

THE ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY LEGAL AID INSTITUTIONS TRUST (AULAI TRUST)



SAULCA (AULAI)

- The South African University Law Clinics Association (SAULCA) – previously known as the Association of University Legal Aid Institutions (AULAI)
- Established **1986**
- Umbrella body for all University Law Clinics (ULCs) in South Africa
- Funding requirement from international donors: establishment of a legal entity

THE AULAI TRUST

- Established **1998**
- Objectives:
 - ✓ promotion of legal aid in South Africa, specifically through **legal aid institutions attached to universities** in South Africa and **paralegal advice offices**;
 - ✓ encouragement and promotion of practical legal education of law students
 - ✓ provision of programme support and capacity building to law clinics; and
 - ✓ fostering, maintenance, and extension of public confidence in the law and the administration of justice.

**AULAI TRUST
Board of Trustees**

Part-time staff:
Programme Manager
Administrative Assistants
Financial Administrator
Project Officer
Secretariat: NWU

University Law Clinics / Clinicians

Build capacity of ULCs and Clinicians through
CLE workshops and conferences

Access to Justice Cluster Programme

Back-up legal services and community workshops

Research & training

Research regarding access to justice

LAJC
University of
Limpopo Law Clinic
6 CBPAOs

NWAJC
NWU, Potchefstroom
Law Clinic
11 CBPAOs

MAJC
NWU, Potchefstroom
Law Clinic
7 CBPAOs

CHRC
University of the
Western Cape Law Clinic
7 CBPAOs

ECAJC
Rhodes University
Law Clinic
5 CBPAOs

FSAJC
University of the Free
State Law Clinic
3 CBPAOs

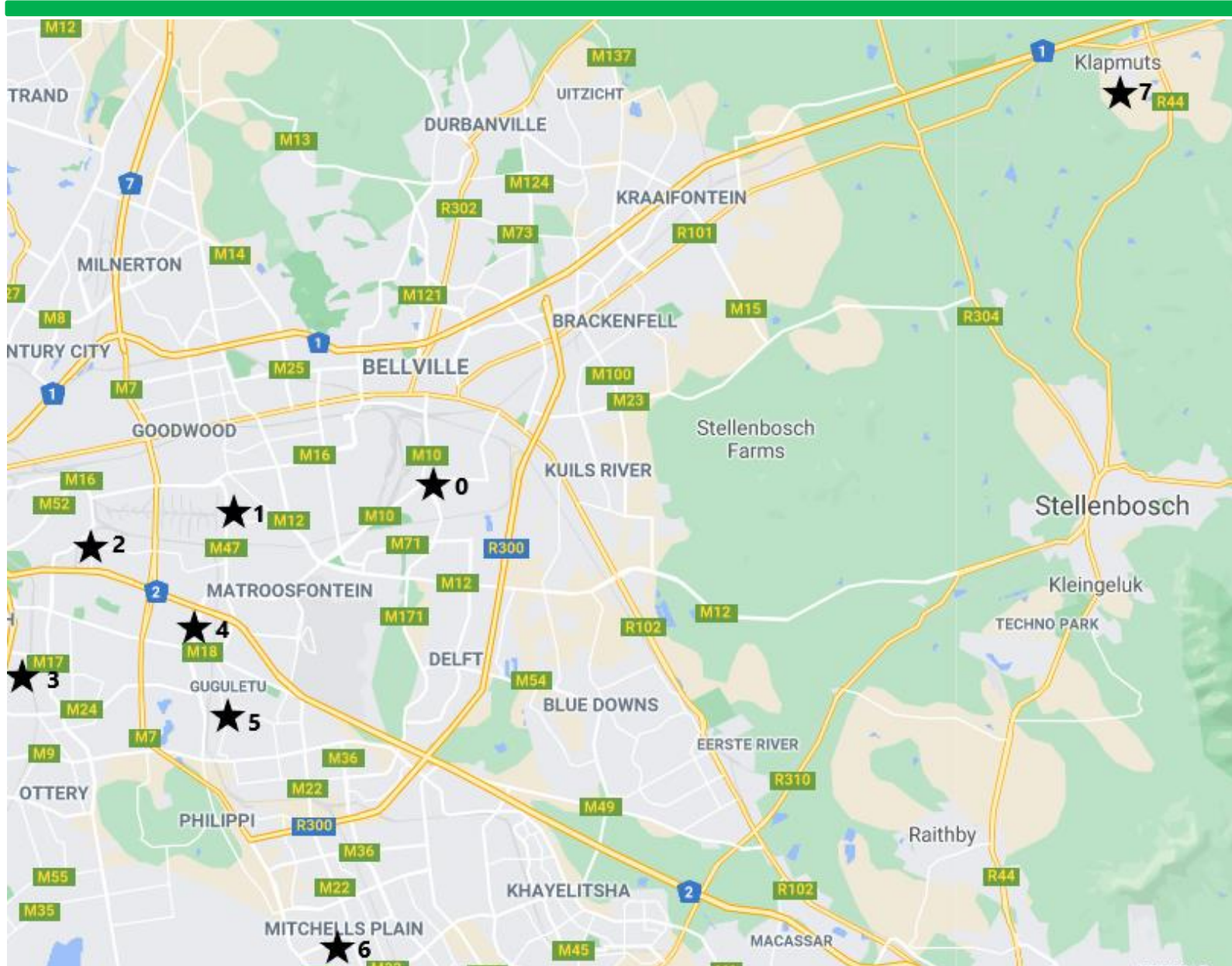
ACCESS TO JUSTICE CLUSTERS

- Co-operative body of ULCs and paralegal advice offices, together with one or more of the following: justice centres, private practitioners and / or other organisations properly structured, with the aim of providing access to justice and legal aid services to poor and marginalised people in rural and remote areas, informal settlements and squatter camps, supported through funders or through the state legal aid system or other governmental bodies.
- Established in 2003

