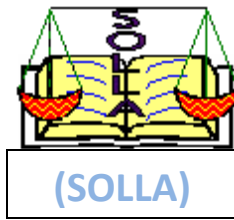


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On behalf of the highest authorizing organ of Somaliland Lawyers Association – SOLLA, now I have convinced the successful completion to the production of this final edition annual report covering Somaliland Lawyers Association achievements during 2016 to 2017. I would like to give my sincere gratitude to all individuals inside and outside the association for giving their hand to make these activities and report sessions success. I deeply thank **H.E. Adam Hajji Ali** - the Chief of Justice; as well as, the chairman of Somaliland Judiciary Committee who had done all his contributions to the stream move, advance and developments of Somaliland Lawyers Association (SOLLA) in some aspects. I am deeply indebted to SOLLA members, especially my BOD and Co-workers. Their honesty and support provided me the energy to attain my succession; as well as, my heartfelt gratitude to my vice chairman and general secretary who always supported me during this annual period and said that I could do whatever I set my mind to for Somaliland Lawyers Association (SOLLA). Obviously top to all these, I can't close without extending my special heart-felt thanks, to Dr. Hussein Mohamoud Fadal and Eng. Ismail Abdi Dahir, members of my advisory committee, for giving me helpful suggestions on development sessions improved for the association to provide legal support to many victims of justice during this period 2016 -2017.

FORWARD

**From The Somaliland
Lawyers Association
Chairman**



Marks 10 years of dedicated services to profession and the nation since its inception, Now we pay tribute to men and women in this legal profession who have worked tirelessly and have engaged in a multitude of legal activities to see to it that SOLLA achieves its mandate to excel as a professional body in development of legal profession and promotion of Human Rights, Rule of Law and Access to Justice. Membership to the deepening of the rule of law and constitutionalism, we will also recommit ourselves to an ethical legal practice. The series of events commenced on since the new leadership of the association with the commitment of hiring a non lawyer executive director which is great achievement. It was a particularly fortunate event because it brought together the past, present and future legal practitioners and examined the history and future for the Somaliland Lawyers Association. About the mandate and place of SOLLA in Somaliland now and its posterity, SOLLA has envisioned and also rolled out the following future initiatives-

- ✓ *Launching the mentorship programme for young lawyers,*
- ✓ *Enhanced Member Benefits Strategic Partnerships with key stakeholders like Parliament Watch and other public as well as private institutions.*
- ✓ *Started the Rule of Law Project – More proactive than reactionary. Enhance professionalism and competitiveness through clusters.*
- ✓ *It promotes the rule of law, human right, democracy, social justice, economic development and institutional building in Somaliland.*

It is increasingly becoming clear that we can no longer remain silent on issues of corruption and unethical legal practices in Somaliland. A profession that fails to enforce ethical standards and rules of professional conduct will gradually decline to the point of irrelevance. We need to break the conspiracy of silence attitude towards illegal acts that threaten the rule of law, unethical legal practices, corruption in the Judiciary and other institutions, abuse of office, failure to carry out duties by designated and paid officials. SOLLA offers us a unique opportunity to reflect on this collective inability and most importantly a fresh opportunity to confront impunity and corruption head on.

Best Regards;

**Mohamed Mohamud Hashi
President
Somaliland Lawyers Association**

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am proud to present the 2016– 2017 Annual Report, reporting on activities that were undertaken before I took up duties in December 2016, but that will have an impact well into the future. Most notable, after a great deal of shared thinking, consultation and refinement, SOLLA published a new annual report that is the product of past experience and the future aspirations of the association. Apart from the seven goals that became our shared approach to making a difference in the world, the report sets out shared goals for our internal operations as well. The strength of the Association rests on the clear guidance of how we will work through to 2017, striving to build and improve sustainable practices in our work in all areas.

In the context of the Annual Report and the strategic Plan of the Association, I look forward to serving as a voice for people living in lacking justice and adding value as a steward of the Plan and ensuring recognition for the work of SOLLA. I look forward to working with SOLLA teams around the country and I would like to thank all of our supporters, donors, partners, staff, volunteers and campaigners for their contributions. In particular, I thank Eng. Ismail Abdi Dahir planning and governance into a single management system and to develop the Association over the upcoming years at the helm of SOLLA. With the growth in the Association and the separation of responsibility and duties, we have been able to campaign more vigorously and credibly than ever before on critical national issues. And by anchoring our work in the principles of equal justice under the law we are helping to enhance social justice for the years ahead. It was a high point of a year that was particularly challenging, with growing national inequality and an unprecedented number of human right crises, undermining rule of law and demise of democracy. Throughout the pages of this Report, I invite you to reflect on the huge range of SOLLA's activities, through its emergency response work, campaigning and development programs, to help people lift themselves out of injustice and find equal justice under the law.

The legal profession has the ability to make a tremendous difference in the lives of individuals and our society as a whole. Through our initiatives and advocacy of the upcoming years, we have worked to improve the law, enhance access to justice and protect the integrity of our justice system.

