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1. Annual Report

1.1. General

Incorporation

Stichting Microjustice4All (Microjustice) was incorporated on December 3th, 1996 by notarial deed. The foundation has its official seat in (2596 TE) The Hague, at the Van Hoghenoucklaan 60D. From now on, referred to as “Microjustice”.

Microjustice is registered with the Chamber of Commerce, number 41160018 (RSIN: 805877447) and is a charitable foundation under Dutch Law (“ANBI”).

Objectives Microjustice

Microjustice is an organization dedicated to legally empower the poor and victims of humanitarian disasters. By providing people with legal documentation and enabling them to live under the shelter of the law and enjoy the protection and opportunities it provides, Microjustice helps them to get out of the poverty cycle.

Microjustice’s mission is to promote the universal access to legal protection globally. For this global mission Microjustice has developed since 2018 the Legal Protection Barometer and the digital legal protection platform, that really have been almost accomplished in 2021 as basic tools for implementing the Microjustice mission.

With the provision of legal protection services Microjustice aims to enable all people to participate in society and encourage them to be self-reliant.

Legal Rights Protection

Over the past twenty-four years Microjustice has developed its method to promote legal rights protection of all in practice, implementing field programs in three continents. This method consists of standardized legal service provision in identified basic legal needs of the target group(s), while undertaking bottom-up legal reform and advocacy activities. In this way Microjustice aims to establish sustainable legal service provision infrastructures for the legal protection, marginalized and victims of humanitarian disasters.

Focus

Microjustice helps to set up local infrastructures for affordable quality legal service provision with focus on:

1. Various civil documents as birth certificate to enable access to e.g. education, health care, social benefits, microfinance and voting;
2. Housing and land registration for property protection, access to collateral and investment opportunities;
3. Setting up businesses, cooperatives and other legal entities, and drafting contracts to increase income-generating activities and civil society participation;
4. Legal issues related to the above, mostly related to family law and inheritance matters.
5. Legal issues that are specific to a context, especially in post-humanitarian crisis rehabilitation processes.

1.2. The Board of Microjustice

Ms P. van Nispen tot Sevenaer is the sole director

The Supervisory Board members:

F. Bakx, Chairperson
M.J. Verweij, Secretary
J. Schretlen

The Supervisory Board members do not receive any compensation other than compensation for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Report on activities by the Supervisory Board

In 2022 the Supervisory Board met 4 times together with the Director. During these meetings the Supervisory Board discussed all significant issues related to the management of the Foundation and projects as well as the fundraising strategy. The most common aspects analysed and approved (when needed) by the board are:

- Annual Accounts and the Annual Report for 2021;
- Current projects and programs and new activities in preparation;
- Team: capacity, composition, recruitment;
- Administrative and financial matters;
- Director: periodic performance review;
- Annual Work Plan and Budget 2023

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1.3. Report on activities by the Director

As the Legal Rights Protection Barometer and the Digital Legal Aid Platform had been fully developed in 2021, in 2022 these tools have been implemented. The Legal Rights Protection Barometer for Civil Justice research method was implemented in Egypt, Ukraine, Jordan, Serbia and Bolivia, while digital legal aid platforms were being prepared and implemented.

The legal rights protection database with a great number of research questions regarding indicators on a country level has served as tool to do a scan of the legal rights protection situation of the people in the countries of research. The research questions relate to the extent to which all people in these countries – both citizens and foreign nationals residing in the country, including migrants and refugees – are legally protected and included in society through the analysis of **three indicator categories**: 1) the financial and educational capacities of the **general population and particular vulnerable groups**; 2) the **accessibility and efficiency of the way the state** has organized the **procedures** for legal rights protection in private and administrative law, and the effectiveness of the available enforcement mechanisms, and 3) the accessibility and **affordability of quality legal aid**. On the basis of the research results digital legal aid platforms and advocacy activities are being developed.