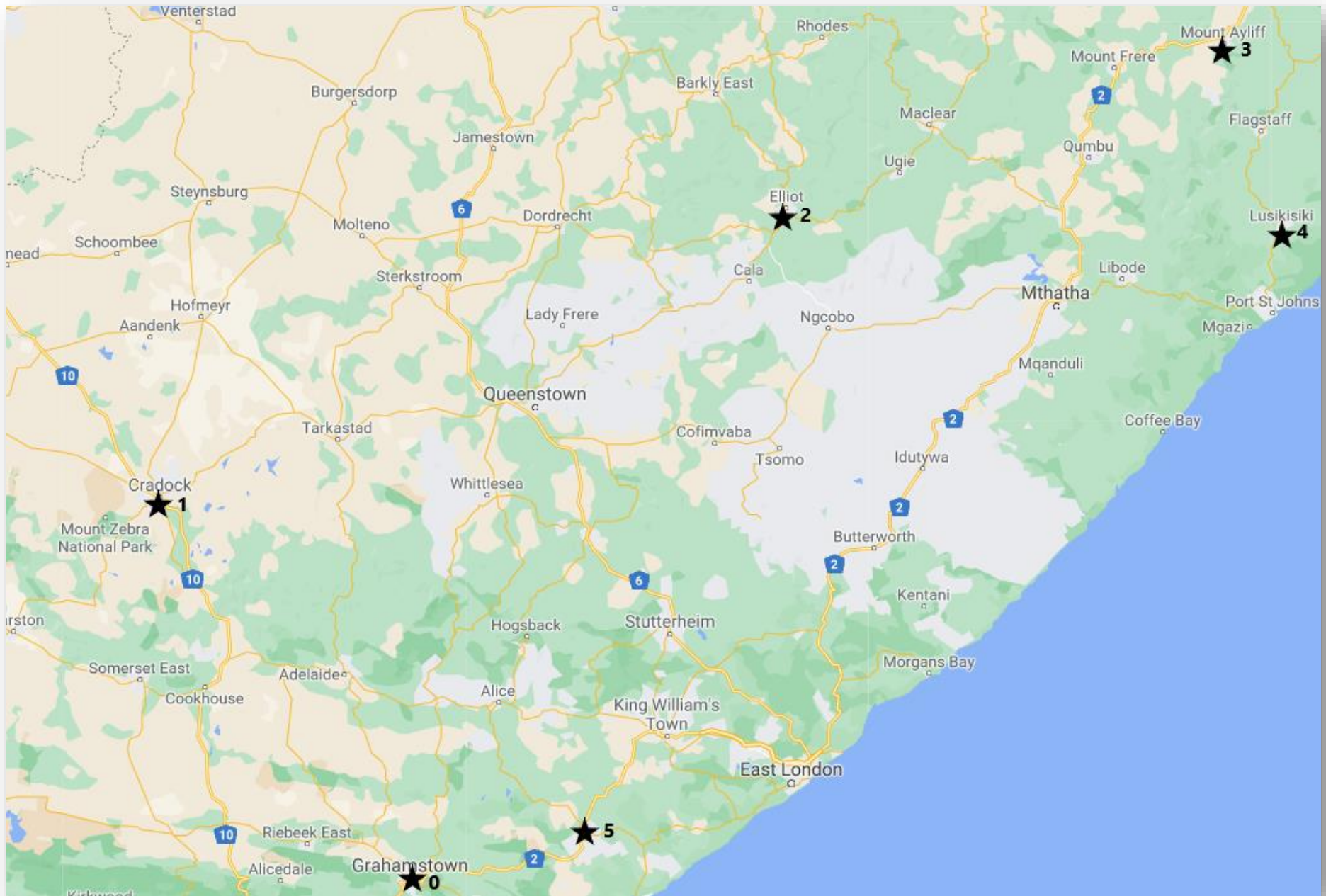
ACCESS TO JUSTICE CLUSTERS

- Current Access to Justice Clusters:
 - Mpumalanga – 1 ULC & 7 CAOs
 - North-West – 1 ULC & 11 CAOs
 - Metropole of the Western Cape – 1 ULC & 7 CAOs
 - Capricorn region of Limpopo – 1 ULC & 6 CAOs
 - Eastern Cape – 1 ULC & 5 CAOs
 - Free State – 1 ULC & 3 CAOs

