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About ICRW

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ICRW is helping to build the evidence base through its research on the most pressing issues facing women and girls today.



ICRW has worked with local, national and international partners to conduct original research, build capacity and advocate for evidence-based solutions.



ICRW works with advocates, policymakers and thought leaders to ensure sustainable solutions are backed by solid evidence.



**ICRW's mission
is to empower
women, advance
gender equality,
and fight poverty**

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2015 – 2019



Vision:

The full enjoyment of health related human rights for all

Mission:

To promote and protect health related human rights for all

Core Values:

Integrity, Equality & Non-Discrimination, Justice & Fairness, Excellence, Respect and Dignity.

Goal

To advocate for a holistic and rights based system of service delivery in health and for the full enjoyment of the right to health by all, including the vulnerable, marginalized and excluded populations and especially PLHIV, women, children, persons with disabilities, adolescents, and key populations.

KELIN's Thematic Areas

- HIV and TB
- Women's land and property rights;
- Sexual and reproductive health rights;
- Key and affected populations

Context

Since 2003, annual AIDS-related deaths have declined from approximately 58,465 deaths in 2013 compared to 167,000 in 2003 (Kenya HIV Estimates Report, 2014). Kenya's HIV epidemic is geographically diverse, ranging from a prevalence of 25.7% in Homa Bay County to approximately 0.2% in Wajir County.



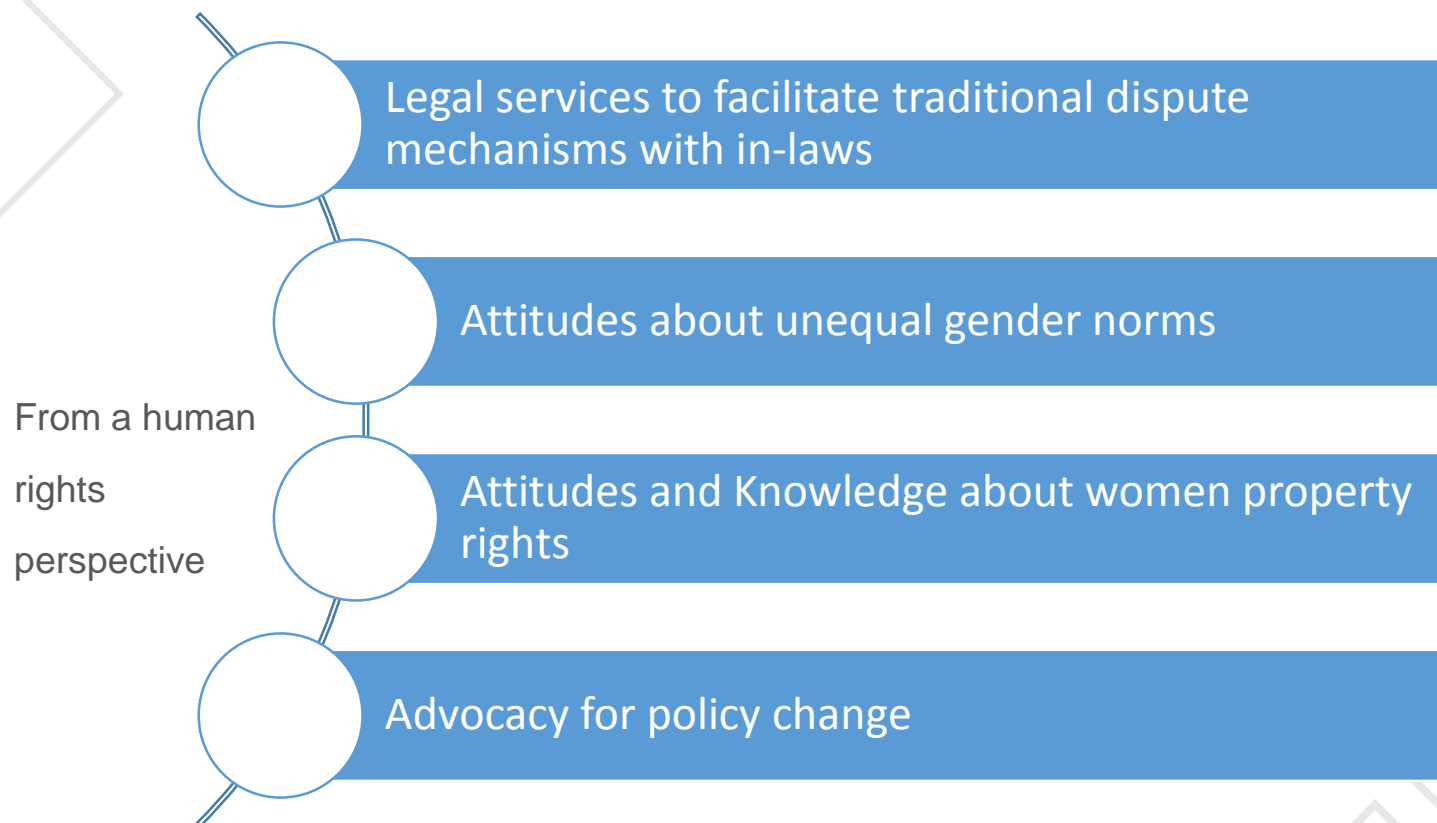
The problem

In Kenya, the legal system consists of a mix of Kenya statutory, or written, law and common law mixed with elements of customary and Islamic law.

