

ORGANIZATION PROFILE



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PREAMBLE

LASWIDA - TANZANIA is a Nonprofit Organization registered under Non-Governmental Organizations Act, No. 24 of 2002 with registration No. **00NGO/R1/00894** and **LAP-2023-0003**.

The core purpose is to bring back a smile to Street Children, Widows and People with Disabilities on the consideration that, these groups are particularly vulnerable to rights breaches and abuse because they are either illiterate, have limited access to support systems and representation, and or are currently struggling to meet their basic requirements which are limited by access to income and properties.

NGO A - Form No. 3A



THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

THE NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ACT, 2002
Made under Section 11 (1) and 17 (2) of Act No. 24 of 2002

No. 00 894

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that **LASWIDA-TANZANIA**
.....of P.O. Box **90585 DJM** incorporated under Non Governmental Organizations Act on **13**.....day of **SEPT** 20 **22** with registration No. **00NGO/R/3732** has this **06** day of **DEC** 20 **22**.....being issued a new certificate under the terms and conditions of Non Governmental Organizations Act, 2002 with registration No. **00NGO/R1/00894**

This certificate is subjected to the following conditions/directions:

- That the aforesaid Organization shall operate in Tanzania Mainland**
- That the aforesaid Organization shall operate in accordance with its governing Constitution and the Laws of Tanzania**
- That this certificate shall be valid for a period of ten (10) years from the issuing date**

Issued Date **06** Day of **DEC** 20 **22** Expiry Date **05** Day of **DEC** 20 **32**


REGISTRAR

VISION

- Restoring a smile to all widows, street children, and persons with disabilities in Tanzania

MISSION

- To promote, safeguard, and defend the rights and interests of widows, street children, and disabled people in Tanzania.



Raising community awareness on defending the rights of targeted groups

Enhancing living conditions to the targeted groups

Enhancement of free delivery of Legal Aid Services to the mentioned groups

Facilitating access to rights for street children, disabled individuals, and widows

Advocating promotion and protecting of the targeted groups in general public

OBJECTIVES

OUR CORE VALUE



We are ready to always tell the truth, good or bad.



What makes us different from other institutions is the way we have chosen to address problems facing the neediest people, as described herein above.



Whatever we do, you can always count on us



We are prepared to provide quality services and outcomes



We hire only the best and gain cutting-edge knowledge of capacity building



We collaborate, share, and support one another to achieve excellence



We leave aside personal considerations and feelings to be helpful and polite to others

LAP-2023-0003

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
MINISTRY OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL AFFAIRS



CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

LASWIDA-TANZANIA

has been registered as a

LEGAL AID SERVICE PROVIDER

with effect from this **22nd day of January, 2023**.

The area of operation of **LASWIDA-TANZANIA** shall be **COUNTRYWIDE**.

This registration is valid for a period of three years until **21st day of January, 2026**

subject to the Institution's original legal existence.

Issued at **DODOMA** this **22nd day of January, 2023**

REGISTRAR OF LEGAL AID PROVIDERS

In Tanzania, the majority of widows, street children and people with disabilities face discrimination, have low incomes, and are in poor physical and mental health, which restricts their access to legal services and jeopardizes their financial security. Several legal amendments and ratification of international laws had been done by the Tanzanian government to improve the welfare of the Widows and Children though the challenge remains on the part of implementation and conflict between laws.

Customary and Islamic law which is the predominant system of intestate succession in Tanzania limits women's inheritance based on their gender. Under customary law, a widow is generally denied inheritance thus impoverishing women and leaving their survival at the mercy of men. Women also have to contend with widespread property grabbing, eviction from their homes under witchcraft accusations, and sometimes even the loss of their children by abusive relatives. Women in polygamous families have to further split any meager inheritance they do receive. Suffering is especially severe in light of the AIDS pandemic, which has increased the number and vulnerability of widows and orphans who later become Street Children.