CAPE HUMAN RIGHTS CLUSTER



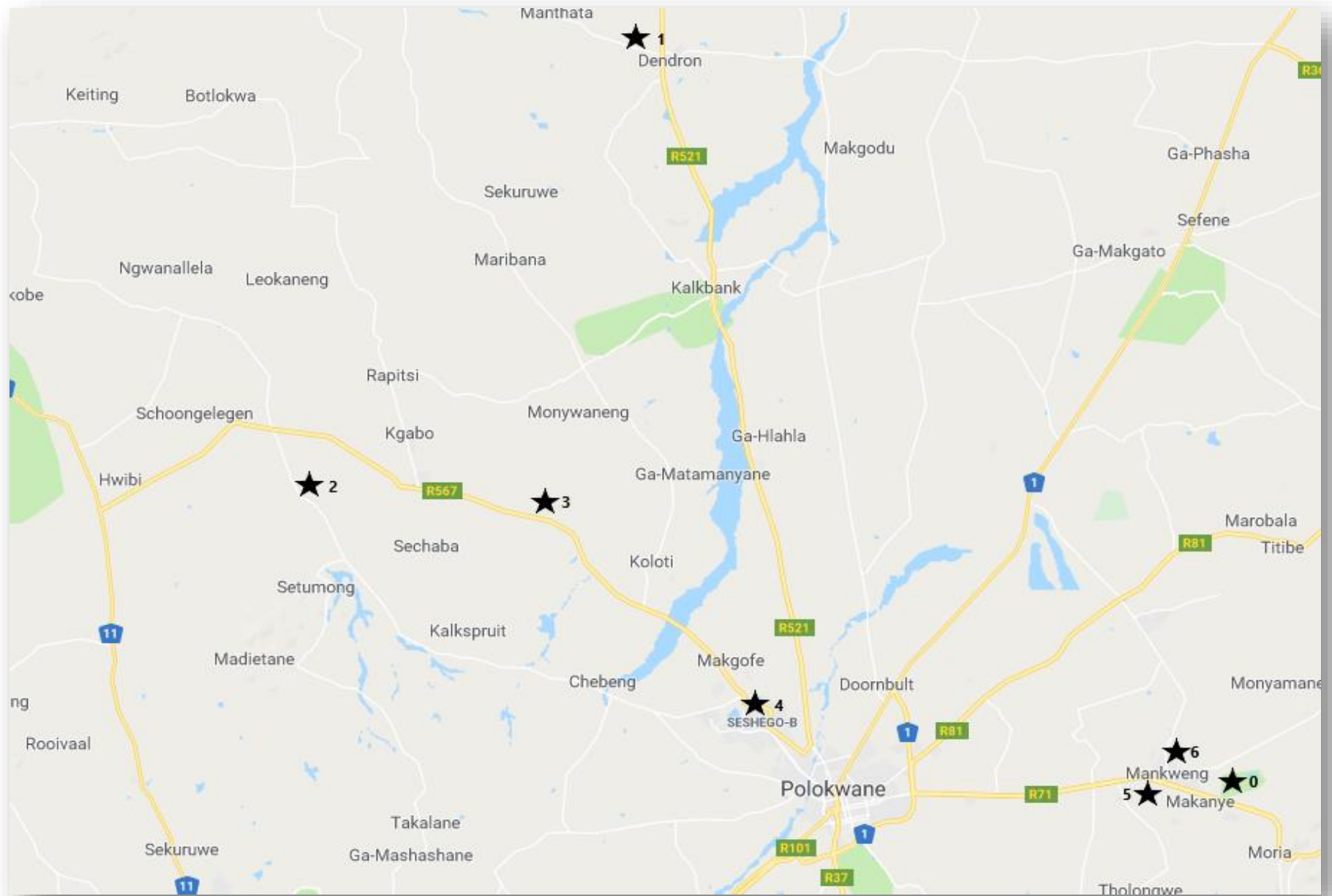
EASTERN CAPE ACCESS TO JUSTICE CLUSTER

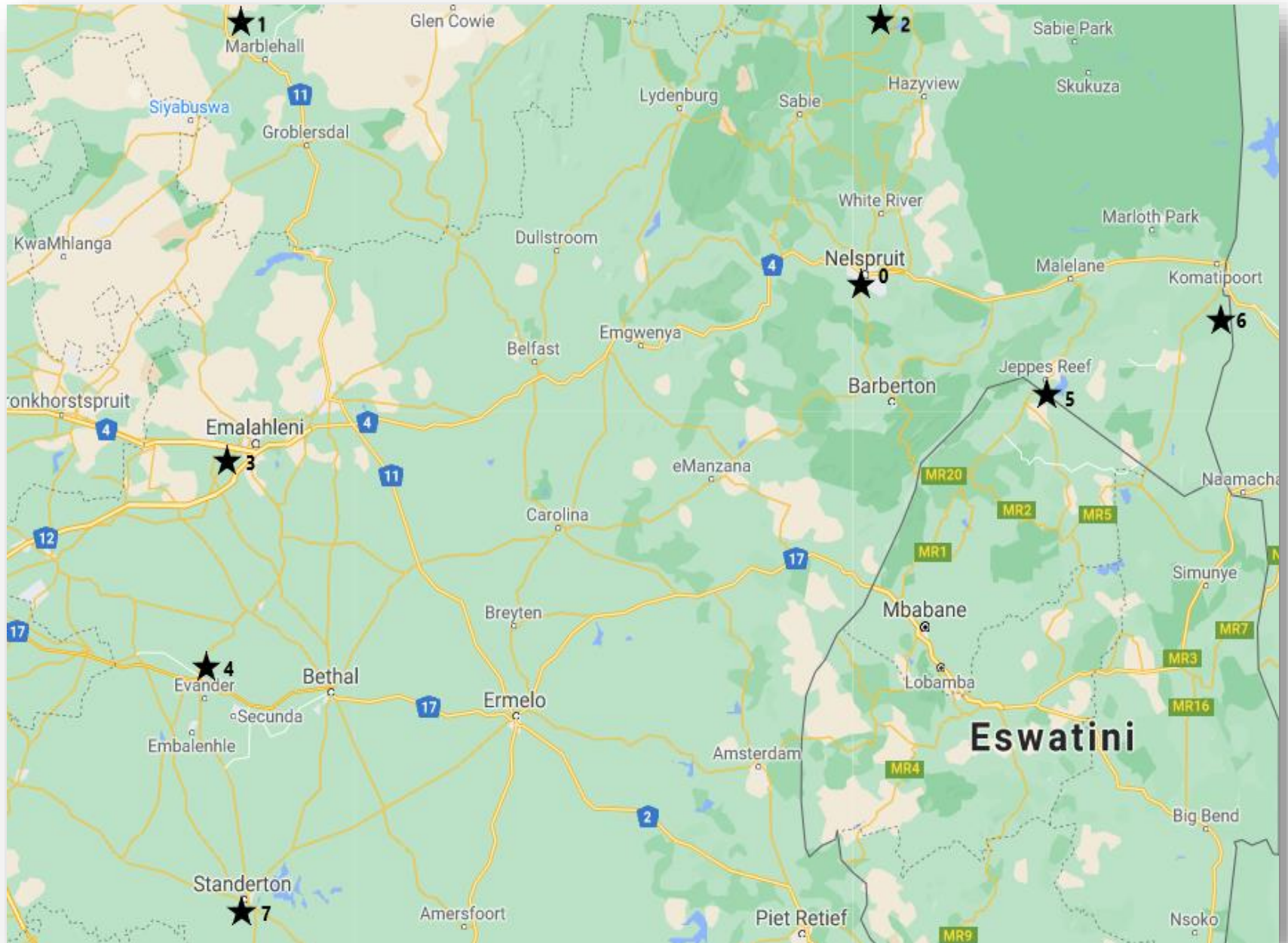


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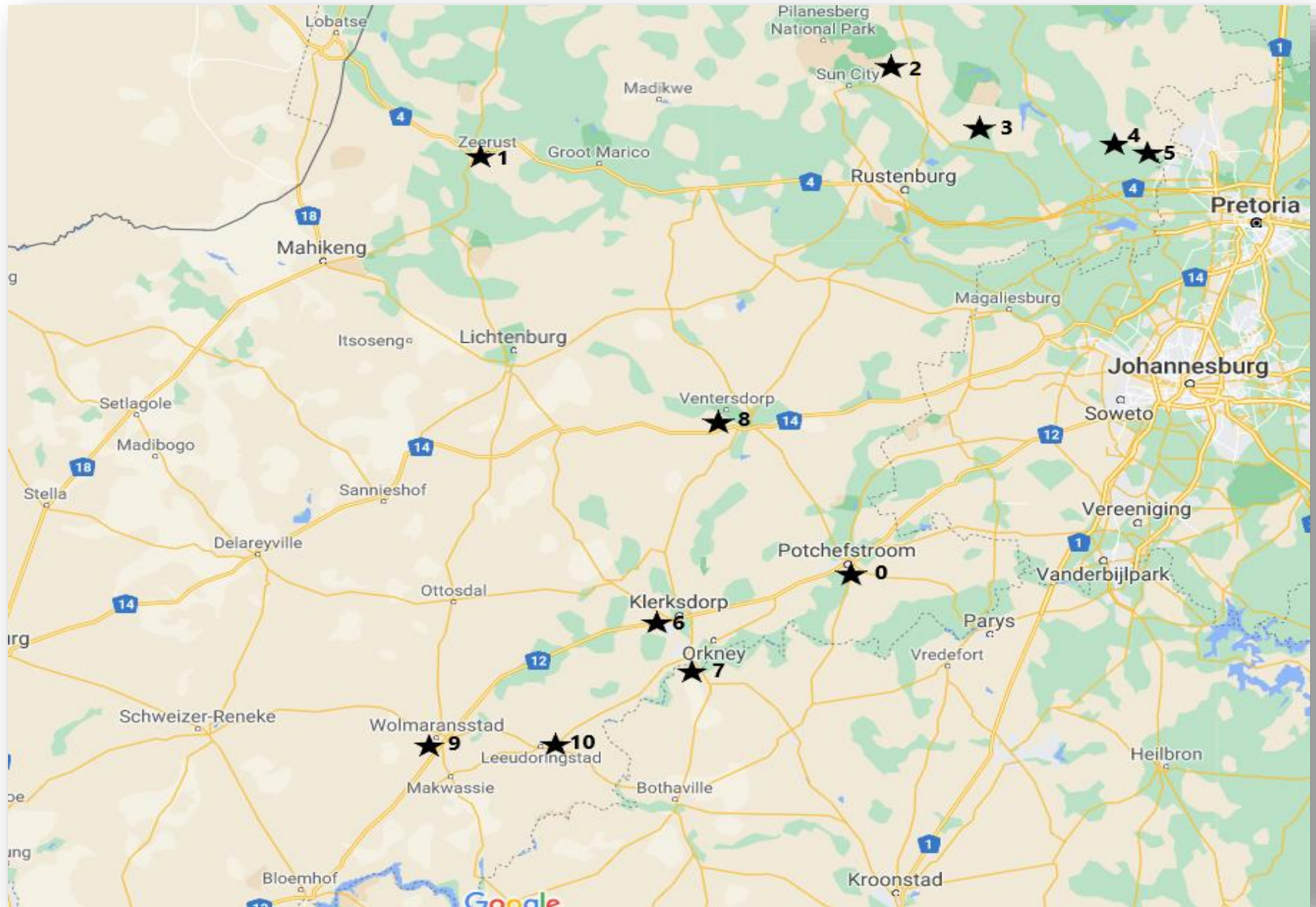


LIMPOPO ACCESS TO JUSTICE CLUSTER





NORTH-WEST ACCESS TO JUSTICE CLUSTER



ACCESS TO JUSTICE CLUSTERS

- Re-granting to community-based paralegal advice offices and university law clinics
- Key programmes:
 - Legal services
 - Back-up legal services
 - Training to community-based paralegals (formal and informal)
 - Community outreach