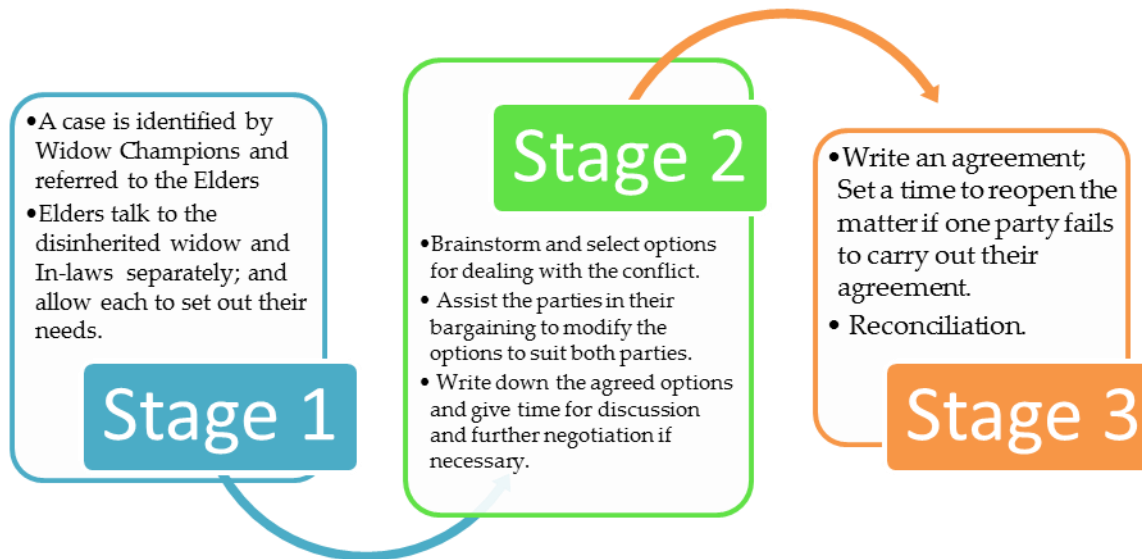
Customary laws that regulate inheritance often **limit inheritance rights to men**; the brothers, fathers or sons of the deceased.

- Many widows and orphans become **homeless**
- Eviction from their rural homes
- Higher vulnerability to **physical and sexual abuse**, increasing their vulnerability to HIV.
- High-risk behavior, such as polygamy, sex work.
- Increased difficulty to access consistent treatment and this disruption affects their general health.