ABDIRAHMAN OSMAN JAMA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SOLLA

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The election of the head and executive members of the association has been concluded and the executive members particularly the chairman HE. Mohammed Mohamoud Hashi Drafting and putting place the organization policy and procedures, In order to put in place an organization policy, the executive members of the association had taken the following important steps, It was given into account that the provisions of the developed organization policy must be reflected from the duties and responsibilities imposed by the law for Somaliland lawyers, and once again to be provisions which are not contrary with the law for Somaliland lawyers and its own internal regulation. The duties and responsibilities of the association obliged its performances and fulfillment by the act of Somaliland lawyers, law No.30.2004. The amendment on the internal regulation of Somaliland Lawyers Association was a duty imposed by the general assembly on the executive members of the association after the general assembly had unanimously voted for to leave such obligation to be fulfilled or completed by the elected executive members. The chairman of Somaliland Lawyers Association has appointed a special committee to read and over view the existing organizational internal regulation and to highlight the legal gaps and vacuums. The chairman appointed amendment committee of the regulation.

The executive members getting the assistance from an expert had drafted and strategic plan for the Somaliland Lawyers Association, consultation meetings have been adopted, some the related or concerned civil society organizations and related governmental institution had participated during the drafting process of the strategic plan of the association. The attended members from government and non-governmental organization had forwarded their respected recommendation on the best way of developing the best sort of strategic plan for the Somaliland Lawyers Association.

The main stakeholder for the Somaliland Lawyers Association is the judiciary branch of the state, though the Somaliland lawyers have deeply rooted relation mutual coexistence with the judiciary of the country, weather it is the Somaliland courts or the office of the attorney general. The executive members particularly the chairman of the Somaliland Lawyers Association Advocate Mohamed Mohamoud Hashi had formerly established a communication mechanism with the following UN, International and regional organization: -International labor organization(ILO), International migration organization(IMO), The southern Africa law society association and Inter peace in Somaliland.

Soon after the internal and external working relations with the concerned national, regional, continental and international institutions, agencies and organizations had been established, and after

the Somaliland Lawyers Association had conducted researches and assessed the legal position or legal position of those who are in need of legal aid and assistance. The Somaliland Lawyers Association after it had been given into account the existence of such legal obligations and legal needs. Project proposal on providing legal aid to the poor people, Project proposal on the promotion of the democratic environment in Somaliland, During the last six months, the Somaliland Lawyers Association has provided legal aid representation to a number of people who could not afford to pay the representation fees and who poor people who are in need of legal representation before the courts of Somaliland. Organizational debt entered by former executive members, Lack of capacity building training for the staff of the Somaliland Lawyers Association in order successful perform their respected duties and responsibilities, Lack organizational owned building as the association from the date of its foundation. The Somaliland Lawyers Association is here recommending the following: - Allocation of an organizational budget for association by the government, though the association had been established by national statutory especially the law No.30/2004. The law Somaliland Lawyers Association is a function and in implementation in judicial all lawyers daily performances, furthermore, in the beginning of the establishment of such law, the act for Somaliland lawyers, a particular attention had been given to the significance and importance of lawyers to country in general and that of the judiciary in particular, lawyers of the country stand for as symbol for the harmony, stability, togetherness and coexistence of Somaliland people. Somaliland lawyers are law professional and an important asset owned by this young state. So for the existence of such legal reasons, certain fund should be allocated for Somaliland Lawyers Association in order to strength the rule of law and democratic governing procedure. Allocation of funds by the United Nations agencies and other regional or international organizations for the Somaliland Lawyers Association. For that existing reason, special consideration has been given to the strengthening and support given to Somaliland Lawyers Association (SOLLA) with comfortable vehicles the Somaliland Lawyers Association would have the capacity of covering all legal needs in entire regions, districts and towns of the country.

2. VISION:

Accomplish capable and competence legal professionals, effective and efficient practicable of laws, enjoyable justice, independent and impartial judiciary, realization of feasible human right protection, supremacy law, democracy, good governance and peace in Somaliland.

3. MISSION:

SOLLA mission is ensure the improvement of the legal professional standard of the country, feasible access justice, laws enforcing and respect of human rights for social, civil, political, economical, dignity, security and equity that promote respect and fulfillment of their rights enshrined in the “Universal Declarations” and other subsequent International Bills of human rights.

4. MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP:

Somaliland Lawyers Association has general assembly that all the members meets and held at once in every two years, the assembly is the supreme organ of authority in the Bar which approved the constitution of the Bar and has power the election of the BOD as per the constitution. Also the Association has effective governing “Board of Director” of Fifteen (15) members, which is functional. The Board of director is the leading body of the association between two sessions and they review and approves association plans, identify needs, and link planning to budget, approves implementations of the operational manuals, associational policies and procedures, internal control system, designs and develops the strategic plans/directions of the Bar; and amends where deem necessary. They prepare and announce, organize and hold the ordinary and extraordinary assembly meetings and they mobilize and secure the resources/funds of the Bar through broad donor-based fund diversification strategy. BOD nominate Executive Director of Bar and approve the departmental officers of the association; also the BOD has empowered to monitor and supervise the administration activities running by Executive Director. The Bar has written constitution approved by the Assembly on June 2004, and amended on July 2008. The association has registration legal documents, and therefore is operational by law.

