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Message from the Executive Director

At KELIN, we are deeply committed to the work we are doing to uphold and protect the rights of every individual. The dedication and effort each team member contributes to ensuring these rights are recognized both within and beyond Kenya are truly commendable. As we approach the final months of 2024, I reflect on our achievements with great appreciation for the collaborations we have had with like-minded individuals and organizations to ensure that rights are being realized in accordance with the law.

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My key highlight is from our recent court victory, halting the prosecution of P.K.K., a domestic worker living with HIV who faced unfounded charges of HIV transmission. The court's decision to dismiss this case was a powerful reminder of the critical role KELIN plays in challenging outdated, discriminatory laws and fighting stigma. This success affirms our commitment to advocating for policies grounded in accurate science and justice for people living with HIV.

From our initiatives in HIV, TB, and Key Populations to our focus on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), as well as health governance, women's land and property rights (WLPR), and strategic litigation, I am pleased to share with you some highlights from our active pursuits.

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Allan Maleche

KELIN advocates for women to own land and property while pushing systemic change towards better land management processes

1.

Men as Allies: Advancing Women's Land Rights in Kajiado

Men become advocates for women's land rights. KELIN trained men in Kajiado to challenge harmful norms and promote gender equality in land ownership.

Read more [here](#)



2.

Towards A Transformative Gender Future: Advocating for Progressive Social Norms to Realize Women's Land Rights in Kajiado

KELIN brought together 27 women from Kajiado County for a transformative training on women's land rights! Through the curriculum, they gained crucial advocacy skills to shift cultural norms toward equitable land ownership.

Read more [here](#)



3.

Securing Your Family's Future: Men as Allies in Advancing Women's Land Rights in Siaya

KELIN trained 42 men in Siaya to challenge harmful social norms and promote women's land and property rights through the Securing Your Family Futures (SYFF) program.

Read more [here](#)



4.

KELIN and Pamoja Trust Equip National Land Commission with Cutting-Edge Land Tool to Secure Tenure Rights

KELIN and Pamoja Trust trained National Land Commission officials on the Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) to tackle tenure insecurity in Kenya.

Read more [here](#)



5.

Celebrating Mazingira Day

A clean, healthy environment is a human right. Let's reflect on our responsibilities and take actionable steps for environmental conservation and restoration.

Read more [here](#)



6.

Access to Justice Expanded: Siaya Validates AJS County Action Plan (CAP)

KELIN and @NaSCI_AJS unite to validate Siaya County Action Plan for Alternative Justice Systems (AJS).

Read more [here](#)

7.

Championing women land rights: Planning the global #stand4herlandrights 2025 campaign in Kenya

KELIN joined partners for the #Stand4HerLandRights inception meeting to build momentum for stronger women's land rights in Kenya.

Read more [here](#)



Sexual and reproductive health and justice are fundamental rights

1.

Towards Zero SGBV in Homabay: Pushing Forward with Prevention and Response

KELIN and GVRC are tackling the alarming SGBV rates in Homabay County through advocacy and partnership.

Read more [here](#)

2.

Kicking Out Abortion Stigma: Raising Voices for Reproductive Rights

KELIN and partners hosted a soccer tournament to tackle abortion stigma and educate communities on reproductive rights.

Read more [here](#)



3.

KELIN and partners commit to advance gender equality through women leadership

KELIN underscored its commitment to women's health rights at the East African Regional Dialogue dedicated to advancing allyship and gender equality in global health leadership.

Read more [here](#)

4.

International day of the girl child (IDGC)2024: Girls' vision for the future

KELIN Celebrates International Day of the Girl Child in Kisumu County. Key leaders, partners & young women came together to tackle the triple threat.

Read more [here](#)



5.

Girls' Vision for the Future: A Call for Equality, Dignity, and Opportunity

KELIN celebrates the resilience & potential of girls. Access to sexual and reproductive health rights is crucial for empowering girls to shape their futures.

Read more [here](#)

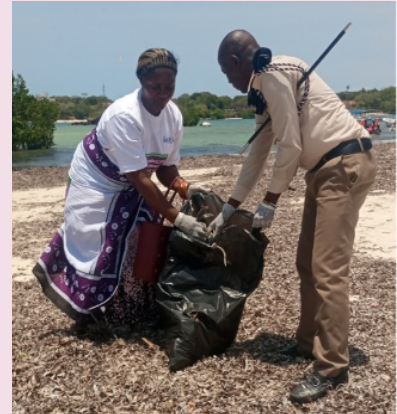


6.

International Safe Abortion Day 2024: A right, not a privilege

KELIN commemorated International Safe Abortion Day 2024 in Kilifi County, advocating for reproductive autonomy.

