

# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT





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**PREFACE**

In the year 2019, the Commission recorded major milestones in ensuring the promotion, protection and enforcement of human rights in the country. The Executive Secretary, Tony Ojukwu, Esq. actualized the realization of establishing the National Human Rights Commission offices in all the 36 States of the federation including the FCT in order to increase visibility and accessibility of the Commission. Prior to that, the Commission had offices in 24 States. Also the Commission employed and trained 210 staff whose capacities on human rights defence were broadened so as to provide effective response to complaints on human rights violations and abuses.

In preparedness for a peaceful and violent free election in 2019 general election, the Commission organized and participated in a variety of fora aimed at checkmating infractions such as fake news, hate speeches and electoral violence during the elections. During the 2019 elections, the Commission observed the conduct of security personnel and other general conducts. The same was replicated during the Kogi and Bayelsa States elections done later in the year.

The Commission strengthened the existing relationship with the Nigerian Army in the year under review. Army officers were trained on Human Rights Standards and Practices. The training was aimed at improving the capacity of the officers on Human Rights Standards and Practice, and equipping them with the knowledge and skills that would keep their operations within acceptable human rights norms.

The Commission in 2019 also maintained partnership with Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), International Development Partners as well as various Civil Society Organizations in identifying and implementing programmes in the area of human rights. The Commission with the support from Open Society Justice Initiative (OSJI) trained officers of six Arresting authorities namely: Nigeria Police Force; Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Department of State Security, Nigeria Custom Service and Nigerian Immigration Service on Mainstreaming Human Rights in Processes of Arrest, Investigation and Detention. The training was aimed at improving the knowledge of Investigation Officers on the provisions of Luanda Guidelines, Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015, and other Human Rights instruments that relate to their daily operations as IPOs. The training is expected to span into 2020.

Also the UNHCR/NHRC Protection Monitoring Project (PMP) to monitor the situation in IDPs camps in nine States and FCT continued but was however, reduced to three (3) States viz: Borno, Adamawa and Yola (the BAY states). Although findings from field reports reveal that there are still various human rights challenges and violations such as Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV), hunger and poverty, survival sex, amongst others, the Commission is recommending for further interventions through training, monitoring, and establishment of effective referral, follow - up systems, interface with relevant stakeholders and needs assessment of the recovered communities. Other

partnerships in 2019 included the support from UNFPA through CIRDDOC to eliminate Female Genital Mutilation.

In the year 2019, the Commission received various complaints on rape, defilement and sexual harassment. Due to these allegations of sexual harassment, rape, unlawful arrests of women by the Abuja Environmental Protection Board and the Police, the Commission in line with the directive from the Office of the Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, constituted a Special Investigation Panel drawn from various government and private bodies to address Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in Nigeria. The project is on-going and is supported by OSIWA and other International Development Agencies through The Rule of Law Initiative (Partners West Africa).

The Commission, in line with Section 5(h) of the National Human Rights Commission Act 1995 as amended, participated in various international engagements in 2019. Such includes the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland aimed at addressing human rights violations and emergencies. Other participations include the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions Annual Meeting ‘GANHRI 2019’ in the Geneva, Switzerland aimed at taking stock on how NHRIs in all regions are making an impact in addressing women and girls’ human rights as well as promoting gender equality by applying their unique mandate and functions.

In the year under review, a total number of One Million, Three Hundred and Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty-Nine (1,304,849) complaints were received by the Commission which was Two Hundred and Seven Thousand and Seventy-Two (207,072) more than complaints received in 2018. This is attributed to the establishment of NHRC Offices in the thirty-six States of the Federation.

In 2019, the Commission carried out audit exercises in the Nigerian Correctional Services and other places of detention to ascertain the conditions of the facilities, personnel, and detainees. The exercise was aimed at enabling the Commission make recommendations to appropriate authorities on the challenges and needs of the prisons and detention centres in line with international best practices. 35 Prisons and Detention centres were visited. Findings reveal that most of the facilities are poorly maintained and overcrowded (being colonial structures). The findings also reveal that there are

inadequate manpower compared to the number of inmates while under aged children are kept in same cells with adult convicts.

The Commission therefore made some recommendations which include the need to raise awareness on the concept of Petty offenses in line with the contemplation of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and that mechanism should be put in place to ensure quick and speedy trial of inmates awaiting trial.

In 2019 the sum of ₦1,730,000,000.00 was appropriated for the Commission, however, the sum of ₦1,592,000,000.00 was released. The total sum of ₦1,591,163,096.55 was expended, and the total sum of ₦836,903.45 was transferred to CRF from the budget, thus there was 100% budget performance in the year under review.

The Commission observed various commemorations in 2019. The 2019 International Human Rights Day was marked with awareness walk in all the State Offices and the theme for 2019 was 'Youth Standing up for Human Rights'. As part of the activities to mark the International Human Rights Day, the Commission organized a summit tagged 'Adopting Rights-Based Approach in the Public Sector Sustainable Development Agenda'. Also the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Geneva Convention was marked as well as other commemorations such as International Women's day.

We sincerely express our appreciation to all our partners and solicit for more support from various organizations and development partners in ensuring the promotion, protection and enforcement of human rights.

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**Executive Secretary**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This publication was compiled from the activities of the Commission in 2019, as submitted to the Commission's Headquarters by departments/units and State offices. This is therefore an overview of the activities undertaken by the Commission in 2019.

The Commission in line with the National Human Rights Commission Act, 1995 (as amended) submits activities carried out each year to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the National Assembly. The Commission's 2019 activities for the promotion, protection and enforcement of human rights have been compiled and highlighted in the ten (10) Chapters of the 2019 Annual Report.

The functions of departments and units through which the Commission carries out its activities are in Chapter one.

Chapter two deals with the various collaborations and partnerships the Commission had with other relevant stakeholders both local and international in

the year under review, which the NHRC Amendment Act 2010 section 5(g) has empowered the Commission.

The Commission in the year 2019 embarked on various promotional activities through courtesy and advocacy visits, radio and television appearances, press releases, and print media, in order to increase awareness about the Commission. Chapter three of this report highlights these activities.

Chapter four of this report brings out the promotional and outreach/capacity building activities undertaken by the Commission in the year under review. These activities were educational and public enlightenment programmes, trainings, workshops, visits to correctional and detention centers and public hearings amongst others.

Chapter five deals with International engagements on Human Rights which Section 5(h) of the Human Rights Commission Amendment Act 2010 enables her to participate in international activities relating to the promotion and protection of human rights. In line with this, the Commission sponsors the participation of staff in international, regional engagements such as trainings, workshops and conferences aimed at building the capacity of employees in the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as bringing home lessons learned in international best practices.

Chapter six highlights activities by the 36 field offices of the Commission within the year under review. This was achieved under the able leadership of the Executive Secretary, Tony Ojukwu, Esq.

Chapter seven highlights Human Rights Protection and Complaints management of the Commission. It analyses the number of complaints received and treated in 2019. In the year under review, the Commission received One Million, Three Hundred and Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty-Nine (1,304,849) complaints. One Million, Three Hundred and Three Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty-Six (1,303,936) complaints were admissible while only Nine Hundred and Thirteen (913) of the complaints were inadmissible.

In the year under review, the Commission embarked on protection monitoring visits with support from the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR). The human suffering and other humanitarian crises resulting from the insurgency activities in North-Eastern States of Borno, Yobe and Adamawa.

The monitoring of the IDP camps in these areas are highlighted in Chapter Eight of this report.

Chapter nine deals with the Correctional Services Audit and Summary of findings as the Commission conducts yearly audit of Nigerian Correctional Services centers and other places of detention nationwide in line with its mandate.

Chapter ten highlights the financial report of the Commission in 2019. The Commission's major source of funds is by the Federal Government and some other Development Partners for specific projects.

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## **CHAPTER ONE**

### **DEPARTMENTS AND UNITS**

#### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Commission has departments and units to facilitate its operations. Human rights violations occur advertently or inadvertently, therefore, in a bid to fully realize the Commission's mandate and to enable it carry out its mandate most effectively and efficiently the hitherto Protection and Investigation department was unbundled and three departments were created, to wit: Women, Children and Vulnerable Groups Department, Civil and Political Rights Department, as well as Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Departments.

These Departments and Units carry out specific duties as highlighted below:

#### **1.1 OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

The Executive Secretary is the Chief Executive Officer and a Member/Secretary of the Governing Council of the Commission. The decisions of the Council are coordinated and implemented by the Executive Secretary through the Council Secretariat. The Executive Secretary oversees the activities of the Departments, Units and State Offices to ensure the accomplishment of the mandate and functions of the Commission.

#### **1.2 DEPARTMENTS**

##### **1.2.1 HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (HRM)**

This is a service department which deals with daily routine staff matters and other general services. Responsibilities of the divisions under the Human Resources Department are highlighted below:

##### **ESTABLISHMENTS DIVISION**

This division deals with matters relating to appointments, promotion, discipline, transfers, secondment e.t.c. Under the Establishments division, there are two (2) standing Committees, the Senior Staff Committee (SSC) and the Junior Staff Committee (JSC). The SSC considers matters of staff on salary grade level 07 to 13 and its membership comprises all heads of department with the Executive

Secretary as the Chairman. While JSC considers matters of staff on salary grade level 06 and below and the Chairman is Director, HRM.

## **TRAINING AND STAFF WELFARE DIVISION**

### **i. Training:**

This Division handles staff training for the Commission. This includes both local and overseas trainings, capacity building programmes, industrial attachment and internships etc. While the training activities are carried out yearly, the volume of training each year depends on availability of funds.

### **ii. Staff Welfare**

Staff Welfare matters are handled by this division. These include the provision of staff bus, staff canteen, Health Insurance, Cooperative society for staff, pension, involvement of Commission in staff personal matters such as wedding and burial, and all other matters to do with staff well-being. This Division also supervises the crèche.

### **iii. General Services Division**

This Division handles general maintenance, transportation, insurance, cleaning, gardening, security, utilities, postages and waste disposal.

## **1.2.2 HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE (HRI)**

The Department is responsible for Research, Training on matters of human rights and Publications such as Annual Report, Journals etc. Other functions of the department include the following:

- Organizes conferences, lectures, seminars, capacity building on human rights
- Supervises the activities of the library
- Partners and liaises with both regional and international human rights institutions to carry out research/activities on human rights.

## **1.2.3 LEGAL SERVICES AND ENFORCEMENT (LS&E)**

The Department plays a lead role in the following:

1. Litigation of Civil Cases on Human Rights
2. Recommends Awards, Damages and Compensation for victims of Human Rights Violations to the Governing Council for Approval

3. Enforcement of Awards, Claims and decisions of the Commission
4. Defending the Commission against Legal Action
5. Providing Legal Services to the Commission
6. Observes proceedings as Amicus Curie on human rights matters on behalf of the Commission
7. Refers complaints requiring Criminal Prosecution to the Federal or State Attorneys General or to obtain Fiat to prosecute such cases
8. Coordinates the Commission's program on Pro Bono services
9. Reviews Legislations, bye law and other administrative provisions by Federal, States and Local Government
10. To participate in public hearing on bills before the Federal and State Assemblies to ensure that human rights norms are mainstreamed into the bills
11. Carries out legislative Advocacy programme to all States, National Assembly and other stakeholders.
12. Participates in public inquiry being undertaken by the Commission and provide free legal representation to complainants who could not afford a counsel.

#### **1.2.4 CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS (CPR)**

The Department manages complaints information process with respect to Civil and Political Rights under chapter 4 of Nigerian Constitution, African Charter on Human and People's Rights (ACHPR), International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and several other domestic, regional and international human rights instruments to which Nigeria is a signatory.

Breakdown of functions of the department is as follows:

- (i) Contributes to NHRC Advisory on related matters
- (ii) Liaises with other government agencies on matters relating to Civil and political Rights
- (iii) Contributes to policy formulation on protection of Civil and Political Rights in the Country
- (iv) Visitation of police stations and all detention centers in consideration of alleged cases of unlawful arrest, detention, torture etc



- (v) Liaises with State actors in ensuring that Civil and Political rights of persons in Custody are respected in all regards

### **1.2.5 ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS DEPARTMENT (ESCRs)**

The Department is saddled with the responsibility of dealing with complaints relating to the protection of all Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Functions of the Department are as follows:

- Prepares reports to the Governing Council/Executive Secretary of the Commission on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
- Contributes to NHRC Advisory on topical ESCRs related issues.
- Liaises and interface with other government agencies in fulfilling its functions
- Organizes seminars to further educate staff and public on the development of ESCRs
- Carries out all actions to expedite action of effective remedy and protection of ESCRs

### **1.2.6 WOMEN, CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE GROUPS DEPARTMENT**

The Department, being one of the investigative arm of the Commission manages complaints information process on human rights violations with respect to women, children and vulnerable groups.

Furthermore, the Department plays the following roles:

- Receive and document all related complaints directed to the department.
- Invite the complainant to verify the claims in her complaint and then the respondent either orally or via a formal letter of invitation.
- Liaise and collaborate with MDAs
- Refer complaints to relevant agencies if need be
- Prepare reports on complaints for the approval of the Governing Council.

- Contribute to policy formation related to its mandate.

### **1.2.7 COMPLAINTS REGISTRY**

This Registry serves the three departments on complaint treatments. It is charged with managing complainant's files, monitoring complaints and tracking actions on the complaints. It is comprised of the complaints registry and a Call Center.

The Complaint Registry has the following lines at the Call Centre, Headquarters Office, Abuja; 08077091123, 08077091124 and 08077091126.

### **1.2.8 MONITORING DEPARTMENT**

The Monitoring Department is saddled with the mandate to monitor, collate and verify information on violations of human rights and other incidences related thereto. Other functions of the department include:

- Publication of the State of Human Rights Report.
- Monitoring and coordinating the conduct of Regular Visit and Audit of Prisons, Police and other Detention Centers to ensure compliance with required minimum standards, as well as compilation of the reports for publication
- Monitoring and coordinating the Commission's engagement in the conduct of elections and publication of report
- Monitoring Nigeria's compliance with her National and International obligations such as Universal Periodic Review (UPR) outcomes and Treaty Reporting.
- Monitoring compliance with human rights standards by MDAs, NGOs, Statutory Bodies and Corporate Organizations
- Monitoring and carrying out on the spot analysis of human rights issues identified suo-moto through electronic or print media.
- Monitoring reports on Nigeria's human rights records by national and international organizations
- Development of relevant interventions to deal with human rights violations being monitored.

### **1.2.9 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS (F&A)**

This department handles all the financial transactions of the Commission and ensures that the receipt and disbursement of funds are in line with the relevant financial rules and guidelines of the government.

Other key responsibilities of the Finance and Accounts Department include the following:

- Recording of all financial transactions of the Commission
- Preparation of financial reports
- Payments to staff, contractors and other beneficiaries
- Liaising with banks and other financial institutions
- Receipt of budgetary and extra budgetary allocations on behalf of the Commission
- Receipt of all funds/donations on behalf of the Commission
- Extracting, recording and analysis of all financial transactions of the Commission
- Raising of vouchers and making payments to staff and other beneficiaries on behalf of the Commission
- Recording of all financial transactions of the Commission
- Reconciling all financial books of accounts of the Commission
- Preparation of all financial reports (transcripts, ATTRS and monthly returns)
- Preparation of salaries for the Commission Staff (Headquarters, Abuja Metropolitan Office, States and Zonal Offices)
- Facilitating the auditing of the Commission's yearly Accounts by External Auditors
- Liaising with statutory and regulatory authorities on behalf of the Commission such as:
  1. The Accountant General's Office
  2. The Auditor General's Office
  3. The External Auditors
- Collection of budget call circulars from relevant agencies
- Collection of inputs into proposed annual budget and rolling plans from Departments, Units and Field Offices

- Preparation of the Commission's budget based on inputs from Departments, Units, Zonal and State Offices taking into consideration extant and emerging government policies
- Liaison with Budget Office of the Federation and Office of the Accountant General of the Federation on budget matters
- Preparation and submission of budget performance reports to relevant government authorities taking into cognizance the M & E quarterly reports

#### **1.2.10 HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION AND PROMOTION (HRE&P)**

This Unit is responsible for creating human rights awareness programmes, which aim at improving human rights knowledge, and right attitudes across the country particularly among youths, students and professional groups. The department achieves this through interfacing with various target groups in order to carry out human rights sensitization. Such target groups include Market men/women, Road Transport Workers, students, Faith Based Organizations and other Civil Society groups, among others.

The department also aids in implementation of the World Programme of Action on Human Rights Education which focuses on Human Rights Education in Educational Institutions and Human Rights Training for Civil Servants, Law Enforcement Officials and the Military.

Furthermore, the department undertakes the production of Human Rights IEC materials such as leaflets, newsletters, fliers, books, posters, stickers etc on a continuous basis.

#### **1.2.11 PLANNING, STATISTICS AND DOCUMENTATION (PS&D)**

The Planning, Statistics and Documentation Department is charged with the following responsibilities:

- Collation of Primary Data on Human Rights Issues
- Classification, Processing and Statistical Presentation of Data
- Analysis and Interpretation of Data for Management's Advice and Action
- Liaise with National Planning Commission on Policy issues
- Policy Planning and Coordination
- Monitoring and Evaluation of Policies and Programmes of the Commission.

- Coordinate the implementation and review of National Action Plan.
- Development of Annual Work Plan and Strategic Work Plan with inputs from Departments/Units and Field Offices.
- Monitoring the implementation of the Annual Work Plan and Strategic Work Plan.

### **1.2.12 CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL LINKAGES (CA&EL)**

The Department is charged with the responsibility of establishing and coordinating linkages with other government agencies and institutions, civil society organizations, non-governmental organizations, Development Partners, Embassies and High Commissions, amongst others.

It also has the main task of generating appropriate publicity and stimulating positive news coverage for the activities of the Commission. It is also responsible for getting the right information to the right audience and tailoring appropriate messages to get best result.

Furthermore, the department is responsible for internal and external communications as well as to create and project the overall corporate image of the Commission positively.

### **1.2.13 PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT**

The procurement department is responsible for ensuring that all goods, works and services required for the smooth running of the Commission are procured in strict compliance with the 2007 Procurement Act. The department therefore liaises with the office of the Bureau of Public Procurement from time to time to seek guidance in carrying out its activities.

## **1.3 UNITS**

### **1.3.1 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY**

The Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Unit is responsible for the deployment of appropriate information technologies such as network and internet services, website and email management, hardware maintenance and repairs, software installation, ICT advisory services, computer user support services within and outside the Commission relevant to the achievement of the expanded mandate of the Commission.

The main responsibility of ICT Unit is to support and enable the use of ICT facilities as a strategic tool for improving the management and day to day running of the Commission in discharging her mandate.

### **1.3.2 INTERNAL AUDIT UNIT**

The Internal Audit Unit serves as an internal mechanism that checks and controls the financial activities of the Commission. The main task of the unit is to ensure financial discipline in the operations of the Commission in terms of adherence to due process and financial guidelines. The unit is a control mechanism which measures the finances, evaluates expenditure and reports to the Chief Executive Officer. The unit carries out continuous audit of accounts, expenditure, allocated and un-allocated stocks where applicable. Internal Audit also issues special report/observations on finances of the Commission.

## CHAPTER TWO

### CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

#### 2.0 INTRODUCTION

Section 5(g) of the National Human Rights Commission Act 1995 (as amended), enables the Commission to ‘liaise and cooperate in such manner as appropriate with local and international organizations on human rights with the purpose of advancing, promotion and protection of human rights’.

To improve human rights standards in Nigeria, the need for multi- sectoral collaboration need not be over emphasized. In the year under review, the Commission partnered with various Civil Society Organizations, Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Diplomatic Community etc in identifying and implementing programmes in the area of human rights as highlighted below:

#### ❖ **3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 2019 – TRAINING OF STAFF OF NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ON FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION/CUTTING (FGM/C)**

The NHRC Imo State Office, in partnership with UNICEF, held a training for staff on FGM/C and its Human Rights Implications.

Objectives of the training were:

- To broaden the knowledge of staff on FGM/C
- To highlight Human Rights Framework for reporting FGM/C.

Staff gained a lucid insight on the harmful effects of FGM/C and the instruments backing the fight against FGM/C. The programme was held at the NHRC office in Owerri in Imo State.

#### ❖ **23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, 2019 - PUBLIC HEARING ON POLICE BRUTALITY AND EXTRA JUDICIAL KILLINGS.**

The NHRC Abia State office in collaboration with Network on Police Reforms in Nigeria (NOPRIN) hosted Public Hearing on Police Brutality and Extra Judicial killings.

Participants were drawn from the NGOs, CSOs and victims of Police brutality within the South East region.

The Objectives were:

- To minimize Police brutality and extra judicial killings
- To assist victims of police brutality and extra judicial killings.