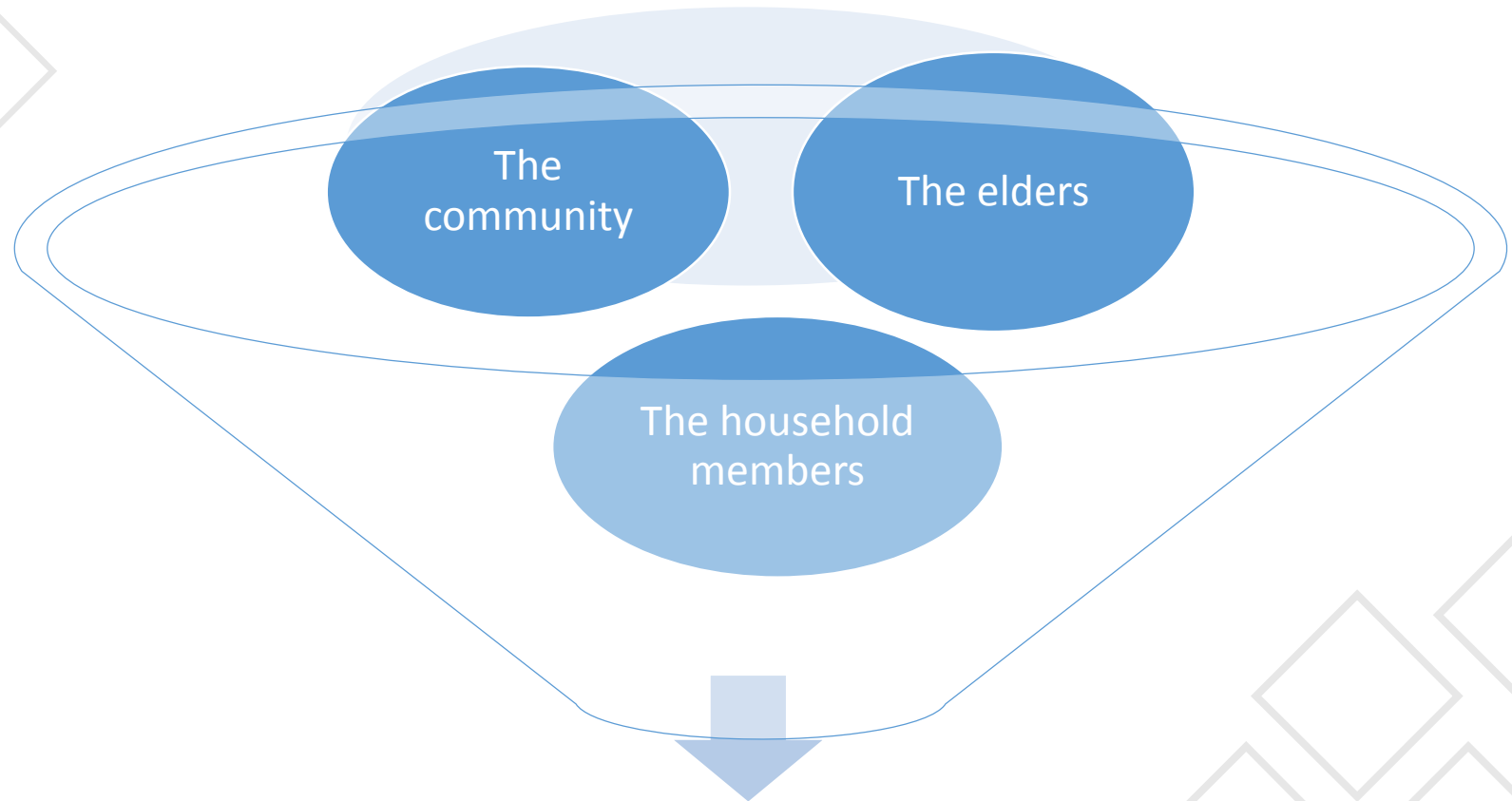
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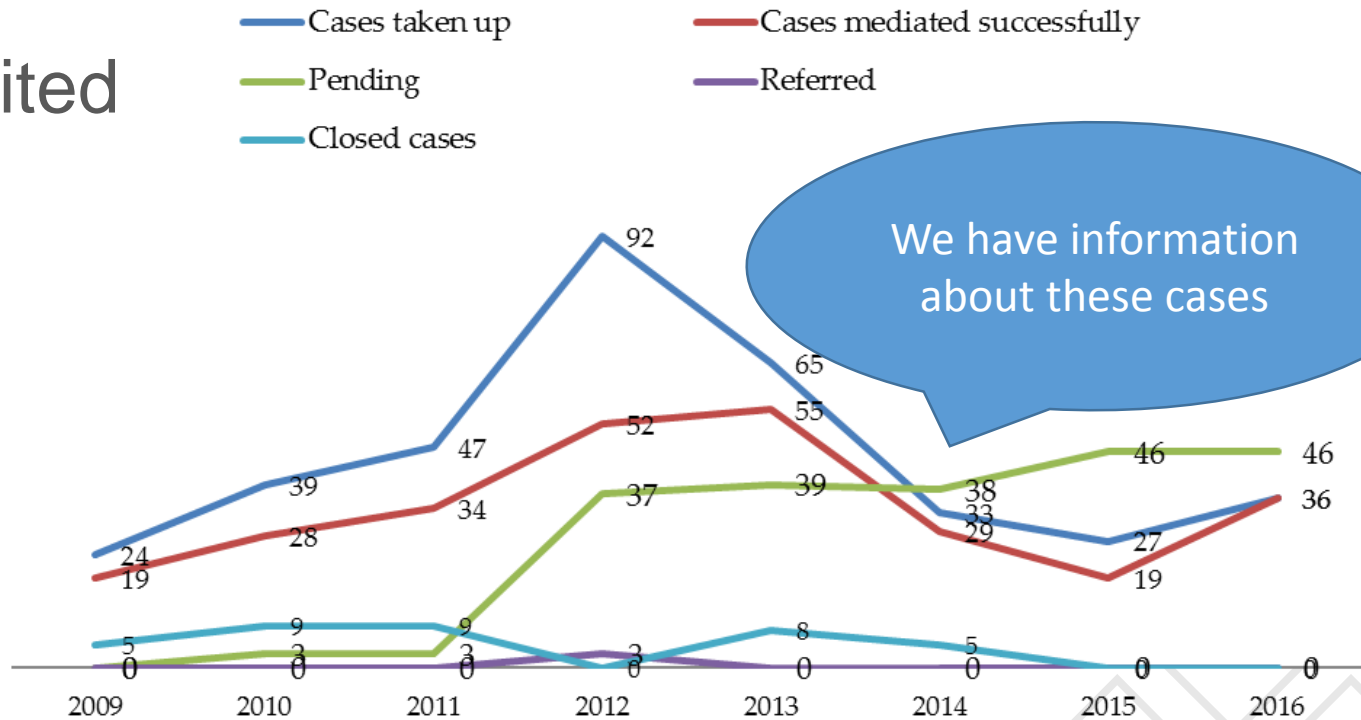
Widows well-being