Egypt

The research has been implemented through social interaction with various Egyptian and international organizations. A large number of consultations and interviews was conducted with Egyptian attorneys, legal experts, civil society representatives, representatives of state institutions such as the Ministry of Justice, National Council for Human Rights, Bar Association of Egypt, women's legal organizations and their private and state leaders, social organizations, and churches.

Microjustice conducted field research in Egypt between November 2021 and February 2022. During this period, Egyptian attorneys with experience in private and administrative law entered the data regarding the research questions related to the above three indicator categories into the Legal Rights Protection Barometer database. On the basis of this research, the Justice Gap was defined, and as a solution, a proposal for setting up a digital Legal Aid Platform was developed, which has been funded by the Dutch Embassy in Egypt and a Dutch charity as of October 2022.

In order to start the newly funded Legal Rights Protection Program, in late 2022 further research was conducted on the specific legal needs of the population. The identification of the problematics of legal practice in regard to the main legal needs of the population is the focus of the Barometer report that has been prepared, which enables us to identify precisely which legal services are needed. This barometer report serves as a baseline for setting up a digital Legal Aid Platform in Egypt, which will provide legal services that have been identified in the barometer research.

As of October 2022 the Legal Rights Protection Program for Egypt has been thus started. An agreement on cooperation with El Seidi Law firm has been entered into, the team recruited and trained in an initial phase, a first list of standardized legal services for the legal aid platform prepared, a field mission in Upper Egypt was conducted identifying partners that work with the population, and a workplan has been agreed upon.

Bolivia, Serbia and Kenya

In both countries in 2018/19, legal inclusion mapping has been undertaken, that has served as the basis for the development of the legal rights protection barometer research method. In 2022, the thus developed database with indicator questions has been filled out by teams of lawyers from these countries, and a barometer report has been issued for Serbia and Bolivia.

In Bolivia the Barometer report serves to upscale the legal aid platform to be implemented all over Bolivia and to conduct advocacy activities by providing transparency in the problems in the procedures needed to arrange one's legal rights protection regarding one's personal documents, property and family issues, and social-economic associations.

In Serbia the barometer report will serve to conduct a strong advocacy campaign allowing for a more liberal legal aid market, that allows endeavours that make quality legal aid services affordable and available for all. This is needed for the Microjustice digital legal aid platform to become active, when the registered lawyers are allowed to join.

In Kenya, the digital legal aid platform with information for the population is active. However, we have not been able to develop partnerships for further development and implementation. We will in 2023 continue to look for adequate partners in Kenya.

Jordan and Ukraine

In both countries the barometer research has been finalized by legal experts in and from Jordan and Ukraine, and desk research. The focus of the reports that have been issued is both on identifying the functioning and the gaps in arranging legal rights protection for the people in these countries normally, as well as to identify the legal needs and needed related services for the refugees and IDPs in and from Ukraine as well as the foreigners and refugees within Jordan. We have identified digital cross border legal aid platforms for the refugees and IDPs related to both countries. In 2023 we will look for opportunities to get these programs funded.

Promotion of Universal Access to Legal Aid

The Microjustice Legal Rights Protection Barometer has been developed by Microjustice as a tool to scan, monitor, and enhance the access to justice component of United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16. In 2022, we have started to develop campaigns to promote the tools through social media and all available communication channels and established collaborations. Microjustice has launched a successful social media campaign, has participated in networking events related to SDG 16, and promoted the Microjustice tools among ministries of Justice and international organizations. The finalization of the Barometer country reports for 4 countries has shown a scalable method to identify the justice gap and recommendations to solve legalities. In this regard, 3 more countries are in the pipeline.

A new brand identity has been built and promoted internationally. The official Microjustice website www.microjustice.org has increased visitors and accordingly engagement actions were taken with various stakeholders.

Additionally, Microjustice has developed a microsite <https://microjustice.org/working-on-legal-rights-protection/> for pre - launching a book on the development of Microjustice and its relevance to promote our work to a broader audience.