Some of the issues heard were cases of police brutality and extra Judicial killings within the South East Region. Some of the victims were assigned lawyers to represent them in court.

The programme was held at the Judiciary Secretariat Umuahia in Abia State.

#### **❖ 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019, - SENSITIZATION OF CHILDREN ON THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CHILD**

The NHRC Imo State Office in collaboration with the Charismatic Renewal Ministries, Orji, Owerri held a sensitization program to commemorate the Children's Day. Participating at the programme were some primary and secondary schools children and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

The Objectives were:

- To promote and protect the rights and responsibilities of the Child
- To report all cases of child abuse to the Commission.

#### **❖ 27<sup>TH</sup> - 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2019 – TRAINING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PETTY OFFENCES PROJECT**

The Commission in partnership with PRAWA held training for personnel of Abuja Environmental Protection Board and Law Enforcement Agencies on Implementation of Petty Offences.

The objective of the training was:

- To train the relevant law enforcement agencies on decriminalization of petty offences in Nigeria.

Participants at the training include officers of Law Enforcement Agencies and staff of Abuja Environmental Protection Board. The training was held at the NHRC Headquarters Auditorium, Abuja.



## **❖ 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2019 - SUMMIT ON ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE LAW (ACJ)**

The NHRC Abia State office in collaboration with Abia State Judiciary and PRAWA held a summit on Administration of Criminal Justice Law in Abia State at Umuahia.

The Objectives are as follows:

- To sensitize on the Criminal Justice law
- To educate the participants on application of Criminal Justice Law to petty offences.

Participating at this event were The Nigeria Police Force, The Nigerian Correctional Services, Department of Public Prosecution, Abia State Judiciary, Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps, Federal Road Safety Corps and other law enforcement agencies in Abia State.

The programme was held at the Judiciary Secretariat, Umuahia in Abia State.

## **❖ JUNE, 2019 - TRAINING ON LAWS OF WAR**

The Commission in partnership with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) held training of the Military and Civilian Joint Task Force on laws of war in order to mainstream human rights, Humanitarian principles and civilian protection in the counter insurgency operations in the North Eastern States of Adamawa, Borno and Yobe State.

Objective of the training was:

- To mainstream human rights, humanitarian principles and civilian protection in the fight against Boko Haram in the North-East.

The training was held at Pinnacle Hotel Maiduguri, Borno State. In attendance for this programme were NGOs, CSOs and members of the Civilian Joint Task Force etc.

## **❖ JULY, 2019 - COORDINATING CAPACITY BUILDING OF THE PROTECTION SECTOR WORKING GROUP (PSWG)**

The Commission, in collaboration with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugee (UNHCR), coordinated a program on capacity building for the Protection Sector Working Group.

Objective of the programme was :

- To enhance capacity of the PSWG to render protection services to the population of concern.

The Programme was held at Pinnacle Hotel in Maiduguri, Borno State and Hotel Derivatives at Damaturu, Yobe State respectively. In attendance were NGOs, CSOs etc.

### **❖ 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019 - SENSITIZATION PROGRAM ON EXTORTION OF MOTHERS DURING BIRTH REGISTRATION**

The NHRC Imo State Office in collaboration with Progressive Organization for Community Development held a sensitization program on the extortion of mothers during birth registration in Imo State.

Objectives of the programme were as follows:

- To map out action plan to attain effective birth registration in the state and curb the challenge of extortion.
- To map out strategies and policy to simplify the process of birth registrations and to also make it accessible.

Participants were drawn from various NGOs and State Ministry of Women Affairs, Imo State. The programme was held at the NHRC Office Owerri, Imo State.

### **❖ 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPT, 2019 - DIALOGUE ON NATIONAL LEVEL JUSTICE AND SECURITY**

The NHRC Plateau State office in collaboration with United States Institute of Peace (USIP) held a two-day dialogue on National Level Justice and Security.

Objectives of the program were:

- To complement government efforts in tackling reoccurring farmers' clashes by sharing experiences

- To explore the Justice Security Dialogue (JSD) as a tool of the peaceful resolution for farmers and herders, security agencies, Civil Society groups and representatives of Occupational Associations using the JSD Community participatory dialogue approach.

The programme was held at Ministry Of Women Affairs, Federal Secretariat, Abuja. Participants at this event were Social Welfare Officers, Child Development Officers from Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, FCT and Child Protection Network (CPN).

**CHAPTER THREE**  
**MEDIA ACTIVITIES AND COURTESY VISITS**

**3.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Commission engages in promotional activities aimed at enhancing public awareness on the rights of citizens as well as the Commission’s activities through courtesy and advocacy visits, radio and television appearances, press releases and print publications, among others.

**3.1 MEDIA ACTIVITIES**

The media activities embarked by the Commission in the year under review are shown in the table below.

**Electronic Media**

<b>S/N</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES/EVENTS</b>	<b>OBJECTIVES</b>
1.	5/1/2019	The Sokoto State Office of the Commission participated in Hausa language programme on Vision FM, Sokoto	To sensitize the public on the importance of Universal Declaration of Human Rights
2.	2/2/2019	The Sokoto State Office of the Commission participated in Hausa language programme ‘Raidangin Goro’ on Garkuwa FM, Sokoto	To enlighten the public on the rights under Chapter Four and Two of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
3.	15/2/2019	The Borno State Office of the Commission participated in a live Television programme on NTA, Borno	To create awareness on the right to vote
4.	2/3/2019	The Sokoto State Office of the Commission participated in a Hausa language programme on the Rights of the Child on Rima FM Sokoto	To discuss ways to eliminate human rights abuses on children
5.	12/3/2019	The Kebbi State Office of the Commission featured in a	i. To create awareness on the existence of the

		radio programme on Vision FM, Kebbi	Kebbi State Office of Commission.  ii. To create awareness on the Mandate and activities of the Commission
6.	17/3/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission was featured in a live television programme on Broadcasting Corporation Service, Oyo State	To create awareness on the Mandate and activities of the Commission
7.	26/3/2019	The Zamfara State Office of the Commission featured in a radio interview on Pride FM Gusau, Zamfara	i. To create awareness on the existence of the Zamfara State Office of the Commission.  ii. To also raise awareness on the Mandate and activities of the Commission.
8.	31/3/2019	The Rivers State Office of the Commission participated in a Radio phone-in programme on Family Love FM 97.77	To enlighten the public on the importance of writing a 'Will'.
9.	8/4/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission featured in a television programme 'Ojutaye Programme' on Nigerian Television Authority.	To sensitize the public on human rights
10.	8/4/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission featured in a Breakfast Radio Show organized by Oluyole Radio FM, Broadcasting Corporation	To sensitize the public on human rights

		Service Oyo, State	
11.	13/4/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission also featured in Inspiration Radio FM, Oyo State	<p>i. To commemorate the International Day for Street Children as well as discuss the implementation of Child Rights Law in Oyo State</p> <p>ii. To sensitize the public on human rights</p>
12.	13/4/2019	The Sokoto State Office of the Commission featured in Vision FM Hausa language radio programme ‘Sensitization on Human Rights’	To enlighten the public on their fundamental human rights and how to seek redress for human rights violations/abuses
13.	14/4/2019	The Taraba State Office of the Commission appeared on Taraba State Television interview programme.	To raise awareness on the Mandate and activities of the Commission
14.	17/4/2019	The Kaduna State Office of the Commission featured in Freedom Radio Hausa interview programme	To sensitize the public on their rights and access to justice
15.	17/4/2019	The Ogun State Office of the Commission featured in Rock City FM Radio programme at Asero, Abeokuta, Ogun State.	To create awareness on the existence of the Ogun State Office of Commission.
16.	17/4/2019	The Zamfara State Office of the Commission participated in Hausa radio phone in programme ‘Huruminyankasa’ on Pride FM Gusau, Zamfara	To create awareness on the Mandate and activities of the Commission.

17.	21/4/2019	The Kaduna State Office of the Commission featured in a live Radio programme on Alheri Radio, Kaduna	To sensitize the public on the rights of women and children
18.	1/5/2019	The Ekiti State Office of the Commission featured in a Radio programme 'Media Chart' on Radio Nigeria (Progress FM 100.5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To educate the public on human rights</li> <li>ii. To address human rights related issues</li> <li>iii. To create awareness on the Mandate, activities and location of the Commission</li> </ul>
19.	6/5/2019	The Adamawa State Office of the Commission participated in a programme on Gotel Radio, Girei, Adamawa State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To enlighten the public on the Mandate and activities of the Commission</li> <li>ii. To discuss the state of human rights in Adamawa State</li> </ul>
20.	8/5/2019	The Lagos State Office of the Commission featured in a 'Media Chart' on MITV	To address human rights violations (brutality) by the Police
21.	15/5/2019	The Kaduna State Office of the Commission featured in a Radio programme on Freedom Radio, Kaduna State	To mark the International Day of the Family
22.	23/5/2019	The Kaduna State office of the Commission featured in a live radio programme on <b>KSMC</b> , Kaduna State	To discuss the decongestion policy by the federal government
23.	25/5/2019	The Taraba State office of the Commission featured in a TV-Taraba programme 'You and	To educate the public on their rights

		the Law’	
24.	27/5/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission featured in a Children’s Right Advocacy programme at Oluyole FM Oyo State.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To mark the Children’s Day Celebration</li> <li>ii. To educate the children and the public on Child Rights Law in Oyo State</li> </ul>
25.	27/5/2019	The Kaduna State office of the Commission featured in a live radio programme on Freedom Radio, Kaduna State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To mark the Children’s Day celebration</li> <li>ii. To educate children and the public on rights of the child</li> </ul>
26.	6/6/2019	The Executive Secretary of the Commission featured in Channels Television ‘Hard Copy’ Programme.	To brief the public on the Report of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) Presidential Investigation Panel
27.	8/6/2019	The Taraba State Office of the Commission featured in Taraba State Broadcasting Station Hausa programme.	To create awareness on the Mandate and activities of the Commission
28.	18/6/2019	The Ekiti State Office of the Commission participated in a radio programme to commemorate the 2019 International Federation of Women Lawyers Law Week on Radio Nigeria (Progress 100.5 FM)	To enlighten the public on Gender Based Violence
29.	20/6/2019	The Kaduna State office of the Commission featured in a live radio programme on KSMC Radio, Kaduna State	To sensitize the public on their rights
30.	22/6/2019	The Zamfara State Office of	To raise awareness on the



		the Commission participated in a Hausa language programme ‘ <i>Tabarma</i> ’ on NTA Gusau	Mandate and activities of the Commission as well as sensitize the public on their rights
31.	24/6/2019	The Zamfara State Office of the Commission participated in a Hausa language programme ‘ <i>Huriminyankasa</i> ’ on Pride FM Gusau	To enlighten the public on observance of human rights by all state and non- state actors in the fights against banditry
32.	26/6/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission featured in a Live Radio programme on Splash FM, Oyo State	To commemorate the 2019 United Nations Day in support of Victims of Torture.
33.	11/7/2019	The Borno State Office of the Commission featured in a Live Hausa Radio programme on Peace FM, Borno	To create awareness on how to combat Gender Based Violence (GBV)
34.	17/7/2019	The Zamfara State Office of the Commission appeared in a Human Rights programme on NTA Gusau	To sensitize the public on the promotion and protection of human rights in Zamfara State
35.	18/7/2019	The Taraba State Office of the Commission featured in a Hausa programme on Taraba State Broadcasting Station	To create awareness on the State Office’s operation to cover the Local Government Areas in the Southern part of the State.
36.	18/7/2019	The Adamawa State Office of the Commission featured in a radio talk show on Pulaaku Radio Station	To create awareness on the Mandate and activities of the Commission
37.	25/7/2019	The Kano State Office of the Commission participated in a Radio programme on Arewa	To publicise the Mandate and activities of the Commission

		Radio	
38.	31/7/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission participated in a Live Radio programme on 105.5 Splash FM , Felele Ibadan, Oyo State	To discuss the rights of women with focus on African women.
39.	1/8/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission featured in a live programme ' <i>lotunlotun</i> ' on BCOS Television Oyo State	To sensitize the public on women's rights and participation in politics
40.	1/8/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission participated in a live Radio programme ' <i>Aditu</i> ' on 105.5 Splash FM, Oyo State	To enlighten the public on women's rights and participation in politics
41.	7/8/2019	The Jigawa State office of the Commission featured in a live phone in Radio programme on Jigawa State Radio	To sensitize the public on their rights as well as the existence of the Commission in the State
42.	13/8/2019	The Zamfara State Office of the Commission participated in a Human Rights TV programme on NTA Gusau	To enlighten the public on right to life
43.	14/8/2019	The Oyo State office Of the Commission participated in a live Radio programme on Noble FM, Oyo State	To educate the public on their rights as well as the existence of the Commission in the State
44.	19/8/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission featured in a live television programme ' <i>Ojutaye</i> ' on NTA Oyo State	To sensitize the public on Child Rights Law and Child Trafficking
45.	23/8/2019	The Abia State office of the Commission participated in a phone-in programme ' <i>Know</i>	To sensitize the public on human rights

		Your Rights' on Flo FM, Umuahia, Abia State	
46.	29/8/2019	The Kebbi State Office of the Commission participated in a programme on NTA Kebbi	To sensitize the public on their rights as enshrined in Chapter 4 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
47.	1/9/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission participated in a live television programme on BCOS Oyo State	To discuss the rape scourge in the country and the way out
48.	2/9/2019	The Kaduna State Office of the Commission participated in a live radio programme on Freedom Radio, Kaduna State	To enlighten the public on their roles in child protection
49.	7/9/2019	The Imo State Office of the Commission featured in a radio programme on Zanders FM 105.7	To create awareness on the Mandate and activities of the Commission
50.	18/9/2019	The Kebbi State Office of the Commission participated in a programme on Kebbi State Television	To create awareness on the Mandate and activities of the Commission
51.	20/9/2019	The Adamawa State Office of the Commission participated in a programme on ATV Yola	To create awareness on the Mandate and activities of the Commission
52.	6/10/2019	The Imo State Office of the Commission featured in a radio programme on My Radio 101.1 Owerri, Imo State	To discuss the implementation of Child Rights Law in Imo State
53.	9/10/2019	The Zamfara State Office of the Commission participated in a Hausa language programme 'Hurin Yan kasa'	To enlighten the public on the 'Compulsory Treatment and Care for the Victims of

		on Pride FM Gusau	Gunshot Act, 2017'
54.	11/10/2019	The Imo State Office of the Commission featured in a radio programme on Heartland Radio 100.5 Owerri, Imo State	To discuss issues bordering on the girl child in commemoration of the International Day of the Girl Child
55.	12/10/2019	The Borno State Office of the Commission participated in a Hausa language programme on Peace FM Borno	To enlighten the public on the campaign against sexual and gender based violence
56.	1/11/2019	The Imo State Office of the Commission participated in a radio programme on Darling FM 107.3	To enlighten the public on the campaign against sexual and gender based violence
57.	19/11/2019	The Kaduna State Office of the Commission participated in a live radio programme on Invicta FM 98.9, Kaduna State	To discuss on the November, 2019 Governorship Elections in Kogi and Bayelsa States.
58.	25/11/2019	The Imo State Office of the Commission took part in a radio programme on Darling FM 107.3	To mark the International Day on Violence Against Women
59.	10/12/2019	The Imo State Office of the Commission featured in a programme on NTA Owerri, Imo State	To mark the 2019 International Human Rights Day
60.	24/12/2019	The Borno State Office of the Commission participated in a Hausa language programme on Peace FM Borno	To campaign against drug abuse and human rights violations

### 3.2 COURTESY/ADVOCACY VISITS

The Commission pay courtesy and advocacy visits to stakeholders in order to establish and strengthen existing partnerships with them. In the year under review, series of courtesy and advocacy visits were made by the Commission to partners while stakeholders also made similar visits to the Commission.

The table below shows some of such visits:

<b>S/N</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES/EVENTS</b>	<b>OBJECTIVES</b>
1.	10/1/2019	The Akwa Ibom State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the New Commissioner of Police, Akwa Ibom State	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Police
2.	30/1/2019	The Cross River State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Commissioner of Police, Cross Rivers State	To seek areas of possible collaboration with the Police
3.	30/1/2019	The Borno State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Commissioner of Police, Borno State	To create a coordinating platform between the Police internal accessibility/complaint mechanism and the Commission
4.	7/2/2019	A Delegation from Mali paid an advocacy visit to the NHRC Headquarters, Abuja	To consult with relevant stakeholders and institutions on ways to advance the cause of UN Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security
5.	7/2/2019	The Kwara State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy call to the Deputy Commissioner of Police Kwara State	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Police
6.	13/2/2019	The NHRC Headquarters Abuja paid a courtesy visit to the GIZ Nigeria	To seek areas of possible collaboration with GIZ
7.	14/2/2019	The Ekiti State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Justice, Development and Peace Initiative	To strengthen the existing relationship
8.	15/2/2019	The Cross River State Office	To seek areas of possible

		of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the AIG Zone 6 Police Headquarters, Calabar Cross Rivers State	collaboration with the Police
9.	19/2/2019	The Polish Ambassador to Nigeria Mrs. Joana Tarnawska paid a courtesy visit to the NHRC Headquarters, Abuja.	To felicitate with the Executive Secretary as well as seek areas of possible collaboration with the Commission
10.	28/2/2019	The Bayelsa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Ebredeni Blessed Home, Yenagoa	i. To create awareness on the Mandate and functions of the Commission i. To seek areas of possible collaboration with the home
11.	1/3/2019	The NHRC Headquarters Abuja paid a courtesy visit to the Swiss Embassy	To seek areas of possible collaboration with the Embassy.
12.	5/3/2019	The Bayelsa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Bayelsa State Non-Governmental Organization Forum	i. To create awareness on the Mandate and functions of the Commission ii. To seek areas of collaboration
13.	5/3/2019	The Kogi State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Kogi State Commissioner of Police, Kogi State Government, DSS, Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, NSCDC, NUJ, Legal Aid Council	i. To create awareness about the establishment of the Commission in the State ii. To seek possible areas of collaboration and partnership
14.	7/3/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Legal Aid Council, Oyo State	To establish partnership with the State Legal Aid Council
15.	12/3/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the State Information, Arts and Culture Development	To establish partnership with the organization
16.	19/3/2019	The Connected Development	To intimate the Commission

		(CODE) paid a courtesy call to the NHRC Headquarters, Abuja.	on their mandates in the area of business and human rights
17.	14/3/2019	The Ekiti State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Hon. Attorney General of Ekiti State	To strengthen the already existing relationship with the Ministry.
18.	14/3/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Ministry of Lands, Oyo State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To establish relationship with the Commission</li> <li>ii. To solicit for office space</li> </ul>
19.	18/3/2019	The Chiezedinma Edward Foundation for Human Rights paid a courtesy visit to the Imo State office of the Commission	To seek areas of collaboration with the Commission
20.	20/3/2019	The Prime FM Lokoja paid a courtesy visit to the Kogi State Office of the Commission	To establish partnership with the Commission
21.	20/3/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Public Complaints Commission,(PCC), Oyo State	To establish partnership with the PCC
22.	26/3/2019	The Bayelsa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the National Union of Road Transport Workers Yenagoa, Bayelsa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To create awareness on the Mandate and functions of the Commission</li> <li>ii. To seek areas of collaboration</li> </ul>
23.	26/3/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Federation of Female Lawyers, Oyo Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To inform them of the existence of the Commission in the State</li> <li>ii. To create awareness on the mandate and functions of the Commission</li> </ul>
24.	26/3/2019	The Jigawa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Public Complaint Commission,	To strengthen the existing relationship with the Commission especially in the area of information and complaint handling.

		Jigawa	
25.	28/3/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission, Oyo State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To create awareness on the Mandate and functions of the Commission</li> <li>ii. To seek areas of collaboration</li> </ul>
26.	3/4/2019	The Kaduna State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria, Kaduna	To seek for collaboration with the Corporation on improved visibility of the activities of the Commission.
27.	8/4/2019	The Kaduna State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Liberty Radio/Television, Kaduna	To seek for areas of collaboration with them in information dissemination.
28.	10/4/2019	The Taraba State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) Taraba State	To seek collaboration with NSCDC in promoting human rights in the State
29.	10/4/2019	The Kaduna State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Freedom Radio, Kaduna	To seek areas of possible collaboration as a means of increasing the presence of the Commission.
30.	11/4/2019	The Kaduna State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Kaduna State Media Corporation	To seek for collaboration with the Corporation on information and awareness creation.
31.	11/4/2019	The Taraba State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the NTA Jalingo	To seek areas of collaboration with the NTA for programme coverage
32.	12/4/2019	The NHRC Headquarters Abuja paid a courtesy visit to the Federal Government Staff Loans Board	To discuss the Commission's staff housing issues with the Board.
33.	13/4/2019	An NGO, Sir-Bello Human Rights Foundation paid a courtesy visit to the Taraba State Office of the Commission	To seek areas of collaboration with the NGO as it relates to the mandate of the Commission.



