

for greater reach and sustainability, as fewer resources are required to continue implementing an online training programmes once the action is completed.

A key factor in cementing the progress made under PLEAD is building on the progress in promoting civil society engagement in the provision of legal aid. This is especially important due to the lack of availability of legal representation for persons living in vulnerable situations, including some women, people with disability and children/youths. The action will strengthen the normative and institutional framework to allow paralegals to provide support to those in need of legal guidance as in practice they are often more accessible than advocates.

The action will create ‘centres of excellence’ to encourage government and other development partners to support the justice chain in a similar fashion in other high risk areas and across the country, the project focuses on 19 ‘focal’ counties. Those counties at greatest security risk are prioritised to avoid a breakdown in the rule of law while the project generally seeks to ensure that all key role players in each county are supported as far as possible. Some of the counties also have high backlog and AJS role out.

Sustainability of the interventions at local level also requires involvement and supervision of the central institutions, as well as policy making informed by the results at a local level. For this reason, the project will also provide capacity building and policy making support to central institutions in Nairobi. This support will also facilitate the replication process in the rest of Kenya beyond the duration of the action, assuming that service delivery in the focal counties improves markedly as a result of the action.