

# JUSTICE<sup>2</sup>HEALTH

A view from the frontline

KELIN Newsletter: January 2023



## A New Year's Welcome from the Executive Director



Dear Partner,

It's 2023 and we are back to the frontlines!

This year is about attentiveness, accountability, and advocacy as we step up the fight for #Justice2Health.

Inspired by our vision: The full enjoyment of health-related human rights for all; and driven by our mission: To promote and protect health related human rights for all, we are set for an intensive, exciting year of attentiveness, accountability, and advocacy.

And we would love to collaborate with you to make reclaim rights and rebuild lives!

While the past year had its fair share of hits and misses, we are back to make more hits despite the setbacks we may encounter.

**Some of the highlights that we celebrate as great hits are:**

**1. The judgement in Petition 606 of 2014** where a woman living with HIV who was supported by KELIN, challenged the action of a health care provider, in a private medical facility, who sterilised her without



PETITION 606 OF 2014

## It's Time!

**Judgement Day:**  
**16<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

#MyWombsNotNegotiable

her knowledge or consent. Through the positive judgment, the Court brings to an end years long litigation for LAW and marks a step towards justice for a woman living with HIV robbed of a choice to make a crucial decision on her reproductive health at the tender age of twenty years as she sought antenatal care. In LAW's words, *"This win is not just for me but for each woman living with HIV who has been subjected to forced sterilization. I am happy that the violations against us have been acknowledged and hope my story will be a tool for the protection of the right to health for other women living with HIV."* Here's a [summary of the judgment](#).

### 2. Dreams Innovation Challenge

After 2 years of implementing the DREAMS Innovation Challenge with 75 community-based organizations and widow support groups in all the 15 sub-counties of Homa Bay and Kisumu Counties, KELIN has managed to impart SRHR information, life skills, generate information on their SRHR needs and address gaps in access to sexual and reproductive health justice, impacting over 1000 adolescent girls and young women. Check out a short documentary titled ["Sexually Defiled, but now living my DREAMS, AIDS-Free"](#) that highlights some positive results so far.



### 3. Digital Health Week Campaign

As a coalition member and national coordinator of the Transform Health Kenya Coalition, KELIN participated in the #DigitalHealthWeek campaign alongside coalition members, emphasizing on the need for an enabling legal environment for adoption of digital health, calling for implementation of the Data Protection Act, and highlighting Kenya's progress in achieving universal health coverage through harnessing digital health and use of data.

Check out our collaborative [#DigitalHealthWeekcampaign](#) and reach out to learn how you can get involved as an implementing partner. Follow the [Transform Health Kenya Twitter page](#) for regular updates.

**Digital Health Week**

**IS MY HEALTH DATA SAFE?**

Has Kenya made any progress in the data protection framework?

Join us for digital health week webinar on Friday  
**14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 | 14.00-15.30 EAT**

#DigitalHealthWeek

Transform Health KENYA

#### 4. International Widow's Day

We marked #InternationalWidowsDay by focusing attention to [the voices of women and girls](#) in our network who continue to play their part in #BreakingTheBias regarding women's land and property rights. You are welcome to visit the project website: [Securing Your Family's Future](#) where you will find resources to equip you and someone you know to make choices that help in reclaiming rights and rebuilding lives.



**There is so much more to share, but let's promise to keep engaging as the year unfolds.**

Part of our commitment to you in 2023 is to keep you attentive to the health-related human rights landscape in Kenya vis-à-vis KELIN's interventions; hold duty bearers accountable; and intensify our advocacy towards #PositiveJustice, #BreakingtheBarriers, #DigitalHealthJustice #BodilyAutonomyAndIntegrity.

Thank you for the support over the years.

Let's make 2023 a year to remember!

In case you missed our [Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation Campaign](#) you can join in and subscribe to the [KELIN YouTube channel](#) while at it.

You are more than welcome to reach out to us via [communications@kelinkenya.org](mailto:communications@kelinkenya.org) follow our social media pages and subscribe to our newsletter to remain informed and updated throughout the year.

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