34.	14/4/2019	The Taraba State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Public Complaints Commission (PCC) Taraba State	To seek collaboration with PCC on complaints management and synergy of functions.
35.	15/4/19	The Taraba State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Nigeria Red Cross (NRC) Jalingo, Taraba State	To create synergy with NRC in sharing of human rights related information
36.	16/4/2019	The Taraba State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Nigeria Prisons Service Taraba State	To ascertain the level of compliance with the UN Minimum Standards on the Treatment of Prisoners
37.	16/4/2019	The Cross River State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor of the University of Calabar	To sensitize the school management on the rights of staff and students
38.	16/4/2019	The Pam Peniel Initiative for Africa paid a courtesy visit to the Abuja Metropolitan Office of the Commission	To seek areas of partnership with the Commission as a means of widening the scope of the Commission's activities.
39.	17/4/2019	The Taraba State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) Taraba State Command	To create synergy with NPF in sharing of human rights related information
40.	17/4/2019	The Kaduna State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Emir of Zazzau	To seek areas of collaboration on Human Rights content and responsibility of subjects in the Emirate.
41.	18/4/2019	The Bauchi State Network of Civil Society Organisation paid a courtesy visit to the Bauchi State office of the Commission	To create synergy with the Commission on cross-cutting engagements.
42.	18/4/2019	The Kwara State Office of the Commission paid courtesy visit to the REC, INEC, Kwara State	To seek collaboration in subsequent Elections in the State

43.	23/4/2019	The Kwara State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the EFCC, Zonal Office, Kwara State	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the EFCC
44.	24/4/2019	A delegation of Amnesty International led by the Country Director, Ms. Osai Ojugo paid an advocacy visit to the NHRC Headquarters, Abuja.	To encourage the Commission to advocate for accountability from various government agencies
45.	24/4/2019	The Kogi State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Nigeria Correctional Services Kogi State Command	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To create awareness about the establishment of the Commission in the State</li> <li>ii. To establish partnership with the Nigeria Correctional Services</li> </ul>
46.	24/4/2019	The Bauchi State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Nigerian Bar Association, Bauchi State Branch	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the NBA
47.	24/4/2019	The Kaduna State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Nigerian Union of Journalists, Kaduna State Branch	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the NUJ
48.	25/4/2019	The Adamawa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Jimeta, Yola	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the UNHCR
49.	30/4/2019	The Islahiddini Foundation of Nigeria paid an advocacy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja.	To solicit for the promotion and protection of their rights to practice their religion
50.	30/4/2019	The National Commercial Tricycle and Motorcycle Owners, Nigeria paid an advocacy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja.	To solicit for protection of their members from Police harassment

51.	2/5/2019	A Delegation of the African Court on Human and Peoples Rights paid an advocacy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To sensitize the Nigerian government and other stakeholders on the need to sign onto the Protocol of the African Court
52.	7/5/2019	The Sokoto State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Commissioner of Police, Sokoto State	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Nigeria Police Force
53.	7/5/2019	The Jigawa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Jigawa State Police Command	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Nigeria Police Force
54.	8/5/2019	The Abia State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Abia State Comptroller of Prisons	To notify him of the establishment of the Commission in the State.
55.	9/5/2019	The Global Integrity Crusade Network paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To seek for possible areas of collaboration with the Commission
56.	10/5/2019	The Adamawa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Attorney General, Adamawa State	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Office of the Attorney General, Adamawa State
57.	13/5/2019	A Delegation of George Town University and University of Maryland both in the USA in the company of Network of University Legal Aid Institution Nigeria paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To discuss Nigeria's Criminal Justice Sector, Pre-Trial Detention and the Commission's mandate
58.	14/5/2019	The Journalists of Magic FM Aba, paid a courtesy visit to the Abia State Office of the Commission	To establish a working relationship with the Commission in promoting the activities of the Commission.
59.	15/5/2019	The Eagle Hope for Mother and Child Care paid a courtesy visit to the	To commend the Commission especially in the area of promotion and

		Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	protection of child's rights To present the Vulnerable Club to the Commission
60.	15/5/2019	The Adamawa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), Adamawa State	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and FIDA especially on the rights of women.
61.	20/5/2019	The Devatop Centre for Africa Development paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To introduce the app 'talkam' App that will enable people report human rights abuses
62.	21/5/2019	The Zamfara State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Emir of Gusau	To inform the Emir of the commencement of operation of the Zamfara State Office of the Commission in the State
63.	22/5/2019	The Controller of Prisons FCT Command paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To strengthen the existing relationship between the FCT Command and the Commission
64.	23/5/2019	The Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities (JONAPWD) Ekiti State Chapter paid a courtesy visit to the Ekiti State Office of the Commission	To seek the Commission's support in the implementation of the relevant legislations of Persons with Disabilities
65.	23/5/2019	The Zamfara State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to Pride FM Gusau	To seek areas of possible collaboration on information dissemination.
66.	23/5/2019	The Bauchi State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to Commissioner of Police, Bauchi State	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Nigeria Police Force
67.	24/5/2019	The Gombe State Agency for the Prevention of HIV/AIDS paid a courtesy visit to the	To discuss ways of ending stigmatization of PLWHA and victims of human rights

		Gombe State Office of the NHRC	abuses.
68.	24/5/2019	The Imo State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the National Youth Service Corps, Imo State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To seek for training of NYSC Staff on human rights</li> <li>ii. To establish a Human Rights Group in NYSC CDS</li> </ul>
69.	24/5/2019	The Imo State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Commissioner of Police, Imo State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To seek for collaboration on the rights of citizens.</li> <li>ii. To seek for training of Police Officers in the State on human rights</li> </ul>
70.	25/5/2019	The Rivers State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the National Orientation Agency (NOA), Rivers State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To create awareness on the Mandate and functions of the Commission</li> <li>ii. To seek areas of collaboration with NOA</li> </ul>
71.	27/5/2019	The Cross River State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Comptroller of Prisons, Calabar	To sensitize the Prison Management on the rights of inmates
72.	28/5/2019	The Socio-Economic Rights Accountability Project paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To present the outcome of their survey conducted in September 2018 titled 'Nigeria Anti-Corruption Performance Assessment Survey' to the Commission
73.	31/5/2019	The Commission paid a courtesy visit to the FCT Police Command	To strengthen the existing relationship between the FCT Police Command and the Commission
74.	31/5/2019	The Coalition of NGOs in Imo State paid an advocacy visit to the Imo State Office of the Commission	To establish working relationship with the Commission
75.	11/6/2019	The Gambian Ombudsman paid a study visit to the Commission's Headquarters,	To learn how the Commission operates as well as exchange ideas on human rights issues

		Abuja	
76.	11/6/2019	The Rivers State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the 6 Division Headquarters, Rumuola, Port Harcourt, Rivers State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To create human rights awareness among the military personnel</li> <li>ii. To seek areas of collaboration with the military</li> </ul>
77.	13/6/2019	The Imo State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the National Orientation Agency, Imo State	To seek areas of collaboration
78.	14/6/2016	The Adamawa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Nigeria Police Headquarters, Yola	To build synergy between the Commission and the Police
79.	17/6/2019	The Country Director, Action Aid Nigeria, Ene Obi paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To discuss possible collaboration with the Commission to abolish infanticide in FCT</li> <li>ii. To discuss issues of women and children</li> </ul>
80.	17/6/2019	The Women's Rights Advancement and Protection Alternative (WRAPA) paid a courtesy visit to the Adamawa State Office of the Commission	To build a strong working relationship with the Commission on the rights of women.
81.	18/6/2019	The Zamfara State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to NTA Gusau	To seek areas of possible collaboration in the inclusion of human rights in its programme content.
82.	18/6/2019	The Great Minds Empire Africa paid a courtesy visit to Kaduna State Office of the Commission	To seek areas of possible collaboration
83.	19/6/2019	The Imo State Office of the	To seek collaboration and

		Commission paid a courtesy visit to the NSCDC, Imo State	training of NSCDC Officers on human rights
84.	24/6/2019	The Kebbi State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Kebbi State Commissioner of Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To inform him of the commencement of operation of Kebbi State Office</li> <li>ii. To seek for collaboration with the Kebbi State Police Command on human rights issues</li> </ul>
85.	25/6/2019	The Savannah Centre for Diplomacy, Democracy and Development paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To get more information on the proposed State and Local Government Police and make their own input
86.	25/6/2019	The Society for Youth and the Down Trodden paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To seek for areas of possible collaboration with the Commission
87.	26/6/2019	The Cross River State office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Standard Organization of Nigeria (SON)	To seek areas of possible collaboration
88.	26/6/2019	The Katsina State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Head of Service, Katsina State	To express gratitude to the Katsina State Government for the payment of the State Office's accommodation annual rent
89.	27/6/2019	The Katsina State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Katsina State Agency for the Control of AIDS	To sensitize the Agency on the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS
90.	27/6/2019	The Katsina State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Hon. Chief Judge of Katsina State	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Chief Judge

91.	27/6/2019	The Bayelsa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the National Orientation Agency Bayelsa State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To create awareness on the Mandate and functions of the Commission</li> <li>ii. To seek areas of collaboration with NOA.</li> </ul>
92.	2/7/2019	The Kebbi State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps Kebbi State Command	To seek collaboration with the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps Kebbi State Command on effective human rights content in their operation.
93.	2/7/2019	The Human Rights Watch paid a courtesy visit to Kaduna State Office of the Commission	To seek collaboration in promoting and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities and person with mental health condition in Kaduna State
94.	3/7/2019	The Student Representative Council of Federal College of Education paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To express appreciation to the Commission for partnering with them.</li> <li>ii. To seek technical support from the Commission for their programme.</li> </ul>
95.	3/7/2019	The Bayelsa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Federal Road Safety Corps Bayelsa State.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To create awareness on the Mandate and functions of the Commission</li> <li>ii. To seek areas of collaboration</li> </ul>
96.	3/7/2019	The Bauchi State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to Nigeria Union of Journalists, Bauchi State	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the NUJ
97.	8/7/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Oyo State	To discuss the inclusion of the Commission in the Child's Rights Law Implementation



		Ministry of Women Affairs	Committee in Oyo State
98.	8/7/2019	The Yobe State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Commissioner of Police, Yobe State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To inform him of the existence of the Commission in the State</li> <li>ii. To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Police</li> </ul>
99.	8/7/2019	The Yobe State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps, Yobe State	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the NSCDC
100.	9/7/2019	The Initiative for Citizens Rights, Accountability and Development paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To key into the Commission's 2019-2022 work plan so as to strengthen relationship with MDAs and CSOs
101.	9/7/2019	The Katsina State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Commissioner of Police, Katsina State	To sensitize the Katsina State Police Command on Human Rights
102.	9/7/2019	The Katsina State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the DSS, Katsina State Command	To establish a good working relationship between the Commission and the DSS in Katsina State
103.	9/7/2019	The Katsina State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Office of the Secretary to the Katsina State Government	To seek collaboration with the Office of the Secretary to the Katsina State Government in carrying out sensitization on human rights in the 34 Local Government Areas in the State
104.	9/7/2019	The Imo State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to Reach FM, Owerri, Imo State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To establish a good working relationship between the Commission and Reach FM</li> <li>ii. To collaborate with the Commission in advocating for the</li> </ul>

			<p>passage of Imo State Protection of Babies Bill</p> <p>iii. To co-opt the Commission in their media platform programme on Darling FM</p>
105.	10/7/2019	The Alliances for Africa paid a courtesy visit to the Imo State Office of the Commission	To seek possible areas of partnership with the Commission on women's rights.
106.	10/7/2019	The Katsina State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Katsina State Emergency Management Agency	To seek collaboration with SEMA in promoting and protecting the rights of IDPs
107.	10/7/2019	The Katsina State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Federal Road Safety Corp, Katsina State Command	To seek for training of officers of FRSC on human rights
108.	10/7/2019	The Nigerian Girls Guide (NGG) Association paid a courtesy visit to the Kogi State Office of the Commission	To seek areas of collaboration with the Commission in actualizing the mandate of the NGG in line with human rights context.
109.	10/7/2019	The Jigawa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the National Orientation Agency (NOA), Jigawa State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the NOA</li> <li>• Solicit the support of the NOA in publicising the activities of the Commission.</li> </ul>
110.	10/7/2019	The Kwara State Office of the Commission paid courtesy visit to the Commissioner of Police, Kwara State	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the NPF with law enforcement as its focus.
111.	11/7/2019	The Bauchi State Office of the Commission paid a	To strengthen the existing relationship between the

		courtesy visit to National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), Bauchi State	Commission and the NYSC as well as induct youth ambassadors of human rights.
112.	11/7/2019	The Katsina State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Nigeria Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Katsina State Command	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the NDLEA in line with the standard of practice in drug law enforcement and human rights.
113.	12/7/2019	The Management of Pulaaku Radio Station paid a courtesy visit to Adamawa State Office of the Commission	To seek areas of possible collaboration with the Commission in information sharing and promotion of human rights.
114.	15/7/2019	The Sokoto State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Nigeria Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA).	To seek areas of possible collaboration with the Commission in drug and other illicit substance abuse.
115.	15/7/2019	The Kwara State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Deputy Speaker, Kwara State House of Assembly	To seek areas of collaboration as it regards legislation and law review.
116.	16/7/2019	The Bayelsa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Radio Bayelsa, Bayelsa State Broadcasting Cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To create awareness on the Mandate and functions of the Commission</li> <li>ii. To seek areas of collaboration</li> </ul>
117.	16/7/2019	The Zamfara State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the 1 Brigade Nigerian Army Gusau	To seek areas of collaboration with the military on its rules of engagement and citizen protection.
118.	16/7/2019	The United States Embassy paid a courtesy visit to Kaduna State Office of the Commission	To seek areas of possible collaboration as it relates to international best practices on human rights.
119.	17/7/2019	The Youth Empowerment Solution Project Initiative paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters,	To seek for collaboration with the Commission in the area of education and promotion of human rights

		Abuja	
120.	17/7/2019	The Bayelsa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the National Youth Service Corps Office, Yenagoa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To create awareness on the Mandate and functions of the Commission</li> <li>ii. To seek areas of collaboration</li> </ul>
121.	17/7/2019	The Bayelsa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps Office, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To create awareness on the Mandate and functions of the Commission</li> <li>ii. To seek possible areas of collaboration</li> </ul>
122.	18/7/2019	The Imo State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to Nigerian Army, 34 Artillery Brigade, Obinze, Imo State	To seek for training of officers of the Nigerian Army on human rights
123.	22/7/2019	The Yobe State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Tricycle Union	To create awareness on the Mandate and functions of the Commission
124.	23/7/2019	The Zamfara State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Department of State Services Gusau	To seek possible areas of collaboration in mainstreaming human rights in its operations.
125.	23/7/2019	The Bayelsa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Nigeria Television Authority, Yenagoa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To create awareness on the Mandate and functions of the Commission</li> <li>ii. To seek possible areas of collaboration</li> </ul>
126.	24/7/2019	The CORAL Executive Agency paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To partner with the Commission to train their staff on human rights
127.	24/7/2019	The Bauchi State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to Nigeria Security and Civil Defence	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the NSCDC in line with its security

		Corp (NSCDC), Bauchi State	demands.
128.	25/7/2019	The Zamfara State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps Gusau Command	To seek possible areas of collaboration in security/civilian information sharing and protection.
129.	25/7/2019	The Kaduna State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Kaduna State Government House	To commend the State Governor for signing the Child Protection and Welfare Bill into Law
130.	26/7/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Honourable Chief Judge of Oyo State	To foster synergy in the protection , promotion and enforcement of human rights in Oyo State
131.	26/7/2019	The Akwa Ibom State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the FRSC, Akwa Ibom	To advocate for human rights compliance by officers of the FRSC
132.	30/7/2019	The African Youth Growth Foundation paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To seek for collaboration with the Commission in the area of migrant protection
133.	30/7/2019	The Bayelsa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Nigeria Correctional Service Centre, Yenagoa	To create awareness on the mandate, functions and seek possible areas of collaboration with the Commission
134.	30/7/2019	The Akwa Ibom State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the 2 Brigade, Nigerian Army, Akwa Ibom	To advocate for human rights compliance by officers of the Nigerian Army
135.	31/7/20	The Bayelsa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Niger Delta Television Authority, Yenagoa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To create awareness on the Mandate and functions of the Commission</li> <li>ii. To seek possible areas of collaboration</li> </ul>
136.	1/8/2019	The Jigawa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Jigawa	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Radio

		State Radio	Station
137.	1/8/2019	The Akwa Ibom State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the DSS Akwa Ibom	To seek for collaboration with the DSS
138.	5/8/2019	FIDA Osun State Chapter paid a courtesy visit to the Osun State Office of the Commission	To seek for area of partnership with the Commission in the promotion and protection of women and children in the State
139.	6/8/2019	The Noble FM, Oyo State paid a courtesy visit to the Oyo State Office of the Commission	To seek for collaboration with the Commission on human rights content inclusion.
140.	6/8/2019	The Jigawa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Legal Aid Council of Nigeria Jigawa State	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Council in law review and inmate protection.
141.	6/8/2019	The Bauchi State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Brigade Commander, Nigerian Army, Shadawanka Barrack, Bauchi State	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Nigerian Army
142.	6/8/2019	The Akwa Ibom State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the NSCDC Akwa Ibom	To advocate for human rights compliance by officers of the NSCDC
143.	6/8/2019	The Katsina State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the National Orientation Agency, Katsina State	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and NOA
144.	7/8/2019	The NHRC Headquarters, Abuja paid a working visit to the NYSC Headquarters, Abuja	To advocate for increased awareness of human rights among corps members
145.	7/8/2019	The Katsina State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the 17	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Nigerian

		Brigade Headquarters, Nigerian Army, Katsina State	Army
146.	7/8/2019	The Jigawa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Jigawa State Command	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the FRSC as well as enjoining the corps to mainstream human rights in their operation.
147.	7/8/2019	The Save and Nurture Child Care Foundation paid a courtesy visit to the Kaduna State Office of the Commission	To seek possible areas of collaboration that will seek to discover, nurture and mentor the girl child, young women in line with the Commission's mandate.
148.	11/8/2019	The Bayelsa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Nigerian Army, 16 Brigade Camp Tukur Buratai, Yenagoa	To create awareness on the Mandate and functions of the Commission and seek possible areas of collaboration
149.	20/8/2019	The NHRC Headquarters Abuja paid a working visit to the Legal Aid Council of Nigeria	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Council in the area of prison decongestion and access to justice for inmates
150.	20/8/2019	The Jigawa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Nigeria Correctional Service Jigawa State	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Correctional Service with inmate protection as its focus.
151.	22/8/2019	The Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC) Organization paid an advocacy visit to the Adamawa State Office of the Commission	To find out why mentally ill persons are remanded in detention centres rather than the psychiatric hospitals
152.	22/8/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the new Oyo State Commandant of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC).	To strengthen the existing working relationship with NSCDC as well as propose further area of mutual benefit.
153.	22/8/2019	The Kwara State Office of	To seek possible areas of

		the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Kwara State	collaboration with the Ministry
154.	26/8/2019	The Cross River State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Canaan City FM	To discuss ways of ending rape in Nigeria with Cross River State as the focal point
155.	26/8/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the GOC, 2 Division, Nigerian Army, Ibadan, Oyo State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To inform him of the existence of the Commission in the State</li> <li>ii. To seek collaboration in areas of training on human rights for the Army</li> </ul>
156.	27/8/2019	The Bayelsa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, Yenagoa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To create awareness on the Mandate and functions of the Commission</li> <li>ii. To seek possible areas of collaboration.</li> </ul>
157.	27/8/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Chief Imam of Ibadan Land, Ibadan Central Mosque, Oyo State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To create awareness on the Mandate and functions of the Commission</li> <li>ii. To seek possible areas of collaboration</li> </ul>
158.	28/8/2019	The Savera Africa paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To seek for possible areas of collaboration with the Commission
159.	28/8/2019	The Sokoto State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Assistant Inspector General of Police Zone 10 Sokoto Command	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Zone 10 Sokoto State Police Command
160.	29/8/2019	The Oyo State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Oyo State Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To create awareness on the Mandate and functions of the Commission</li> <li>ii. To seek possible areas of</li> </ul>



			collaboration
161.	2/9/2019	The Takum United Peace Forum paid a courtesy visit to the Taraba State Office of the Commission	To familiarize with the functions and mandate of the Commission
162.	3/9/2019	The Ekiti State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Commissioner of Police, Ekiti State	To strengthen the existing working relationship between the Commission and the NPF
163.	3/9/2019	The Adamawa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to RoLAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and RoLAC</li> <li>ii. To intimate itself with the work plan of RoLAC for 2019.</li> </ul>
164.	4/9/2019	The Katsina State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Katsina State Emirate Council	To seek collaboration with the Traditional Rulers in ensuring the promotion and protection of the rights of citizens in the State
165.	5/9/2019	The Katsina State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Federal Medical Centre, Katsina State	To sensitize the medical officers on the rights of patients
166.	5/9/2019	The Katsina State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Daura Emirate Council, Katsina State	To seek collaboration with the Traditional Rulers in ensuring the promotion and protection of the rights of citizens in the State
167.	5/9/2019	The Bauchi State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the PCC, Bauchi State	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and PCC with a more citizen centred operation in view.
168.	9/9/2019	The Human Rights Watch Africa paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To seek for possible areas of collaboration with the Commission
169.	11/9/2019	The Kebbi State Concern Citizens paid a courtesy visit to the Kebbi State Office of	To seek collaboration with the Commission in promoting citizen's participation in

		the Commission	governance and other public concerns in the State.
170.	12/9/2019	The Imo State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Nigerian Air Force 211, Quick Response, Imo State	To seek collaboration in areas of training on human rights for officers of the Nigerian Air Force
171.	16/9/2019	The Initiative for Citizens and Development paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To seek for possible areas of collaboration with the Commission
172.	16/9/2019	The Youth for Human Rights International, Ekiti State paid a courtesy visit to the Ekiti State Office of the Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To seek possible areas of collaboration</li> <li>ii. To make donations of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials to the Commission.</li> </ul>
173.	17/9/2019	The Chief Commissioner, Public Complaints Commission, Hon. Chile Igbaure paid a courtesy visit to the Executive Secretary of the Commission at the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To formally inform and invite the Commission to participate at the International Ombudsman's Expo
174.	17/9/2019	The Bauchi State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Emir of Bauchi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To familiarize with the Emir and the Bauchi State Traditional Council</li> <li>ii. To seek collaboration in the promotion and protection of human rights in the State</li> </ul>
175.	18/9/2019	The Good Heart Foundation paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To seek for areas of possible collaboration with the Commission
176.	19/9/2019	The Kebbi State Office of the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To inform the Emir of the</li> </ul>

		Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Emir of Gwandu, Kebbi State	existence of the Commission in the State ii. To create awareness on the Mandate and functions of the Commission
177.	19/9/2019	The Akwa Ibom State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the NDLEA, Akwa Ibom State Command	To advocate for human rights compliance by officers of the NDLEA
178.	19/9/2019	The Katsina State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Nigerian Television Authority, Katsina State	To seek for partnership with the Commission on human rights content in its programming slots.
179.	19/9/2019	The Jigawa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Emir of Dutse, Jigawa State	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Emirate
180.	19/9/2019	The Human Rights Defenders paid a courtesy visit to the Jigawa State Office of the Commission	To seek for collaboration with the Commission as a means of human rights inclusion in its operation.
181.	19/9/2019	The Imo State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to HRH Eze David Onyenegho	To create awareness on the Mandate and functions of the Commission
182.	23/9/2019	The Bayelsa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities, Bayelsa State Chapter	To create awareness on the Mandate and functions of the Commission and seek possible areas of collaboration.
183.	23/9/2019	The Ekiti State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the State Security Service Ekiti State Command	To seek collaboration in addressing crimes and human rights abuses/violations
184.	24/9/2019	The Director, Office of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labour, Vincent D. Spera	To acquaint the Commission of their Mandate and activities.

		paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	
185.	25/9/2019	The Adamawa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Executive Governor of Adamawa State, H.E. Ahmadu Umaru Fintiri	To create synergy between the Adamawa State Government and the Commission
186.		The Akwa Ibom State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the EFCC, Akwa Ibom	To advocate for human rights compliance by officers of the EFCC
187.	26/9/2019	The Jigawa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Jigawa State Hisbah Board	To seek for collaboration with the Hisbah Board on its mandate.
188.	26/9/2019	The Jigawa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the NDLEA, Jigawa State	To seek possible areas of collaboration with NDLEA.
189.	26/9/2019	The Kwara State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Deputy Governor of Kwara State	To create synergy between the Commission and the State Government
190.	30/9/2019	The Inganta Rayuwa Peace Network paid a courtesy visit to the Adamawa State Office of the Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To discuss issues of out of school children and street begging in the State</li> <li>ii. To create synergy between the Commission and the NGO</li> </ul>
191.	2/10/2019	The Austrian Federal Office for Immigration and Assylum and Austrian Federal Administrative Court paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To collate information on various human rights studies from the Commission
192.	3/10/2019	The Ekiti State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To acquaint the Ministry with the Commission's</li> </ul>

		visit to Ekiti State Ministry of Local Government and Community Development	activities and seek possible areas of collaboration ii. To reach out to the grass roots on human rights
193.	3/10/2019	The Akwa Ibom State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to ICPC Akwa Ibom State	To promote rights of suspects in pre-trial and detention
194.	7/10/2019	The Albino Foundation paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Foundation
195.	7/10/2019	The Ekiti State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to Radio Nigeria Progress 100.5 FM	To seek possible areas of collaboration in public enlightenment on the activities of the Commission.
196.	8/10/2019	The International Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To seek for possible areas of collaboration with the Commission
197.	10/10/2019	The Sokoto State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Acting Chief Judge of Sokoto State	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Judiciary
198.	15/10/2019	The Akwa Ibom State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), Akwa Ibom State	To advocate for human rights compliance by NIS officers
199.	16/10/2019	The Bayelsa State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Independent National Electoral Commission, Bayelsa	To create awareness on the Mandate and functions of the Commission and seek possible areas of collaboration.
200.	23/10/2019	The NBA, Bwari Branch paid a courtesy visit to the	To felicitate with the Executive Secretary as well as

		Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	seek for areas of possible collaboration with the Commission
201.	24/10/2019	The Ekiti State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Ekiti State House of Assembly	To solicit for support from the State House of Assembly in actualizing the mandate of the Commission.
202.	30/10/2019	The International Centre for Investigation Reporting paid an advocacy/fact finding visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To ascertain the steps the Commission has taken on complaints on the missing persons in Borno State
203.	30/10/2019	The Niger State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to Niger State Police Command	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Police
204.	4/11/2019	The Zamfara State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to Zamfara State Radio and Television Service	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Zamfara State Radio and Television Service
205.	5/11/2019	The Zamfara State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Commissioner of Police, Zamfara State	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Police
206.	6/11/2019	The Zamfara State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Chief Judge of Zamfara State	To strengthen the existing relationship between the Commission and the Judiciary
207.	6/11/2019	The Avocate Sans Frontiers paid a courtesy visit to the Kaduna State Office of the Commission	To seek partnership with the Commission in addressing issues of torture, unlawful detention and extra-judicial killings
208.	8/11/2019	The Commission's Team paid a courtesy visit to Agip Nigeria	To seek collaboration in the area of Business and Human Rights
209.	12/11/2019	The Country Representative of UNHCR, Mr Antonio	To discuss the possibility of pushing for the adoption of the

		Canhandula paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	Kampala Convention for IDPs and to draw the attention of the government to irregular migration
210.	12/11/2019	The Women for Women International paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To seek collaboration with the Commission in the area of women's rights
211.	12/11/2019	The Commission's Team paid a courtesy visit to the Swedish Embassy	To discuss the commemoration of the 2019 International Human Rights Day
212.	15/11/2019	The International Peace Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To seek areas of possible collaboration with the Commission
213.	19/11/2019	The Legal Access International paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To seek areas of possible collaboration with the Commission
214.	19/11/2019	The Daily Times (Folio) paid a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	To seek areas of possible collaboration with the Commission
215.	28/11/2019	The Imo State Office of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Attorney General and Commissioner of Justice, Imo State	To advocate for the Ministry to aid victims of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)
216.	6/12/2019	The Daily Trust Newspaper paid a courtesy visit to the Kogi State Office of the Commission	To seek possible areas of collaboration with the Commission in the publication of the activities.
217.	12/12/2019	The Coalition of Societies for the Rights of Older Persons in Nigeria paid a courtesy	To seek areas of possible collaboration with the Commission

		visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja	
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### **PRESS RELEASES**

<b>S/N</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>MEDIA SOURCE</b>
1.	7/1/2019	'NHRC condemns in strong terms the method adopted by the Nigeria Police in laying siege in the house of Senator Dino Melaye'	NHRC Press Release
2.	24/1/2019	'NHRC commends President Buhari for signing the Disability Bill'	NHRC Press Release
3.	1/6/2019	'The NHRC condemns the raid on Abuja Nite Club by the FCDA and the Abuja Environmental Protection Board'	NHRC Press Release
4.	4/9/2019	Press briefing by NHRC on the Xenophobic attacks on Nigerians so as to prompt government and relevant agencies to action	NHRC Press briefing

### **PRESS INTERVIEW**

<b>S/N</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY/EVENT</b>	<b>OBJECTIVE</b>
1.	21/2/2019	The Gombe State Office of the Commission granted interview to	To create awareness on the setting up of



		the News Agency of Nigeria	monitoring feedback unit to check domestic violence and child labour in Gombe State.
2.	23/8/2019	The Bauchi State Office of the Commission granted interview to the New Telegraph Newspaper, Bauchi State	To create awareness on women and children's rights
3.	24/9/2019	The Bauchi State Office of the Commission granted interview to the Alheri Newspaper, Bauchi State	To raise awareness on human rights

## CHAPTER FOUR

### PROMOTIONAL , OUTREACH/CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

#### 4.0 INTRODUCTION

In 2019, the Commission implemented varieties of Educational and Public enlightenment Programmes through the use of innovative methods and approaches to increase the level of human rights awareness.

Some of the promotional activities were implemented by the Commission alone, while some were carried out in collaboration with various stakeholders. These promotional and outreach activities provide opportunity to interact with the Government, Security Agencies, Non Governmental Organization/Civil Society Organization and the general public. Some of the promotional activities include trainings, workshops, visits to prisons and detention centers, school sensitizations, meetings and public hearings.

The promotional/Outreach Activities embarked on in the year under view include the following:

#### **7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 - Training of Newly Employed Staff by Human Rights Institute**

Capacity building is a core component of the Commission's activities by which staff capacity is built through training for job enhancement and efficiency.

In 2019, the Human Rights Institute of the Commission trained 210 newly employed staff. The trainings focused on strengthening the capacity of staff on human rights issues as well as sharing knowledge on how the NHRC work is effected.

The Training had the following objectives:

- To train newly employed staff on Commission's Mandate and Functions
- To train them on NHRC Rules of Procedure and Complaints Treatment as well as basic human rights.

## **21<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 - National Stakeholders Dialogue on Peaceful and Violence Free 2019 General Election**

The National Orientation Agency organized a forum on National Stakeholders Dialogue on importance of ensuring a peaceful and Violence Free 2019 General Elections.

The objectives of the meeting include:

- To discuss ways on how to ensure a peaceful 2019 general election.
- To educate Nigerians on the need to exercise their civic rights while avoiding all forms of electoral violence.
- To persuade Journalists to reject publication of Hate Speech and other negative comments targeted at individuals, groups or political opponents during the elections.

Various institutions were in attendance such as Nigeria Police Force, Christian Association of Nigeria, Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, Political Parties, International Communities, INEC, Office of the SGF, NSCDC and CSOs.

The meeting was held at Ladi Kwali Hall, Sheraton Hotel, Abuja.

## **23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 – Round Table Meeting on Countering Violent Extremism**

The Civipol Conseil and European Union organized a two day round table meeting on Countering Violent Extremism. The Commission participated at the meeting alongside other organizations such as Security Actors and Faith Based Organizations. The objective of the meeting was to discuss the ways of Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism.

The meeting was held at Corinthia Villa Hotel, Abuja.

## **25<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 - Inter-Ministerial Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations Open- Ended Working Group on Ageing**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized an inter- ministerial meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing. The aim of the meeting was to discuss issues peculiar to Nigeria during the 10<sup>th</sup> session to be held in April 2019.

Participants at the meeting were Federal Ministry of Health, National Television Authority, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dave Omokaro Foundation as well as NHRC.

The meeting was held at Ministry of Foreign Affairs Office, Abuja

### **28<sup>th</sup> January - 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2019 - Training on Gender Sensitive Approach on Treatment of Women Prisoners in Nigeria**

The Commission participated in a training organized by the Carmelite Prisoners Interests, an NGO, in collaboration with Voice Newspaper, the Nigerian Prison Service, and Prison Inmate Development Initiative on Gender Sensitive Approach to Treatment of Women Prisoners in Nigeria.

The objectives of the training were:

- To address the gender insensitivity in the treatment of prisoners in Nigeria
- To train participants on the use of training manual on gender sensitive approach to treatment of women detainees in Nigerian prisons developed by Carmelite Prisons Interest Organization.

The training was held at Reiz Continental Hotel, Abuja.

### **29<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 - An Interface to Stop Election Violence ahead of 2019 General Elections**

The National Human Rights Commission, in collaboration with MacArthur Foundation held an interface with stakeholders to minimize Election Violence ahead of the 2019 General Elections in Nigeria. The objective of the meeting was to checkmate infractions like fake news, hate speeches and electoral violence during the elections.

MDAs in attendance include Savannah Centre for Democracy, Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, CSOs, Political Parties, Nigeria Police Force.

The meeting was held at Bukhari Bello Auditorium, NHRC, Abuja.

### **29<sup>th</sup> January, 2019- Election Security Summit**

The Police Service Commission organized a programme on Election Security Summit. The Commission participated at the programme alongside other Government Institutions. The aim of the programme was to roll out, in concrete

terms, its program in monitoring Police conduct and to key in where synergy and coordination is required for other agencies.

The programme was held at Bon Hotel, Wuse 2, Abuja.

### **30<sup>th</sup> January, 2019- Stakeholders meeting on ‘Women Participation in Elective Offices Support Bill’**

The Commission with the support from United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) organized a stakeholders meeting on the need for a bill on ‘Women Participation in Elective Offices Support Bill’. The bill seeks to prescribe women quotas for elections into Senate, House of Representatives, State Houses of Assembly and Area Council Elections in FCT in order to support and enhance women participation and representation in certain elective offices.

The programme was held at Bukhari Bello Auditorium NHRC, Abuja.

### **1<sup>st</sup> February, 2019- Stakeholders meeting on NHRC Strategic Work Plan 2019-2022**

The Commission organized a stakeholders meeting on NHRC Strategic Work Plan 2019-2022. The aim of the meeting was to roll out the 2019-2022 strategic work plan for the Commission.

The meeting was held at Bukhari Bello Auditorium, NHRC, Abuja.

### **1<sup>st</sup> February, 2019- Monitoring State Implementation of Human Rights Education in Nigeria**

The Human Rights Education and Promotion Department of the Commission organized a programme on Monitoring State Implementation of Human Rights Education in Nigeria.

Objectives of the programme were as follows:

- To monitor the extent of the implementation of Human Rights Education in the School System in Nigeria.
- To identify gaps and areas that need attention in the education system.

The programme was held at NHRC Committee Room, Abuja.

### **5<sup>th</sup> February, 2019- One Day High-Level Symposium to Commemorate the International Women's Day**

The Commission participated in a one day programme on High-Level Symposium to Commemorate the International Women's Day which was organized by Several African Gender Initiatives.

The aim of the programme was to focus on improving inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting life-long learning opportunities for everyone.

Some of the issues discussed were:

- An action and policy symposium to shed light on the challenges faced by women and girls in completing basic and higher education
- To deliberate on strategies to advancing good policies on education.

### **7<sup>th</sup> February, 2019-National Stakeholders Forum on the 2019 General Elections**

The National Orientation Agency organized a programme on National Stakeholders Forum on the 2019 General Elections. The Commission participated at the meeting alongside Justice Sector Institutions.

The aims of the meeting were:

- To obtain sound-bites from national bodies and key political actors advocating for peaceful elections
- To develop a programme that will bring relevant stakeholders from across the country together for a dialogue on how to achieve a peaceful, fair and violence free elections.

In attendance were INEC, NSA, DSS, NOA, NHRC, Ministry of Interior, Media, and several other MDAs.

The programme was held at Ladi Kwali Hall, Sheraton Hotel and Towers, Abuja.

## **2019 Departmental Presentations on Human Rights Education and Training**

The Human Rights Education and Promotion Department of the Commission organized departmental presentations on the following human rights issues:

- 28<sup>th</sup> February - the Paris Principles and the NHRIs
- 27<sup>th</sup> March - NHRC, Amendment Act (2010)
- 30<sup>th</sup> April - NHRC Rules of Procedure
- 30<sup>th</sup> May - World Health Programme on Human Rights Education
- 27<sup>th</sup> June - Chapter 2 and 4 of the Constitution of the FRN (As Amended)
- 24<sup>th</sup> July - International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- 29<sup>th</sup> August - Human Rights Education and Training
- 30<sup>th</sup> September - International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
- 30<sup>th</sup> October - Convention on the Rights of the Child and Africa Charter on Human and People's Rights

The training was aimed at boosting the knowledge of staff and effectively promoting human rights activities in the day to day discharge of their activities.

The training was held at NHRC Committee Room, Abuja.

### **5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019-National Dialogue on the Challenges of Vote Buying**

The National Orientation Agency organized a National Dialogue on the Challenges of Vote buying which was held at Merit House Banquet Hall, Maitama, Abuja. The aim of the dialogue was to curb the incidence of vote buying and selling in Nigeria.

In attendance were INEC, NHRC, NOA and other MDAs

### **19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 – A Two-Day Refresher Training for National Human Rights Clubs Committee Members**

The Commission organized a 2-day Refresher Training for National Human Rights Clubs Committee Members.

The objectives were as follows:

- To train committee members on the promotion and protection of human rights

- To comply with African Union Commission’s request on the establishment of Human Rights Clubs.

The programme was held at NHRC Committee Room, Abuja

#### **4.1 SCHOOL SENSITIZATION VISITS:**

The Commission, as a way of promoting and protecting human rights of citizens, periodically carries out human rights sensitization in schools, parks, market places, and to Faith Based Organizations. Also, students from various schools visit the Commission to acquaint themselves on human rights.

The following schools visited the Commission on the dates indicated:

- 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 - Intelligence Quotient Academy, Abuja.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019 - Unity Schools in FCT and Niger State.
- 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019 - International Relations Department, Baze University, Abuja.
- 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 - Stella Maris College, Abuja.
- 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 - International Relations Department, Baze University, Abuja.

#### **The objectives of the sensitization visits were:**

- To establish human rights clubs in the schools.
- To familiarize the students with the powers, functions, mandate, operations and activities of the NHRC.
- To comprehend the activities of NHRC towards awareness creation and promotion of human rights in the country.
- To educate the students on their rights and responsibilities as right holders.

The visits were held at NHRC Council Chambers and NHRC Committee Room, Abuja.

#### **26<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 - Maintenance Culture: a Panacea for Sustainable Infrastructural Development in Nigeria**

The Commission participated in a programme organized by National Institute for Cultural Orientation tagged “Maintenance Culture a Panacea for Sustainable Infrastructural Development in Nigeria”.

The aim of the programme was to encourage maintenance culture in Nigeria.



The programme was held at the African First Ladies Peace Mission Conference Hall, Abuja.

Participants at the programme include NHRC, NICO, MIC, MWPH, NOA.

### **11<sup>th</sup> April, 2019- National Stakeholders Workshop on the Establishment of African Union Human Rights Club**

The Commission participated in a programme organized by the Federal Ministry of Education on the Establishment of the African Union Human Rights Clubs in secondary schools.

The objective of the programme was to put strategies in place to facilitate compliance with the African Union Commission's request for the establishment of Human Rights Club in secondary and high schools in Nigeria.

The workshop was held at NHRC Committee Room, Abuja.

### **11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 - National Workshop on Gender and Child Rights**

The Commission participated in a workshop organized by Inter Faith Dialogue Forum for Peace on Gender and Child Rights.

The aim of the workshop was to train CSOs on monitoring and reporting Human Rights Abuses.

The workshop was held at La-Liga Hotel, Apo, Abuja.

In attendance were NHRC, CSOs, Security Agencies, etc.

### **8<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 - A Two-Day National Stakeholders Meeting for Coordinators of Peace and Security Clubs in Secondary Schools**

The Commission participated in a meeting organized by Federal Ministry of Health on National Stakeholders Meeting for Coordinators of Peace and Security Clubs in Secondary Schools.

