

#### THE JUDICIARY OF TANZANIA



#### **JUDICIARY LED REFORMS**

TOWARDS CITIZEN-CENTRIC JUDICIARY MODERNIZATION AND JUSTICE SERVICE DELIVERY

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## Building Strong Institution

"Do not fix people, use people to fix system and ultimately the system will work for the citizen"

Anonymous

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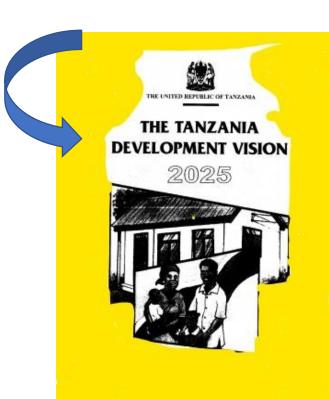
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#### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **JUDICIARY OF TANZANIA**

VISION: "Timely, quality and Accessible Justice for All"

MISSION: Administer Justice to all through timely provision of quality, fair, transparent and impartial decisions.





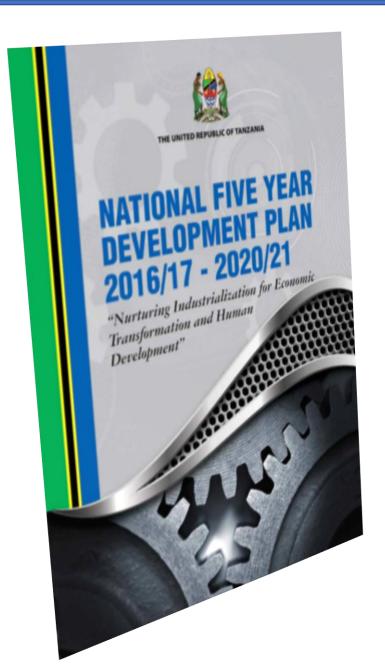
Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

The Tanzania's Development Vision (2025) envisaged a nation with;

- · High quality livelihood.
- · Peace, stability and national unity.
- · Good governance,
- A competitive economy capable of producing sustainable growth and shared benefits.

Key issues;

The Vision 2025 recognizes calls for reform to all systems in public sector, civil society, media, parliamen law enforcement institutions and others to restructure and transform by adopting strategies to build integrity by promoting accountability and transparency.





## The Focus

Good governance and peace, stability
and national unity,
Growth and Reduction of Poverty
(MKUKUTA II) which identified gender
equality and women's empowerment
and ultimately translating into medium
income economy
(Middle income Country)



## Why Judiciary led reforms

- JoT, acknowledge the need for reforms/ transformation/improvement/change (A sense of urgency)
- JoT, well established with clear organisation structure and strong leadership & management
- JoT, set clear vision, mission and strategic direction towards the needful reforms.
  - Communicating the vision of change
  - Empowering employees for broad-based action
  - Generating short term wins

## Challenges addressed by Reforms

- Insufficient and uneven distribution of court services- shortage of court buildings
- Delays and case backlog
- Procedural difficulties in case processes
  - Technological development renders some rules and procedure obsolete
  - Emerging issues need new /amendment of rules
- Inadequate correct and sufficient case data
- Lack of accountability-Absence of known number of cases to be disposed of by each judge/magistrate
- Address Public complaints
- Strengthening court and individual performance of Judicial officers
- Skill development

