

# **Justice Nest March 2026 Monthly Newsletter**

 **Restoring Justice, Rebuilding Lives, Renewing Hope**

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**Dear Friends,**

I am excited to share that I have been recognized as a 2025 Acumen Angels awardee in the service sector. This recognition is not only a celebration of leadership, but an affirmation of a bold and consistent belief, that systems can change when we choose to see people not just for their circumstances, but for their potential.



The Acumen Angels community identifies and supports leaders who are challenging deeply rooted inequalities with courage, clarity, and long-term vision. To be recognized in this space reflects the growing impact of Justice Nest’s work, standing at the intersection of justice, dignity, and family preservation. It speaks to a shared conviction that access to justice should not be a privilege, but a right, and that even the most overlooked individuals, when equipped with the right tools and support, can transform their own lives and those around them.

At the heart of this transformation is the power of legal knowledge. Through our **prison paralegal programme**, individuals are equipped not only to support others, but to understand and advocate for their own rights. One such story is that of Eliphaz, who joined the programme while serving a **12 years sentence**. What began as an opportunity to learn became a turning point. With discipline and focus, he applied his knowledge to his own case, identified critical gaps, and successfully challenged his conviction. Today, he walks free.

Rose’s story reflects the resilience of families rebuilding after imprisonment. As a mother of four, she is working tirelessly to create stability for her children despite limited resources. Her

journey, like many others, underscores the importance of holistic support: legal, social, and economic.

In just two years, Justice Nest has served over **1,729 individuals**, supported over **645 releases** reuniting families.

We will be hosting a **family visiting day** on **16th May 2026** where we will facilitate children of our incarcerated clients to visit their mothers in prison, it will be in **celebration of the Mother day** and **international day of families**.

To our **partners, supporters, volunteers** and **advocates**: Thank you for making these stories possible. Your support ensures that justice is not just a concept, but a lived reality for those who need it most. And to those still on this journey: we see you, and we remain committed.

With gratitude and purpose,

**Miriam Wachira**

Founder & Executive Director

Justice Nest




## **From the Prison Paralegal Program**



### **From Inmate to Paralegal: The Story of Elphas**

We celebrate the release of our paralegal Elphas after his conviction was over turned. While serving a long custodial sentence, he found purpose through Justice Nest's paralegal training programme, using his skills to support others while re-examining his own case.



 **Justice Nest Legal Aid Advocate, Elphas with Senior Sergeant Wachira**

Through determination and access to legal knowledge, he identified critical gaps in his trial and successfully appealed his conviction,

ultimately securing his release. His journey highlights the transformative power of access to justice and the impact of equipping individuals to advocate for their rights.

**Read his full story and discover how Justice Nest is transforming lives beyond the courtroom:**

<https://www.justicenest.org/stories-details/27>

**Author: Asha Saidi- Justice Nest Advocate**

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## **From the Children & Mothers: Social Welfare Program**

### **A Second Chance for Rose**

Rose is a mother of four determined to rebuild her life after a difficult period that left her children without stable care. In June 2025, she was arrested following a disagreement with a neighbour and remained in detention for over four months.

When Rose came into contact with Justice Nest, our team intervened to support her case. Through **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)**, we facilitated an **out-of-court settlement**, helping to resolve the matter and enabling her to return home to her children and begin rebuilding her life.



 **Justice Nest Social Worker with Rose and her child during a home visit**

Now reunited with her children, she is working tirelessly through casual labor to support them and keep her them in school, despite ongoing financial challenges. By making intentional changes to her environment and embracing a fresh start.

Rose has shown remarkable resilience and commitment to her family. With continued support, she is on a hopeful path toward stability and transformation.

**At Justice Nest, we believe that every woman and man deserves a second chance, and with the right support, she can build a future worth fighting for.**

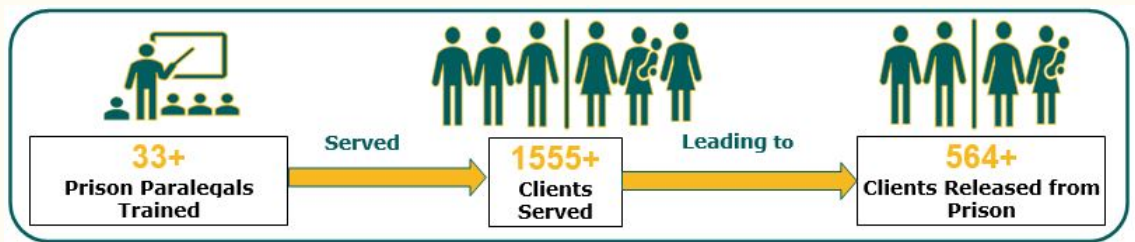
👉 **Support more journeys like Rose's. Read the full story here: <https://www.justicenest.org/stories-details/26>**

Author: Janett Muasa- Justice Nest Social Worker

## **Impact Numbers: A Snapshot of Our Reach**

Across our core programs, the need for justice remains urgent, and the impact is tangible.