Read more [here](#)



7.

Deaf awareness week: SRHR for all & all for SRHR

KELIN partnered with the County Gender Department in Homa Bay to emphasize the importance of accessible Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) information for the Deaf community.

Read more [here](#)



8.

World Contraception Day 2024: "Towards Reproductive Justice for Adolescents and Young People."

KELIN advocates for comprehensive, gender-sensitive SRHR policies to ensure equitable access for all.

Read more [here](#)

WORLD CONTRACEPTION DAY

World Contraception Day
It's your life, it's your responsibility



9.

Court Takes Steps to Protect Survivors in Tea Farm Sexual Abuse Case

KELIN stands with survivors in the tea farm sexual abuse case, ensuring their voices are heard in the fight for justice.

Read more [here](#)

10.

Promoting Respectful Maternity Care in Africa: Joint Regional Advocacy on Obstetric Violence

KELIN joined partners at the ACHPR81 NGO Forum to spotlight obstetric violence and advance regional advocacy.

Read more [here](#)

11.

CSOS push for access to education for children in displacement contexts in the east and horn of Africa

KELIN joined CSOs urging AU states in East & Horn of Africa to prioritize education access for displaced children & youth.

Read more [here](#)

12.

Celebrating the achievements of the ACHPR special rapporteur mechanism on the rights of women in Africa

KELIN joins fellow CSOs at ACHPR in Banjul to celebrate the achievements of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa 25 years of advancing women's rights in Africa & 20 years of the #MaputoProtocol.

Read more [here](#)

13.

Promoting Respectful Maternity Care in Africa: Joint Regional Advocacy on Obstetric Violence

KELIN joins partners to push for Obstetric Violence accountability at the 81st ACHPR session.

Read more [here](#)

14.

Litigation on the Obligation to Protect Women Working on Tea Farms from Sexual Violence

KELIN and partners advise Counsel in a 3-day hearing for Petition E006 of 2024 seeking to bar a Tegat Tea Factory Director candidate over alleged widespread sexual violence on Kenyan tea farms, documented in the BBC's 'Sex for Work' report.

Read more [here](#)

15.

Towards Zero SGBV Cases in Homa Bay County Through Strategic Litigation

KELIN Kenya gathered stakeholders in Rangwe constituency to discuss strategic litigation for SGBV survivors, aiming to break barriers to justice and drive lasting change.

Read more [here](#)



Partnerships and reforms towards achieving quality health care for all

1.

KELIN and Partners Unite to Tackle Non-Communicable Diseases Through Bold Food Policy Reforms

KELIN and partners work to enhance the effectiveness of advocacy campaigns that target Kenya's policy landscape, ensuring a stronger push for reforms that will reduce the marketing and consumption of harmful food products.

Read more [here](#)



2.

Fighting for Healthy Diets: KELIN Equips Lawyers to Tackle Food Policy in Kenya

KELIN is making strides in the fight against non-communicable diseases in Kenya by training lawyers to advocate for healthier food policies and combat unhealthy diets.

Read more [here](#)



3.

Championing Right to Health: CSOs Seek to Hold Kenya Government Accountable in UPR Process

KELIN hosts a vital workshop with 23 Civil Society Organizations to validate a comprehensive report on the Right to Health in Kenya.

Read more [here](#)



4.

Kisumu Leads the way: Launches First-Ever County Roadmap for Digital Health Transformation!

Kisumu County just launched Kenya's 1st Digital Health Transformation Roadmap at the Lake Region Digital Health Conference!

Read more [here](#)



Quality, affordable and accessible healthcare for all

1.

KELIN Advances National Efforts on Community-Led Monitoring (CLM) Framework

KELIN took a significant step toward health service monitoring through the Community-Led Monitoring (CLM) framework at the UNAIDS workshop.

Read more [here](#)



2.

“Not in Our Name” – African HIV Treatment Advocates React to Gilead’s Voluntary Licensing Agreement on Lenacapavir

Gilead’s recent announcement on lenacapavir raises serious concerns about exclusionary practices in HIV prevention perpetuating unfair access barriers.

Read more [here](#)



3.

Breaking Down Barriers: KELIN Pushes for Access to Essential HIV & TB Medicines in Kenya

KELIN and ITPCglobal, host a pivotal forum to validate findings from a Market Intelligence Study on HIV & TB health products in Kenya.