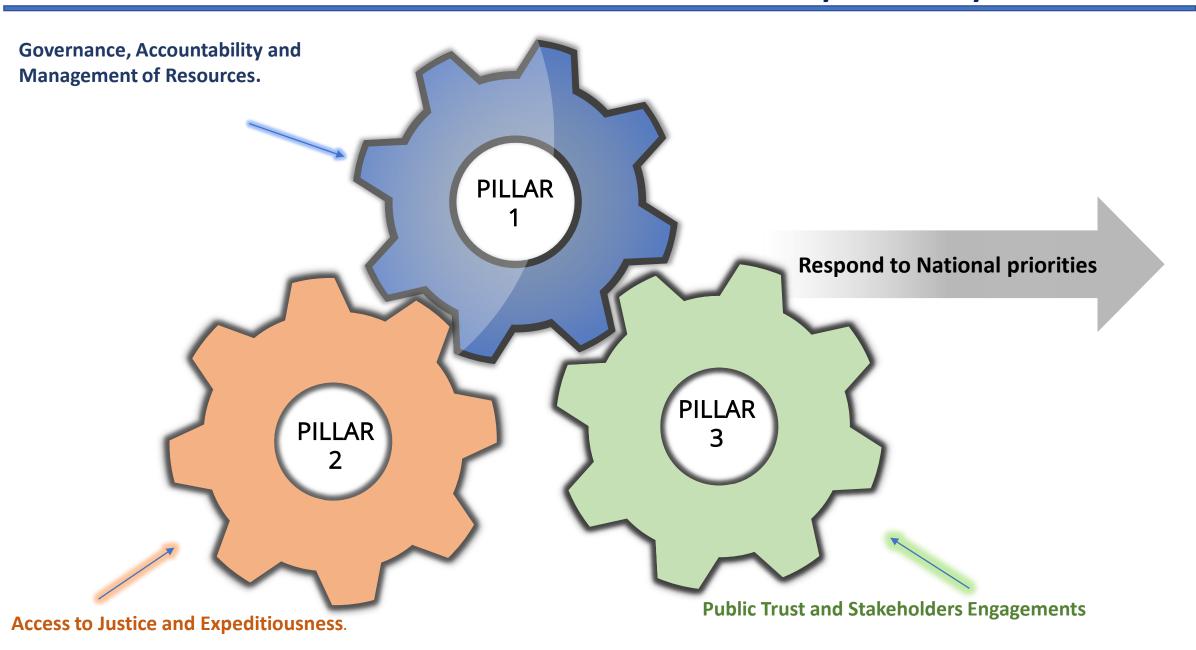
#### Areas of focus

- Enhancing Competency and Professionalism of Judicial and administrative staff.
- Improving Court Infrastructure and Accessibility of justice services physical & Virtual infrastructures.
- Deployment of innovative justice accessibity- mobile court, video conferencing, e-filling
- Fostering Ethics and Judicial conduct.
- Leverage ICT in Case Management system and Court business processes, Records and Data Management
- Increasing case clearance and disposal capacity and eliminating case backlog
- Reinforcing Performance Management of Courts and Judicial officers
- Increasing access to public information and building public trust/confidence.



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#### **OVERVIEW OF THE JUDICIARY STRATEGIC PLAN 2015/16 -2019/20**



STRAGETIC OBJECTIVES

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE JUDICIARY STRATEGIC PLAN 2015/16 -2019/20**

#### PILLAR: 1

Governance, Accountability and Management of Resources.

- 1. To establish effective leadership and institutional management.
- 2. To Strengthen performance and results oriented management and accountability.
- 3. To increase efficiency in Judiciary business process and enhance use of 1CT.
- 4. To enhance financial management and increase resource base.
- 5. To have staff entitlement and other recurrent expenses paid on time.
- 6. To enhance jurisprudence and skills of judiciary and non judiciary officers



- 1. Organization transformation
- 2. Quality Judicial Decisions

# STRAGETIC OBJECTIVES

## **KEY RESULT AREAS**

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#### PILLAR: 2

Access to Justice and Expeditiousness.

- 1. To develop processes and system to accelerate case disposal
- 2. To improve timeliness and reliability of records and information in the Judiciary.
- 3. To improve capacity for inspection and supervision.
- 4. To improve physical and virtual infrastructure in both rural and urban areas.
- 5. To increase Access to Justice for Vulnerable and disadvantaged groups.



- 1. Efficient and Effective Case Management System
- 2. Effective Judicial Supervision and Inspection
- 3. Equitable Access to Justice for all

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#### PILLAR: 3

#### **Public Trust and Stakeholders Engagements**

- 1. Improve public confidence and image of the Judiciary.
- 2. To increase client satisfaction levels.
- 3. Re brand the Judiciary to project positive image and reputation.
- 4. To improve ethical behavior of employees in the Judiciary.
- 5. To improve Judiciary internal and externals stakeholders
- 6. To promote stakeholder dialogue, collaboration and partnership.



