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**End of Project Evaluation- Increasing
access to justice and rights protection for
PWDs in Northern Uganda Project.**

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i) List of Acronyms

COVID 19	Corona Virus Infectious Disease
CSO(s)	Civil Society Organization(s)
ERM	Emergency Response Mechanism
EOP	End of Project
FGDs	Focus Group Discussions
ICT	Information Communication and Technology
IDP	Internally Displaced Persons
KIIs	Key Informant Interviews
M&E	Monitoring & Evaluation
PIP	Project Implementation Plan
PWDs	Persons with Disabilities
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SoPs	Standard Operational Procedures
ToTs	Training of Trainers

ii) Executive Summary

The project on increasing access to justice and rights protection for PWDs was implemented in northern Uganda in the districts of Lira, Arua, Gulu and Amuru.

The project was responding to the expressed needs for legal aid services for persons with disabilities in Northern Uganda and it focused on mainly training paralegals in four districts mentioned above and the other major component of the project was focused on enhancing the knowledge and skills of duty bearers in the field of administration of justice, including police and local government leaders about the needs of persons with disabilities in accessing justice. The other deliverables included continued provision of legal aid to indigent persons with disabilities, conducting quarterly meetings with paralegals, production of legal materials, conducting media campaigns, refresher training of staff in area of Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) and conducting Midterm and end of project evaluation.

The main objective of the project was to promote access to justice for persons with disabilities in Northern Uganda through a strong team of paralegals and ensuring that the trained paralegals are able to effectively carry out their work of providing legal aid to indigent PWDs in need at the grassroots level.

This evaluation was conducted in August 2021 with consultations and field visits in Gulu, Amuru, Arua and Lira. The end of project evaluation was envisaged to examine the progress made in attainment of project objectives and impact accruing from the project implementation. The other objectives of the evaluation included to assess the relevance of LAPD's interventions to the target audience mainly paralegals, their needs and aspirations, and to identify enabling factors and obstacles that may have accelerated/inhibited the progress

The evaluation was conducted using several methods and approach in collecting and analyzing qualitative and quantitative data collected from primary and secondary sources. The project targeted to directly reach about 120 paralegals, 120 stakeholders especially duty bearers, 8 LAPD staff and general public through spot messages, documentaries, television talk shows and radio talk shows in Northern Uganda and in the districts which included: Lira, Arua, Gulu and Amuru.

As observed in the project performance matrix below the project was to a very big extent a successful intervention and achieved commendable results across the different objectives as anticipated. This was as a result of some factors as illustrated hereunder:

The project deliverables were tailored to the felt needs of the paralegals, the stakeholders and the PWDs. As illustrated above, the project was able to impact the different targets because of the match between the objectives and the need of the target groups.

The evaluation has noted that LAPD technical staff have the competence and vast experience to undertake effective programming. This experience was reflected in the ability to conceptualize the project objectives and interventions that are linked to the needs of the different stakeholders and also implement them as planned.