Read more [here](#)



Country	Market	Medicines	Timeline	Notes
Kenya	Market 1	Medicine (generic)	March 2022	Any possible Africa's regulatory needs
Kenya	Market 2	Medicine (generic)	October 2022	Investment and reform support for regulatory and drug-producing entities
Kenya	Market 3	Medicine and injected vaccine	June 2024	the global value chain products?
Kenya	Market 4	Medicine	July 2027	Could this solve the into global challenge of how
Kenya	Market 5	Medicine	July 2027	achieve global health as a way that involves Africa's people to boost
Kenya	Market 6	Medicine	July 2027	same time as we explore

4.

Uganda Faces Critical Gaps in Hepatitis C Treatment: Market Intelligence Study Calls for Urgent Reforms

Stakeholders in Uganda's healthcare sector gathered to validate the alarming findings of the Uganda Market Intelligence Study on Hepatitis C treatment gaps.

Read more [here](#)



5.

IPAL Workshop Sparks Fresh Energy in Tackling IP Barriers Across Africa!

KELIN and ITPC MENA host an IPAL workshop to empower advocates to tackle intellectual property barriers to essential medicines across Africa.

Read more [here](#)



6.

Migori Leaders Unite for Better Healthcare Access and Medicine Affordability

KELIN & supported by AidsFonds, holds a consultative meeting in Migori county to tackle urgent healthcare challenges.

Read more [here](#)



7.

Towards People-Centered Digital Health Strategies: Gender, Equity, Rights, and Inclusion"

Insights from Geneva: CAT representatives from Kenya, Ghana, Colombia, & Vietnam call for a people centered digital health.

Read more [here](#)



8.

Advocacy Push in Malawi: Breaking IP Barriers to Life-Saving Medicines

KELIN, ITPCglobal joined forces with CheRA in Malawi to tackle intellectual property barriers in access to essential medicines.

Read more [here](#)



9.

Strengthening Human Rights Accountability: Civil Society Learns to Navigate the African Human Rights System

KELIN joined other Litigants Group members at the 81st ACHPR Session in a training to enhance the use of communication procedures for reporting human rights violations at the ACHPR.

Read more [here](#)

10.

Breaking Barriers to Medicine Access: National Dialogue Tackles Health Access in Uganda

KELIN and partners hosted a National Dialogue in Kampala to break IP barriers & boost access to affordable meds for HIV, TB, HCV, & more.

Read more [here](#)



Everyone's rights should be respected, protected and upheld

1.

Court Adjourns Hearing on National Reproductive Health Policy Case to January 2025

Hearing on the Reproductive health policy case has been postponed to January 29th. KELIN's commitment to advocating for reproductive health rights remains strong despite this adjournment.

Read more [here](#)



2.

Kenya's HIV Community Awaits Justice as ARV Stockout Case Nears Judgment

KELIN and partners presented final arguments in a critical case addressing ARV stock outs. Judgment expected on January 30, 2025.

Read more [here](#)



3.

A Step Toward Justice: Challenging Kenya's Reproductive Health Policy

KELIN and partners challenge the National Reproductive Health Policy 2022-2032 in court, citing serious flaws in its development.

Read more [here](#)



4.

State accountability for environmental degradation and degeneration caused by exploration and drilling of oil

KELIN and ISLA are joining forces to support the people of Turkana County in holding the State and Tullow Oil accountable for the harmful social and environmental impacts of oil drilling.

Read more [here](#)

5.

Justice Prevails as Court Stops Unfounded HIV Transmission Charges

Victory for justice! KELIN successfully halted the prosecution of P.K.K., a domestic worker living with HIV, wrongfully accused of 'HIV transmission' via spitting.

Read more [here](#)



Strengthening regional collaborations towards the protection of human rights

1.

Civil Society Organizations Discuss Strategies to Protect Sexual and Gender Minorities in Africa

KELIN joined CSOs at the 81st ACHPR session in Banjul, to discuss legal strategies to protect SOGIE rights in Africa amidst rising threats.

Read more [here](#)



2.

KELIN and Ahaki forge stronger ties in learning and exchange visit

KELIN Kenya's leadership recently visited Afya Na Haki in Uganda to strengthen regional collaboration on health and SRHR advocacy. This powerful exchange emphasized the need for region-specific strategies and digital rights in advancing reproductive justice.

Read more [here](#)



3.

The Universal Periodic Review: KELIN Joins Allies to Leverage on UN's Human Rights System

KELIN participated in a vital workshop, to prepare a joint report on human rights for the upcoming Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

Read more [here](#)

We look forward to closing out the year with continued vigor, confident in our collective capacity to drive impactful change for health-related human rights across Kenya.

In case you missed it, **our 2023 annual report is now available!** Take a look to see the strides we've made in advancing health-related human rights. Read more about our impactful work and achievements [here!](#)

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