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An integrated social justice agenda linking communities, systems, and institutions

CDSJ combines people-centred practice, rights-based and justice-oriented programming, evidence-informed decision-making, systems strengthening, and partnership-driven change. It is designed to work at community, institutional, policy, and regional levels so that immediate realities and deeper structural barriers can be addressed together.

How CDSJ works

- People-centred practice
- Rights-based and justice-oriented programming
- Evidence-informed decision-making
- Systems strengthening
- Partnership-driven change

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The six pillars at a glance

Public Health

Equitable and resilient health systems linked to dignity, inclusion, prevention, and accountability.

Socio-Economic Empowerment

Livelihoods, resilience, social protection, and economic inclusion for women, youth, and vulnerable communities.

Governance, Gender, and Human Rights

Accountable governance, inclusive participation, gender justice, and rights-based reform.

Child Protection and GBV Prevention and Response

Safer communities, survivor-centred systems, prevention, referrals, and advocacy.

Research, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning

Evidence generation, learning systems, accountability, and informed decision-making.

Access to Justice, Accountability, and Institutional Strengthening

Legal empowerment, remedy pathways, oversight, and stronger institutions.



CDSJ THEMATIC PILLARS IN PRACTICE

Detailed priority areas and cross-cutting commitments

Detailed pillar areas

5.1 Public Health

CDSJ works to strengthen equitable, resilient, and people-responsive public health systems. It links health outcomes to dignity, inclusion, vulnerability, and justice, with attention to HIV and AIDS, sexual and reproductive health and rights, infectious diseases, community health, mental health, nutrition, and health systems accountability.

5.2 Socio-Economic Empowerment

This pillar focuses on the conditions that enable individuals and communities to improve livelihoods, build agency, and participate more fully in development processes. CDSJ is interested in skills development, economic inclusion, resilience, social protection, livelihoods, and pathways for women and young people to participate meaningfully in economic life.

5.3 Governance, Gender, and Human Rights

CDSJ seeks to strengthen accountable governance, inclusive decision-making, civic participation, gender equality, and the protection of human rights. Its work includes democratic participation, governance reform, legal and policy advocacy, rights awareness, and public accountability mechanisms that help people claim rights and influence decisions.

5.4 Child Protection and Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Response

CDSJ works to prevent and respond to violence, abuse, exploitation, neglect, and harmful practices affecting children, women, girls, and other vulnerable groups. This pillar combines prevention, community engagement, systems strengthening, survivor-centred approaches, referrals, awareness raising, and advocacy for stronger protective environments.

5.5 Research, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning

CDSJ treats research, monitoring, evaluation, and learning as central to credibility, quality, and long-term effectiveness. This pillar supports assessments, applied research, monitoring systems, evaluations, learning reviews, knowledge products, and evidence translation that improve strategy, accountability, and action.

5.6 Access to Justice, Accountability, and Institutional Strengthening

CDSJ works to improve access to justice and strengthen the systems, institutions, and accountability mechanisms that enable people to seek remedy, protection, and fair treatment. It supports legal empowerment, referral systems, community justice pathways, oversight structures, and stronger institutional responsiveness.

Cross-cutting priorities

- Gender equality and social inclusion
- Safeguarding and do no harm
- Community participation and accountability
- Youth empowerment and intergenerational inclusion

- Mental health and psychosocial wellbeing
- Evidence and adaptive practice
- Human rights and dignity
- Partnership, local ownership, and sustainability

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