ACTIVITIES: LEGAL & BACK-UP LEGAL SERVICES

- Family matters
- Labour matters
- Housing and Land
- General civil litigation
- Socio-economic related matters

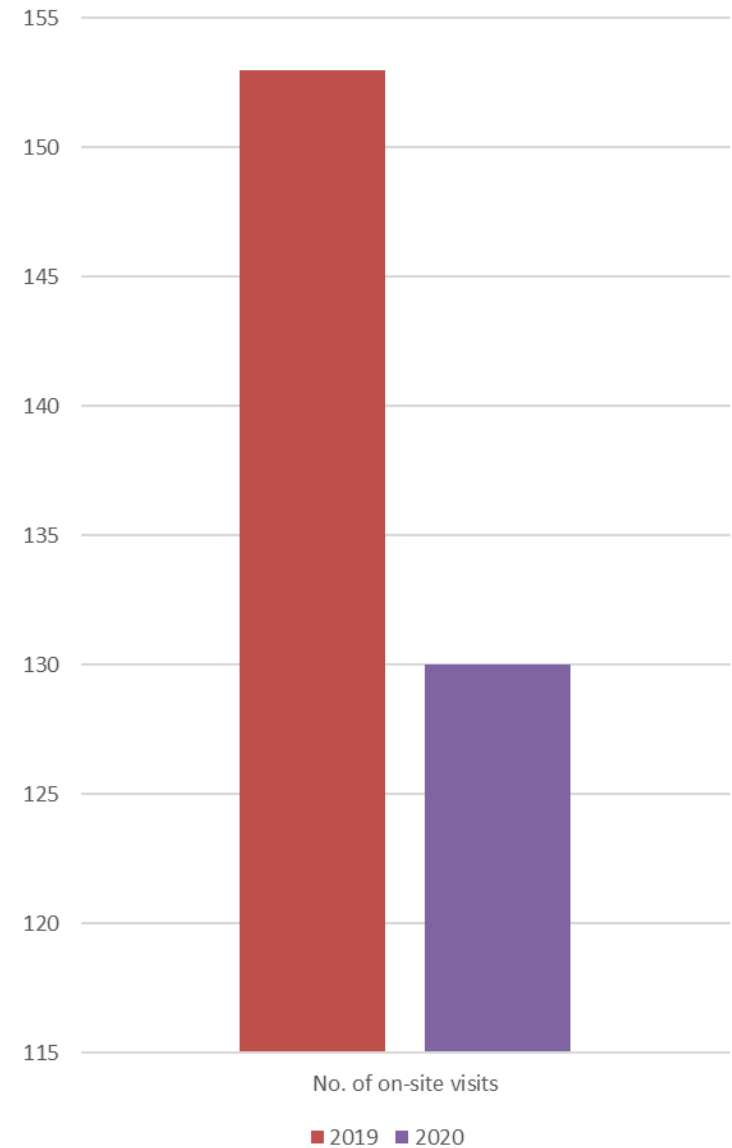
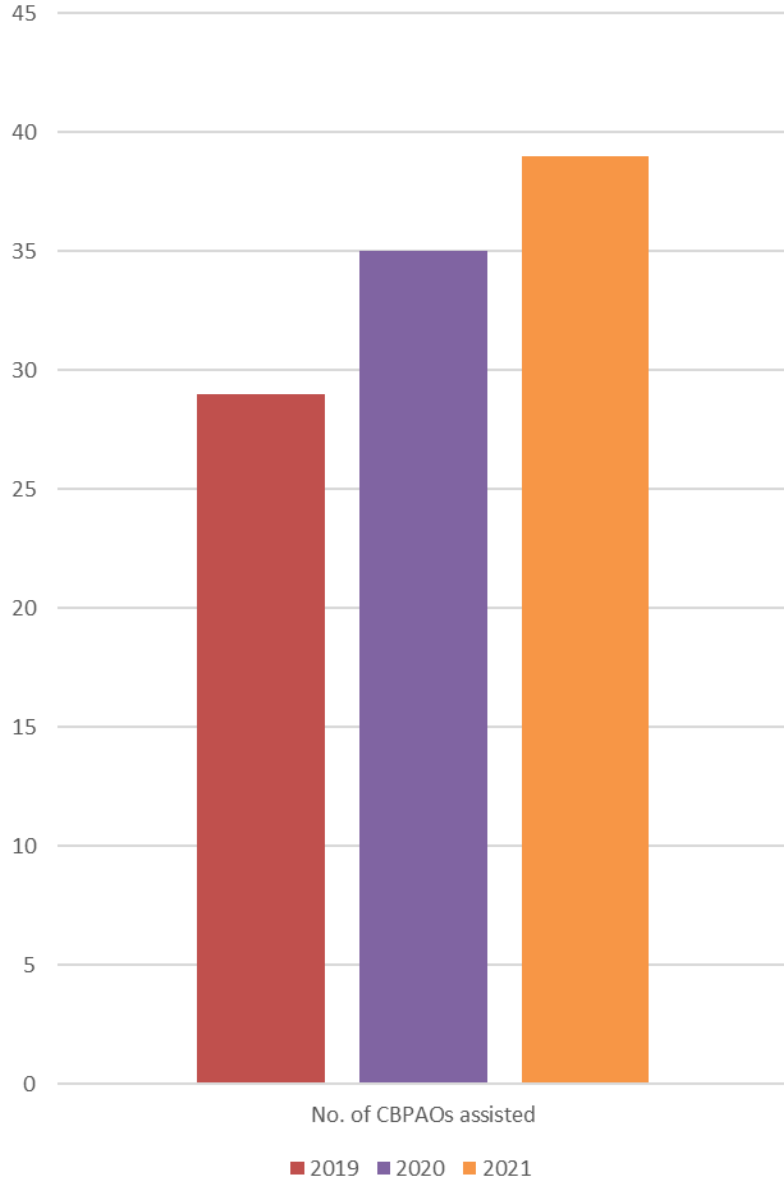
PARALEGAL TRAINING