The same situation applies in religious intermarriages, particularly where a non-Muslim widow cannot inherit from her Muslim husband. This also encourages greedy relatives to take children away from their mothers to access their property resulting in an increased number of street children who escape from mistreatment done by their relatives and start new lives in town streets.



ACTIVITIES ATTAINED BY LASWIDA – TANZANIA

STREET CHILDREN

LASWIDA – Tanzania aims at protecting the street children against tougher, inhumanity and death while preparing them to become the best parents for future Tanzania. Also, though protecting the widows' right to property, the organization intends to minimize the number of children running from their homes to the streets. The Organizational Slogan is **"FROM STREET CHILDREN TO BEST PARENTS"**



ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO SUPPORT STREET CHILDREN

- Identifying Street Children throughout the country and registering them
- Provision of Health Insurance to all registered street children in the country
- Finding out the safe and secure place for Street Children to live (Construction of a hostel for street children)
- Returning home those who deserve after ensuring that the home environment is safe for the child to live and continue with studies.



ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO SUPPORT STREET CHILDREN CONT.....

- Returning young children to school and ensuring that they get better education principally to those aged below 10 years old.
- Sending children to technical colleges to acquire skills to earn income with their own hands and knowledge.
- Establishing various groups and enabling them to get capital and equipment to start businesses or other income-generating activities such as opening garages and small factories according to the training they have.





LASWIDA - TANZANIA undertakes to empower needy widows in Tanzanian society who, after losing their husbands, who are usually the breadwinner, find themselves in a downward cycle of poverty, unable to support their family or educate their children. The following are activities done by the organization:

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO SUPPORT WIDOWS CONT.....



- Educating widows on business fundamentals and how to generate long-term wealth. This assists widows in learning how to create prosperity rather than being a burden on their community or fleeing their children.
- Through their formalized group, the organization hopes to help them obtain start-up funds for their newly launched projects.

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO SUPPORT WIDOWS CONT.....

- To safeguard all widows against social exclusion and inhumane treatment by the local communities, through LASWIDA - Tanzania, a **LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDER**.
- To make certain that all the assets that were taken from the widows and other family members of the deceased are restored to them so they may care for their families and raise their children.
- The organization attempts to provide a better living situation for widows and children who have been left in a life of poverty while also enabling the children to get healthcare and educational services.





People with different Disabilities in Tanzania like in so many other countries encounter a lot of challenges which push them to humiliation, and abuse of their rights resulting in extreme poverty. The poverty rate for persons with disabilities is an alarming situation which has turned some of them into beggars in the street. LASWIDA – Tanzania aims to address several challenges including but not limited to the list hereunder to improve their livelihood.

CHALLENGES FACING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES CONT.....

- The high unemployment rate among persons with disabilities.
- Poor provisions of education and health services. Despite Tanzania's very significant effort to increase the opportunities for children to access schooling, there is still a serious under-enrollment of children with disabilities.
- Poor access to financial services where they are not trusted in formal financial sectors due to their disabilities.



CHALLENGES FACING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES CONT.....



- Serious stigmatization and torture where in some parts of the country persons with disabilities are locked in the house.
- The situation in ordinary schools where special units have been integrated is not promising. They lack specialized teachers, interpreters, sign language experts and school equipment to enable persons with disabilities to master their studies

LASWIDA TANZANA'S INTERVENTIONS

- Promote the participation of Persons with Disabilities in the process of economic and social development by enhancing their access to finance.
- Promote the self-representation of People with Disabilities in all public decision-making structures
- Promote special measures for children, youth, women and elderly persons with disabilities



LASWIDA TANZANA'S INTERVENTIONS



- Ensure and improve access to rehabilitation, education, training, employment, sports, and the cultural and physical environment
- To promote and protect disability rights as human rights.
- To support the development of and strengthen 'Disabled Persons' organizations through the mobilization of resources.



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