- 1. Increase Public and Stakeholders Trust
- 2. Ethical and Value Based Judiciary
- 3. Improved Inter Institutional Coordination and Cooperation

#### INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND METHODOLOGY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

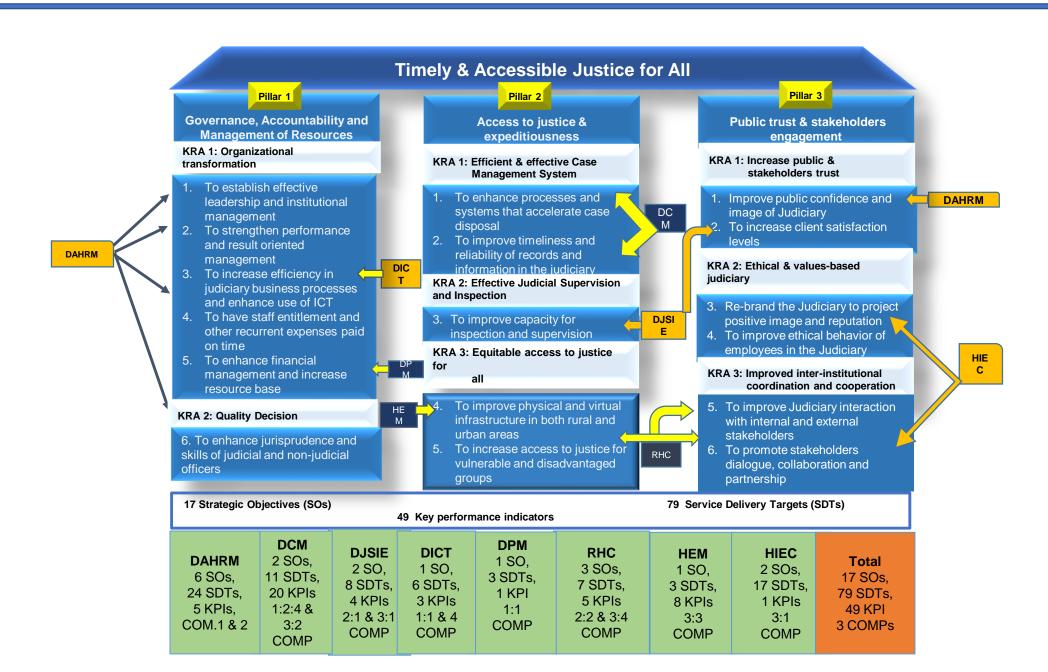
#### BORROWING INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND PRACTICE

#### BRN METHODOLOGY FOR EFFECTIVE DELIVERY.

- BRN is the **Big Results Now** methodology.
- It consists of 3 main Principles,
- 1. Prioritisation
- Focusing on the 20% of things that will deliver
   80% of the results at specified period of time
- 2. Discipline of Action
- Creating an action plan that lists the detailed activities that are required to be undertaken

- з. Accountability
- Making individuals responsible and accountable for delivering the results required and feedback

#### JSP IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENT



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- Review of Laws, rules and procedures hindering acceleration of case disposals.
  - The Law the Child Act (Designation Juvenile Courts) Notes, 2019
    - Judicature and Application Laws(Practice and Procedure in Cases Involving Vulnerable Groups)Rules, 2019
    - The Judicature and Application Laws Act (Cap. 358) The High Court (Commercial Division) Procedure (Amendment) Rules, 2019

- Increase court infrastructures with modern technology
  - multiple justice services from different stakeholders (Integrated justice centres)
- Deployment of innovative justice accessibility
  - Establishment of mobile court services
    - offer justice services in remote areas
    - Busy centers to serve time and costs
    - Use of Video conferencing facilities

