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**Country/Organisation:** Malawi - Peoples Federation for National Peace and Development (PEFENAP)

**What are the primary challenges your country faces in ensuring equal access to justice within your criminal justice system? How do these challenges impact groups in vulnerable situation in your society? Please provide a thorough and detailed response.**

Corruption is number one, high cost of legal service delivery, even the Legal Aid bureau in Malawi is corrupt, making access to justice and affordable by vulnerable groups and communities even individuals in Malawi. Weak Civil Society organisation, inadequate resources for Civil Society organisations in Malawi. PEFENAP provide mediation services for disputants but cannot afford legal service from private practicing legal practitioners. PEFENAP pray for a legal suit with at least two to five practicing lawyers to help complaints.

**Can you provide examples of initiatives or policies that have been successful in addressing access to justice issues in your country? What key lessons have been learned from these initiatives or policies? Please provide a thorough and detailed response.**

EU funded project though not enough to provide the best service for access to justice in Malawi. A commenting project is required that can run nationwide in all 28 Administrative districts.

**What are the best practices currently being implemented in your criminal justice system to enhance access to legal aid and fair trials? How do these best practices improve outcomes for individuals involved in the criminal justice system? Please provide a thorough and detailed response.**

Some Few NGOs provide legal aid services like CHREA. For our institution cannot afford because of some requirement to assist vulnerable individuals and or groups involved in criminal activities and looking for legal redress.

**What factors have been crucial in enabling successful reforms or improvements in your criminal justice system? How can these enabling factors be replicated or adapted in other contexts or regions to ensure equal access to justice for all? Please provide a thorough and detailed response.**

Continued training for law enforcement agencies, even NGOs (PEFENAP) interested in providing access to justice in the criminal justice system in Malawi.