commitment to building a robust digital health ecosystem.

Research and resource development further anchored these transformative efforts. The coalition produced reports analyzing the adoption of digital health technologies among key populations, identifying critical resource gaps, and providing insights into enhancing digital health standards. These

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resources, combined with collaborative advocacy, lay the groundwork for systemic change that bridges healthcare gaps and drives innovation.

Through these coordinated efforts, Kenya is setting the stage for a healthcare revolution powered by digital technologies. By empowering communities, engaging stakeholders, and addressing systemic barriers, Transform Health Coalition Kenya is ensuring that the promise of digital health becomes a reality, safeguarding the health and human rights of all Kenyans.

Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights



Transformative SRHR Advocacy and Action

On International Safe Abortion Day, KELIN organized activities in Kilifi and Nairobi to address stigma and promote constitutional provisions for safe abortion. In Kilifi, a soccer tournament themed “Kick Abortion Stigma Out” brought community members together to demystify cultural and social barriers to safe abortion access. Meanwhile, in Nairobi, panel discussions with legal and medical experts emphasized the importance of aligning healthcare services with the Constitution of Kenya.

Under the banner of the Bridging the Gap Coalition, KELIN, alongside ISLA and DOI, engaged at the African Commission on People and Human Rights on Obstetric Violence (OV) as an SRHR human rights violation. From 2023, KELIN participated in expert advisories

and hosted a side event to advocate for OV to be identified as a violation and enshrined in law.

KELIN actively contributed to Kenya’s UPR process by presenting evidence-based recommendations to improve SRHR access. Discussions with the Senate and other stakeholders focused on addressing funding gaps, reducing stigma, and promoting inclusive healthcare policies.





KELIN has been strengthening RH networks in Kilifi and Nakuru Counties since 2021. These efforts culminated in significant milestones: Nakuru County gazetted and moved for the first reading of the Nakuru Gender and Reproductive Health Education Bill 2024, Kilifi County passed an SGBV Law in December 2023, and Homabay County adopted an SGBV Policy.

Throughout the year, KELIN utilized community-led monitoring tools to document gaps in SRHR service delivery. Findings were shared with county health committees, prompting actionable recommendations for improved accountability. This approach empowered communities to actively participate in shaping their healthcare systems.

Between 2022 and 2023, KELIN facilitated the formation of Rapid Response Taskforces (RRTs) comprising 15 CSOs and CBOs in Kilifi and Nakuru Counties. These taskforces now effectively conduct SRHR advocacy at county and national levels. KELIN's sub-grants to CBOs, particularly in Nakuru, have bolstered opposition monitoring and mitigation efforts.

KELIN participated in the Reproductive Health Network Kenya (RHNK) Scientific Conference, sharing insights from its strategic litigation and community engagement efforts. Presentations centered on the intersection of

intellectual property laws and access to SRHR services, emphasizing the need for legal reforms to enhance healthcare access.

In Mombasa County, KELIN marked International Youth Day by engaging young people in dialogues about the challenges they face, including teenage pregnancies, HIV, and GBV. The event provided a platform for adolescents to voice their concerns and receive practical guidance on SRHR issues. Policymakers in attendance committed to integrating youth perspectives into county-level health planning.

KELIN marked this important day with an event in Kisumu County that focused on empowering adolescent girls to become change agents in their communities. Discussions revolved around breaking cycles of teenage pregnancy, GBV, and school dropouts. The girls developed a memorandum outlining their priorities, which was presented to policymakers for immediate action.





KELIN commemorated Deaf Awareness Week with targeted engagements focusing on reproductive health rights for persons with disabilities. Workshops addressed barriers to accessing SRHR services, including the lack of sign language interpreters in healthcare facilities. KELIN advocated for inclusive policies to ensure disability-friendly healthcare services, emphasizing that SRHR must cater to all, regardless of ability.

In counties like Kisumu, Nairobi, and Kakamega, KELIN conducted SRHR capacity-building workshops for trainers of trainers (ToTs). These workshops targeted marginalized populations, including LGBTQIA+ individuals and tea farm workers. Participants gained knowledge about their health rights and learned practical strategies to advocate for improved access to contraceptives, post-abortion care, and other essential services.