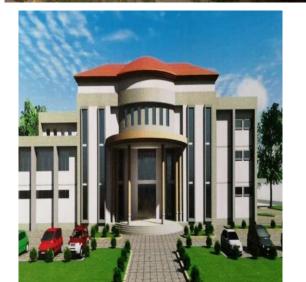




#### Construction and renovation of court buildings









- Expeditious case disposal
  - ©CoA and HC 24 months
  - RM and DC 12 months
  - PC 6 months
- · Setting benchmarks for performance Management:
- High Court Judges 220, Resident Magistrate and District Court 250 and Primary Court 260;
  - Up to 2013 performance measurement in Tanzania was implemented in fragments by filling in confidential reports which covered the lower bench only
  - It never involved measurement of performance of each judicial officer in terms of quantity, quality and timeliness in execution of court business
- **Control of quality** Counting gives scores depending on the type decision rendered. Judgment carries more weight while orders carries the least score.

Reduction of case backlog

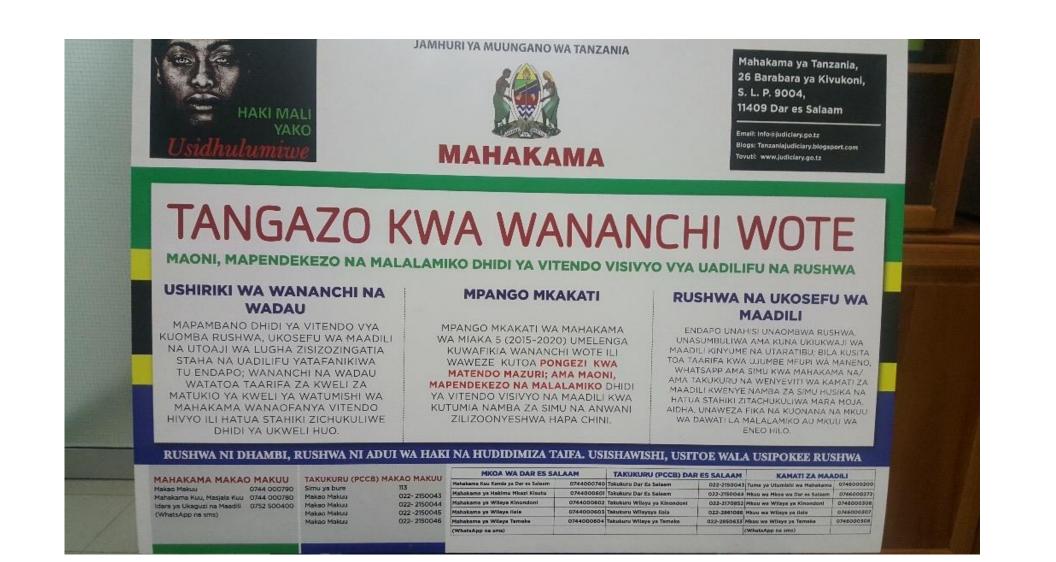
• High Court- the number of cases which were more than 10 yrs were 978 in 2012, Dec 2018 was 0

• Primary Courts had 616 which were 2+yrs — Dec 2018 o

- Reviving of case management committees both in criminal and civil cases
- Introduction of pre and post session meeting
- Reconciling of court annual calendar
- Establishing of the reform team ,rules committee etc
- Improving sharing of information —Media forum, Law week and Law day events, participation in National festivals through exhibition eg. Trade Fair exhibition etc.
- Building capacity of staff
- Automation of all judiciary services including comprehensive case management system, e-library services and e-law reports- in progress

- ·Signing of Memorandum of Understanding with major stakeholders
  - eg DLHT,MOCLA,CMA
- Improving records management
- Enhancing of inspection and supervision of courts
- Enhancing 1CT usage
- Conducting court users survey
- Enhance use of ADR
- Building capacity of staff

Improving complaints system



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#### **Court performance-2018**

Court of Appeal and High Court

• 1. Case Workload

	PREV. PENDING,20			PENDING	NO.JDGS/PA		AVERAGE CASE LOAD PER
COURTS	17	FILED	DECIDED	CASES	NELS	WORK LOAD	JUDGE
СоА	2,933	1,499	1,184	3,248	4	4,432	1,108
НС	19,187	18,304	17,044	20,447	66	37,491	568