4.1. ASSOCIATIONAL CHART:

The Bar has effective associational chart, which is functional. The Associational chart clearly defines hierarchical leadership, management structures and functions of the Bar, as attached here (see below).

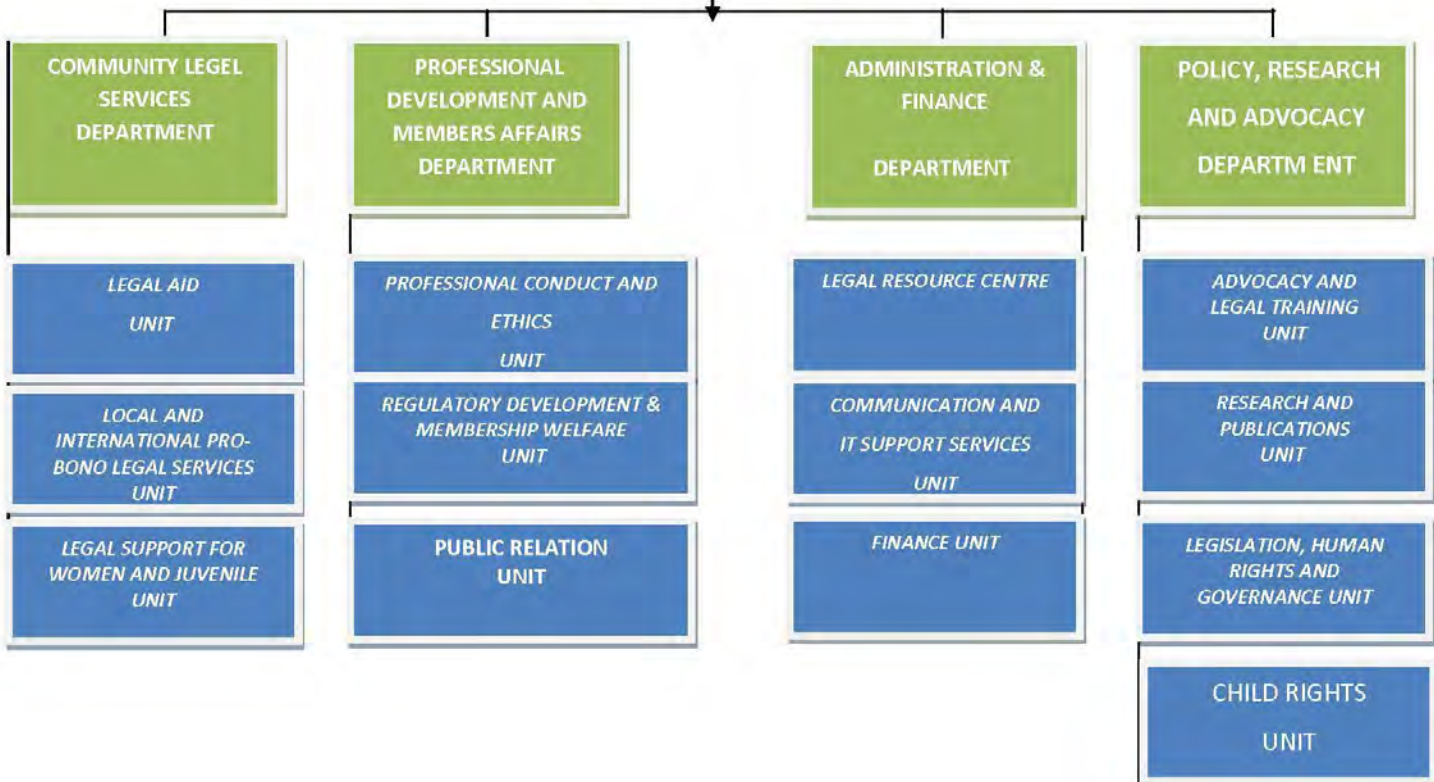
BI-ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHAIRMAN

VICE-CHAIRMAN

GENERAL SECRETARY



4.2. The Board of Directors is composed of:

- A chairman
- A vice chairman
- A secretary
- A treasure and
- 11 board members

The Board of Directors delegates its day to day activities to the **Executive Council** that is headed by the **Executive Director** who is assisted by a team of fully qualified technical staff. The Executive Director conducts and implements its activities through the different departments which include:

1. **COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**
 - A) LEGAL AID UNIT
 - B) LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRO-BONO LEGAL SERVICES UNIT
 - C) LEGAL SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND JUVENILE UNIT
2. **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MEMBERS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**
 - D) PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND ETHICS UNIT
 - E) REGULATORY DEVELOPMENT AND MEMBERSHIP WELFARE UNIT
 - F) PUBLIC RELATION UNIT
3. **POLICY, RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY DEPARTMENT**
 - G) ADVOCACY AND LEGAL TRAINING UNIT
 - H) RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS UNIT
 - I) LEGISLATION, HUMAN RIGHTS AND GOVERNANCE UNIT
 - D) CHILD RIGHTS UNIT
4. **ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT**
 - A. LEGAL RESOURCE CENTRE
 - B. Communication and IT SUPPORT SERVICES unit
 - C. FINANCE UNIT