In Nakuru County, KELIN worked to shift societal stereotypes against LGBTQ+ persons through targeted engagements in 2024. This initiative aimed to foster inclusivity and promote social acceptance, ensuring equitable access to SRHR services for all.

Enhanced support for Gender-Based Violence (GBV) survivors was realized through the establishment of a Gender Violence Recovery Centre (GVRC) in Homabay County in 2024. This facility provides timely, survivor-centered care, reinforcing justice mechanisms and healthcare access for survivors.

In Nairobi County, public facilities saw increased access to contraceptives and post-abortion care during the 2023/2024 financial year. Similarly, Kisumu County recorded improved access to SRHR services for queer women, adolescent girls, and young women. Nationally, intersex persons gained access to SRHR commodities through the launch of the first intersex sanitary towels.

Through a diverse array of activities, KELIN has demonstrated its ability to address complex SRHR challenges while engaging communities and stakeholders effectively. By ensuring that each initiative stands alone and carries its unique impact, KELIN continues to uphold the rights of vulnerable populations and drive systemic change toward health equity in Kenya.

Strategic Litigation



Defending Justice Through Strategic Litigation: KELIN's 2024 Achievements

KELIN played a central role in litigation surrounding the constitutionality of Kenya's National Reproductive Health Policy 2022-2032, highlighting violations of public participation, access to reproductive health information, and discriminatory age restrictions for health services. Partnering with the Kenya Obstetrics and Gynecological Society and the Katiba Institute, KELIN challenged provisions that limited young people's access to health care and excluded vulnerable groups. Despite delays, KELIN remains committed to advocating for policies that uphold reproductive rights for all.

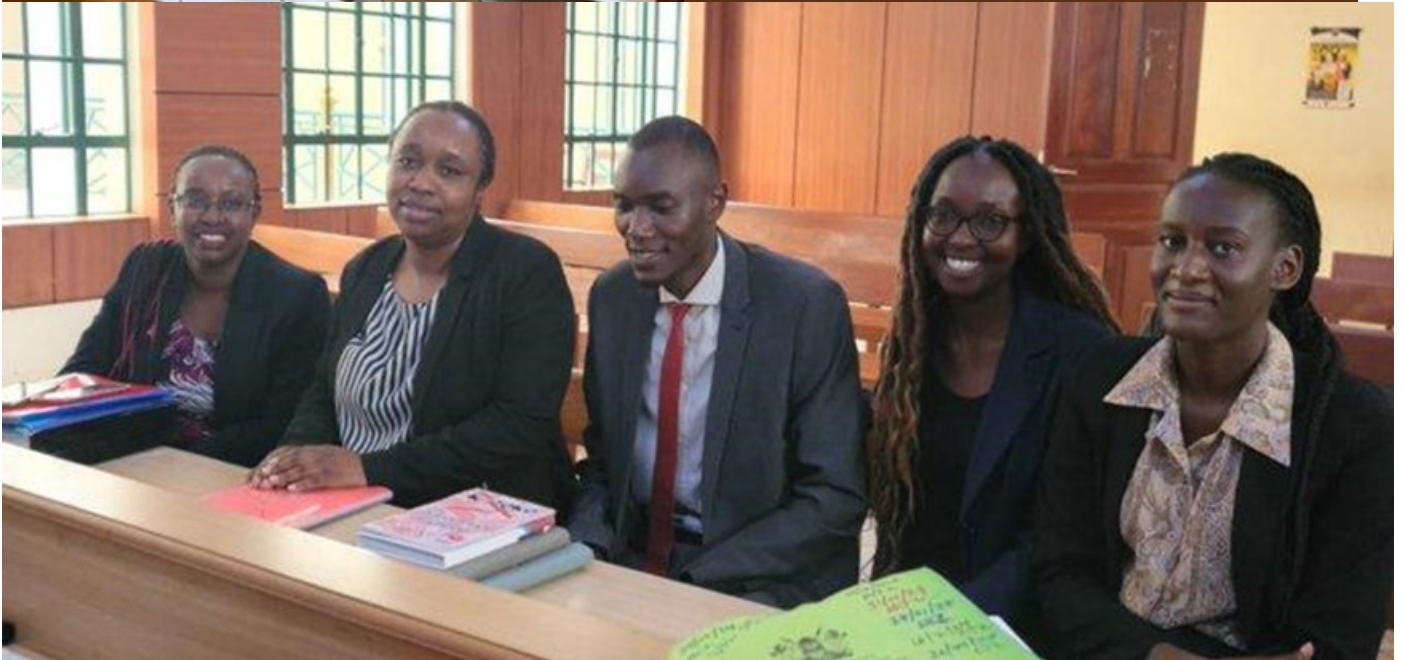
In a related case, KELIN supported the review of the Kilifi County Maternal Newborn and Child Health Act 2016. Collaborating with county officials, KELIN facilitated the drafting of a new, rights-compliant Reproductive Maternal Neonatal and Adolescent Health Bill 2023, emphasizing the importance of public participation and constitutional compliance.