• 2. Breakdown of cases by age

COURT	0- 2 yrs	2+ - 4yrs	5 -10yrs	10+ yrs	Total cases by age	Backlog	%Backlog
CoA	2,519	650	69	10	3,248	729	22
НС	18,587	1,760	100	-	20,447	1,860	9

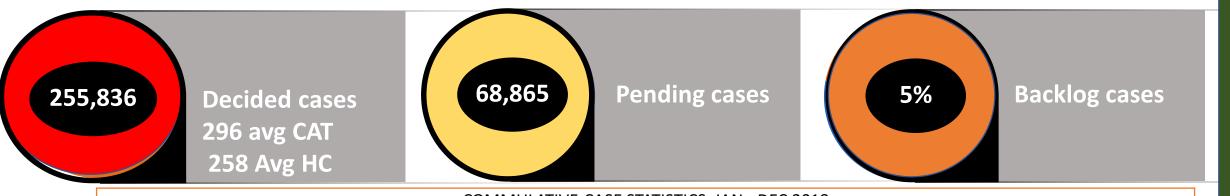
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#### 1. Workload

	PREV.			PENDING			AVERAGE CASE LOAD PER
COURTS	PENDING,2017	FILED	DECIDED	CASES	MGSTS	WORK LOAD	MAGISTRATE
RM COURTS	10,337	16,520	16,898	9,920	69	26,857	389
DM COURTS	17,713	45,539	44,168	19,341	169	63,252	374
PRIMARY COURTS	15,055	177,614	176,542	16,127	904	192,669	213

### 2. Breakdown of cases by Age

	0-12		25-48	5-10	ABOVE	Total Pending			
COURT	MONTHS	13-24 MONTHS	MONTHS	YEARS	10 YEARS	cases	Back	log	%Backlog
RMs	8,073	1,822	502	58	6	10,461	541		5
LIVIS	0,073	1,022	302	36	U	10,401	341		3
DC	17,539	1,864	275	21	-	19,741	296		2
PC		0-6 M	0-6 MONTHS		IG 7-12 THS	PENDING 13-24 MONTHS		Total Pending Cases	
			16067		8		1		16127



COMMULATIVE CASE STATISTICS JAN - DEC 2018										
						AVERAGE				
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	!			1		PER				
	1			1		JUDGE/MAGI	1			
COURTS	PREV. PENDING	FILED	DECIDED	PENDING CASES	WORK LOAD	STRATE	BACKLOG	% OF BACKLOG		
CoA	2933	1499	1184	3248	4432	1108	729	22		
HC and ZONES	14,382	12,964	12,208	15,138	27,346	547	7 1,641	. 11		
COMMERCIAL COURT	607	7 568	712	463	1,175	392	2 63	14		
LAND COURT	2,692	1,575	1,691	. 2,576	4,267	7 711	1 128	, 5		
LABOR COURT	1,495	3,115	2,354	2,256	4,610	1,153	3 28	, 1		
CECC	11	. 82	. 79	14	93	47	/ -	-		
Sub Total	19,187	18,304	17,044	20,447	37,491	. 568	1,860	9		
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DM COURTS	17,713	45,539	44,168	19,341	. 63,252	374	4          296	2		
Sub Total	28,050	62,059	61,066	29,043	90,109	379	837	5		
PRIMARY COURTS	15,055	177,614	176,542	16,127	192,669	213	3 9	0		
TOTAL	65,225	259,476	255,836	68,865	324,701	. 268	3,435	5		

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#### **E-case management system**

## Reengineering business processes and enhance use of 1CT systems

- JSDS 11 e-case management system that allows
  - E-filling
  - Case registration
  - Case assignment
  - Push sms notification
  - E-payment of court fees
- TAMS- management of Advocates

#### **E-case management system**

• TANZLII-website for dissemination of legal documents including Court decisions <a href="https://www.judiciary.go.tz">www.judiciary.go.tz</a>

• JMAP-System for mapping physical addresses, economic activities, communication infrastructure, location and distance of each court

http://Jmap.judiciary.go.tz

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#### **6: CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD**

- Reform is a process
- Open for constructive criticism
- For any concern, inputs, suggestions or support
- Send sms or what App on 0752 500400
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