The objective of the meeting was to reappraise the activities of the club in schools and assess the level of achievement of the objectives of the club in schools.

The meeting was held at the Federal Ministry of Education, Federal Secretariat Abuja.

### **9<sup>th</sup> May, 2019- The Police Service Reform Bill Sensitization Workshop**

The Commission participated in a sensitization workshop organized by the Nigeria Police Force on Police Service Reform Bill.

The aims of the sensitization workshop were:

- To change the narrative of Nigeria Police Service
- To envision the future of Nigeria Police in Nigeria

The workshop was held at Rockview Royale Hotel, Wuse 2, Abuja.

Participants were drawn from MDAs, CSOs, National Assembly, NPF, NOPRIN, CISLAC, CLEEN Foundation, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption, British Council.

### **16<sup>th</sup> May, 2019- Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Communication Strategy Meeting**

The Commission participated in a meeting organized by Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC). The meeting focused on assessing and reviewing the communication strategy developed by RoLAC targeting access to justice for persons with disabilities, women and children.

The objectives of the meeting include:

- To present draft awareness creation communication strategy for the Child Right Act, Violence Against Persons Act and Persons with Disabilities Laws
- To obtain stakeholders inputs in the development of the communication strategy.

The meeting was held at Dennis Hotel, Abuja.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2019-Training on Nationality and Statelessness**

The United Nations High Commission for Refugees organized a training on Nationality and Statelessness. The Commission participated at the meeting alongside other institutions. The aim of the training was to train participants on the key concepts, causes and consequences on Nationality and Statelessness.

The training was held at Bolton White Hotel Area 11, Garki Abuja.

Participants at the training were drawn from NHRC, National Population Commission, National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons and Nigerian Immigration Service.

**27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2019-Training of Personnel of Abuja Environmental Protection Board (AEPB) and Law Enforcement Agencies on the Implementation of Petty Offences Project in Nigeria**

The Commission in collaboration with PRAWA, organized a training for some personnel of AEPB and Law Enforcement Agencies on the Implementation of Petty Offences Project in Nigeria. The objective of the training was to train relevant Law Enforcement Agencies on ‘Decriminalization of Petty Offences Project’ in Nigeria.

Participants were Law Enforcement Agencies, NHRC, AEPB

The training was held at Bukhari Bello Auditorium, NHRC, Abuja.

**20<sup>th</sup> June, 2019- Multi Stakeholders Consultative Forum on Peace and Security Challenges in Nigeria**

The Commission participated at the forum organized by Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC) and Fridrich Ebert Stiftung Nigeria Office on Multi Stakeholders Consultative Forum on Peace and Security Challenges in Nigeria.

The objective of the forum was to collectively find solutions to emerging security challenges in rural parts of the country.

Participants at the forum include, Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Department of State Security, Nigerian Army, NGOs, CSOs, amongst others.

The forum was held at Consort Luxury Suite and Hotels, Abuja.

**27<sup>th</sup> June, 2019- Retreat for Steering Committee on Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre**

The Commission attended a Retreat for Steering Committee on Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre organized by Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC).

The objectives of the programme were:

- To enable committee members deliberate on ways to improve the publicity of the centre activities
- To discuss extensively on the upcoming activities of the centre

Participants included Nigeria Police Force, Economic and Financial Crime Commission, Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission, Federation of Women Lawyers.

The programme was held at Keffi, Nassarawa State.

### **9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 – A 4-Day Advanced Training on Human Rights for Nigerian Army Officers**

The Human Rights Institute organized a training for Officers of the Nigerian Army. The training was to scale up the capacity of the Nigerian Army Officers on Human Rights Standards and Practices.

The objectives of the training included:

- To equip the Nigerian Army Officers with the knowledge and skills that would keep their operations within acceptable human rights norms and practices.
- To strengthen the relationship between the NHRC-HRI and the Nigerian Army.
- To inculcate human rights culture amongst the Nigerian Army.

The training was held at Bukhari Bello Auditorium, NHRC, Abuja.

### **10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2019- Training of Participants on Overview of Human Rights Abuses in Nigeria**

The Commission participated in a training organized by Devatop Centre for African Development on Overview of Human Rights in Nigeria.

The objective of the training was to train participants on overview of human rights abuses in Nigeria.

The training was held at NAPTIP Training Centre, Federal Ministry of Health, Abuja.

### **17<sup>th</sup> July, 2019- Roundtable Meeting on Revisiting the Templates of INEC's Elections Operational Logistics Plan of Focus on 2019 General Election**

The Roundtable meeting on revisiting the templates of INEC's Election Operational Logistics Plan of focus on 2019 General Election was organized by the Electoral Institute. The Commission participated at the meeting.

The objectives of the meeting were:

- To discuss and interrogate on issues/ challenges of the 2019 General Elections and proffer solutions
- To ensure successful poll in subsequent elections.

The meeting was held at the Electoral Institute Auditorium, Abuja.

Participants at the meeting were, MDAs, Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Civil Society Organizations, the Media, amongst others.

### **17<sup>th</sup> July, 2019- Meeting on Enhancing Transparency and Accountability in the Justice Sector**

The Commission attended a meeting organized by Partners West Africa on Enhancing Transparency and Accountability in the Justice Sector.

The objective of the programme was to present findings of daily court observations and Criminal Justice Actors.

Other participants include, Federal Ministry of Justice, Nigerian Bar Association, CSOs, amongst others.

The programme was held at Bon Hotel Wuse 2, Abuja.

### **18<sup>th</sup> July, 2019-Inception Workshop on the EU-UN Joint Spotlight Initiative**

The Commission participated in a workshop organized by Spotlight Initiative. The workshop was part of initiative on the role of organizations in the implementation of the outcome of spotlight initiative, to address violence against women and girls.

The aim of the workshop was to achieve women empowerment and address violence against women and girls.

The workshop was held at Reiz Continental Hotel, Abuja.

### **18<sup>th</sup> July, 2019- Round Table Meeting on Accountability for Maternal Health in Nigeria**

The Commission participated in a meeting organized by Women Advocacy Research and Documentation Centre (WARDC) on Accountability for Maternal Health in Nigeria.

The objective of the meeting was to present situation assessment of maternal health in North East of Nigeria.

Participants at the meeting include Federal Ministry of Health, Federal Ministry of Women Affairs, Nigerian Bar Association, Nigerian Medical Association, CSOs, NGOs, amongst others.

The meeting was held at Chelsea Hotel, Abuja.

### **31<sup>st</sup> July, 2019- Town Hall Meeting on Citizens Participation in the Fight against Corruption**

The Town Hall Meeting on Citizens Participation in the Fight against Corruption was organized by Social Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP). The meeting was aimed at raising awareness on the prevalence of corruption in the Police, Judiciary, Power, Education and Health Sectors.

The meeting was held at Barcelona Hotel, Abuja.

Participants include NPF, EFCC, NBA, ICPC, Federal Ministry of Justice, etc.

### **19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2019 - Training on Mainstreaming Human Rights in Processes of Arrest, Investigation and Detention**

The Human Rights Institute in partnership with Open Society Justice Initiative (OSJI) organized a training on Mainstreaming Human Rights in Processes of Arrest, Investigation and Detention. The training was part of activities focused on promotion and protection of human rights in Nigeria. The following arresting authorities were trained at the Institute: Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps and the Nigeria Police Force.

The objectives of the training were the following:

- To improve the knowledge of Investigation Officers who carry out arrests on the Human Rights Standards and Practices relevant to their operations.
- To build capacity of the participating officers of the 3 arresting authorities on the provisions of Luanda Guidelines, Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015, and other Human Rights Provisions that relate to their daily operations as IPOs.
- To identify the challenges faced by arresting authorities in carrying out their duties and proffer steps for solving these challenges.
- To discuss gaps identified in policing operations and forward same to relevant authorities to handle.
- To strengthen the relationship between the NHRC-HRI and the arresting authorities for future trainings so as to continue to mainstream human rights in their operations.

A total of one hundred (100) participants were trained on different human rights issues.

The training was held at Human Rights Institute Lecture Hall, Abuja.

### **30<sup>th</sup> August, 2019- Invitation to Kazit Bag Launch /Teens Launch**

The Commission attended a programme organized by Kazit Children Development Foundation, a non-profit organization established to cater for the needs of the less privileged, vulnerable and children living with disabilities.

The objective of the programme was to cater and build a better life for orphans by taking them off the street, sensitize them on sexual abuses/drugs and provide their educational needs.

The programme was held at Raw Materials Conference Hall, Abuja.

### **10<sup>th</sup> September, 2019- Commemoration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Geneva Conventions**

The Commission participated in a programme organized by International Committee of the Red Cross to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Geneva Conventions. The objective of the programme was to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Geneva Conventions.

Participants include MDAs, CSOs, NGOs, Media, amongst others.

The programme was held at Nells Calton Hotel and Apartment, Asokoro, Abuja.

### **8<sup>th</sup> October, 2019-Stakeholders Dialogue on Women, Peace and Security**

The Commission participated in a Stakeholders Dialogue on Women, Peace and Security jointly organized by UN Women, Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Norwegian Embassy. The objective of the dialogue was to enhance women's role in conflict prevention and resolution in Nigeria.

The dialogue was held at Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution office, Abuja.

### **14<sup>th</sup> October, 2019- Security and Human Rights Workshop**

The Commission participated in a workshop organized by Nigeria Agip Oil Company Limited on Security and Human Rights. The objective of the workshop was to raise awareness on the issues of human rights and threat factors in security management system.

In attendance were MDAs, Nigeria Police Force, Nigerian Army, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Department of State Security, CSOs, NGOs, amongst others.

The workshop was held at Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja.

### **16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> October, 2019- A 2-Day Stakeholders' Roundtable Dialogue on Strategic Plan for Implementation of Anti Torture Act**

The Commission participated in a two-day programme organized by Legal Defence and Assistance Project (LEDAP) on Strategic Plan for Implementation of Anti Torture Act.

The objective of the programme was to develop a strategic plan for implementation of Anti Torture Act 2017.

In attendance were, Federal Ministry of Justice, NPP, Legal Practitioners, CSOs, NGOs, Media, amongst others.

The programme was held at Bukhari Bello Auditorium, NHRC, Abuja.



### **18<sup>th</sup> October, 2019- Awareness Walk on Sexual and Gender Based Violence**

The Commission participated in an awareness walk organized by Federal Girls College, Gboko on Sexual and Gender Based Violence. The awareness walk took place from National Human Rights Commission to Unity Fountain. The aim of the awareness was to draw attention to the relevant cases of Gender Based Violence in Nigeria.

### **20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019- Workshop on Anti Torture Act 2017**

The Commission participated in a workshop organized by the United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on Anti Torture Act 2017.

The objective of the workshop was to come up with training manual on Anti Torture Act for Law Enforcement Officers.

Participants were drawn from Legal Aid Council, Federal Ministry of Justice, NIALS, NPF, amongst others.

The workshop was held at Bolton White Hotel, Abuja

### **21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019- INEC's Preparedness for the successful conduct of November 16<sup>th</sup>, Kogi and Bayelsa State Governorship Election**

The Commission participated in a programme organized by the Electoral Institute on INEC's preparedness for the successful conduct of November 16<sup>th</sup>, Kogi and Bayelsa State Governorship Election.

The objectives of the programme were:

- To provide a platform for the Commission and other electoral stakeholders to examine the level of INEC's preparedness
- To discuss issues that is imperative to the successful conduct of Kogi and Bayelsa Governorship Election.

Participants at the programme included Independent National Electoral Commission, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, the Nigeria Police Force, Federal Road Safety Corps, Department of State Service, CSOs, NGOs, Media, International Partners and members of the Public.

The programme was held at the Electoral Institute Auditorium INEC, Abuja.

### **29<sup>th</sup> October, 2019- Roundtable Meeting on Xenophobic Attacks in South Africa and its Implication in Nigeria**

The Commission participated in a roundtable meeting organized by the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR) on xenophobic attacks in South Africa and its implication in Nigeria. It was aimed at discussing and addressing issues around the xenophobic attacks in South Africa.

The meeting was held at Conference Hall, IPCR Complex, Abuja.

### **29<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019- Exhibition at the International Ombud Expo**

The Commission participated in a programme organized by International Ombudsman Institute and Public Complaints Commission on Exhibition at the International Ombud Expo.

The objective of the programme was to create awareness about the mandate of the Commission and its recent activities.

Participants include Public Complaints Commission, Media, NBA, the General Public, CSOs, NGO amongst others

The programme was held at Sheraton Hotel, Abuja.

### **18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2019- Training on Mainstreaming Human Rights in Processes of Arrest, Investigation and Detention (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase)**

The Human Rights Institute in partnership with Open Society Justice Initiative (OSJI) organized a training on Mainstreaming Human Rights in Processes of Arrest, Investigation and Detention. The training was the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the series of training of arresting authorities on promotion and protection of human rights in Nigeria. The following arresting authorities were trained at the Institute: Department of State Security, Nigerian Custom Service, Nigerian Immigration Service.

The objectives of the training were the same as the phase one.

A total of one hundred and twenty nine (129) participants were trained on different human rights issues.

The training was held at Human Rights Institute Lecture Hall, Abuja.

## **8<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> December, 2019-Human Rights Summit/Awards Programme**

The Commission organized a two-day summit with the theme: ‘Adopting Rights-Based Approach in the Public Sector Sustainable Development Agenda’.

The objectives of the programme were:

- To provide a platform for an annual appraisal of the human rights situation in Nigeria by relevant stakeholders.
- To provide a platform for relevant Federal and State Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to present their score cards with reference to promotion and protection of human rights.
- To provide a platform for further consultations, dialogue, policy direction and agenda setting among relevant stakeholders.
- To develop appropriate strategies to follow up on the commitments of the Federal, State and Local Government authorities with respect to the realization of human rights in Nigeria.
- To identify positive human rights developments, gaps and challenges, emerging issues and priorities for the year summit.

Participants were drawn from Federal and State Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), UN Agencies and Development Partners, CSOs, Media, Academia, Organized Private Sector (OPS), Women and Youth Group as well as FBOs .

The programme was held at Ladi Kwali Hall, Sheraton Hotel and Towers, Abuja.

## CHAPTER FIVE

### INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

#### 5.0 INTRODUCTION

Section 5(h) of the National Human Rights Commission Act 1995 as amended enables her to ‘participate in such manner as it considers appropriate in all international activities relating to the promotion and protection of human rights’.

It is against this background that the Commission sponsors the participation of staff in international, regional and national engagements such as trainings, workshops and conferences. This is aimed at building the capacity of employees in the promotion and protection of human rights as well as integrating recent knowledge and best practices on contemporary human rights issues.

This section of the report captures international trainings, workshops, seminars and meetings embarked on by the Commission.

#### 5.1 HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES

The table below reflects the international, regional and national activities in which the Commission participated in the year 2019.

S/N	DATE	PROGRAMME	VENUE	AIMS/OBJECTIVES
1	25 <sup>th</sup> February to 1 <sup>st</sup> March, 2019	Advanced Human Rights Course on Sexual Minority Rights	Pretoria, South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ To obtain basic/introductory information, an understanding of the terminology and a general appreciation of the problems faced by Lesbians, Gay, Bisexual, Intersex and Queer or Questioning (LGBTIQ+) persons in realizing basic human rights in many African societies.</li><li>➤ To understand ways participants can contribute to advancing the rights of LGBTIQ+ persons, especially at the national level.</li><li>➤ To train LGBTIQ+ activists on how to engage with the African Union and United Nations human rights bodies on their cases.</li><li>➤ To examine case law as well as</li></ul>

				<p>legal and political strategies used in the past.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To share experiences and inspire each other.</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> February to 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	40 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council	Geneva, Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To address human rights violations and emergencies.</li> <li>➤ To promote and mainstream human rights throughout the United Nations System, with a focus on ‘Human Rights in the light of Multilateralism: opportunity, challenges and way forward’.</li> <li>➤ To adopt the draft Report (A/HRC/40/2)</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019	Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions Annual Meeting (GANHRI 2019)	Geneva, Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To take stock on how NHRIs in all regions are making an impact in addressing women’s and girl’s rights and promoting gender equality by applying their unique mandate and functions.</li> <li>➤ To share initiatives, experiences, lessons, collectively identify good practices and remaining challenges.</li> <li>➤ To exchange the experiences and practices of NHRIs in working to support the establishment and maintenance of inclusive societies in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> April, 2019	10 <sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations Open-ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWG)	New York, USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To strengthen the Social Protection and Social Security of human rights of older persons in education, training, lifelong learning and capacity building.</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> April, 2019	15 <sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the	Jeddah, Kingdom of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To promote Human Rights and best practices that ensure good</li> </ul>

		Independent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC)	Saudi Arabia	<p>governance through institutional building and citizen empowerment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To enhance collaboration with relevant partners in accordance with their obligation under respective international and regional human rights instruments.</li> <li>➤ To launch a joint study involving the IPHRC, Islamic Development Bank (IDB), Statistical Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-To develop indicator</li> <li>-To monitor progress on the guiding principles for consideration and adoption by the OIC Member States.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6	23 <sup>rd</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> May,2019	High-Level International Humanitarian Conference on “Closing the gaps in Humanitarian Response To Sexual and Gender-Based Violence”	Oslo, Norway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To mobilise stronger political commitment to prevent incidents of, and protect people at risk of SGBV and conflict-related sexual violence</li> <li>➤ To ensure that the response is life-saving, timely, and promotes the needs, rights and dignity of survivors and those at risk</li> <li>➤ To mobilise additional financial resources, especially for SGBV response through UN coordinated response plans and for the ICRC’s 2019 special appeal</li> <li>➤ To highlight best practices and lessons learned from efforts to prevent and respond to SGBV in humanitarian situations, and help improve the evidence</li> </ul>

				base in this field.
7	29 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> May, 2019	Regional Consultation of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and AGM	Accra, Ghana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To enhance the role that NHRIs have in promoting and protecting human rights and assess their performance concerning the “Paris Principles Relating to NHRIs for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights”.</li> <li>➤ To focus on SDGs, Peace, Security, Protection of immigrants and ensuring gender perspectives are respected within the NHRIs work.</li> <li>➤ To review their national influence, the challenges they face and learn from each other by sharing good practices.</li> <li>➤ To identify NHRIs role in implementation of the UN Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development as well as the African Agenda 2063 ‘the Africa We Want’ at national level.</li> <li>➤ To elect the new Network of National Human Rights Institutions-West Africa (NNHRI-WA)’s executives.</li> </ul>
8	11 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> June, 2019	12 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)	New York, USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The theme of the Conference focused on ‘Ensuring the inclusion of persons with disabilities in a changing world through the implementation of the CRPD’ through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Technology, digitalization and ICTs for the improvement and inclusion of persons with disabilities.</li> <li>-Social inclusion and the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

				<p>right to the highest attainable standard of health</p> <p>-Inclusion of persons with disabilities in society through participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sports.</p>
<b>9</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> June,2019	Continental Consultative Meeting on the Implementation and Supervision of the 1969 OAU Refugee Convention	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1969 OAU Refugee Convention and 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 2009 AU Convention on the Protection and Assistance for Internally Displaced Persons in Africa.</li> <li>➤ To salute the strength, courage and perseverance of millions of refugees and other forcibly displaced people.</li> </ul>
<b>10</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> June,2019	High-Level Consultation with National Human Rights Institutions on Implementation of 'Right to Health For All'	Johannesburg , South Africa	To promote Implementation of Commitments made on the 'Rights to Health for All'.
<b>11</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> July,2019	High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and 2019 Annual ECOSOC Session	New York, USA	<p>The Session focused on 'Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality'.</p> <p>The highlights of the forum were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The contribution of Indigenous peoples to achieving the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.</li> <li>➤ Review the following Sustainable Development Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Goal 4: Quality Education</li> <li>-Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth</li> <li>-Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities</li> <li>-Goal 13: Climate Action</li> <li>-Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



				<p>-Goal 17: Partnership for the Goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To bring together representatives of Indigenous people and members states, stakeholders to deepen our understanding of the role of indigenous people in the implementation of Goal:16.</li> </ul>
<b>12</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019	International Expert Workshop on the Search for Missing Persons including Victims of Enforced Disappearance	Amman, Jordan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To determine how the Guiding Principles can be used as model to guide the search for missing persons beyond cases of enforced disappearance and what other existing standards should be taken into consideration in such contexts.</li> <li>➤ To analyze how the provisions of the Guiding Principles can be implemented in practice, whether they are already being used in operational contexts and how they could improve current operational practices.</li> </ul>
<b>13</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019	3 <sup>rd</sup> African Union Commission (AUC) and Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI) Forum on the State of African National Human Rights Institutions	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To reflect on tackling the challenges of and achieving durable solutions for forced displacement on the continent.</li> <li>➤ To ensure that refugees are given a fair chance to gain resilience and be active and contributing members of society and the economy, both for the host country and their country of origin.</li> <li>➤ To raise awareness among states, increase international support and identify long-term strategies for assistance.</li> </ul>
<b>14</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019	Workshop on Security Challenges, Fights	Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To discuss how counter-terrorism and how regional security are linked to human</li> </ul>