Microjustice attended The Knowledge Platform Annual Conference #KPAC22, where the follow up meetings were scheduled with Pathfinders, Land at Scale Project teams lead, Netherlands enterprise Agency and the Microjustice methods, work and achievements were shared among them with as aim to collaborate in 2023.

Using the developed method and its two complementary tools, Legal Rights Protection Barometer and the Digital Legal Aid Platform, Microjustice aims to successfully implement its Program globally, in order to contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Strategy by helping to identify further obstacles in the system while conducting the standardization of legal services in the countries and thus achieve universal access to legal aid for all.

The Team and organisational structure

To achieve the above mentioned activities a team of international and local experts on the ground was engaged including: expertise in international legal empowerment and research, a coordinator/manager to oversee and manage the various activities, ICT expertise and associated costs, local research team(s), including local legal experts, in the countries where the activities were taking place, international travel and logistical support for team members traveling to the countries, and networking and promotion costs for upscaling the activities internationally.

Supervisory Board approves all proposals: annual budget, fundraising, program proposals and also appoints the director and monitors the work and decision-making process undertaken by the Director.

Microjustice Director with more than 30 years of professional experience working on the field of access to justice, represents the foundation and implements the programs and proposals that are approved by the supervisory board.

The Global Program Manager, with more than 7 years of experience in legal matters and project management is responsible for all aspects of Project life cycle, the delivery of the required outputs, development and implementation of the Project's framework, development and delivery of plans, monitoring and progress, preparation of reports, contribution to stakeholder engagement, but also day-to-day management of Project. The Program Manager controls the quality of deliverables against the quality requirements agreed between the beneficiary, the donors and Microjustice, and consult technical and legal experts, ensuring the Program is delivered within the scope, time and the budget.

PR and networking activities to promote the Barometer and LAP in countries of operation and internationally Support the fundraising activities are undertaken by the group of experts, researchers and web designers globally.

Development and management of ICT department, with a lead of Senior ICT manager with over a 15 years of experience. This department is responsible for development of the Microjustice digital products, platforms and ICT applications, handles research tasks and provides support related to ICT.

The legal department is responsible for development and implementation of the Microjustice Programme. This department reports directly to Program Manager and/or Director and is responsible for ensuring the smooth operation of technical efforts, providing legal know-how, and conducting activities by coordinating programmatic information and providing legal support. Associates of this department work in close collaboration with others to complete daily Project tasks and offer support to their team. This department consists of 15 consultants globally.

Barometer coordinator/s Ensure Barometer research finished successfully in countries of implementation, and other countries depending on the extension of the Project, ensures Barometer report, plan for promotion and upscaling finished and implemented within the countries, upgrades Toolkits for developing Barometer research and setting up LAPs worldwide, ensure extension of the Legal Rights' Protection Barometer research to countries in the region. Currently, there are three Barometer coordinators in 3 operating countries.

The income of Microjustice in 2022 was € 125.321 while the budget for 2021 was € € 106,935. The budget for 2023 is € 156,165. The turnover is still much less than usual due to the focus on the development and testing on the new tools (Barometer and digital Legal Aid Platform). The promotion of the new tools and identifying opportunities to implement them is the priority. A first success has been the funding of the new legal rights' protection program in Egypt at the end of 2022.

Vélez-Málaga, 9 May 2023

Patricia van Nispen tot Sevenaer
Director Microjustice

2. Financial Statements

2.1. Balance sheet

Assets		<u>31 December 2022</u>	<u>31 December 2021</u>
		€	€
Receivables and prepayments	2.4.1	44.991	48.486
Cash and cash equivalents	2.4.2	244.473	67.153
		<u>289.464</u>	<u>115.639</u>

Liabilities		<u>31 December 2022</u>	<u>31 December 2021</u>
		€	€
Reserves and funds continuity reserve	2.4.3	50.118	44.873
Short term liabilities	2.4.4	239.346	70.766
		<u>289.464</u>	<u>115.639</u>