### **Prison Paralegal Program**



**Prison Paralegal Program:** It equips **inmates and prison officers with legal education** to improve **access to justice**. By training paralegals within prisons, we enable incarcerated individuals to **advocate for themselves and assist fellow inmates with legal matters**, ensuring fairer trials and reducing prison congestion.

This month we have served over **1,555 clients** in the paralegal program demonstrates the immense demand for legal representation inside prisons. With the release of **564 individuals**, nearly **40% of our current caseload**. The inmates also represent themselves as seen in one of the cases above.

### **Children & Mothers Diversion & Restorative Justice Program**



**Children and Mothers Diversion and Restorative Justice Program (*Mending the Nest*):** We work to **prevent the imprisonment of mothers and children** by addressing **poverty**,

**trauma, and social inequalities.** By providing **pro bono legal services, counseling, life skills training, and economic empowerment**, we keep families together and ensure that children are protected from the long-term consequences of parental incarceration. The family unit remains at the heart of our work.

We have served **174 mothers**, and so far, **81 have been released** and reunited with their families. Most heartwarming, **138 children** have been directly reunited with their mothers.


Noteworthy, the program is now running at both Lang'ata women's remand prisons and Shimo La Tewa Women's prison.

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## **Marking the International Women's Day at Lang'ata Women's Remand Prison**

In commemoration of **International Women's Day 2026**, Justice Nest organized a comprehensive legal empowerment workshop at **Lang'ata Women's Remand Prison** and **Shimo La Tewa Womens Prison**, where our legal team delivered intensive training on self-representation, requesting prosecution evidence, preparing for cross-examination, cross-examining expert witnesses, and drafting submissions.

Through a dedicated Q&A session and individual consultations, we equipped women detainees with essential legal skills to navigate their court proceedings with confidence while onboarding several new clients for ongoing legal representation.

This event is part of Justice Nest's broader commitment to establishing a **permanent Legal and Mental Health Hub at Lang'ata Women's Remand Prison**, restoring dignity, agency, and hope for women in detention. To support this project, [click here](https://www.justicenest.org/donate)  [www.justicenest.org/donate](https://www.justicenest.org/donate)

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## **Save the Date: A Season of Celebrating Women, Children & Reuniting Families**

As we start the second quarter of the year, Justice Nest is excited to look ahead to a season of **honoring, celebrating, and reuniting**. Mark your calendars for these important events.



As we approach **Mothering Sunday on May 10th**, we take time to honor the strength and love of mothers everywhere, including those separated from their children due to incarceration. It is a moment to reflect on the importance of maternal bonds, even in the most challenging circumstances.

Just a few days later, on **May 15th**, we will mark the **International Day of Families**, under the theme "**Families, Inequalities and Child Wellbeing.**" Together, these moments remind us of the critical role families play in shaping the wellbeing of children.

To bring these reflections to life, Justice Nest will be hosting a joint celebration on **May 16th, 2026**, through a special Visiting Day at Lang'ata Women's Remand Prison. This day will create a space for joy, connection, and healing, bringing children into the facility to spend meaningful time with their mothers.

#### **How You Can Participate:**

We invite you to be part of this special day. Your participation can help the children enjoy **a hug from their mothers** by enabling us to cover transport for the children, provide meals, organize activities, and purchase small gifts for the mothers and children to exchange.

- **Individuals:** If you would like to show your love and support, **financially or in-kind**, please reach out to us. Every contribution brings a smile and strengthens a family bond.
- **Organizations:** We also warmly welcome **organizations to partner with us** on this event. Whether through sponsorship, volunteer engagement, or in-kind donations, your partnership will help us create a lasting impact.

Contact us on [community@justicenest.org](mailto:community@justicenest.org) today to learn how you or your organization can participate on this reunification day!

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## **Easter Blessings from All of Us at Justice Nest**



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