		Against Terrorism and Implication of Human Rights Protection in the ECOWAS Areas		<p>rights in the ECOWAS countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To identify responsibilities of the governments of the ECOWAS States to guaranty the security and welfare of their respective countries.</li> <li>➤ To discuss security challenges as they affect human rights as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The fight against terrorism and the protection of human rights.</li> <li>- poor governance, lack of transparency and accountability in government.</li> <li>-The proposal for a joint sub regional action against terrorism in ECOWAS region.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>15</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> September to 2 <sup>nd</sup> October, 2019	GANHRI Working Group on Ageing Special Session and 4th ASEM Conference on Global Ageing and Human Rights of Older Persons	Seoul, Korea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To share their best practices and measures designed to address the impact of ageing on our societies and labour markets, as well as the human rights of older persons.</li> <li>➤ To support the cooperation between Asia and Europe in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, including Goal 3(good health and well-being), Goal 5(gender equality), Goal 8(decent work and economic growth) and Goal 10(reduced inequalities).</li> <li>➤ To promote and strengthen cooperation at regional, cross regional and international levels on measures to improve the engagement of senior citizens in economic and social activities by providing them with more opportunities and enhancing capabilities.</li> </ul>

16	7 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019	6 <sup>th</sup> International Seminar of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (OIC-IPHRC)	Tashkent, Uzbekistan	<p>It focused on ‘Importance of Promoting and Protecting the Rights of Youth for Building Peaceful and Democratic Societies and Sustainable Development’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To promote democratic culture, integrate the role of young people in public affairs.</li> <li>➤ To provide them access to justice and empower them through meaningful youth representation, participation and engagement at decision-making platforms at the local, national and international levels.</li> <li>➤ To lower the ages of youth candidacy for public offices as well as voting age are recommended.</li> <li>➤ To create conducive environment for the youth to exercise their right to freedom of opinion and expression, right to information and freedom of association and assembly.</li> <li>➤ To develop Plan of Action to create synergies between the OIC Youth Strategy, SDGs and UN Youth Strategy.</li> <li>➤ To develop craft reporting mechanisms to monitor implementation of the OIC Youth Strategy, which should include timeframes, budgetary allocations, key performance indicators as well as specific roles of OIC Member States, the General Secretariat and relevant OIC Institutions;</li> </ul>
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To enact evidence based youth centered legislations, policies and programs for youth development and holistic cross-sectorial cooperation ensuring a human rights-based approach for transition from education to labor market by : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (a) providing skill oriented education and training;</li> <li>-(b) undertaking labor market reforms for job creation and transparency for equal access to both male and female, promoting intergenerational social mobility for better standards of living;</li> <li>- (c) initiating specific incentives for employers to encourage youth entering the job market by setting quotas in private and public sectors;</li> <li>-(d) encourage female participation in the labour force eliminating gender pay gaps and providing child care support for young mothers;</li> <li>-( e) establishing social security protection mechanisms.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>17</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019	Global Consultation on the Role of National Human Rights Institutions in Facilitating Access to Effective Remedy for Business-Related Human Rights Abuses	Geneva, Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To explore how NHRIs could play a more active role in facilitating access to effective remedy in relation to business-related human rights abuses with transnational or cross-border dimension</li> <li>➤ To share examples of how NHRIs facilitate, both directly and indirectly, access to remedy for business-related human rights abuses</li> <li>➤ To highlight the challenges and limitations that NHRIs face in facilitating access to</li> </ul>

				<p>remedy and discuss effective strategies for overcoming such challenges and limitations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To examine the role that NHRIs could play in collaborating with other judicial or non-judicial remedial mechanism.</li> </ul>
<b>18</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019	Conference on Children and Armed Conflict in Africa	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To discuss how international and regional mechanisms can better protect children affected by armed conflict in Africa.</li> <li>➤ To develop a Road Map for Action to protect children in situations of conflict.</li> </ul>
<b>19</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019	African NHRIs Human Rights Exchange Forum at the margin of the 65 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights	Banjul, Gambia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To examine the challenges that slow pace implementation of decisions of regional human rights bodies and need for collaboration with the actors at the national level.</li> <li>➤ To Launch the Baseline study Report on Litigation capacities, gaps and opportunities for NHRIs.</li> <li>➤ To analyze the litigation opportunities for NHRIs the regional level and explores the reasons why they have not used these avenues before the African bodies as well as amicus and other interventions.</li> <li>➤ To share experiences among stakeholders on the implementation process and to identify potential actions for follow-up at the national level.</li> <li>➤ To enhance strategic partnership, framework between the Africa Union and United Nations in area of human rights.</li> <li>➤ To launch publication developed by the NANHRI Working on SDGs and Danish Institute of Human Rights (DIHR) which</li> </ul>

				<p>provides guidance to African NHRIs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To document good practices, engage more effectively ,support a human rights-based approach</li> <li>- To act as key accountability mechanisms for the implementation of the SDGs.</li> </ul>
<b>20</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019	74 <sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the United Nations General Assembly	New York, USA	<p>These issues were discussed during the Session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of General Assembly and recent United Nations Conferences</li> <li>➤ Maintenance of international Peace and Security</li> <li>➤ Development of Africa.</li> <li>➤ Promotion of Human Rights</li> <li>➤ Effective Co-ordination of humanitarian assistance efforts</li> <li>➤ Promotion of Justice and International Law.</li> <li>➤ Disarmament</li> <li>➤ To elect the president and vice president of the General Assembly.</li> </ul>
<b>21</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> November, 2019	12 <sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Network of National Human Rights Institutions(NHRIs)	Cairo, Egypt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To discuss the role of the National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) in the implementation of the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration under the theme: ‘The GCM: African NHRIS common vision, opportunities and challenges in its implementation’.</li> <li>➤ To develop inclusive action plan towards sustainable implementation of the GCM1 at national level.</li> </ul>

## **CHAPTER SIX**

### **STATE OFFICES ACTIVITIES**

#### **6.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Commission which began operations in 1996 with one office in the six geopolitical zones of the federation making it difficult for many citizens in various parts of the country who might be in need of the Commission's services to access it. In 2018, the Executive Secretary, Tony Ojukwu, Esq. led administration made it a reality for there to be a National Human Rights Commission Office in all 36 States of Nigeria including the FCT.

The States activities on discharging the mandate of the Commission are being highlighted in this chapter as follows:

#### **6.1 ABIA STATE**

##### **10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 – Administration of Criminal Justice Law (ACJL) Summit**

The Abia State Office of the Commission participated in the above mentioned Summit organized by Prisoners Rehabilitation and Welfare Action (PRAWA) and the Abia State Judiciary. During the Summit, participants understood what petty offences are and how to apply ACJL to such offences.

Objective of the Summit was to educate participants on the application of ACJL to petty offences.

Participants were the NPF, Nigeria Prisons Service, Director of Public Prosecution (DPP), NSCDC, FRSC, amongst others.

The Summit was held at Rapha Hotel, Umuahia.

#### **6.2 ADAMAWA STATE**

##### **5<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 – Workshop on Findings of the Draft Assessment Report on Gender Based Violence Cases**

The Adamawa State Office of the Commission participated in a workshop on Findings of the Draft Assessment Report on GBV Cases, organized by International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Nigeria Police Force, Faith Based Organizations, NGOs, CSOs, the Media etc.

The objectives of the workshop were:

- To present findings of the Report on GBV cases
- To identify the training needs of security officers in addressing GBV cases
- To review/formulate legal frame work on GBV
- To address the challenges of limited access to GBV services

The workshop was held at Duragi Hotel, Jimeta Yola, Adamawa State.

### **7<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 – Summit on Election Matters**

The Adamawa State Office of the Commission participated in a Summit on Election Matters organized by National Peace Committee (NPC).

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Ministry of Justice, Political Parties, Faith Based Organizations, NSCDC, CSOs, NGOs and the Media.

The objectives of the seminar were:

- To enlighten the general public on a peaceful 2019 gubernatorial election in the State
- To discuss issues on 2019 general election
- To educate the general public on measures to be taken if there is chaos in the state

The seminar was held at Homtel Derivatives and Suites Hotel Jimeta, Adamawa State.

### **7<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 – Meeting on Sensitization on Human Rights Violations**

The Adamawa State Office of the Commission in collaboration with Search for Common Ground (SFCG) organized a meeting on Sensitization on Human Rights Violations.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Nigeria Police Force, NSCDC, NIS, DSS, the Judiciary, Faith Based Organizations, Women and Youth Groups, NGOs and the Media.

The objectives of the meeting were:



- To build a synergy for smooth working relationship between NHRC, Judiciary and Security Actors in the State.
- To create a pathway on ways to handle human rights violation;
- To assign responsibilities to agencies at the meeting considering their mandate to avoid duplication of work.

The meeting was held at Numan Local Government Secretariat, Numan, Adamawa State.

**4<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 - Meeting on Legal Service Provider to Vulnerable Groups (Probono Services)**

The Adamawa State Office of the Commission participated in a Meeting on Legal Service Provider to the Vulnerable Groups (Probono Services) organized by Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC) supported by British Council.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Justice, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), CSOs, NGOs, the general public and the Media.

The objectives of the meeting were:

- To discuss with all the legal service providers in the state;
- To provide access to justice to the vulnerable groups;
- To enlighten participants on how to get access to free Legal service providers in the State.

The meeting was held at RoLAC office Dougirei, Yola.

**9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 – Training on Conflict Sensitivity**

The Adamawa State Office of the Commission participated in a training on Conflict Sensitivity organized by Search For Common Ground.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Nigeria Police Force, FIDA, NBA, Legal Aid Council, NSCDC, National Orientation Agency, Faith Based Organizations, the Media etc.

**The objectives of the training were:**

- To detect the window period of conflict and know how to resolve conflict before it gets out of hand;
- To discuss issues on herders and farmers in the state.

The programme was held at Alheri Royal Hotel Jimeta , Yola.

### **15<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 – Meeting on Sexual and Gender Based Violence**

The Adamawa State Office of the Commission participated in a meeting on Sexual and Gender Based Violence organized by the British Council.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Nigeria Police Force, FIDA, NBA, Legal Aid Council, NSCDC, National Orientation Agency, Faith Based Organizations and the Media.

The objectives of the training were:

- To create pathway on handling cases of Sexual and Gender Based Violence;
- To identify relevant organizations that can sustain the referral pathway.

The meeting was held at Homtel Derivatives & Suite Hotel, Yola.

### **16<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 – Meeting on Child Protection Matters**

The Adamawa State Office of the Commission participated in a meeting on Child Protection Matters organized by Child Protection Sector Working Group (CPSWG).

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Ministry of Justice, Nigeria Police Force, FIDA, Legal Aid Council, NSCDC, National Orientation Agency, Faith Based Organizations and the Media.

The objectives of the training were:

- To proffer solution on problems affecting children
- To discuss new cases on child protection by various agencies with the mandate of Child Protection;
- To discuss different mechanisms on referral pathways.

The meeting was held at Conference Hall, Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Yola.

### **16<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 – Sensitization Workshop on the Revised Penal Code**

The Adamawa State Office of the Commission participated in a Sensitization Workshop on the Revised Penal Code of Adamawa State organized by Nigerian Bar Association, Adamawa State Chapter.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Justice, Nigeria Police Force, FIDA, Legal Aid Council, NSCDC, National Orientation Agency, CSOs and the Media.

The objectives of the sensitization workshop were:

- To sensitize the Judiciary on the Revised Penal Code in the State
- To discuss the issues of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2018 in the State

The sensitization workshop was held at AUN Hotel, Yola.

### **28<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 – Meeting with International Committee of the Red Cross on Linking Missing Persons**

The Adamawa State Office of the Commission participated in a meeting organized by International Committee of the Red Cross on Linking Missing Persons (ICRC).

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Justice, Nigeria Police Force, NSCDC, National Orientation Agency, CSOs, NGOs and the Media.

The objectives of the meeting were:

- To introduce the project on the missing persons
- To discuss on synergy between institutions for the success of the project
- to ensure that rights of the missing persons are not violated.

The meeting was held at ICRC Office, Yola.

### **18<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 – Meeting on Human Rights Violation**

The Adamawa State Office of the Commission organized a Meeting on Human Rights Violation in collaboration with Women's Rights Advancement and Protection Alternative (WRAPA).

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Nigeria Police Force, NBA, FIDA, NSCDC, National Orientation Agency, CSOs, NGOs and the Media.

The objectives of the meeting were:

- To build a strong working relationship between the NHRC and WRAPA
- To assist victims of human rights abuses/violations particularly women
- To tackle the issues of Gender Based Violence in the State.

The meeting was held at Madugu Rock View Hotel, Jimeta, Yola.

### **20<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 – Training on Sexual and Gender Based Violence Issues**

The Adamawa State Office of the Commission participated in a training on Sexual and Gender Based Violence Issues organized by WRAPA.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Nigeria Police Force, NBA, FIDA, NSCDC, National Orientation Agency, CSOs, NGOs and the Media.

The objectives of the training were:

- To introduce the SGBV Project to key stakeholders in the State
- To discuss ways of establishing a platform for greater collaboration and engagement
- To discuss issues of Sexual and Gender Based Violence.

The training was held at Madugu Rock View Hotel, Jimeta, Yola.

### **24<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 – Meeting on Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) Activities**

The Adamawa State Office of the Commission participated in a meeting on SGBV Activities organized by WRAPA.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Nigeria Police Force, NBA, FIDA, NSCDC, National Orientation Agency, CSOs, NGOs, FBOs, SSS and the Media.

The objectives of the meeting were:

- To identify roles and responsibilities of the relevant agencies on Sexual and Gender Based Violence
- To discuss measures to take in making referrals on SGBV.

The meeting was held at Madugu Rock View Hotel, Yola.

**22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019 – A Round Table Discussion on Implementation of Key Provisions of the Administration of Criminal Justice Law**

The Adamawa State Office of the Commission participated in a Round Table Discussion on Implementation of Key Provision of the Administration of Criminal Justice Law organized by RoLAC.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Nigeria Police Force, NBA, FIDA, NSCDC, National Orientation Agency, CSOs, NGOs, FBOs, SSS and the Media.

The objectives of the round table discussion were:

- To meet with relevant CSOs and other government agencies to ensure enhanced good governance in the state
- To strengthen the Rule of Law in the State
- To ensure the implementation of the Administration of Criminal Justice Law in the State
- To curb corruption and reduce impunity through Criminal Justice and Anti-Corruption Reforms.

The round table discussion was held at RoLAC Office, Yola

**27<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 – Monthly Reporting Meeting of Service Providers for Survivors of Sexual and Gender Based Violence**

The Adamawa State Office of the Commission participated in a Monthly Reporting Meeting of Service Providers for Survivors of SGBV organized by WRAPA in collaboration with Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Ministry of Health, Nigeria Police Force, FIDA, NSCDC, National Orientation Agency, CSOs, NGOs, and the Media.

The objectives of the meeting were:

- To give an update on SGBV in the State
- To Collaborate with other government agencies in handling SGBV cases
- To ensure that SGBV cases are properly handled.

The meeting was held at Conference Hall, Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, State Secretariat, Yola.

**28<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 – Meeting on Shelter/Non Food Item (NFI) and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Sub Sector**

The Adamawa State Office of the Commission participated in a Meeting on Shelter/Non Food Item (NFI) and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Sub Sector organized by Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Shelter, Yola.

Participants were drawn from various relevant MDAs, Local and International Organizations and the Media.

The objectives of the meeting were:

- To have a successful repatriation of refugee returnees from Cameroun to Nigeria
- To discuss reparation and flooding in the affected areas in the State
- To collaborate with other partners on how affected areas in the State and IDP camps can have an improved care from the government and the NGOs.

The meeting was held at Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Shelter, Yola.

**21<sup>st</sup> September, 2019 – Gender Based Violence Quarterly Review Meeting/Training**

The Adamawa State Office of the Commission participated in a Gender Based Violence Quarterly Review Meeting/Training organized by Ministry of Women Affairs.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Nigeria Police Force, Faith Based Organizations, NGOs, CSOs and the Media.

The objective of the meeting was to review Humanitarian Need Overview (HNO) and Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) in the State.

The meeting was held at Homtel Derivates and Suits Hotel Jimeta, Yola

**6.3 AKWA IBOM STATE**

### **25<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 – Human Rights Sensitization Visit to Akpan Andem Market, Uyo**

The Akwa Ibom State Office of the Commission embarked on a sensitization visit to Akpan Andem Market, Uyo.

The aims of this visit were:

- To sensitize market men and women on their rights, mandates of the Commission and its complaint treatment mechanism
- To sensitize them on the importance of respecting the rights of others.

Participants were market men and women.

### **16<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 – Sensitization of National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) on Human Rights**

The Akwa Ibom Office of the Commission embarked on a sensitization visit to Itam Motor Park, Uyo where they interacted with members of NURTW, passengers, hawkers and members of public.

The objectives of the visit were:

- To enlighten them on human rights and the mandates of the Commission
- To sensitize them on their rights and to respect the rights of others
- To educate them on steps to take when their rights are violated.

### **26<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 – Training of Naval Officers on Human Rights**

Officers of Nigeria Navy were trained by the Akwa Ibom Office of the Commission.

The objectives of the training were:

- To mainstream human right in their operations
- To ensure human rights best practices while doing their jobs
- To strengthen partnership between the Commission and the Nigeria Navy.

The training was held at Free on Board (FOB) Hall, Ibaka Office, Akwa Ibom.

## **6.4 BAUCHI STATE OFFICE**

### **6<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 – Sensitization Forum on Communicating Government Policies, Programmes and Activities**

The Bauchi State Office of the Commission participated in a Sensitization Forum on Communicating Government Policies, Programmes and Activities organized by National Orientation Agency.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Communication, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Justice, Nigeria Police Force, CSOs and the Media.

The objectives of the forum were:

- To create awareness on government policies and activities
- To sensitize participants on their fundamental human rights enshrined in the Constitution

The forum was held at Conference Hall, Bauchi Central Mosque, Bauchi.

#### **11<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 – African Union Anti-Corruption day 2019**

The Bauchi State Office of the Commission participated in a programme to mark 2019 African Union Anti-Corruption day organized by Independent Corrupt Practices and other Offences Commission (ICPC)

Participants were drawn from relevant stakeholders such as Ministry of Justice, Nigeria Police Force, National Orientation Agency (NOA), Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corp (NSCDC) CSOs and the Media.

The objective of the programme was to sensitize the general public on their fundamental human rights as enshrined in the Constitution and Anti – Corruption.

The programme was held at ICPC Office, Bauchi.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 – Sensitization of Stream 2 Batch B Corp Members at NYSC Orientation Camp.**

The Bauchi State Office of the Commission organized a meeting on Sensitization of Stream 2 Batch B Corp Members at NYSC Orientation Camp, Bauchi in collaboration with the NYSC Directorate Office, Bauchi.

The objectives of the sensitization were:

- To sensitize Corp members on their fundamental human rights
- To educate them on how to seek redress when their rights are being violated
- To educate them on the functions and mandate of the Commission.



The programme was held at NYSC Orientation Camp, Ganjuwa LGA, Bauchi.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 – Sensitization of Communities in Ganjuwa LGA of Bauchi State on Human Rights**

The Bauchi State Office of the Commission organized a Sensitization programme for some selected Communities in Ganjuwa LGA of Bauchi State on Human Rights.

Objectives of the programme were:

- To sensitize the selected Communities in Ganjuwa LGA of Bauchi State on their fundamental human rights
- To sensitize the selected Communities on how to seek redress when their rights are being violated
- To educate the selected Communities on the functions and mandate of the Commission.

The programme was held at Wailo Park, Kamfanin Kutare and Gonzoro, Ganjuwa, Bauchi.

### **6.5 BAYELSA STATE OFFICE, YENAGOA**

#### **5<sup>th</sup> March - 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 - Visit to Schools**

To improve the level of Human Rights awareness among school children, the Bayelsa State Office of the Commission carried out enlightenment programs in the year under review and the schools visited were as follows:

- 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019- Precious Child International School, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State.
- 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2019- Kpanisa Community Primary School, Yenagoa.
- 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2019- Ala International Montessori School, Yenagoa.
- 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2019- Model Primary School, Biogbolo, Yenagoa.
- 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2019- St. Jude's Girls Secondary School, Amarata, Yenagoa.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2019- Gateway Success Group of Schools, Imgbi Road, Yenagoa.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2019- Jato Comprehensive College, Onopa, Yenagoa.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2019- New Total Child Academy School, Yenagoa.
- 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2019- Government Science and Technical College, Okaka.
- 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2019- Bishop Dipieri Grammer School, Ovom, Yenagoa.

