



Global Legal Empowerment Network Core Membership Application

Dear Friend,

If you are putting the power of law into people's hands, you are one of us. Our growing community is working to make justice a reality for the billions living outside the law.

We are grassroots legal advocates, activists, organizers, educators, researchers, and leaders. We have seen what happens when the law is out of reach: people are driven from their land, denied basic services, excluded from society and intimidated by violence. Through collaboration and learning, our network is turning the tide.

We're excited by your interest in Core Membership. Core Members are the heart of our network. Often our most active participants, Core Members build their skills at networking events, share their experiences online, and weigh in on the priorities of our network.

Due to their special role, Core Members receive priority access to learning exchanges, pro bono services and other opportunities. They are featured with a badge in our online directory and discussion platform. Core Members are eligible to serve on the Network Guidance Committee, a group of accomplished legal empowerment leaders from around the world who advise on the form and direction of the network.

Please complete and return this application with care, in collaboration with the relevant people in your organization. We will respond within three working days and keep you informed of your application's status on a regular basis.

Please don't hesitate to email us with any questions about how to complete the application and provide the required documentation. We are happy to help!

In solidarity,

Vivek, Abby, Tobias, Michael, Stacey, McKinley, Angote, Cliff, David, Diala, Faustina, Luciana, Maja, Manolo, Marlon, Nadia, Nomboniso, Sebastian Simeon, Steve, Uli, Yeng, Zhang
community@namati.org

What does it mean to be a General Member?

Anyone can join the Global Legal Empowerment Network as a General Member. General Members are eligible to apply for a variety of network opportunities, including learning exchanges, leadership courses, meetings, and conferences. They can join online discussions and share resources through the resource library. Their profiles appear on our network's online directory.

What does it mean to be a Core Member?

In addition to the benefits above, Core Members enjoy exclusive access to select pro bono services arranged through the network and a streamlined application process to all network opportunities. Core Members are featured on the network website with a badge that heightens visibility to donors, potential partners, and others.

Core members also have a say in the direction and nature of our network. Annually, Core Members weigh in on the network's priorities for the coming year. Core Members are eligible for a seat on the Network Guidance Committee (NGC), which meets regularly to provide strategic guidance to the network, and can nominate others to the Committee.

Core members commit to being active within the network. At a minimum, they must participate in at least one network activity per year. This can include: posting to the discussion board; participating in a learning opportunity or network event; sharing or commenting on a resource; attending a webinar; giving feedback via surveys; serving on the NGC; and more.

Who can be a Core Member?

Any civil society organization that has been doing quality legal empowerment work for at least a year is eligible to be a Core Member Organization. People who presently work for a Core Member Organization are automatically considered a Core Member, unless requested otherwise. An individual who is not presently affiliated with an organization is eligible if s/he can demonstrate that s/he has engaged in legal empowerment work for at least one year.

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We'd like this to be a quick and simple process. To save time, feel free to attach existing documents that answer the questions below. Ask us for help at community@namati.org.

Why these questions? We are often asked by potential donors or partners to recommend Core Members to them. In order to do this well, we need to know about your work and its impact. This information will also go in your member profile to help others find and learn about you. If you prefer not to share any of this information publicly, let us know and we will keep it private.

Part 1: About You

1. **Organization Name:**
2. **Year founded:**
3. **What is your mission?**
4. **How long have you been doing legal empowerment work?** (If there is a particular program within your organization that engages in legal empowerment work, please name it and how long it has been active.)
5. **What issues do you work on?**
Select all issues that apply. To select more than one option, use ctrl-click (cmd-click on mac)

Other issues

6. **Who do you serve?**

Select all populations that apply. To select more than one option, use ctrl-click (cmd-click on mac)

Other populations

7. **Which of the following activities do you engage in?**

Select all activities that apply. To select more than one option, use ctrl-click (cmd-click on mac)

We help people to KNOW law:

We help people to USE law:

We help people to SHAPE law:

Other activities

8. **Who works on your team?**

Select all that apply. To select more than one option, use ctrl-click (cmd-click on mac)

Other type of team member

8a. If you use grassroots legal advocates (a.k.a. paralegals), how many has your organization employed or monitored in the past 12 months?

Total: _____ (Male: _____ Female: _____)

Is this an estimate or exact figure? Estimate Exact

8b. How often has your organization contacted these paralegals in the past 12 months?

Frequently (12+ times) Often (4-12 times) Infrequently (0-3 times)

9. **Where do you work?** (List all countries where you have a presence)

10. **What's the scope of your work?**

Select all that apply. To select more than one option, use ctrl-click (cmd-click on mac)

11. **What language(s) do you work in?**

Part 2: Your Impact

12. **Scope of Impact.** Give us a sense of the number of people who have benefited from your legal empowerment efforts in the past 12 months. For example, if you take cases, how many cases did you resolve? If you address collective injustices, how many people were positively affected by your work? Feel free to attach an existing report.

13. **What people say about you.** Please share one or more quotes from a client or someone who has benefited from your legal empowerment work.

Part 3: Your Needs and Strengths

14. **What can the network do for you?** What would you like to get out of your membership in our network?

15. **What can you do for the network?** What kind of knowledge, resources, or services do you have to offer to others in the network?

Part 4: Official Contact Details

16. Telephone number(s):

17. Physical/Mailing Address

- a. Address:
- b. Address:
- c. Address:
- d. City:
- e. State/Province/Region:
- f. Zip/Postal Code:
- g. Country:

18. Official Email:

19. Official Website Address (optional):

**Please include the https:// or http:// in the address*

20. Social Links (optional)

a. Facebook:

b. Twitter:

c. LinkedIn:

d. Youtube:

Network Champion (Contact Person)

Main point of contact for this organization. Maintains your profile in the directory and makes sure you makes the most of network membership.

21. First Name:

22. Last Name:

23. Position in organization:

24. Email address (will not be shared publicly):

25. Working knowledge of English?

Yes No (if no, what language? _____)

26. Reachable by email and authorized to help maintain this organization's profile?

Yes No

Optional Additional Information

1. Organizational Logo: Provide jpeg or png of your logo, with dimensions no smaller than 75 x 75 pixels
2. List of people in your organization who have participated in a Namati or Global Legal Empowerment Network program in the past, if any (provide the program(s) and program dates)
3. List of existing core members who know your work and can attest to its quality.
4. Key publications you have produced, like an annual report.
5. List or copies of relevant media attention that your organization has received or generated
6. List or copies of relevant honors, awards or achievements granted to your organization
7. Resources or training materials your organization has produced
8. Certificate of Registration of your organization
9. Letter of Reference:

Please include 1 (or more) letter of reference from a third party (board, staff, or family member is not appropriate). **A letter of reference from an existing core member is strongly preferred.** If that's not possible, other reference providers include field partners, grantors, or international organizations who know your work. Ask references to submit the letters on official letterhead or email us from their own official address with cc to you. References should be able to address the nature and scope of their relationship to you and any praise, thoughts, or concerns regarding your organization's approach and strategy.

Signature of Certifying Official

I, _____ (Print Name), am the duly appointed representative of
_____ (Print Organization Name) authorized to certify and affirm
all information enclosed in this application.

Yes, I agree to share my organization's contact details in the Global Legal Empowerment Network directory

Yes, the contact person indicated above is authorized to help maintain my organization's profile

(Signature)

(First Name)

(Last Name)

(Position in the organization)

_____ of _____, _____
Day Month Year