



Legal Protection Program in specific humanitarian crisis

Microjustice (<https://microjustice.org/>) wishes to help to get people hit by humanitarian crisis out of victimhood and to create awareness in the local society about the principal rights one has. The devastating earthquake in Haiti, the loss of protection for women and children in Afghanistan, the consequences of climate change for the destitute in developing countries, the ever-rising number of refugees from Asiatic and African countries: all these people need food, economic and social aid. But this aid will never reach the real victims if they don't know how to claim their legal rights.

Haiti is now suffering from the recent earthquake, after the devastating earthquake of 2010. A lesson learned in the rehabilitation of properties after the 2010 earthquake is the prerequisite of correct registration of property rights and identity. People need help to access all types of social and economic benefits for their rehabilitation while the normal day-to-day legal issues continue to be necessary to be master over one's life again.

Afghanistan's fall to the hands of the Taliban is causing an enormous refugee crisis. People want to leave massively their country and move elsewhere. It is of great importance for all that these people get the needed legal information and help. On the one hand one should ensure that they have all paperwork related to their personal ID, house, land, business and work well before departure. If they do not have these documents at that moment, they need this later and then should seek contact with the right legal professionals in Afghanistan. It is important that they are well advised about the legal opportunities for them in other countries, and be connected to a lawyer in those countries. The Taliban may break up the political systems **but usually the administrative – private law system remains unchanged.**

Microjustice supports victims of humanitarian crisis to grasp opportunities, thus getting out of victimhood. Microjustice informs them on their rights and how to protect them whether it concerns their rights in the place of residence, place of origin or in the country they wish to go to. In addition, Microjustice connects them with legal assistance in whatever location their rights need to be protected, which may be across borders.

In Afghanistan, the US has spent 900 million USD in vain in the period 2003-2015 on building up a formal legal system within an informal context, not looking into the situation of the people, their legal needs, and how the administrative-legal system of Afghanistan was organized. With an assessment done by Microjustice Barometer research the precise needs of the people and the possibilities to solve them would have been identified, building institutions on the basis of what is needed to make it functional to the people, and enabling the people to access the legal information and a legal professional. Microjustice is apolitical and assesses the system as it is and works in a specific context. At this moment, it may be not possible to work in Afghanistan but our approach allows us to make contact with the lawyers in the country digitally. In this way we first map the legal protection situation of the Afghan population in Afghanistan and abroad wherever they are. We identify their situation and opportunities for legal protection in the various places (Afghan nationals, where they are and where they want to go to). We will develop a Legal Protection Platform for them with all needed legal information easily accessible, and linking them to legal professionals in various countries.

Microjustice has already assisted over a half of million private households and businesses in Kenya, Bolivia, Serbia and in region of former Yugoslavia with their legal rights, so they can survive and be protected for the future.

With our assessment tool and our local bottom-up approach we can embed a Legal Protection Program for the real victims and avoid social instability of the local society.

With the program of Microjustice the right conditions are created for a sustainable economic and social development of a community.

We invite you to support our efforts with funding, knowledge and if you are able, your network for the region of your interest.

For opening up a new region we need about **€150.000 - €250.000** to cover the costs of development of the program, which includes, as follows:

- to make an assessment of the direct legal needs and gather relevant information;
- to find collaboration and establish a network with local and (inter-)national stakeholders;
- to provide a Legal Protection Program;
- to organise local embedded legal advisory teams and to create a working group with the support of International Microjustice experts;
- to provide sustainable funding and to create a donor structure for the next 5 years.

Once we have established the Legal Protection Program, Microjustice will hand it over to the local partner within the country, and become the trusted advisor/expert of the legal teams encouraging and supporting the locally embedded employees and solicitors.

Microjustice will also protect the interests of the donors, by monitoring and reporting the results to the donors and stakeholders, till the moment that social and economic rehabilitation is realised.

If you are seriously interested, we can present you more detailed information and references about Microjustice and its activities. By filling in our “form of interest” we will contact you as soon as possible.

Microjustice needs your help!

First to make an assessment, and to develop a Legal Protection Program for these large-scale crisis. Once developed with stakeholders, this Program will be handed over and funded by the institutional donors.

If you are interested in our Program and wish to donate, you are very welcome to make a deposit on:

Transfer to Euro account:

Name account holder: Stichting Microjustice4All

BIC: ABNANL2A

IBAN: NL69ABNA0252210085

Transfer to USD account:

Name account holder: Stichting Microjustice4All

BIC: ABNANL2A

IBAN: NL92ABNA0556734866

Microjustice has an ANBI status and is in process for a CBF-certificate in The Netherlands.