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INTRODUCTION

FIDA Kenya is a non-profit, non governmental organization whose membership is female lawyers practicing in Kenya.

MATERIALS | METHODS

1. Women Inclusivity
2. Capacity Building on Legal Provisions
3. Training on Mediation Skills
4. Case Referrals and Settlements

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RESULTS

1. Women have been included as stakeholders and decision makers in community Council of Elders. This was traditionally men's domain.
2. The capacities of the Elders are enhanced as they are sensitized to legal provisions with regard to equality of the genders and women's legal access to own and deal with land.
3. Women who would have been left homeless due to oppressive cultural practices like widow eviction are resettled in their homes.

CONCLUSIONS

Kenya is a country with plural justice systems. The use of the informal justice mechanisms is instrumental in helping women gain access to their land rights.

LITERATURE CITED

The Kenyan Constitution
The National Land Policy
Land Act 2012
Community Land Act