4.3. Organization Duties and Responsibilities

The Somaliland Lawyers Association has its own duties and responsibilities as enshrined in article 18 the act for Somaliland lawyers and the special regulation of the association. Such duties and responsibilities are:

- Protection and defending the rights of Somaliland lawyers
- Providing capacity building for the lawyers
- Providing legal assistance and legal aid for the needy and poor people at the Somaliland courts.
- Submission of legal recommendations to the concerned national institutions such the executive, judiciary and legislative organs of the state
- Providing legal consultations and opinions to the concerned national and international institutions and organization
- Monitoring of custodies and prisons for over viewing the humanitarian conditions of detainees and prisoners.
- Providing inter ship programs for the newly graduated law students from the faculties of laws from the universities. And giving legal trainings to them.
- Participation of resolution and disputation of national legal conflicts, such as the resolution of legal election conflicts in any circumstances or whenever election dispute arises.
- Participation of empowering the vulnerable or marginalized groups in the society particularly the women of Somaliland as enshrined in article 19 of Somaliland constitution.
- Attending regional and international conferences for the legal and humanitarian issues for sharing and exchange of information and experiences with regional and international law societies.

5. Strategic Planning:

- SOLLA was found in the mid of 2004, thus, in the mean time, we are preparing the Long-term strategic plan (3 year plan) of the Bar. But now we are targeting to achieve the following activities on the near future if its financial support became available:
- To establish legal research centre
- To create legal aid centre for the vulnerable groups of the community such as women, children, IDPs, Refugees, disabled, minorities and other disadvantages of the community.

- To establish law library
- To translate in to the Somali language to the laws those written by foreign languages.
- To provide on job training by the recently graduated law students who are willing to be lawyers.
- To cooperate the legal training of the judiciary and law enforcement members.
- To establish an independent law journal.
- To upgrade the legal and human rights knowledge of the lawyers, through workshops, seminars, training, scholarships, fellowships and experience tours.
- Carry out human rights awareness campaigns
- To enhance the legal and human rights knowledge of the judiciary and law enforcement agencies, through workshops, seminars, training, debates and documentation supporting, to enable them to protect and respect rights of community
- To improve knowledge and responsiveness of the human rights by the community.
- To provide legal aid assistance for the vulnerable groups of the community such as women, children, IDPs, Refugees, disabled, minorities and other disadvantages of the community.
- To provide legal aid assistance to the poor remand prisoners, serious crimes accusers those can't acquire lawyer's fee, illegal detainees and those illegally held in custody at any cause.
- Advocate and lobby reviewing and reforming national laws and policies contrary to the International human right instruments.
- Advocate, lobby, initiate, and assist to develop new laws and policies for human right protection.
- Lobby and advocate proper laws application and interpretation
- To cooperate, assist and advise law reforms and law drafting programmes.
- To collect and translate in to the Somali language the International human rights instruments and distribute them to the government organs, judiciary, civil society and community.
- To improve the legal and human right capacity of the local human right defenders and human right organization

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- To oversee, monitor and register the human right violations of the country.
- To conduct legal and human right studies and researches.
- To collaborate, take part, be come partner or give hand with local or international organization for the implementation of the projects related legal and human right sectors.
- To support the IDPs and refugees for the legal issues and make them aware to their rights.
- Lobby and advocate pursuing and correcting the occurred human right abuses by the government.
- To realize institutional straightening,

6. SUMMARIZED PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE SOMALILAND LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (SOLLA):

SOLLA since its establishment Jun 2016-17 has conducted the following activities:

6.1. CONSULTATION MEETING

Soon after the election of the head and executive members of the association has been concluded, the executive members particularly the chairman, Mr. Mohamed Mohamoud Hashi has adopted a special meeting for members from the lawyers' for attending that meeting in consultation of the way forward and setting a strong foundation to implement the promised issues before the lawyers' general assembly and the fulfillment of the organization duties and responsibilities. And soon after following such consultations has been submitted: -

- *Drafting and putting place the organization policy and procedures*
- *Setting up a special organization structure.*
- *Completion and fulfillment the amendment of the regulation of the association proposed by the lawyers' general assembly on 3 June 2016.*
- *Drafting and preparation of a strategic plan*
- *Setting work relation mechanism for the mutual relation with the judiciary of the country.*
- *Setting work relation format with the UN and other concerned national and international organizations.*
- *Setting up working relation with the governmental and nongovernmental organizations and institutions.*
- *Creating communication environment with concerned stakeholders*

- *Drafting and putting place particularly proposals to the concerned UN and international agencies and organizations.*
- *Sending and opening dialogue with the heads and country representatives of UN and international organizations.*
- *Submission and provision of legal recommendations to the national and international institution such as the judiciary, legislation and executive branches of the state.*
- *The appointment of regional focal points in every region and re-evaluation of the previous functional records of the regions.*

6.2. Drafting and setting in place the organization policy

The chairman getting assistance from the experienced lawyers of the association had focused the best way and the comfortable steps to be taken in order to draft or put in place the organization policy of the association though there were no previously an organization policy for the association which clearly spells out for what policy or objective to which the association stands for on its fulfillment.

