

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF THE CENTRE FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESEARCH AND JUSTICE (CSVJR)

1. Name of the Company

The name of the Company is:

CENTRE FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESEARCH AND JUSTICE

(hereinafter referred to as “the Company”).

2. Type of Company

The Company is a **Company Limited by Guarantee**, not having share capital, and is formed for **non-profit purposes**.

3. Registered Office

The registered office of the Company shall be situated in Zomba, P. O Box 863, Old Naisi Area, Traditional Authority Malemia, Malawi.

4. Objectives of the Company

The Company is established exclusively for **charitable and non-profit purposes**, including but not limited to:

- To promote the prevention and elimination of sexual violence through research, education, and community-based interventions
- To advance access to justice for survivors of sexual violence, including legal awareness, rights education, and support for reporting mechanisms
- To conduct and disseminate research on sexual violence, legal systems, and socio-cultural practices affecting justice outcomes
- To promote alignment between customary practices and statutory law in relation to sexual offences and human rights
- To engage with state and non-state actors, including law enforcement and traditional authorities, to strengthen responses to sexual violence
- To advocate for legal and policy reforms that improve protection, reporting, and prosecution of sexual offences

- To design and implement evidence-based interventions aimed at preventing sexual violence and supporting affected communities
 - To collaborate with local, national, and international stakeholders in advancing the rights and protection of women, girls and children
 - To design, implement, and evaluate evidence-based interventions aimed at preventing sexual violence and improving access to justice for people with disabilities
 - To build capacity of communities, traditional leaders, and justice system actors in prevention, reporting, investigation, and prosecution of sexual violence cases
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5. Powers of the Company

To achieve its objectives, the Company shall have power to:

- Raise and receive funds, grants, and donations
 - Enter into contracts and partnerships
 - Acquire, hold, and dispose of property
 - Employ staff and consultants
 - Conduct research, training, and advocacy activities
 - Do all lawful things incidental or conducive to the attainment of its objectives
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6. Application of Income and Property

The income and property of the Company shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects.

No portion shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to Members, except:

- As reasonable compensation for services rendered
 - Reimbursement of legitimate expenses
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7. Non-Distribution Constraint

The Company shall not distribute profits or assets to its Members.

8. Liability of Members

The liability of the Members is limited.

Each Member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of it being wound up, such amount as may be required not exceeding:

MWK 10,000

9. Winding Up

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Company, there remains any property whatsoever after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities:

- Such property shall not be distributed to Members
 - It shall be transferred to another organization with similar objectives
 - That organization must also be non-profit in nature
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10. Alteration of Memorandum

No alteration shall be made to this Memorandum unless approved in accordance with the Constitution and applicable laws of Malawi.

11. Subscribers (Founding Members)

We, the undersigned, wish to form a Company pursuant to this Memorandum, and we agree to become Members of the Company. We further confirm that this document constitutes the agreed and final Memorandum of the Company, and that our signatures hereto are affixed in confirmation of our consent to its contents.

	Name Signature	Address	Occupation	
1	Chifundo Terrisa Kamba	P. O Box 863, Old Naisi, Zomba	History Lecturer/Resear cher	

2	Emmanuel Bester Chakuchan ya	Ekwendeni Mission Hospital, P. O Box 19, Ekwendeni	Procurement Officer	
3	Mc Love Phulusa Kamba	P. O Box 1075 Mzuzu	Accountant and Manager	