- Informal training – on-site or electronic training
- Registered short learning programmes and short courses offered by universities
- Dullah Omar School
- Fundraising Toolkit – SCAT, CCJD & AULAI Trust Coalition for Access to Justice

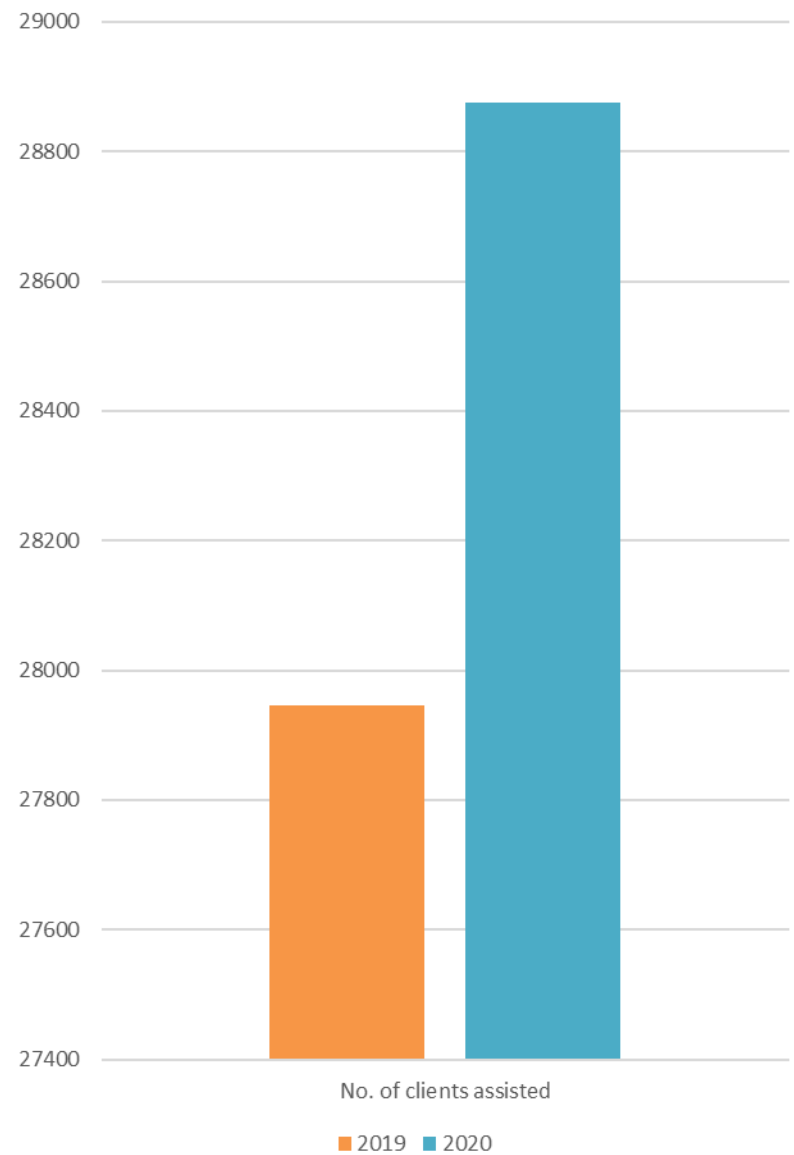
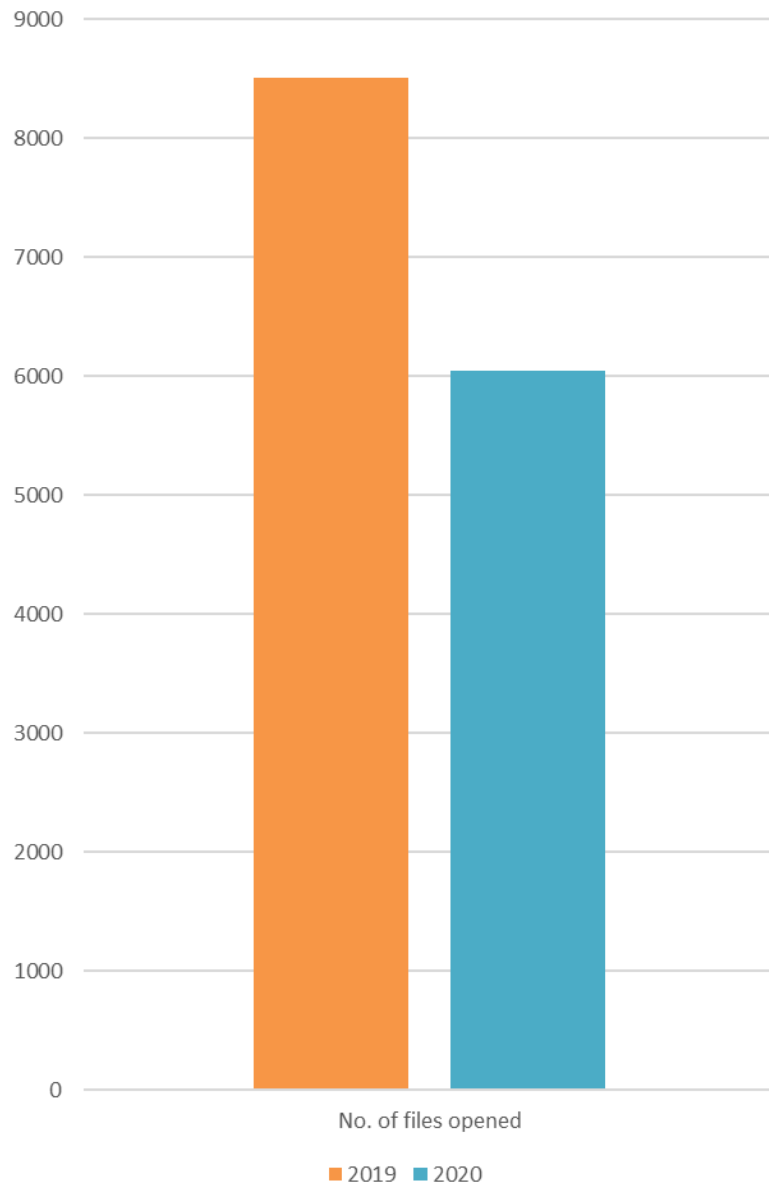
TOPICS: COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