In order to put in place an organization policy, the executive members of the association had taken the following important steps:

6.2.1. Consultation with a consultant

In order a wide and useful consultation to be obtained, an expert from Kenya had been employed who has more experience in developing policies and procedures aimed at the fulfillment and performance of particular statutory legal duties and provision independent and non-profit organization such Somaliland Lawyers Association. And fortunately after certain significant meetings in which had been participated and attended by the executive members of the organization were made, the expert had forwarded or submitted the desired actions to be taken and the important provisions to be indicated in the organizational policy of the Somaliland Lawyers Association.

6.2.2. Over viewing an existing policies and procedures

The members from the Somaliland Lawyers Association with the assistance and instructions from the expert had taken into consideration to read and over view certain samples owned by the counterparts or the same institution situated in east Africa countries, such Kenya and Uganda. Such as the Lawyers Association of Kenya, And also others in southern Africa, such the association of lawyers of south Africa.

In the circle or process of over viewing such policies the members of the association with taking into account the distinction between the legal systems of the countries, and the different situations belongs by the lawyers of the such countries, the lawyers had finally incorporated some significant and important provision into the organizational policy of SOLLA. It was given into account that the provisions of the developed organization policy must be reflected from the duties and responsibilities imposed by the law for Somaliland lawyers, and once again to be provisions which are not contrary with the law for Somaliland lawyers and its own internal regulation.

6.2.3.FORWARDING THE POLICY BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

After the above mentioned preparatory and drafted mechanisms had been completed, the executive members by adopting or abiding by the act of Somaliland Lawyers Association and its internal regulation, they submitted the policy before the board of directors for reading and ratification, and fortunately soon after the submission the members of the board of directors had ratified the policy and became implemented and functional.

The developed organizational policy has been composed the following:

- The background of the organization
- The duties and responsibilities of the association obliged its performances and fulfillment by the act of Somaliland lawyers, law No.30.2004.
- The main goals or targets to be realized by the organization.

6.3. Amendment made on the organizational regulation

The amendment on the internal regulation of Somaliland Lawyers Association was a duty imposed by the general assembly on the executive members of the association after the general assembly had unanimously voted for to leave such obligation to be fulfilled or completed by the elected executive members.

The chairman of the association by fulfilling such duty and obligation imposed by the unanimously votes of the members of the general assembly had conducted the following steps.

6.3.1. Study on the existing regulation

In order the need amendment to be adopted, it seems necessary the former or existing internal regulation of the association to be studied, such study on the existing regulation was very useful for getting the gaps and legal vacuum in order to filled with suitable provisions.

6.3.2. The appointment of Special committee

The chairman of Somaliland Lawyers Association has appointed a special committee to read and over view the existing organizational internal regulation and to highlight the legal gaps and vacuums. The following member lawyers had been appointed by the chairman as amendment committee: -

- Advocate, khaddar Mohamed Ahmed chairman
- Ahmed
- Mohamed Hassan said member

6.3.3. The areas of the amendment

After long discussions, the special committee has forwarded the following articles to be amended.

- The accountability of the executive members of the association has been amended, formerly the powers of the chairperson have been empowered, and the power has been balanced between the executive members and the board of directors. And previously the power was not balanced in the internal regulation though it was more sociable abuse of power by the executive members, the current amendment strengthens the transparency of the executive members to the board of directors.
- The current amended divided the powers and responsibilities among the management team and board of directors.
- The amendment also decentralized the powers and resources to executive team
- The amendment also spells out and makes clearer the admission procedure by reactivating the organizational internal admission procedure and standards.
- It obliged the submission of subscription fee on the members,
- The powers of the secretary had also amended with respect with organizational structure.
- The amendment also empowered the duties and responsibility of the vice chairman
- The member ship requirement condition has been amended by removing the word equivalent from the internal regulation,
- The hiring procedure of the executive director had also been amended to competitive procedure and subject to the approval of the board of directors.

6.4. The development of organizational strategic plan

The executive members getting the assistance from an expert had drafted and strategic plan for the Somaliland Lawyers Association, consultation meetings have been adopted, some the related or concerned civil society organizations and related governmental institution had participated during the

drafting process of the strategic plan of the association. The attended members from government and non-governmental organization had forwarded their respected recommendation on the best way of developing the best sort of strategic plan for the Somaliland Lawyers Association.

The institutional recommendations and contributions become useful for the strategic plan to be significant guideline for the statutory obligations on the Somaliland Lawyers Association to be performed as the best way as was intended.

Soon after, the consultation meetings and workshops had been completed and all contributions from the stakeholders had been given into consideration. Another important step had been taken to validate the strategic plan, validation meetings had been conducted, and all concerned governmental and nongovernmental civil society organizations had attended meetings aimed at validating the developed strategic plan. And finally the plan which covers three years of performing and achieving activities and the completion of more objectives enshrined in the organizational strategic plan.