Throughout the year, KELIN pursued cases addressing stockouts of ARVs and essential HIV-related commodities in public health facilities. The litigation highlighted failures in procurement and supply chains managed by the Ministry of Health and KEMSA, which threatened the health and lives of persons living with HIV. KELIN presented evidence of the dire consequences faced by communities, including breastfeeding mothers unable to access necessary medications.





Through collaborations with medical experts and advocates, including the Network of TB Champions, KELIN emphasized the critical need for uninterrupted supplies of antiretrovirals and diagnostic tools. These cases continue to seek accountability from the state and demand systemic reforms to ensure consistent access to life-saving treatments.



KELIN contributed as an amicus curiae in cases involving mandatory minimum sentencing for sexual offences, reinforcing the importance of stringent penalties to protect survivors and deter perpetrators. In partnership with ISLA, FIDA-Kenya, and Women's Link Worldwide, KELIN successfully supported a Supreme Court ruling that upheld mandatory minimum sentences for sexual offences, ensuring that survivors' rights are prioritized in Kenya's justice system.

In another landmark case, KELIN joined civil society organizations to halt the swearing-in of an individual with allegations of sexual violence to a leadership position in the tea sector. This decision underscored KELIN's commitment to holding public officials

accountable and protecting vulnerable populations from exploitation.

KELIN conducted multiple training sessions to strengthen the capacity of advocates, journalists, and community members. These sessions included a focus on strategic litigation for sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR), equipping participants to challenge regressive laws and policies.

KELIN also hosted exchange visits with partners such as the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) and the Centre for Reproductive Rights (CRR), fostering cross-regional learning and collaboration on reproductive justice litigation.



KELIN's international engagements included participation in the Reproductive Justice Litigation Baraza in Uganda and the AIDS Conference 2024 in Munich, Germany, where it spotlighted human rights-based approaches to health and advocated for equitable access to medicines. These forums reinforced KELIN's leadership in addressing health injustices through Afrocentric and collaborative approaches.

KELIN's work in appellate cases demonstrated the importance of amicus curiae in shaping progressive jurisprudence. In one instance, the High Court of Kenya affirmed the participation of amici, such as ISLA and KELIN, emphasizing their critical role in offering expertise and ensuring judicial accountability in matters of public interest.

On October 7, 2024, KELIN secured a significant victory, stopping the prosecution of P.K.K, a domestic worker living with HIV, charged for allegedly attempting to transmit HIV. Despite repeated delays and constitutional violations, KELIN's legal team pursued justice, resulting in the dismissal of the case.

KELIN's 2024 strategic litigation efforts reflect its unwavering dedication to using the law as a tool for social justice. From addressing systemic gaps in health service delivery to safeguarding the rights of vulnerable populations, KELIN continues to lead the charge in advocating for legal accountability and equitable access to health care. With each victory, KELIN moves closer to a society where justice and human rights are upheld for all.

Ongoing Cases	2	Rachael Mwikali & 3 Others V The Cs, Ministry Of Health; (Kenya Obstetrics Gynecologist Society & Katiba Institute) Interested Parties Kisumu Petition E008 of 2023:
Cases where judgement were given	3	Usikimye CBO, Wangu Kanja Foundation (K) Registered Trustees & 3 Others VS Mr. John Chebochok, Tegat Tea Factory Limited and 13 Others, Kericho Petition E006 of 2024 Petition No E018 of 2023 Deliberate transmission of HIV

Women Land and Property Rights



Empowering Women, Transforming Communities

KELIN's legal interventions brought hope and justice to widows who had been unfairly denied their land rights. In Siaya County, Rose's perseverance paid off when the courts nullified a fraudulent title deed registered in her brother-in-law's name. Similarly, in Homa Bay County, Damaris reclaimed her rightful property after years of battling systemic discrimination. Both cases highlight the importance of dismantling patriarchal practices through strategic litigation. Additionally, KELIN's legal aid clinics across counties empowered women to navigate issues such as succession disputes and registration challenges, equipping them with the tools to assert their rights confidently.