- UIF
- Domestic Violence
- Labour
- Eviction
- Divorce
- Maintenance
- Custody of children
- General rights to women and children

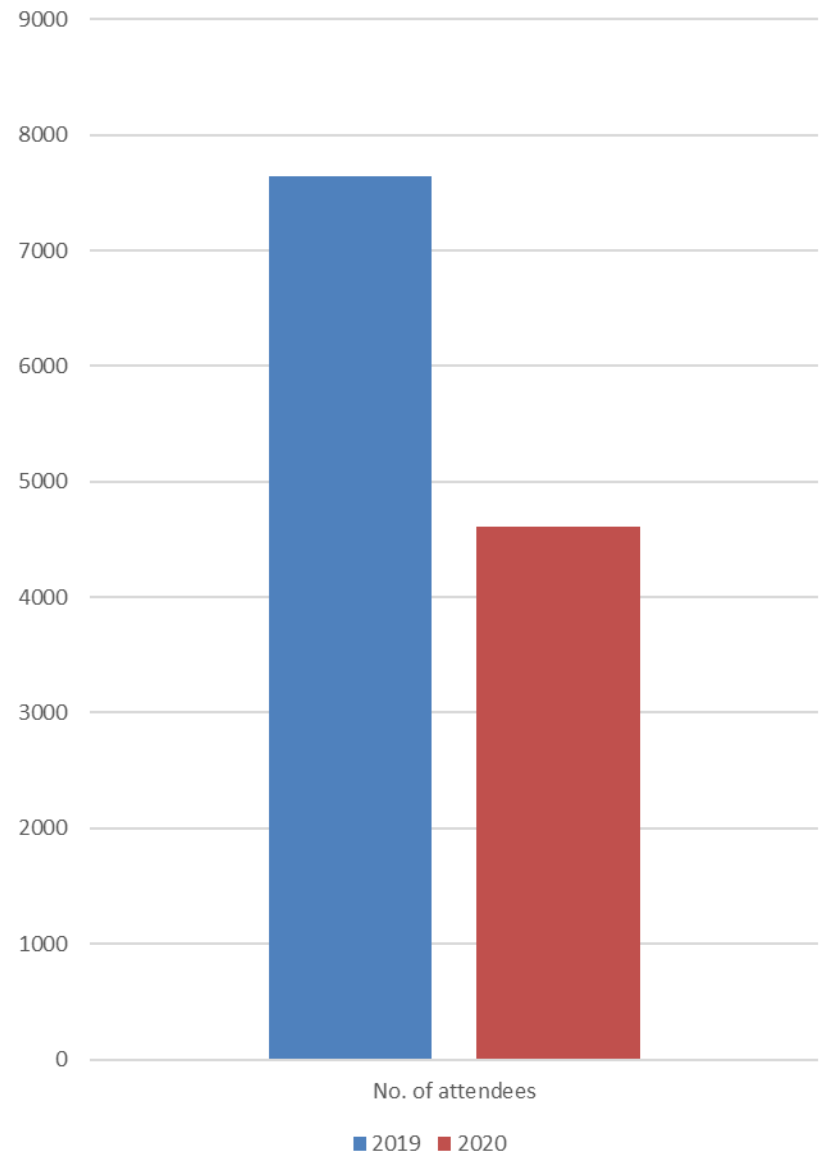
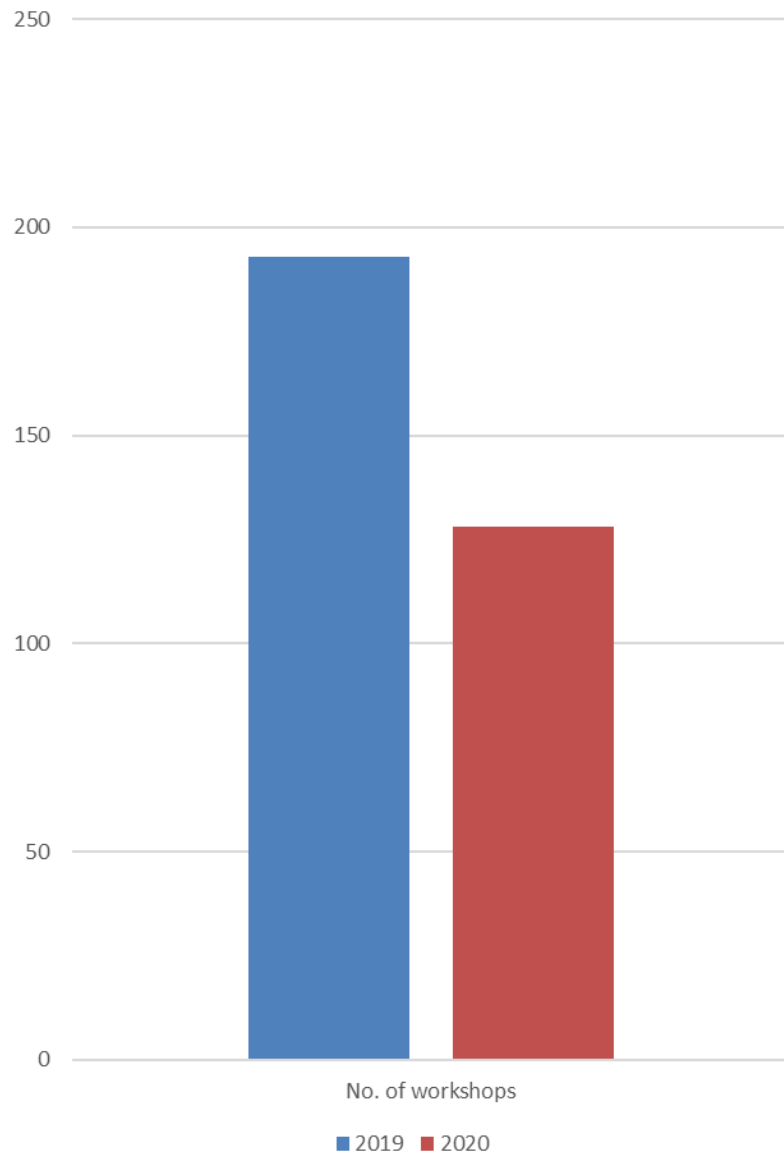
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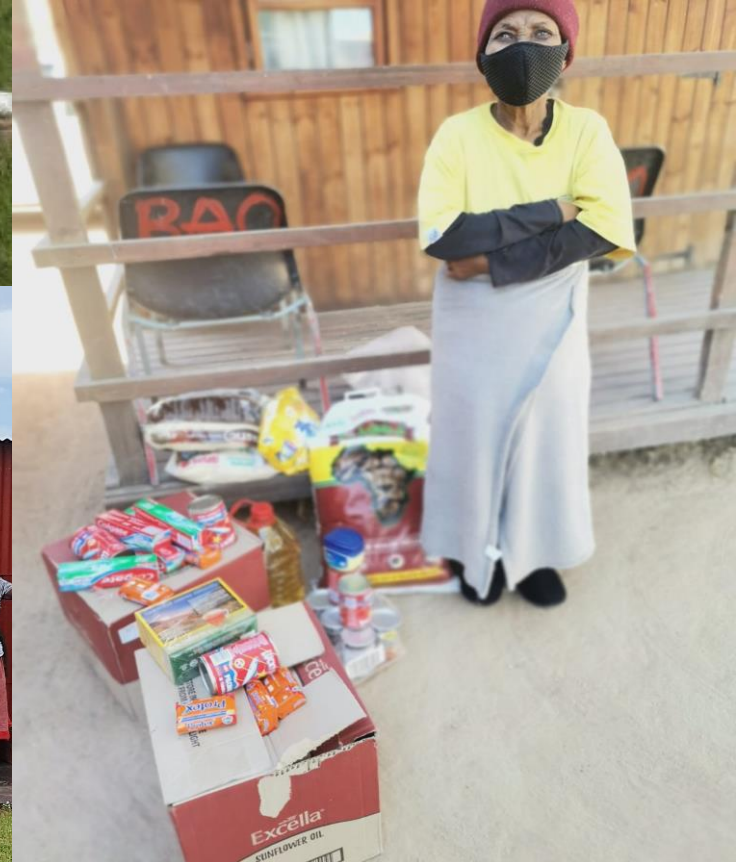


