

Funding Kenya's Judiciary for the Financial Year 2020/21

ICJ Kenya Priority Funding Areas

Introduction

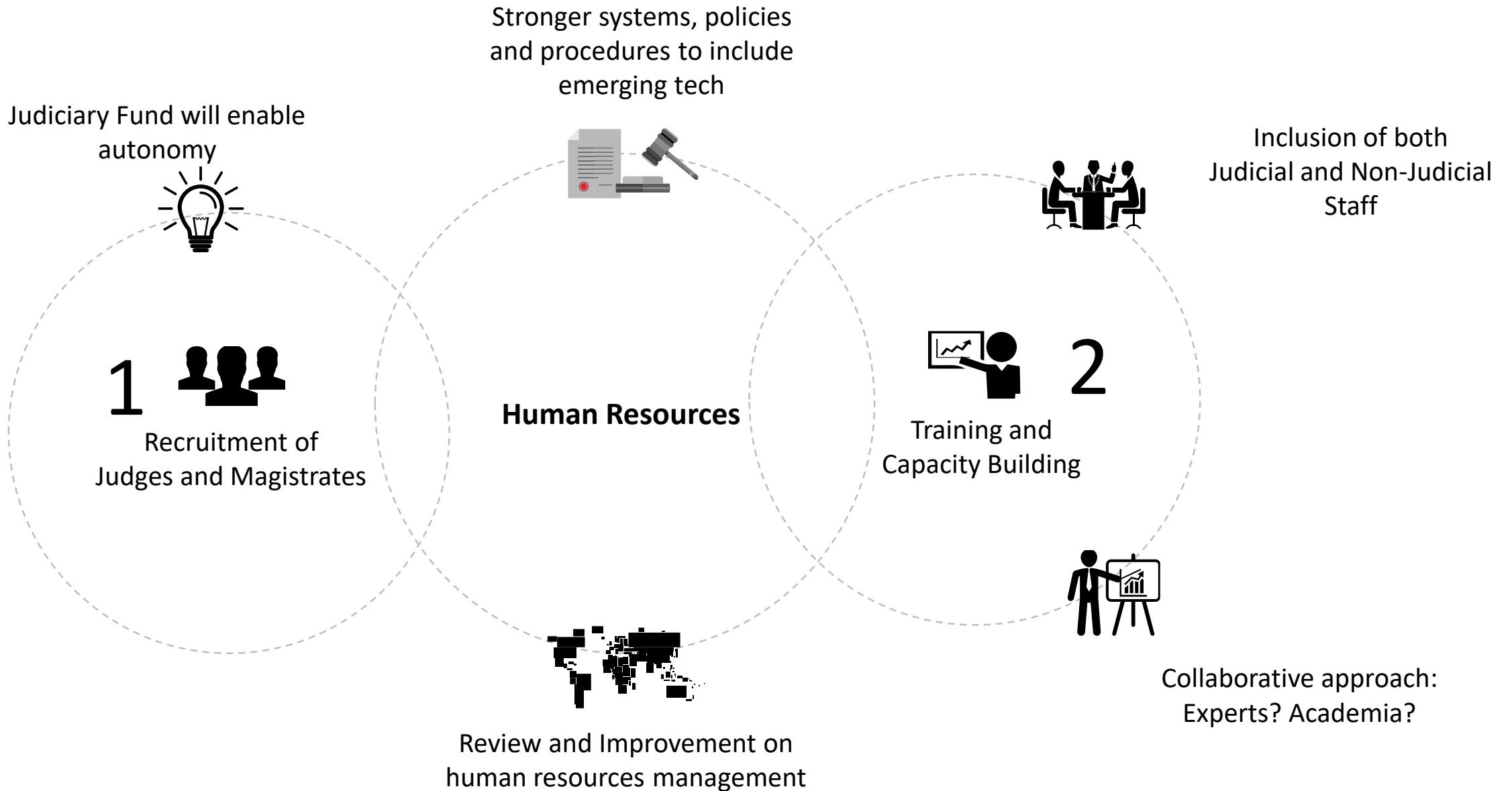
- The Kenyan Section of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ Kenya) has had a long history in the support and promotion of judicial reforms.
- ICJ Kenya has worked concertedly towards judicial independence and accountability - and contribute towards the cultivation in Kenya of a society in which there is respect for human rights, democracy and justice.

- In addition to bringing a technical perspective to the Judicial Reform agenda, ICJ Kenya brings a purely civil society perspective. We therefore bridge the gap between the constitutional ideals and reality.
- Judiciary is an indispensable prerequisite for the efficient and effective protection of Human rights, democracy and the rule of law. Focus on effectiveness (and efficiency), transparency, accountability and independence in the judiciary is important. – Funding for the Judiciary is therefore sacrosanct!

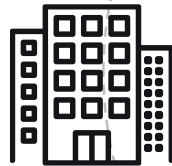
Budget allocations

- This notwithstanding...
- Since 2014, although the National budget has been rising, the judiciary's budget has been declining.
- 2013/14 – 0.99% of allocations – highest ever got
- 2017/18 – 0.69%
- 2018/19 – 0.66%
- 2019/20 – 0.69%

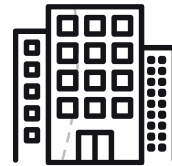
- Dwindling judiciary's budget and increasing workload.
- It is important to operationalize the Judiciary Fund to facilitate overall efficiency and effectiveness in the management of resources allocated to the Judiciary.



Refurbish & rehabilitate
Older Court Buildings



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**Development of
Court Infrastructure**



New Court Buildings:
What about organs e.g. ppdt?

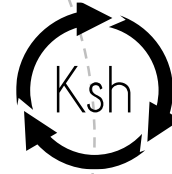


Hardware & Software

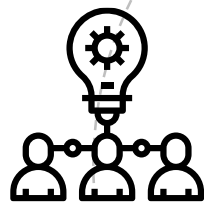
Purchase of goods and services



Other operations and maintenance



4
Recurrent
expenditures



Salaries

Court-Annexed Mediation



Financial gains



5

**Alternative dispute
resolution mechanisms**



Public Awareness and support



Court-Annexed Mediation

Transcription
Systems



6
**Digitization of Court
Processes**



E-receipting



Hardware & Software

Inculcate
Best practices shared by
other agencies



6

**Deliberate
Inter-agency
Collaboration
Efforts**



Deepen partnerships with Private
Sector, CSOs etc.

Leveraging and
complementing partner's
strengths & mutual
reinforcements amongst
partners

Way forward

- Opportunity to work with similar orgs and the Judiciary to undertake research
- There is so much data that the Judiciary has in its hands – but we cant access it!
- There is need to conduct joint advocacy initiatives for realization of the Judiciary fund. **The Judiciary receives less than one per cent of the total budget that is allocated to the three arms of government, which has resulted in resource constraints in the Judiciary operations.**

Asante Sana!

