Impact Model Blueprint



PROBLEM

4.5 billion people are excluded from the opportunities the law provides and 1.5 billion lack the resources to resolve their justice problems. 253 million people live in extreme conditions of injustice. Ten million people are held in prisons around the world, three million of whom have yet to access a fair trial.

We work to address targets set out in SDG 16 (16.3, 16.6, 16.A).

PEOPLE

We are defenders of the defenceless. There are no benefactors or beneficiaries. Those who carry out our most important grassroots work were once defenceless too, but are now the defenders.

Defenceless communities are those incarcerated without legal representation; or groups at disproportionate risk of conflict with criminal law by the nature of their status, race, or profession.

REASON

There can be no justice without peace and there can be no peace without justice.

PARTNERS

- Improving prison conditions
- 'Hope & dignity'
- Legal services for other marginalized people or 'the poor'
- Advocacy or policy change
- Working with judiciary
- Rehab or reintegration

INTERVENTIONS

- 1 Education: facilitating LLB students
- 2 **Training**: creating curriculum, training paralegals, running the secondment exchange program
- 3 **Practice**: establishing and overseeing legal practice, file tracing, advocating on individual cases, collaborating with pro bono partners for court (as needed)

INPUTS

- Philanthropic capital
- Human/financial/material resources
- Trained staff and tutors
- Functioning National Prisons Service
- UoL &/or other local university engagement
- Support from legal professionals internationally

BEHAVIORS

- Defenceless person participates in legal training
- Paralegal attends legal training
- Paralegal gives proper counsel
- Defenceless person handles court appearance properly

BIG IDEA

Training paralegals and lawyers from within defenceless communities to provide legal services for themselves and others – protecting their rights and addressing their wrongs.

MISSION

Defending justice with defenceless communities in Africa via legal education, training & practice.

MID-TERM OUTCOMES

- 1 Percentage of legal practice clients who feel an increased sense of hope
- 2 Percentage of students who graduate legal education classes

SHORT-TERM OUTCOMES

- 1 Percentage of paralegal trainees who increase skills in giving legal counsel
- 2 Percentage of legal practice clients who feel more confident when at their hearing

OUTPUTS

- 1 # of paralegals trained
- 2 # of legal practice clinics
- 3 # of people attending legal practice
- 4 # of law students
- 5 # of people on secondments & exchanges
- 6 # of prisons & other defenceless communities we're in

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

The most important outcome in our model is: defenceless individuals in conflict with the law get a fair hearing.

And this single outcome leads to a ripple effect of greater impact on families, prisons, court systems, communities & societies.

SCALE

Doer – government adoption: public institutions like prison services delivering the model through programs and policies.

Payer – the main funding sources with government adoption would be a combination of big aid (multi- or bi-lateral revenue) plus taxes.

VISION

Elevating those facing injustice.



The ripple effect of individual impact.

One fair hearing or a single prisoner release can strengthen families and communities. And at the same time, improve the prisons and court systems that exist to uphold justice. When individual justice is served, positive effects are felt throughout societies – increased stability and security, better livelihoods, greater economic development for all.

