



HAKI NA SHERIA

PRESS STATEMENT

Haki na Sheria Initiative (HSI) welcomes the government's plan to issue national identity cards to 14,000 victims of double registration in Garissa on the 19th of January 2022. We congratulate the government for their plan to issue IDs to these long-suffering victims, who for years have been unable to obtain documents attesting to their Kenyan citizenship because their biometrics are in refugee databases. We also unreservedly congratulate the victims for their dignity in very tough circumstances and thank them for their tireless efforts working with Haki na Sheria in advocating to have this matter resolved.

We wish, however, to highlight that it is estimated that the number of people affected by the double registration problem is upwards of 40,000. Whilst 14,000 is a significant number, many more still do not have their documents nor any clarity on if or when their IDs will be issued. We therefore call on the Ministry of Interior to quickly set up a fair mechanism for the complete resolution of the double registration issue.

We appreciate our partners who have closely collaborated with us for the last ten years in ensuring citizenship rights are realized. Haki na Sheria will continue to support victims of double registration, and other organizations and government agencies involved where necessary, to ensure that every Kenyan enjoys the rights and freedoms enshrined in the 2010 constitution.

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