In Siaya County, KELIN's efforts to promote equitable and inclusive dispute resolution bore fruit with the validation of the Siaya County Action Plan for Alternative Justice Systems (AJS). This plan is a critical step toward ensuring marginalized groups can

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access justice outside traditional court processes. At the national level, KELIN partnered with NaSCI-AJS to host the 3rd AJS Conference, which underscored the value of people-centered justice in addressing land and succession disputes. These efforts were complemented by community sensitization workshops that trained over 430 practitioners to mediate conflicts and promote peaceful co-existence.



Through its Securing Your Family's Future (SYFF) curriculum, KELIN led a cultural transformation in Siaya and Kajiado Counties. In these regions, 69 men, including elders and community leaders, were trained to champion women's land rights. By challenging harmful traditions and advocating for equitable inheritance practices, these men became catalysts for change in their communities.

Women in Kajiado County also benefited from targeted training that provided them with advocacy skills and knowledge about succession planning. Many women committed to registering their marriages and using wills to safeguard their families' futures, breaking taboos and fostering financial security.





KELIN's partnerships with the National Land Commission (NLC) and other stakeholders led to impactful advocacy initiatives. Regional Research Conferences held in Kisumu and Nairobi brought together experts to discuss how technology and data can modernize land governance. Meanwhile, the Lake Region Economic Bloc (LREB) Conference provided a platform for 14 counties to collaborate on sustainable land management. These initiatives addressed systemic challenges and emphasized the need for inclusive policies that prioritize gender equality in natural resource governance.

At the grassroots and global levels, KELIN reinforced its commitment to women's land rights through advocacy and knowledge sharing. Participation in the Eastern Africa Learning Collaborative (EALC) allowed KELIN to exchange strategies for addressing harmful social norms. Global campaigns like #Stand4HerLandRights amplified KELIN's message, ensuring that the fight for women's rights transcends borders and resonates worldwide.

Behind these achievements lies KELIN's ability to forge meaningful partnerships and strengthen its institutional capacity. Collaborations with local, national, and international stakeholders, including the NLC and NaSCI-AJS, have ensured the sustainability of KELIN's programs. By

building these alliances, KELIN continues to address systemic challenges and advocate for transformative change.



In 2024, KELIN demonstrated the transformative power of rights-based approaches in tackling gender inequality and securing women's land rights. By empowering individuals, fostering partnerships, and advocating for systemic reforms, KELIN is paving the way for a more equitable and just society. Its commitment to recognizing and realizing women's rights continues to inspire and drive meaningful change.



Appendix

Appendix A: 2024 Outcomes

HIV, TB, key and affected populations	
Outcome 1 - Strengthened legal and policy environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocating for Equitable Access to Essential Medicines
Outcome 2: Transparent and Accountable Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening Community-Led Monitoring for TB Response
Outcome 3: Empowered Communities and Community Structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World AIDS Day 2024 in Mombasa
Outcome 4: Policies, Practices, and Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Driving Sustainable Health Advocacy
Health and Governance	
Outcome 1 - Strengthened legal and policy environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uniting Stakeholders to Promote Healthy Eating and Prevent Diseases Empowering Lawyers to Advocate for Healthier Diets and Combat Non-Communicable Diseases. Digital Health Technologies in Kenya - Engagement, Barriers, and Policy Recommendations
Outcome 2 - Transparent and accountable governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrict marketing of foods and non-alcoholic beverages to children National CSOs Step Up Advocacy for Front-of-Pack Labels to Promote Healthy Diets
Outcome 3 - Empowered Communities and community structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counties Commit to Tackle Healthcare Challenges while Standardizing Service Delivery Completion of the revised Kisumu County Digitisation Road Map Now we know - Kisumu on the Digital Health Act

Outcome 4 - Policies, practices and programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Health with Data Governance and Telemedicine Guidelines • East Africa Unites for Coordinated Healthy Food Policy Campaigns • First draft of the Restrictions of marketing regulations Ready • Increased understanding of outcome mapping for the GHAI project by subgrantees • Establishment of a unified approach for promoting healthy diets • Development of a guide on restricting the marketing of unhealthy foods and beverages to children in Kenya.
Outcome 5 - KELIN's institutional capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased staff capacity on strategic litigation on food policy measures.

