

4X4<sup>JUSTICE</sup>

# ACCESS TO JUSTICE EVEN WHEN ROADS ARE BUMPY

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Who would you turn to if you were falsely accused of stealing from your neighbor? What would you do if you couldn't trust the local police? How would you cope, not knowing whom you could trust after a violent crime, such as rape? If you were a prosecutor, how would you deal with the informal judicial system led by traditional leaders? Wouldn't it be an advantage to have a better understanding of how you could contribute to a fairer and more inclusive form of justice?

## CORDAID SECURITY & JUSTICE

Cordaid believes that communities have an incontestable right to justice. Having access to immediate and accountable security and justice systems inhibits the escalation of violence, and the reduction of conflict is a precondition for sustainable development. Community members, and their needs, are at the heart of the dialogue with civil servants, police forces, and representatives of the judicial system.

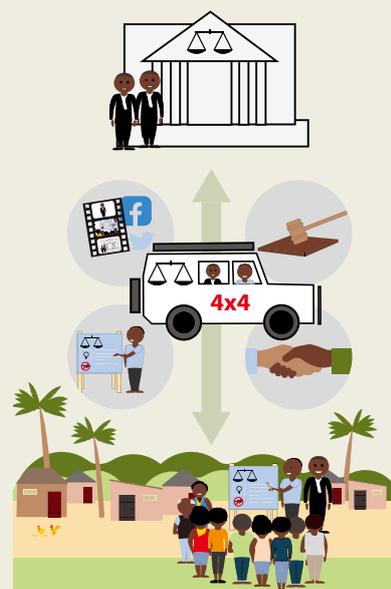
On the one hand this makes communities aware of how these institutions function and how they can gain access to the judicial system, while on the other hand representatives of the security and judicial systems can better understand and respond to communities' needs.

*“If these judicial clinics operated in all territories of South Kivu, sexual- and gender-based violence would be reduced.”*

**Amani Cirimwami**, Magistrate Ezéchiel

## 4X4<sup>JUSTICE</sup>

1. 4X4<sup>Justice</sup> focusses on **communities disconnected from formal judicial systems**
2. 4X4<sup>Justice</sup> has a **large geographical coverage** for minimum costs
3. All relevant actors are involved in the program, including those from **political and military spheres**
4. **Innovative tools** connect informal to formal judicial systems
5. We build a network of local data collection, providing intelligence for **system innovation**



## HOW IT WORKS

The implementation of the 4X4<sup>Justice</sup> concept is based on a standardized process, which includes a toolbox with a variety of options for services. For example, a campaign on the judicial system can be communicated through video, radio, TV, text messaging or even Facebook. Per region, the 4X4<sup>Justice</sup> concept selects and customizes the tools that best fit the local context. Thanks to this approach, you'll benefit from the impact of customized solutions, together with the cost advantage of a repeatable blueprint.

### THE FOUR STEPS OF 4X4<sup>JUSTICE</sup>

Four steps have been defined for 4X4<sup>Justice</sup>, starting increasing the knowledge of the community, through to its scaling up. The complete process is based on a citizen-centered local approach, leading to the structural improvement of the formal judicial system.

#### I. PREPARE

- Identification and selection of target areas where rural communities can benefit the most from the 4X4<sup>Justice</sup> services.
- Adapting the services and tools by the 4X4<sup>Justice</sup> team to the needs of the local communities.

#### II. LAUNCH

- Selection and training of paralegals to make it possible to offer 4X4<sup>Justice</sup> services.
- Starting up other services, like the campaign and the organization of the judicial mobile clinics.

#### III. EVALUATE AND IMPROVE

- Data (quantitative data as well as qualitative video or case descriptions) from all regions will be analyzed and used to fuel and improve the services and the impact indicators.
- Analyzing the insights obtained and linking it to the national and international policy-making level.

#### IV. SCALE

- Scaling up 4X4<sup>Justice</sup> to other regions and countries.

## IMPACT IN DR CONGO

4X4<sup>Justice</sup> is now active in seven territories in South Kivu, DR Congo. So far, 150 paralegals in six territories were trained and 700 legal consultations were provided. This resulted in 135 cases in which legal assistance was provided by lawyers. We also engaged 120 representatives of the local authorities and local leaders. Our campaign on the functioning of the judicial system in DR Congo reached 380,000 people through 415 screenings, as well as 2,500 representatives from the formal legal system through 85 smaller screenings. Here's a specific example: we trained a paralegal through a three-day workshop so that he could help a lawyer bring to court a case about a rape leading to pregnancy. We then pressed charges with the Prosecution Council in Kavumu, allowing the judicial procedure to take its course.

## THE CONCEPT OF 4X4<sup>JUSTICE</sup>

4X4<sup>Justice</sup> is a scalable and affordable method that enhances access to justice in regions where formal judicial systems are out of reach. 4X4<sup>Justice</sup> is not meant as a replacement for these formal systems.

4X4<sup>Justice</sup> offers the following:

- A. Training of paralegals** to mediate in local conflicts.
- B. Increasing the knowledge** of local community members through workshops on human rights and injustice (a.o. sexual violations).
- C. Organizing judicial mobile clinics** to provide legal advice and explain the workings of the judicial system, thus giving communities the tools to translate words into actions.
- D. Bringing local cases to court** by referring community members and their cases to lawyers and, when necessary, providing the financial support to hire lawyers to follow-up on high-impact cases.
- E. Engaging and enhancing the formal system** by offering advanced legal training to judges and magistrates and by synchronizing formal and informal judicial systems.
- F. Campaigning on the judicial system** by targeting communities with a mix of communication media (such as cinema, comic books, Facebook, text messages, radio, TV and print) and magistrates, using documentaries and showcasing real-life cases from informal judicial systems.

## OBJECTIVE FOR 2016

We intend to ramp up our 4X4<sup>Justice</sup> services to include three more provinces within DR Congo, and expand them to Burundi, South Sudan and Afghanistan. In South Kivu, DRC, over 15,000 people will receive legal assistance, and more than 1,500 cases will be tried in court. Our campaign on the judicial system in DR Congo and Burundi will reach more than two million community members, including 5,000 judicial and legal practitioners.

### ABOUT CORDAID

Cordaid is based in the Netherlands and has country offices in 11 countries. It has been fighting poverty and exclusion in the world's most fragile societies and conflict-stricken areas for a century. It delivers innovative solutions to complex problems by emphasizing sustainability and performance in projects that tackle security and justice, health and economic opportunity. Cordaid is deeply rooted in the Dutch society with more than 300,000 private donors. Cordaid is a founding member of Caritas Internationalis and CIDSE.

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