6.5. Creation of working environment with the judiciary

The main stakeholder for the Somaliland Lawyers Association is the judiciary branch of the state, though the Somaliland lawyers have deeply rooted relation mutual coexistence with the judiciary of the country, weather it is the Somaliland courts or the office of the attorney general. In other words, the lawyers represent or plays a crucial role in the administration of justice, and could be recognized as an important pillar of or son of the family of justice, and in the normal cases tried by the court, the lawyer is recognized as a side of the case were the office of the attorney general stands at the side of the case, and the presiding judge stands the center keeping the balance of the case.



Thus, and for the existence of such significant issues, the Somaliland Lawyers Association had started at beginning the creation of working environment with the Somaliland judiciary branch particularly the supreme court and the judiciary commission. The office of the attorney general and the minister of judiciary and justice, introductory meeting had been held with the chairman of the Supreme Court and at the same who is the chief justice, the attorney general and the minister of justice and judiciary. During such meetings, the importance of the coexistence and togetherness has been highlighted by both sides. The application of respected duties and responsibilities by all sides had been seen as the key for best manner of creating an environment of developing the strengthening the rule of law. And also the creation an environment in which all citizens could enjoy justice and the justice itself could be promoted, and all in all the intended or desired objectives had been put in place.



6.6. Creation of work relation with UN, regional and international organizations

The Somaliland Lawyers Association (SOLLA) had started the creation of functional relations with the UN agencies, regional and international organizations deal with the promotion and strengthening of rule of law, and those particularly those dealt with the protection and promotion of the constitutional rights of the people, such rights are also enshrined or held in the human rights regional and international instruments which are consistence with the national constitution of the Somaliland.

In other words, its legal obligation upon the Somaliland Lawyers Association(SOLLA) to defend the rights of people before the courts of Somaliland, particularly the rights related to the defending the

rights, by applying article 28 (3) and article 19 of Somaliland constitution. Such obligation is also imposed by the special act for Somaliland lawyers in its articles particularly article 18.

The fulfillment of such statutory and constitutional obligation needs to be financed by the United Nations special agencies who are mandated for the protection and promotion of such legal and constitutional rights, the association is also in need of the help and assistance provided by the concerned regional and international organizations who are also in line with financing and the allocation of certain funds for the implementation of the projects.

The executive members particularly the chairman of the Somaliland Lawyers Association Advocate Mohamed Mohamoud Hashi had formerly established a communication mechanism with the following UN, International and regional organization: -

- United nations development program
- UNICEF
- International labor organization(ILO)
- International migration organization(IMO)
- The southern Africa law society association
- Inter peace in Somaliland
- The world bank

6.7. Development of project proposals

Soon after the internal and external working relations with the concerned national, regional, continental and international institutions, agencies and organizations had been established, and after the Somaliland Lawyers Association had conducted researches and assessed the legal position or legal position of those who are in need of legal aid and assistance. Such the needy who are in need of legal representation before the Somaliland courts, those who are in need of provision of trainings after their graduation from the faculty of laws. Those who are in need legal assistance for referring appeals. Those who are in need of legal assistance in voting process during the general elections and those who are in need or defending after the lapse of the sentence or conviction duration or sentenced time.

The fulfillment of existing law gaps, the legal projects to be implemented which are in the best interest and the wellbeing of those who are the targeted and beneficiaries of such project.

The Somaliland Lawyers Association after it had been given into account the existence of such legal obligations and legal needs. The following project proposals had been put in place.

- Project proposal on providing legal aid to the poor people
- Project proposal on election conflict resolution
- Project proposal on distribution of voter registration cards
- Project proposal on training of media and press
- Project proposal on awareness campaign on the rights of children
- Project proposal on the promotion of the democratic environment in Somaliland.
- Proposal on getting external tour for the lawyers for the attainment of capacity building.

6.8. The appointment of regional focal points

The chairman of Somaliland Lawyers Association appointed the focal points of six regions in the country whose their main responsibility is to represents the association in their base regions and also to decentralize the powers and legal aid down to the districts and remote areas in the county, so that justice will be reached or enjoyed by every on live in the urban and rural places in Somaliland.