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

Outcome 1: Strengthened Legal and Policy Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Safe Abortion Day in Kilifi and Nairobi • Strategic Advocacy at the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights • Engaging Policymakers on Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Recommendations • Strengthening of County RH Networks
Outcome 2: Transparent and Accountable Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-Led Monitoring for SRHR Accountability • Formation of County RRTs • Scientific Engagement at the RHNK Conference
Outcome 3: Empowered Communities and Community Structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Youth Day in Mombasa • International Day of the Girl Child in Kisumu • Empowering Deaf Communities During Deaf Awareness Week • Training Trainers of Trainers (ToTs) on SRHR in Multiple Counties • Empowering Community Members and Stakeholders in Nakuru

<p>Outcome 4: Policies, Practices, and Programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Justice Mechanisms for GBV Survivors in Homabay • Increased Access to Reproductive Health Services
<p>Strategic Litigation</p>	
<p>Outcome 1: Strengthened Legal and Policy Environment</p>	<p>Challenging Regressive Policies and Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy against the National Reproductive Health Policy 2022-2032, ensuring public participation and equitable access. • Review and drafting of the Kilifi County Maternal Newborn and Child Health Act 2016 and the subsequent Reproductive Maternal Neonatal and Adolescent Health Bill 2023. • Legal Victory Against Criminalization of HIV <p>Advancing Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Accountability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting mandatory minimum sentencing for sexual offences to protect survivors and deter perpetrators. • Preventing individuals with sexual violence allegations from assuming leadership roles, particularly in the tea sector. <p>Strengthening the Role of Amicus Curiae in Kenya</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing the importance of amici in influencing progressive jurisprudence and protecting public interest in strategic litigation cases.
<p>Outcome 2: Transparent and Accountable Governance</p>	<p>Litigation for Access to Life-Saving Medications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal action against the Ministry of Health and KEMSA for ARV and HIV-related stockouts, holding the state accountable for health system failures. • Advocacy to ensure systemic reforms in procurement and supply chains for life-saving medications.

Outcome 3: Empowered Communities and Community Structures	Empowering Advocates Through Training and Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training advocates, journalists, and community members on strategic litigation for SRHR. • Exchange visits with partners such as LHRC and CRR to foster collaboration on reproductive justice litigation.
Outcome 4: Policies, Practices, and Programs	International Advocacy and Knowledge Sharing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in international forums such as the Reproductive Justice Litigation Baraza and the AIDS Conference 2024, highlighting human rights-based approaches to health and equitable access to medicines.

Women Land and Property Rights

Outcome 1: Strengthened Legal and Policy Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defending Women's Land Rights in Court • Strengthening Justice Through Alternative Mechanisms
Outcome 2: Transparent and Accountable Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fostering Knowledge Sharing and Advocacy
Outcome 3: Empowered Communities and Community Structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting Gender Equity Through Social Norm Transformation
Outcome 4: Policies, Practices, and Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grassroots Engagement and Global Advocacy

Appendix B: Year in Review and Numbers

People Reached	Health & Governance	HIV, TB, Key & AP	SRHR	Strategic Litigation	WLPR
Decision makers/Duty bearers	58	35	90		89
Non-State Actors/CSOs/CBOs	42	161	66		184
Lawyers	14	1	8	60	71
Adolescent Girls			1000		469
Young women			2010		431
Journalists	17				
Key Population/minorities		30	7		
women					784
Community members	31	90	3810	35	2000
Community Leaders	95		100		

People Trained	Health & Governance	HIV, TB, Key & AP	SRHR	Strategic Litigation	WLPR
Decision makers/Duty bearers		13	20		56
Non-State Actors/CSOs/CBOs	23	71	5		66
Lawyers	14	1	10	10	43
Journalists	17		80		
Key Population/minorities		5	16		
Community members	31	35	3010		114
Elders	95		10		58
Others	2		180		53



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