

## **CIVIL CASES**

We have had 13 walk-in clients:

10 clients were children's cases on maintenance and custody, 7 having been referred by Children Dept. and 3 referred by friends who know about CLEAR by reason of being our previous clients. Out of these ten cases (3) negotiation meetings have been held and agreements reached. (5) potential defendants did not attend the scheduled negotiation meetings, thus (4) of the cases have been filed in court for maintenance and custody, (1) awaiting advice from the advocate and (3) cases pending negotiation meetings in March. 2 cases, though they were children's cases, were on land matters and, since this does not fall within our expertise, they were rejected but advised accordingly.

1 client came to seek for legal awareness in his community through his paralegal group having heard about CLEAR from an advocate who comes from their area.

2 judgments have been delivered on maintenance and custody orders on 18th Feb, 2009. Children at the Kisumu Children's Remand Home line up for lunch. CLEAR-Kisumu JusticeMaker's Project represents some of the children in court and was a sponsor of the event, which celebrates the rights and freedoms of African children

## **FOLLOW-UPS**

We attended two Chief's Barazas in February where a case of our client was to be discussed. We had requested this when the negotiation meeting held last year brought forth a lot of allegations which had to be cleared by the elders. This was ultimately successful and was very crucial in establishing the facts about the case from various angles so that the case can be handled objectively.

## **LEGAL EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA**

We have started exploring the possibility of having a radio programme, with the help of our legal aid communications intern, to support our community legal education initiatives. To this end we have approached a local community radio station about the same and we are still ironing out the finer details of this venture. We envision that it will be a talkshow where the advocates attached to CLEAR will be involved in giving legal perspectives on the issues that affect the local communities while at the same time exposing them to the legal and justice system which most of them are oblivious to.