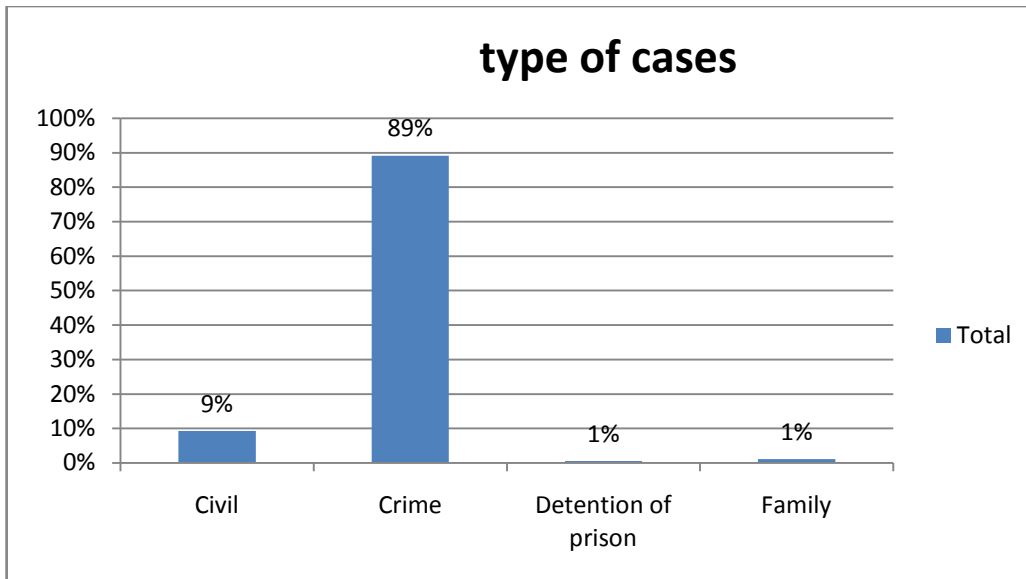
The following table shows the appointed lawyer and the region

Names of focal points	Region
1. Abdiasis Mohammed Mouse	Marodijeeh
2. Yusuf Liban Omar	Tokdheer
3. Ahmed Asker Jama	Lasanod
4. Ali Sead Jama	Erigavo
5. Abdirahmaan Ali Mohamed	Sahil
6. Mukhtar Daahir Jibril	Awdal

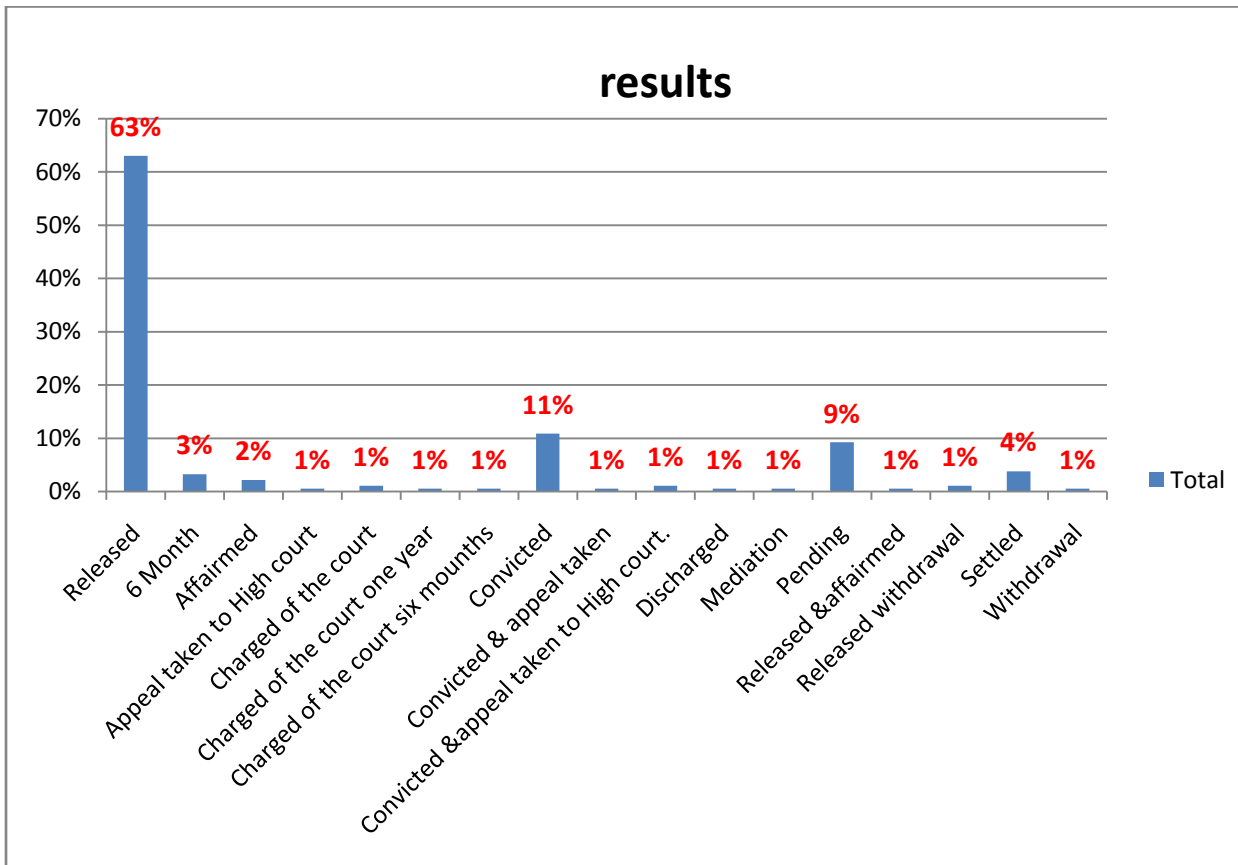
6.9. The court cases represented

During the last six months, the Somaliland Lawyers Association has provided legal aid representation to a number of people who could not afford to pay the representation fees and who poor people who are in need of legal representation before the courts of Somaliland. Some of them were referred by the courts and others were independently communicated with the association.

