



INDEPENDENT MEDICO - LEGAL UNIT

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A World Free From Torture, Violence and Discrimination

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Friends, colleagues, Partners, supporters,

Dear all,

RE: NOTIFICATION AND INVITATION: UN INTERNATIONAL DAY IN SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF TORTURE.

Greetings from the Independent Medico-Legal Unit!

As you are aware June 26th is the UN International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. It is a day to step out in solidarity with victims, survivors and families of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment locally and globally.

To commemorate this event we are organizing a 7 day campaign with the theme: *Preventing and Responding to Torture during COVID-19*. These events will be jointly organized with survivors and their families, activists, professionals, civil society organizations, media, vulnerable communities.

The campaign is set to run from **19th -26th June 2020** mainly virtually due to the unprecedented circumstances presented by COVID-19 emergency. The key activities are as below stated:

19th June:

- Twitter chat with civil society in Kenya and grassroots: Twitter and FB awareness campaign on POT and IMLU cases.+ survivors + monitors' self-recorded audio-visual testimonies. The chats will run throughout the

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1st Runners-up: « Civil Society of the Year Award (CSOYA) 2013

Winner: « Financial Management & Stewardship Category (CSOYA) 2013

week highlighting different issues and case files of victims and survivors, including success stories in redress and rehabilitation;

20th June:

- Twitter and FB awareness campaign on Prevention of Torture Act 2017 and IMLU cases + survivors + monitors self-recorded audio-visual testimonies;

21st June:

- Twitter and FB awareness campaign on POT and IMLU cases + survivors + monitors self-recorded audio-visual testimonies;

22nd June:

- Community dialogues in Mathare with a max number of 10 persons;
- Twitter and FB awareness campaign on POT and IMLU cases + survivors + monitors self-recorded audio-visual testimonies;

23rd June:

- Community dialogues in Kondele with a maximum number of 10 persons;
- **Webinar with Network of Journalists.** Topic: *Covering torture and ill-treatment during covid-19*, Journalists will share their experiences of covering torture and ill treatment during the emergency;
- Twitter and FB awareness campaign on POT and IMLU cases + survivors + monitors self-recorded audio-visual testimonies;

24th June:

- Twitter and FB awareness campaign on POT and IMLU cases + survivors + monitors self-recorded audio-visual testimonies;

25th June:

- Talk show at the Ghetto FM – Mathare Social Justice Centre;

- Twitter and FB awareness campaign on POT and IMLU cases + survivors + monitors self-recorded audio-visual testimonies;

26th June:

- TV Talk show from 7.00am-8.00 am. Topic: *The dynamics of torture in Kenya; redress and rehab interventions;*
- WEBINAR from 11.00 am - 12.30 pm. Topic - *Preventing and Responding to Torture and Ill-treatment during COVID-19: Interventions, Lessons and Challenges.* The Webinar will be co-hosted by IMLU, PRAWA Nigeria and will involve treaty body mechanisms and prominent civil society leaders from Africa.
- Press release;
- Tree planting by the Kondele Police Station Community Policing Committee and the dialogue between police station command and human rights activities from Kondele Social Justice Centre;
- Peaceful processions by the Mathare and Kondele Social Justice Centres in solidarity with victims/ survivors of torture.

An invitation will be sent out with more details for each activity in the course of this week.

Looking forward to your participation and solidarity,



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