The Objectives of the sensitization visits were to:

- To create awareness on Fundamental Human Rights as enshrined in the 1999 Constitution.
- To enlighten Participants about the mandate and functions of the Commission.
- To sensitize students on the rights of the child.

Participants were Teachers, Staff and Management of the above mentioned schools.

### **16<sup>th</sup> – October, 2019 - Stakeholders Meeting on Conducting Free, Fair and Credible Elections.**

The Bayelsa State office of the Commission participated in a stakeholders meeting, organized by Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

The Objectives of the meeting were:

- To be abreast with the Independent National Electoral Commission activities geared towards conducting a free, fair and credible election in the Governorship election of Bayelsa State. Some of the issues discussed during the meeting were:
  - i. Preparedness of the police towards the forthcoming election.
  - ii. Local Government Areas that are violence prone during elections and how to mitigate the violence.

The participants during the meeting were The Nigeria Police Force (NPF), Nigerian Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC), the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Representatives from major political parties, Foreign and local Election observers, Nigerian Civil Society Situation Room, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) among others.

The meeting was held at Lady Daima Memorial Events Place, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State.

## **6.6 BENUE STATE OFFICE - MAKURDI**

### **23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2019 – Monitoring of Hate Speech and Pre-Election Violence**

The Benue State Office of the Commission organized a programme on Monitoring of Hate Speech and Pre-Election Violence in the State.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Political parties, Nigeria Police Force,

Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), CSOs, NGOs and the Media.

A Survey on the level of preparedness of the citizenry was conducted.

The objectives of the programme were:

- To sensitize the citizens on the effect of hate speech and pre-election violence
- To develop a reporting matrix for monitoring hate speeches in the state.

The programme was held at the Commission's Office in Makurdi, Benue State.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 – Stakeholders Consultative Forum on Women, Peace and Security**

The Benue State Office of the Commission participated in a programme on Stakeholders Consultative Forum on Women, Peace and Security organized by United Nation Women (UNWomen).

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of women Affairs, Nigeria Police Force, Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), CSOs, NGOs and the Media.

The objectives of the programme were:

- To address issues concerning women, peace and security
- To campaign on violence against women and children in the state.

The programme was held at Hallydays Hotel Makurdi, Benue State.

#### **10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 – Inter – Dialogue on Peaceful Resolution of Farmers/Herders Clashes in Benue State**

The Benue State Office of the Commission participated in a programme on Inter – Dialogue with Farmers/Herders organized by Peace Advocacy Committee.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Justice, Faith Based Organizations, Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corp (NSCDC), CSOs NGOs and the Media.

The objectives of the programme were:

- To create awareness on the need for peaceful coexistence between Farmer/Herders in the state
- To promote religious tolerance in the state.

- To encourage women participation in peace and security processes at all levels.
- To promote peaceful negotiation, conflict prevention and resolution in the state.

The programme was held at Hallydays Hotel, Makurdi, Benue State.

### **29<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 – Peace Advocacy Committee Programme for Farmers and Herders**

The Benue State Office of the Commission participated in a programme on peace advocacy committee on farmers and Herders organized by Search for Common Ground.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Justice, Faith Based Organizations, Nigeria Police Force, Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), CSOs NGOs and the Media.

The objectives of the programme were:

- To strengthen peaceful co-existence between farmers and herders in the communities
- To develop joint effective sustainable local mechanism for early warning response on violence prevention
- To address issues arising from post violence and conflict in the state.

## **6.7 BORNO STATE**

### **25<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 - Training on Mainstreaming Human Rights in Counter Insurgency Operations in the North-East by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).**

The Borno State office of the Commission participated in a training on mainstreaming human rights in counter insurgency operations in the North-East of Nigeria, organized by United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).

The objective of the training was:

- To sensitize security personnel on the rules of engagement as a means of mainstreaming Human Rights in their activities.

Participants were drawn from the Nigerian Army, the Nigerian Navy, and the Nigeria Police Force, United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) as well as the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

The event was held at Pinnacle Hotel, Maiduguri, Borno State.

### **8<sup>th</sup> August, 2019-Stakeholders Meeting on Fast-tracking Administration of Criminal Justice System**

The Borno State office of the Commission participated in a Stakeholders Meeting on Fast-tracking Administration of Criminal Justice System in Borno State organized by Nigerian Policing Programme.

The Objective of the meeting was:

- To strategize ways of fast-tracking criminal justice system in the state.

Participants were drawn from the Judicial Actors, Humanitarian Societies, Security agencies such as Department of State Services (DSS), National Security Organization (NSO), Nigeria Police Force (NPF), Nigerian Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC), National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Nigerian Customs Services (NCS), Nigerian Immigration Services(NIS).

The meeting was held at British Council Office, Borno State.

### **15<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 - A workshop on Rights of People Living with Disabilities organized by Christofell Blinden Mission (CBM)**

The Borno State Office of the Commission participated in a sensitization programme on the rights of people living with Disabilities.

The Objective of the programme was to sensitize the public on the Rights of People living with disabilities.

The Participants were drawn from the Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities (JONAPWD), Ministry of Health, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Christofell Blinden Mission (CBM), some Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

The programme was held at Barwee Hotel, Maiduguri, Borno State.

### **11<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 - Training on International Humanitarian Law (IHL)**

The Borno State Office of the Commission participated in a training on International and Humanitarian Law organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Office, Maiduguri.

The Objective of the training was:

- To train the staff on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and ways of mainstreaming International Humanitarian Law (IHL) into their activities.

Participants were drawn from the Red Cross, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and staff of Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD).

The event took place at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Office, Maiduguri.

### **12<sup>th</sup> March, to 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019- Town Hall Meetings on Drug Abuse At the IDP Camps**

The Borno State Office of the Commission attended a series of meetings at the following IDP Camps: Farm Center IDP camp, Bakassi IDP camp, Dalori IDP camp, EYN, Christian Association of Nigeria IDP camp, Maiduguri.

The objectives of the meetings were:

- To advocate against Human Rights Violation and Drug Abuse
- To Promote Human Rights through advocacy against drugs abuse
- To create awareness on the dangers of drug abuse.

Participants were drawn from the National People's Party (NPP), National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), the State Ministry of Health, Ministry Of Youth and Sports Development, Ministry of Women Affairs, and members of the above mentioned IDP camps.

## **6.8 CROSS RIVER STATE**

### **29<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 – United Nations Initiative to Eliminate Violence against Women and Girls in Nigeria**

The Cross River State Office of the Commission participated in the above mentioned program organized by the United Nations.

The objective of this program was to deliberate on the elimination of violence against women and girls in the state, especially in rural areas.

The seminar held at Danic Hotel and Conference Centre, Ecorinim, Calabar.

## **6.9 DELTA STATE**

### **7<sup>th</sup> March, 2019-International Women’s Day.**

The Delta State Office of the Commission participated in a sensitization programme to commemorate the 2019 International Women’s Day with the theme “Balance for Better”.

The Objectives of the programme were:

- To celebrate the women in the Society
- To sensitize women on their Rights
- To create awareness of the presence of the Commission in the state.

Participants were drawn from the State Ministry of Women Affairs, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) other Ministries and Departments of the State, some Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) as well as few Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

Some of the issues discussed during the programme were:

- The rights of women
- The role of the society in forging gender parity
- Appropriate measure to be used in curtailing the abuse and violations of women in the society
- Ways to ensure gender balance.

The event was held at National Human Rights Commission Asaba, Delta State.

### **27<sup>th</sup> May, 2019- Children’s Day Celebration**

The Delta State Office of the Commission participated in a sensitization programme to commemorate the Children’s Day celebration, organized by Regina Daniels Foundation.

The Objective of the programme was:

- To sensitize children on their Rights and Responsibilities.

In attendance were Teachers and Management of all Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools of the State, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) as well as Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

The programme was held at the Government Field Agbor, Asaba, Delta State.

### **30<sup>th</sup> May, 2019- Human Rights Market Sensitization/Awareness Programme**

The Delta State Office of the Commission organized a sensitization programme aimed at creating awareness on Human Rights to the market organization and unions in Asaba.

The Objectives of the programme were:

- To enlighten the general public on their rights
- To create awareness on the existence of the Commission in the State.

Participants were drawn from the State's Market Organization and Unions as well as Members of the Public and National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

The programme was held at Ogbe- Ogbolo Modern Market Asaba, Delta State.

### **17<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 - International Day of the African Child**

The Delta State Office of the Commission attended a programme on the 2019 International Day of the African child. The programme was organized by Delta State Ministry of Women Affairs.

The Objective of the programme was to discuss the Rights of the Child and Humanitarian Action in Africa.

Participants were drawn from Delta State Ministry of Women Affairs, Ministry Of Youth and Sports Development, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), other Ministries and Departments (MDAs) of the State as well as Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and some Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

The programme was held at Unity Hall Government House Asaba, Delta state.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2019- Stakeholders' Forum on Sexual and Gender Based Violence**



The Delta State Office of the Commission attended a stakeholder's programme on Sexual and Gender Based Violence Awareness. The programme was organized by Delta State Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Referral Team and 05 Initiative Foundation.

The Objectives of the programme were:

- To create awareness on the dangers of Gender Based Violence
- To sensitize the stakeholders on the avenues of tackling Gender-Based Violence.

Participants were drawn from Ministry of Women Affairs, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) other Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of the State, some Civil Societies Organizations (CSOs) as well as Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) were in attendance.

The programme was held at Unity Hall, Government House Asaba.

### **SENSITIZATION VISIT TO SCHOOLS**

To promote the level of Human Rights awareness among school children, the Delta State Office of the Commission periodically carries out Human Rights enlightenment sessions in schools.

In the year under review, the Office visited many schools across the state. Some of the schools visited are highlighted below:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2019- Model Primary School Asaba, Delta State.
- 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2019-St. Augustine College Ibusa, Oshimili North Delta State.
- 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2019-St. Roses Girls Grammer School, Ogwashi-Uku.
- 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2019- West-End Mixed Secondary School Asaba.
- 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2019-Patricia Group of Schools Asaba.

Objectives of the sensitization visit were:

- To sensitize students and teachers on their Rights.
- To bring to their knowledge the Powers, functions and general mandate of the Commission.

Participants were the Teachers and Management of the above mentioned schools and some staff of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

### **6.10 EBONYI STATE**

### **16<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 – Workshop on Human Rights of Persons with Albinism**

The Ebonyi State Office of the Commission and Albino Foundation, Enugu organized a workshop to discuss on human rights as it concerns Persons with Albinism as being vulnerable humans that need special care and protection.

Objectives of the Workshop were:

- To sensitize participants on the Human Rights of Persons with Albinism
- To discuss challenges confronting persons with albinism and finding probable solutions to them.

The workshop was held at Albino Foundation Office, Enugu.

### **5<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 – Sensitization Outreach to Women of Abaoffia Eke Ngbo Agbaja Community**

The Ebonyi State Office of the Commission carried out a sensitization outreach to the women of the above mentioned Community which is in line with Commission's human rights promotion initiative aimed at advancing the level of human rights knowledge among citizens of the country.

Objectives of the sensitization visits were as follows:

- To get the women familiar with the Commission
- To sensitize the women on their fundamental rights

The event held at Abaoffia Eke Ngbo Agbaja Town Hall, Abakaliki.

## **6.11 EDO STATE**

### **18<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 – Sexual and Gender Based Violence Team and Referral Centers**

The Edo state Office of the Commission participated in a program organized by Edo State Ministry of Justice to propose a referral center for mapping out vulnerable groups which includes mainly women and children. Stella Obasanjo Hospital was chosen as a referral center.

In attendance were Edo State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Nigeria Bar Association, Non-Governmental Organizations, amongst others.

The objective of this program was to seek ways for the establishment of referral centers regarding Gender Based Violence.

The meeting was held at Conference Hall, Ministry of Justice, Benin City.

### **14<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 - Meeting with Edo State Agency for the Control of AIDS (EDOSACA) on Discrimination of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS**

The Edo State Office of the Commission participated in the above program organized by EDOSACA. Issues discussed bothered on how participants will collaborate with the organizing agency on how to spread the campaign against stigmatization of persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Objectives of the program were:

- To liaise with stakeholders on effective ways of reducing the discrimination of persons living with HIV/AIDS in the State
- To strategize and organize sensitization program on reduction of the spread of HIV/AIDS

The program was held at EDOSACA Office, Benin City.

### **12<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 – Stakeholders Meeting on Prevention of Stigmatization and Spread of HIV/AIDS**

The Edo State Office of the Commission participated in the above mentioned program organized by Sub-Recipients to Safety for Family Health (SFH).

Issues on the negative traits that promote stigmatization and how to prevent same and impact of HIV/AIDS on key population were discussed.

The objective of the meeting was to ensure that homosexuals, prostitutes, drug addicts have access to health care without discrimination or stigmatization, thus reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS.

The meeting was held at Durban Hotel, Benin City.

## **6.12 EKITI STATE OFFICE- ADO-EKITI**

### **14<sup>th</sup> April – 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2019- SCHOOL SENSITIZATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

The Ekiti State Office of the Commission carried out sensitization on human rights to some schools in the State. The schools sensitization was interactive and afforded teachers and students the opportunity to ask questions on various thematic areas on human rights. The following schools were visited:

- 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 – Anglican Grammar School Oloro, Adebayo Road, Ado-Ekiti
- 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2019 – Event Hall Tinuola International School, off Iworoko Road, Ado-Ekiti

- 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 – Federal Polytechnic, Satellite Campus, Ado-Ekiti
- 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 – All Souls’ Anglican Grammar School Basiri, Ado-Ekiti
- 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 – St. Louise Secondary School Ikere, Ado-Ekiti

The objectives of the sensitization visits were:

- To create awareness among students and teachers on the activities of the Commission as well as the Child Rights Law in the State
- To educate the children on their rights and responsibilities
- To enlighten the children on how to seek redress when their rights are being violated.

**18<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 – Human Rights Sensitization in Streets and Markets in Ekiti State**

The Ekiti State Office of the Commission carried out human rights sensitization to some streets and markets in the State.

The objectives of the programme were:

- To sensitize the general public on their fundamental human rights
- To create awareness on how to seek redress when their rights are being violated.

The programme was held at Oja Bisi, Ado-Ekiti

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 – Two Days Workshop on Equal Opportunity and Gender Based Violence Laws**

The Ekiti State Office of the Commission participated in a 2 Day Workshop on Equal Opportunity and Gender Based Violence organized by Balm in Gilead Foundation for Sustainable Development.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, CSOs, NGOs, National Orientation Agency (NOA) and the Media etc.

The objectives of the workshop were:

- To engage stakeholders in evaluating the enforcement of equal opportunity and gender based violence
- To seek collaborative mechanism in curbing gender based violence.

The programme was held at Delight Hotel, Ado-Ekiti.

### **18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 – International Federation of Female Lawyers (FIDA) Week**

The Ekiti State Office of the Commission participated in the activities to mark the International Federation of Female Lawyers (FIDA) Week.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Justice, Nigeria Bar Association (NBA), Nigeria Police Force, National Orientation Agency (NOA), CSOs, NGOs and the Media etc.

The objectives of the programme were:

- To strengthen partnership between FIDA and the Commission
- To seek collaboration with FIDA in addressing women related issues.

The programmes were held at Hilmart Hotel and Afe Babalola Law Court, Ado-Ekiti.

### **20<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 – Human Rights Sensitization in the Streets of Ekiti State.**

The Ekiti State Office of the Commission carried out human rights sensitization to the street in the State.

The objectives of the programme were:

- To sensitize the general public on their fundamental human rights
- To create awareness on how to seek redress when their rights are being violated

The sensitization was held towards Bank Road, Ado-Ekiti.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019 – Stakeholders Forum to Evaluate Ekiti State Gender Based Violence (GBV) Prohibition Law Amendment Bill 2019**

The Ekiti State Office of the Commission attended a Stakeholders Forum to Evaluate Gender Based Violence (GBV) Prohibition Law Amendment Bill 2019. The program was organized by Balm in Gilead Foundation for Sustainable Development and Accountability Fund (BIGIF).

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Justice, Nigeria Police Force, NGOs, CSOs, Faith Based Organizations, the Media etc.

The objective of the programme was to evaluate and assess the Ekiti State Gender Based Violence (GBV) Prohibition Amendment Bill 2019.

The Programme was held at Lady Jibowu Hall, Government House, Ado-Ekiti.

**24<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 – Working Committee Meeting on the Administration of Criminal Justice Law (ACJL)**

The Ekiti State Office of the Commission participated in a meeting on the Administration of Criminal Justice Law (ACJL) organized by Gender Review Initiative Promotion (GRIP).

Participants were drawn from Ministry of Justice, DPP, Office of the Attorney General Ekiti State, Nigeria Police Force, Nigerian Correctional Services and the Media etc.

The objectives of the meeting were:

- To strengthen the compliance of stakeholders with the Administration of Criminal Justice Law (ACJL)
- To identify points for review in the Administration of Criminal Justice Law (ACJL).

The programme was held at Afe-Babalola NBA Center, Ado-Ekiti

**5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 – A 3 Day Workshop on the Development of Advocacy Roadmap for Gender Programmes**

The Ekiti State Office of the Commission participated in a 3 Day Workshop on the Development of Advocacy Roadmap for Gender Programmes organized by Ministry of Justice.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Nigeria Police Force, Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), National Orientation Agency and the Media etc.

The meeting was to work out strategies for public orientation and implementation of the Ekiti State GBV Law (2019)

The programme was held at Event Hall Hillmat Hotel, Ado-Ekiti.

**10<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 – Road Walk and Public Lecture in Commemoration of 2019 International Human Rights Day**

The Ekiti State Office of the Commission organized a Road Walk and Public Lecture in Commemoration of the 2019 International Human Rights Day.

Participants were drawn from Youth for Human Rights International, GRIP Foundation, members of the National Youth Service Corp, Secondary School Students, the Media etc.

The objectives of the programme were:

- To enlighten youth on the theme of the 2019 International Human Rights Day: Stand up for Human Rights
- To educate the participants on the Functions and Mandates of the Commission.

The programme was held at Ayoade Event Center towards Wale Bello Avenue, Nova Road, Ado-Ekiti.

### **6.13 ENUGU STATE**

#### **SENSITIZATION VISIT TO SCHOOLS**

Human rights enlightenment in schools is one of the core activities carried out by the Commission from time to time. In the year under review, the Enugu State Office of the Commission embarked on school human rights sensitization activities in the following schools, on the dates indicated:

- 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 – Model Nursery/Primary School, Enugu
- 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 – China Town Primary School, Enugu
- 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 – New Haven Primary School I, Enugu
- 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019 – Uwani Secondary School, Enugu

Objectives of the sensitization visits were as follows:

- To create awareness about the existence of NHRC and its activities
- To sensitize the students about their fundamental human rights
- To inculcate civil behaviours into the students
- To give the students role of leadership through the establishment of Human Rights Club
- To encourage and promote advocacy among the students to open up/report incidences of abuse/violation around them to constituted authorities.

### **10<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 – 2-Day Summit on the Challenges and Way Forward of the Application of Administration of Criminal Justice Law of Enugu State (ACJL)**

The Enugu State of the Commission participated in the above mentioned summit organized by Enugu State Justice Reform Team.

Objectives of the summit were:

- To discuss challenges of the application of Criminal Justice Law of Enugu State
- To Identify those challenges and how to reform the law.

The summit held at Justice J.A. Umezulike Auditorium, Enugu State High Court, Enugu.

### **27<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 – International Conference on Human Rights, Sustainable Development Goals and Peace Building**

The Enugu State of the Commission participated in the above Conference organized by African Youth Human Rights and Citizenship Development Initiative in collaboration with Youth for Human Rights International.

Objectives of the conference were:

- To explore ways to sustain peace in our society and country
- To reduce violation of human rights
- To unleash and build the full potentials and capabilities of African Youths to build a great Africa through activism.

## **6.14 IMO STATE OFFICE – OWERRI**

### **30<sup>th</sup> January – 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 – Sensitization Visits to Schools**

The Imo State Office of the Commission carried out sensitization visits to some schools in the state which include the following:

- 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 – Assumpta Girls Secondary School, Owerri
- 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 – Imo State University Primary School, Owerri
- 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2019 – Apostolic Faith Secondary School, Owerri
- 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 – Kings Primary School and Development Primary School, Eziama, Ngor Okpala
- 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 – Kings High School and Okpala Secondary School, Ngor Okpala

The objectives of the sensitization visits were:



- To create awareness among students and their teachers about NHRC and the Child Rights Law
- To educate the children on their rights and responsibilities
- To enlighten the children on how to seek redress when their rights are being violated.