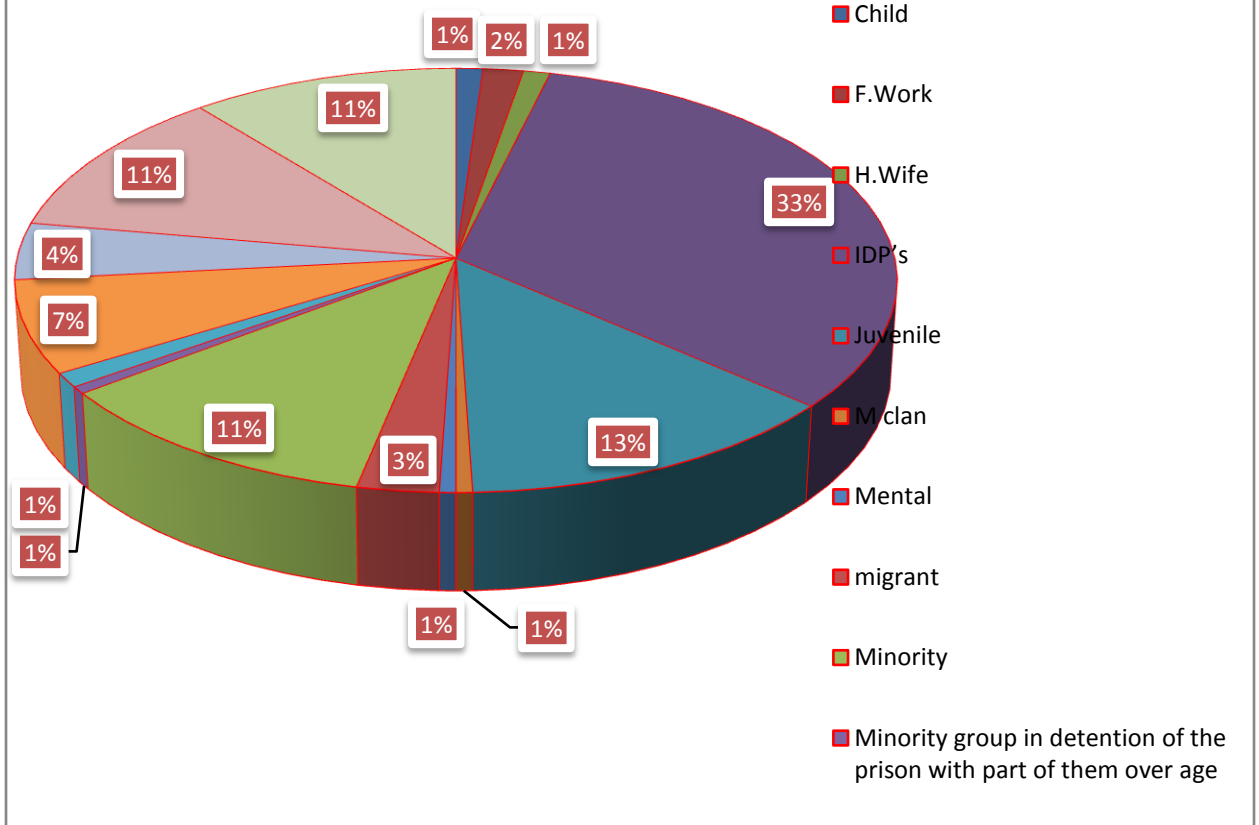
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As shown above the types of cases are civil, Crime, Detention of prison and Family
 Where civil case are 9% out of the 184 cases and crime case are the most cases



% Status of Clients



7. ANNEX

7.1. SOLLA BOARD of DIRECTORS

NO	NAME	TITLE
1	Mohamed Mohamoud Hashi	Chairman
2	C.Nasir Yusuf Sh. C/laahi	Vice Chairman
3	Jamal Xussein Axmed	Secretary General
4	Khadar Maxamed Axmed	BOD Member
5	Maxamed Maxamud Maxamed	BOD Member
6	Muuse Yusuf Maxamed	BOD Member
7	Maxamed Xasan Siciid	BOD Member
8	Mahad Maxamed Cabdi	BOD Member
9	Maxamed Cabdi Muuse	BOD Member
10	Maxamud Muuse Cawaale	BOD Member
11	Caydaruus C/laahi Xasan	BOD Member
12	Foosiya Muumin Cumar	BOD Member
13	Axmed Maxamud C/laahi	BOD Member
14	Mowliid Maxamed C/Laahi	BOD Member
15	Sacad yaasiin Maxamud	BOD Member

7.2. TRACK SUMMARIZED PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION

	Activities	Statuses
1	CONSULTATION MEETING	completed
2	Drafting and setting in place the organization policy	completed
3	Amendment made on the organizational regulation	completed
4	The development of organizational strategic plan	completed
5	Creation of working environment with the judiciary	completed
6	Creation of work relation with UN, regional and international organizations	completed
7	Development of project proposals	completed
8	The appointment of regional focal points	completed
9	The court cases represented	184 case completed