

LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN FOR INNOVATION , TECHNOLOGICAL AND DIGITAL DIVIDE IN COMMUNITIES

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Introduction

Law Explorer Development & Assistance Initiative (LEDAl) is a non-governmental organization dedicated to providing legal assistance and empowerment to women in Niger Delta Riverine communities. Our mission is to promote gender equality and the rights of women and girls by providing access to legal resources, education, and advocacy. We believe that legal empowerment is essential for achieving sustainable development and empowering women and girls to thrive in all areas of their lives.

. Importance of Legal Assistance and Empowerment of Women

- Achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls requires more than just addressing social and economic barriers. **Legal barriers** also play a significant role in limiting women's access to education, technology, and innovation. Therefore legal assistance and empowerment of women are crucial components of any strategy to advance gender equality.

- Legal barriers can take many forms, such as discriminatory laws and practices, limited access to justice, and lack of legal education and resources and this is largely because of **patriarchy**

Many women lack legal education and resources, which can limit their ability to navigate complex legal systems and seek justice when they experience discrimination or abuse



Legal Access



- However, women face significant challenges in accessing technology and benefiting from innovation and technological change. The digital divide, or the gap between those who have access to technology and those who do not, disproportionately affects women and girls, particularly in marginalized communities. Factors such as lack of infrastructure, affordability, and cultural barriers(a Good wife bears pains) can limit women's access to technology and digital resources.
- LEDAI is committed to continuous sensitization of women and girls on legal resources available to them in their local languages.

Way Forward

- In LEDAI we continue to emphasize that, innovation and technological change have the potential to be powerful tools for achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls.
- Advocacy to Tech Service providers to develop a short messaging code that can avail women and girls the opportunity to report abuse issues in their languages. (Smart Phones) and assess help.
- Partnership with NYSC to deploy Corp members (Lawyers) to marginalized communities for legal education and services. (CDS)
- Sensitization of girls on Tech education and provision of tech materials (Laptops, Desktops) to aid the education

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