FOOD PARCELS - 2021

- ULCs and CAOs assisted identified households in dire need to poverty elevation and / or support.
- Focussed on households with no income and who cares for elderly, cares for disabled persons, is a female-headed household, is a child-headed household, who has been severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and / or HIV/Aids.

Item	No
No. of communities reached	48
Kilometers travelled	4875 km
No. of households reached	244
No. of Non-Profits reached	3

FOOD PARCELS - 2021



RESOURCES REQUIRED

- Board of Trustees
- Funding – reserves and fundraising
- Staffing
- Office
- Equipment
- Skills

CHALLENGES

SUSTAINABILITY:

- Law Clinics:
 - Will continue to exist
 - Without external funding this specific programme will not be able to continue on this scale
- Paralegal advice offices:
 - Funding
 - Staffing – high turnover
 - Skills – addressed through formal and informal training as mentioned above

COVID-19 IMPACT

- Disruption of services rendered during national lockdown and subsequent levels of restrictions, specifically number of visits to advice offices and the number of community workshops presented
- Alternative measures implemented: telephonic and electronic support, WhatsApp support groups, etc.
- Administrative and programme support by Project Officer
- Loss of connection with colleagues
- Online meetings – time consuming, tiring and require skills to ensure that everyone is engaged
- Loss of key members of the advice office sector
- Training (informal and formal) delayed – online training and mentorship identified, but experience challenges with regards to access to internet (poor connectivity), equipment, data and training on the use of online tools such as Zoom

THANK YOU