Methods

- ◆ Assessment based on monitoring data
- ◆ Triangulating information from quantitative and qualitative indicators
- ◆ Data are collected regularly by lawyers, elders, widows and project staff using monitoring tools.
- ◆ Quantitative data are analyzed using excel
- ◆ Qualitative data are used for success stories and coded for reporting purposes

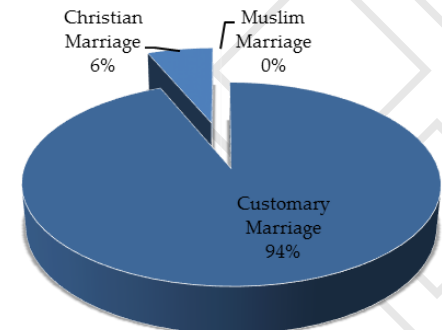
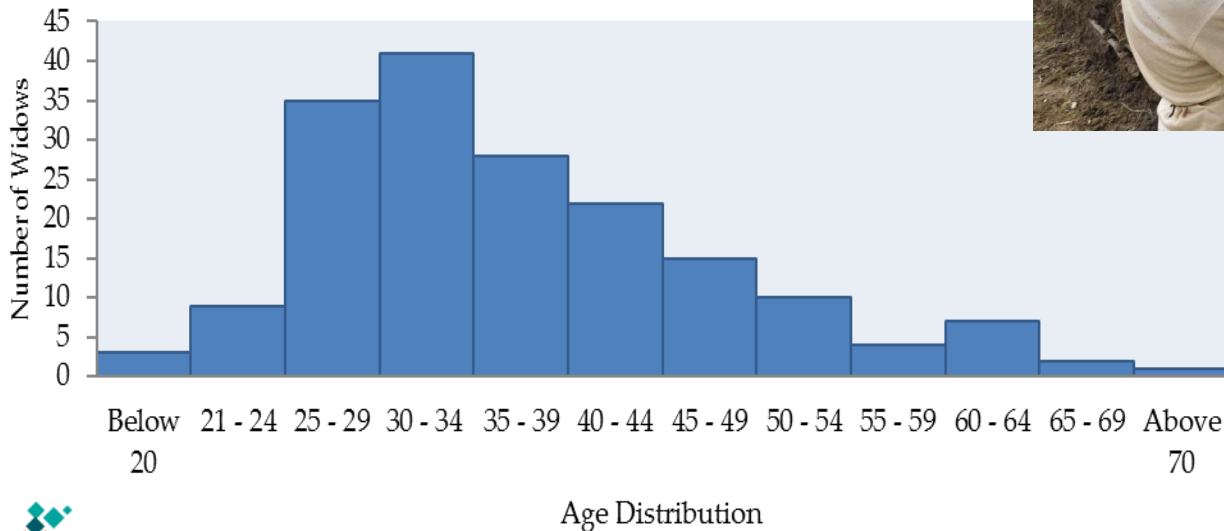
Results

363 widows
Disinherited



The Widows Age

We can use the age as proxy for other aspects such as effect on children because younger women tend to have younger children who have to be sent away to relatives when women become homeless



Results (1)

272 (75%) widows cases arbitrated successfully thus reclaiming their right to own and inherit properties.

107 (30%) of the 363 widows have been trained on human

rights and are willing to challenge violations.

- at least 50 of them are considered to be most economically vulnerable – earning less than a dollar a day.

Results (2)

Elders have been trained on land and property rights to (in the Constitution of Kenya 2010.)

127 elders trained and empowered, to arbitrate cases fairly, justly and respect the rights of parties

KELIN has encouraged elders during trainings to include women in the Council of Elders in line with the 2010 Constitution, that calls for 2/3 inclusion of women.

Results (3)

A total of 28 houses, of the 50, have been built thus far through the contributions of the community (including the in-laws), churches, local officials, and other donors.

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In general, KELIN has facilitated the construction of 59 Structures between 2009 and 2016 to the widowed households.

Outcome level

KELIN has contributed to improve gender relations

“We now have more men in authority who respect women’s rights.”

Some widows are redefining their roles. They are now taking up ‘community management’ role.

Consolata, one of the widow champions is now leading one of the health teams and is an advisor on women’s’ human rights violations

Thank You!