2.2. Statement of income and expenditure

		2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
		€	€	€
Income:				
Income own fundraising	2.5.1	85.296		76.484
Interest income		0		0
Other income	2.5.2	40.025		25.000
Sum of income		125.321		101.484
Expenditure:				
Expenditure on the objective				
Legal Empowerment of the poor	2.5.3	85.296		76.484
Expenditure on fundraising				
Other costs	2.5.4	34.779		28.185
Sum of expenditures	2.5.5	120.075		104.669
Deficit/Surplus		5.246		-3.185
Appropriation of result				
Allocation or withdrawal from continuity reserve		5.246		-3.185

2.3. Notes to the balance sheet

2.3.1. Receivables and accrued income

	31-12-2022	31-12-2021
	€	€
Prepayments on projects	14.991	23.486
Friends of Microjustice	30.000	25.000
Book value at December, 31	<u>44.991</u>	<u>48.486</u>

Microjustice advanced € 14.991 on the LIM Project in 2022.

Friends of Microjustice committed support for running and fundraising costs 2022.

2.3.2. Cash and cash equivalents

Most of the cash and cash equivalents were used for the LIM Project, overheads and operational & development costs, and transitoria. As of October 2022 cash and cash equivalents were also used on the Legal Rights Protection Program Egypt.

2.3.3. Continuity reserve

The continuity reserve is specified as follows:

	31-12-2022	31-12-2021
	€	€
Balance at January, 1	44.873	48.058
Release of provision for Invoices of previous years		
Result for the financial year	5.246	-3.185
Balance at December, 31	<u>50.118</u>	<u>44.873</u>

2.3.4. Short term liabilities

The short-term liabilities and accruals can be specified as follows:

	31-12-2022	31-12-2021
	€	€
Grants received in advance		
Advance LIM project	0,-	60.806
Advance Egypt project	152.202	0,-
Accounts payable		
Creditors	78.684	1.500
Transitoria	8.460	8.460
Book value at December, 31	<u>239.346</u>	<u>70.766</u>

In the course of 2022 LIM project and Egypt project have been implemented for which funds had been received earlier. This explains the large drop in 'Grants received in advance'

2.3.5. Assets and liabilities not recognized in balance sheet

Stichting Friends of Microjustice has a rotating fund of EUR 250.000 which it may use to finance the development and operating costs of Microjustice.

2.4. Notes to the Statement of income and expenditure

2.4.1. Income

The income out of own fundraising can be specified as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	€	€
Implementing LIM	76.042	76.484
Implementing Egypt	9.254	0,-
	<u>85.296</u>	<u>76.484</u>

2.4.2. Other income

	2022	2021
	€	€
Realized exchange differences	25,-	0,-
Non project related donations	40.000	25.000
	40.025	25.000

2.4.3. Expenditure on the objective

	2022	2021
	€	€
Implementing Project LIM	76.042	76.484
Implementing Project Egypt	9.254	
	85.296	76.484

2.4.4. Other costs

	2022	2021
	€	€
Overhead and operational & development costs	34.533	28.185
Overspending on LIM project	246	
	34.779	28.185

2.5. Signing of the Annual Report

The Director approves the annual accounts, resulting in total assets of € 289.464
 The foundation's capital of € 50.118 and a positive result on the balance sheet of € 5.246.

Vélez-Málaga, 9 May 2023

Zeist, 16 May 2023

Patricia van Nispen tot Sevenaer
 Director Microjustice

Frank W. Bakx
 Chairman Supervisory Board

3. Other information

3.1. Appropriation of result for the financial year 2022

The positive result of Euro 5.246 will be added to the continuity reserve of the foundation.

3.2. Subsequent events

There are no subsequent events known, which may affect the information included in these financial statements, or in the presented balance sheet items and their valuations or in the explanatory notes.