The Sensitization visits to schools were interactive and afforded teachers and students the opportunity to ask questions on various thematic areas of the Commission.

**4<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 – Thematic Focus and Critical Issues for CSOs Monitoring Engagement of 2019 Universal Periodic Review (UPR)**

The Imo State Office of the Commission participated in a programme on Thematic Focus and Critical Issues for CSOs Monitoring Engagement of 2019 Universal Periodic Review (UPR) organized by Alliance for Africa (AFA).

Participants at the programme include Ministry of Justice, Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, CSOs, NGOs and the Media etc.

The objectives of the programme were:

- To engage in advocacy and create awareness on fundamental human rights
- To give an overview of Nigeria’s engagement with UPR and implementation of 2019 recommendations.

The programme was held at Rock View Hotels Owerri, Imo State.

**9<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 – A Two Day Technical Stakeholders Workshop on Administration of Criminal Justice Bill.**

The Imo State Office of the Commission participated in a Two Day Technical Stakeholders Workshop on Administration of Criminal Justice Bill organized by Imo State Ministry of Justice.

Participants at the workshop include Ministry of Justice, Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), The Judiciary, CSOs, and the Media etc.

The objectives of the workshop were:

- To sensitize stakeholders on Administration of Criminal Justice Bill
- To review and identify the lacuna in Imo State Administration of Criminal Justice Bill.

The workshop was held at the Imo State High Court, Owerri.

### **26<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 – Children’s Day Celebration**

The Imo State Office of the Commission participated in a sensitization programme on the Rights and Responsibilities of the Child to mark the 2019 Children’s Day celebration as organized by the Charismatic Renewal Ministries. Participants at the programme include Ministry of Women Affairs, Ministry of Education, Faith Based Organizations, Nigeria Police Force, CSOs, NGOs and the Media etc.

The objectives of the programme were:

- To mark the 2019 Children’s Day Celebration
- To advance the promotion and protection of the rights of the child
- To educate children on how to report cases of child abuse to the Commission.

The programme was held at the Charismatic Renewal Ministries Orji, Owerri, Imo State.

### **28<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 – National Day of Mourning for Victims of Violence and Extra Judicial Killing in Nigeria**

The Imo State Office of the Commission participated in a programme on National Day of mourning for victims of violence and Extra Judicial Killings in Nigeria organized by Inter – Party Advisory Council (IPAC).

Participants at the programme include Ministry of Justice, Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) Faith Based Organizations, CSOs, NGOs and the Media etc.

The objectives of the programme were:

- To fight against extra-judicial killings
- To encourage stakeholders to report all forms of human rights violation to the Commission.
- To observe National Day of Mourning Victims of Extra Judicial Killings in Nigeria

The programme was held at Inter-Party Advisory Council Office Owerri, Imo State.

### **25<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 – Forum on Leadership Participation and Personal Development for Young Terminals (She-Governs)**

The Imo State Office of the Commission participated in a programme with the theme “She-Governs”. The Interactive Forum on Leadership Participation and Personal Development for Young Terminals was organized by Alliance for Africa.

Participants at the Forum include Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Political parties, Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and the Media etc.

The objectives of the forum were:

- To sensitize participants on personal development
- To educate women on their rights to vote and to be voted for
- To sensitize female aspirants on how to deal with political challenges
- To ensure implementation of the VAPP Act for successful campaign.

The programme was held at Rock View Hotel Owerri, Imo State.

**26<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 – International Day on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**

The Imo State Office of the Commission participated in a programme to mark the International Day for Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The program was organized by Youth Awake for Better Society (YABS).

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Health, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and the Media etc.

The objectives of the programme were:

- To sensitize the general public on the effect of drug abuse
- To interface with rehabilitated drug users
- To interact with NDLEA and stakeholders on the need to wage war against drug abuse
- To ensure drug peddlers are apprehended.

The programme was held at the Basketball Court, Dan Anyiam Stadium Owerri, Imo State.

**2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019 – Production of State Strategies for Reporting Mechanism on Strengthening Existing Institutions and Systems in Response to Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG).**

The Imo State Office of the Commission participated in a programme on Producing State Strategies for Reporting Mechanism to Strengthen Existing Institutions' Response to Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) organized by Alliance for Africa (AFA).

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and the Media etc.

The objectives of the programme were:

- To map out strategies such as sensitization, media publicity, complaint registry and Gender desk for VAWG in the Police Force
- To come up with an action plan for combating violence against women and girls.

The programme was held at the NHRC Office Owerri, Imo State.

#### **24<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 – Commemoration of 2019 FIDA Week**

The Imo State Office of the Commission participated in a programme to mark the 2019 FIDA Week. The theme of the program focused on “Curbing the Menace of GBV against Women and Children”.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Nigeria Bar Association (NBA), Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, CSOs, NGOs and the Media.

The objectives of the programme were:

- To curb the menace of GBV against women and children
- To recognize the NHRC as a major partner in the fight against the menace of GBV
- To map out strategies to combat GBV.

The programme was held at International Conference Centre Owerri, Imo State.

## **6.15 JIGAWA STATE OFFICE**

### **20<sup>th</sup> March, to 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2019-School Sensitization Programme**

In the year under review, the Jigawa State Office of the Commission carried out school sensitization programme in the schools listed below:

- 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2019- Dutse International Science College, Jigawa.
- 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2019- Al Ni'ima Academy Dutse, Jigawa.
- 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2019- Sarah International School, Dutse.
- 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2019-Mercy Model School Dutse.

The Objectives of the sensitization programme were:

- To enlighten the school children on how to seek redress when their rights are violated
- To educate the children on their rights and responsibilities
- To throw light on the Powers, functions and general mandate of the Commission.

Participants at the Programme were the Teachers and Managements of the above mentioned schools as well as staff of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

### **3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2019- One day dialogue on Anti-Corruption**

The Jigawa State of the Commission attended a one day dialogue on Anti-corruption aimed at proffering ways to ending corruption in the State.

The Objective of the programme was to fight against corruption in the society starting from grass root level.

The programme was organized by Dispute Resolution and Development Initiative.

Participants were drawn from the Nigerian Economic and financial Crime Commission (EFCC), Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC), the Nigeria Police force, (NPF), National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) other Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of the State, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and other stakeholders in the fight against corruption.

The programme was held at 3 Star Hotel, Dutse.

## **6.16 KADUNA STATE**

**15<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 – Dialogue on Strengthening Partnerships for Grass Root Response against Stigma, Discrimination, Sexual and Gender Based Violence**

The Kaduna State Office of the Commission participated in the above Dialogue which was a call to action for strengthening partnerships for grass root response to stigmatization, discrimination, sexual and gender based violence in communities.

The objective of the Dialogue was to create a forum where stakeholders will be encouraged to help reduce stigmatization, discrimination, sexual and gender based violence in communities to the barest minimum.

In attendance were Nigerian Prison Service, NSCDC, CAN, the media amongst others.

The activity was held at NAF Conference Center, Rabah Road, Kaduna.

**3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019 – State Level Consultation to Promote Social Cohesion in the Aftermath of the General Elections**

The Kaduna State Office of the Commission participated in the above program organized by Kaduna Peace Commission.

The objectives of the meeting were:

- To provide additional platform for stakeholders to strengthen mutual confidence amongst Institutions
- To identify threats and discuss ways to promote social cohesion in the aftermath of the election.

The event was held at Hotel Seventeen, Lafiya Road, U/Rimi, GRA, Kaduna.

**6.17 KANO STATE OFFICE**

**26<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 – Town Hall Meeting on Curbing the Menace of Sexual Abuse**

The Kano State Office of the Commission participated in a Town Hall Meeting on Curbing the Menace of Sexual Abuse organized by Nigerian Policing Project (NPP).

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Nigeria Police Force, National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency, FIDA, HISBA, ISOL, HRW and the Media.

The objectives of the Town Hall Meeting were:

- To campaign against sexual abuse and stigmatization of its victim
- To curb the menace of sexual abuse in the state.

The meeting was held at Meena Event Center, Kano.

**10<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 – Inception Meeting on Strengthening State Accountability and Community Action to Address Gender Based Violence**

The Kano State Office of the Commission participated in an Inception Meeting on Strengthening State Accountability and Community Action to Address Gender Based Violence organized by Nigerian Policing Project.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Nigeria Police Force, LAC, FIDA, NBA, CSOs, ROLAC, WRAPA and the Media.

The objectives of the meeting were:

- To enhance demand and support for the enactment of VAPP Bill
- To strengthen the Legal Frame Work for addressing SGBV in the state
- To review the Penal Code for consideration to the committee.

The meeting was held at Ni’ima Guest Place, Kano.

**4<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 – Meeting of Stakeholders on Curbing the Problem of Child Rape and Molestation**

The Kano State Office of the Commission in partnership with Legal Aid Council organized a Stakeholders meeting on Curbing the Problem of Child Rape and Molestation.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Nigeria Police Force, Legal Aid Council, Kano Emirate Council, Religious Leaders CSOs, NGOs and the Media.

The objectives of the meeting were:

- To sensitize stakeholders on ways of eliminating child sexual abuse
- To curb the problem of child rape and molestation in the state.

The meeting was held at Meena Event Center, Kano.

**23<sup>rd</sup> July – 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 – Town Hall Meeting on Policing, Human Rights, Effect of Drug Abuse and Gender Based Violence**

The Kano State Office of the Commission organized a Town Hall Meeting on Policing, Human Rights, Effect of Drug Abuse and Gender Based Violence in some selected Local Governments in the States. The meeting was supported by Nigerian Policing Project.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Ministry of Health, Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Nigerian Drugs Law Enforcement Agency, Village Heads, Community Leaders, Women, Youths and the Media.

The objectives of the meeting were:

- To create awareness to the general public on the effect of drug abuse, rape and other related offences
- To enlighten the participants on the mandate of the Commission and fundamental human rights as enshrined in the Constitution
- To educate the participants on gender based violence.

The selected Local Government Areas where the Town Hall meetings took place are listed below:

- 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2019 - Dala Local Government Area
- 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 - Fagge Local Government Area
- 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 - Gwale Local Government Area
- 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2019 - Sharada Local Government Area
- 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2019 - Sheka Kumbotso Local Government Area
- 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 - Bachirawa Local Government Area
- 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 – Tarauni Local Government Area
- 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 – Nassarawa Local Government Area

## **6.18 KATSINA STATE**

### **4<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 – Sensitization Program on Violence against Women and Children**

The Katsina State Office of the Commission participated in the above mentioned program organized by Global Green IT and Telcom Limited. Issues of women and children rights were discussed and participants were enlightened on the mandate of the Commission, focusing specially on issues relating to



women and children such as sexual abuse, domestic violence, forced marriage, denied access to children, child abuse amongst others.

The program held at EEC Aminu Mamman Dee Trauma Centre, Katsina State.

### **25<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 – Discussion Forum on Almajiri Child Rights Issue**

The Katsina State Office of the Commission organized a Discussion Forum on Almajiri Child Rights Issues.

The objective of this program was to end the systematic abuse of Almajiri through access to better health care, nutrition, shelter and education that prepares them for a life of dignity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Government and stakeholders were urged to work out modalities to achieve permanent and sustainable solutions to the plight of the Almajiri Children.

The program was held at Education Resource Center (ERC), Katsina State.

## **6.19 KWARA STATE**

### **5<sup>th</sup> February – 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 – Sensitization Visit to Schools**

Pursuant to Section 5(n) of the NHRC Act, 1995, as amended, the NHRC Kwara State Office carried out sensitization visits to schools. The children were sensitized on human rights especially the provision of the Child Rights Law.

The following are some of the schools visited:

- 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 – Government Junior Secondary School, Maraba, Ilorin
- 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 – Federal Staff School, Adewole, Ilorin
- 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 – United Secondary School, Ibrahim Taiwo Road, Ilorin
- 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 – Government Day Secondary School, Tanke, Ilori
- 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 – Government High School, Adeta, Ilorin
- 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019 – Government High School, Junior Section, Ilorin
- 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 – Government Girls Day Secondary School, Okesuna, Ilorin
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2019 – Faith Academy Secondary School, Olohunlade, Ilorin
- 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 – Future Leader Model College, Ojagboro, Ilorin
- 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 – College of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Ilorin
- 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 – Government Day Secondary School, Adewole, Ilorin
- 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 – Bishop Smith Memorial College, GRA, Ilorin

Objectives of the sensitization visits were as follows:

- To create awareness about the existence of NHRC and its activities
- To sensitize the students about their fundamental human rights
- To inculcate civil behaviours into the students
- To encourage and promote advocacy among the students to open up/report incidences of abuse/violation around them to constituted authorities.

### **25<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 – Awareness Creation to Reduce Election Violence**

The Kwara State Office of the Commission participated in a program organized by Centre for the Advocacy of Justice Rights tagged “Awareness Creation to Reduce Violence Before, During and After the 2019 General Election”.

The aims of the program are as follows:

- To promote social justice, fundamental human rights, rule of law and good governance in Nigeria
- To proffer solutions to electoral violence challenges in the state.

The program was held at Royalton Palace Hotel, Ilorin.

### **1<sup>st</sup> August, 2019 – One-Day Public Enlightenment and Citizen’s Mobilization Activities on Anti-Corruption**

The Kwara State Office of the Commission participated in the above program organized by National Orientation Agency.

The objective of the enlightenment program was to enlighten the public on activities on anti-corruption and also fight against corruption.

The program was held at E-Phoenix Hotels, opposite Federal High Court, GRA, Ilorin.

## **6.20 LAGOS STATE OFFICE**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2019 – Two Day Training on International Human Rights Principles and Standard Guiding Policing and Community Policing.**

The Lagos State Office of the Commission in collaboration with Nigerian Policing Project (NPP) organized a Two Day Training programme for one hundred senior officers of Lagos Neighborhood Safety Corp on International Human Rights Principles and Standards Guiding Policing and Community Policing.

The objectives of the training were:

- To educate Law Enforcement Agencies on improved International Human Rights Principles and Standards Guiding Policing and Community Policing
- To introduce and organize stakeholders' forum on Policing accountability
- To seek the support of stakeholders for continued partnership and engagement with the Lagos State Police Command.

The training was held at Protea Hotel Alausa, Lagos State.

### **10<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 – Validation Workshop on Access to Justice for Persons with Mental Disabilities**

The Lagos State Office of the Commission participated in a Validation Workshop on Access to Justice for Persons with Mental Disabilities in Adamawa State, Anambra State, Kano State, Lagos State and FCT organized by RoLAC in collaboration with British Council.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Health, Nigeria Police Force, CSOs NGOs and the Media.

The objectives of the workshop were:

- To ensure justice for persons with mental disabilities in prisons and other places of detention
- To discuss baseline assessment on access to justice for persons with mental disabilities in Adamawa, Anambra, Kano, Lagos and FCT.

The workshop was held in Amber Residence Ikeja GRA, Lagos.

### **10<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 – A One Day Public Hearing on Capacity Building and use of Freedom of Information (FOI) Act as a Tool for Promoting Transparency and Accountability in the Health Sector in Nigeria.**

The Lagos State Office of the Commission participated in a One Day Public Hearing on Capacity Building and use of FOI Act as a Tool for Promoting Transparency and Accountability in the Health Sector in Nigeria. The public hearing was organised by Social Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP).

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Information, Ministry of Health, Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, NGOs, CSOs and the Media etc.

The objectives of the programme were:

- To build the capacity of citizens on the use of FOI Act
- To promote transparency and accountability in the health sector in the state
- To create awareness to the public on FOI Act
- To use FOI Act to achieve transparency and accountability in the health sector

The programme was held at Ikeja GRA, Lagos.

### **13<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 – Town Hall Meeting on Human Rights**

The Lagos State Office of the Commission organized a Town Hall Meeting on Human Rights.

The participants were drawn from relevant stakeholders such as Ministry of Justice, Nigeria Correctional Service, representative in all the units in the Nigeria Police Force, NSCDC, CSOs, NGOs, and the Media.

The objectives of the town hall meeting were:

- To discuss issues of SARS, Terrorism, Cultism and Human Rights in the State
- To share responsibilities on community and police relations

The meeting was held at Man Center Wemabod Estate Ikeja, Lagos.

### **14<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 – Capacity Building Workshop on Gender and Police Accountability**

The Lagos State Office of the Commission participated in a Capacity Building Workshop on Gender and Police Accountability organized by Nigerian Policing Project (NPP).

Participants were drawn from relevant stakeholders such as Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Nigeria Police Force, NSCDC, CSOs, NGOs and the Media etc.

The objectives of the capacity building workshop were:

- To discuss Sexual and Gender Based Violence Law, policies and processes in the state

- To highlight the role of stakeholders in addressing Sexual and Gender Based Violence
- To promote Police accountability in Sexual and Gender Based Violence cases

The workshop was held at NECA House Agidingbi, Ikeja.

**3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019 – Seminar on Resurgence of the NGO Bill and other Threats to Nigeria Civil Space.**

The Lagos State Office of the Commission participated in a Seminar on Resurgence of the NGO Bill and other Threats to Nigeria Civil Space organized by Space for Change.

Participants were drawn from Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Environment, Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, and the Media etc.

The objectives of the programme were:

- To discuss issues on the resurgence of NGO Bill and other Threat to the Nigeria Civil Space
- To review the regulation, rules and guidelines for operating NGOs in Nigeria currently
- To come up with a plan and strategy on resurgence of NGO Bill
- To reflect on the last UPR report on human rights in Nigeria

The programme was held at Primal Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos.

**10<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 – Meeting with ACJ in Commemoration of the 17<sup>th</sup> World Day Against Death Penalty**

The Lagos State Office of the Commission participated in a meeting with ACJ in commemoration of the 17<sup>th</sup> World Day against Death Penalty organized by Legal Defence and Assisted Project (LEDAP).

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Justice, Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Nigerian Correctional Service, CSOs, NGOs and the Media etc.

The objectives of the meeting were:

- To create massive awareness on the abolition of death penalty in the state

- To further extend the campaign on the abolition of death penalty to the National Assembly.

The meeting was held at the Office of the Nigerian Correctional Service, Lagos.

**26<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 – Workshop for Policing Actors on VAPP, Anti Torture and ACJ Acts**

The Lagos State Office of the Commission participated in a workshop for Policing Actors on VAPP, Anti Torture and ACJ Acts organized by Nigerian Policing Project

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Justice, Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, CSOs, NGOs and the Media etc.

The objectives of the workshop were:

- To train Police Officers on VAPP, Anti Torture and ACJ Acts
- To educate policing actors on VAPP, Anti Torture and ACJ Acts

The workshop was held at the Office of Nigeria Policing Project, Lagos.

**10<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 – Sensitization Visit to Schools and Road Walk in Commemoration of the International Human Rights Day themed “Stand Up for Human Rights”.**

The Lagos State Office of the Commission carried out sensitization visits to some schools and awareness walk in commemoration of the International Human Rights Day with the theme Stand Up for Human Rights in the state.

Schools visited include the following:

- Avecenna School, Ikeja
- STTR Regency School, Ikeja
- Government Schools, Obalende.

The objectives of the sensitization visits were:

- To create awareness among students and their teachers about NHRC and the Child Rights Law
- To educate the children on their rights and responsibilities

- To enlighten the children on how to seek redress when their rights are being violated.

There was a road walk along Ikeja area to sensitize the general public on human rights.

## **6.21 NIGER STATE**

### **22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019 – School Sensitization**

Human rights enlightenment in schools is one of the core activities carried out by the Commission from time to time. In the year under review, the Niger State Office of the Commission visited Army Day Secondary School, Minna to enlighten students on human rights.

## **6.22 ONDO STATE OFFICE**

### **17<sup>th</sup> June, 2019-Town Hall Meeting on Rape**

The Ondo State Office of the Commission participated in a town hall meeting on Rape and other Harmful Practices in the State.

The meeting was organized by the Office of her Excellency, the wife of the Executive Governor of Ondo State.

The Objectives of the meeting were:

- To discuss how to curb the prevalence of rape and other harmful practice affecting the girl child in the society.
- To encourage victims to report incidences of rape.

Participants were drawn from International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), Ministry of Women Affairs, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and few Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

### **17<sup>th</sup> June, 2019- Stakeholder's Meeting on Violence Against Women**

The Ondo State Office of the Commission participated in a stakeholders meeting on violence against women in the State.

The overall Objective of the meeting was to Draft an Act on Prohibition of Violence Against Women.

The meeting was organized by the Justice for Peace Development Initiative (JPDI).

Participants were drawn from International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), Ministry of Women Affairs, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Justice Development and Peace Initiative JDPI, and some Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

### **6.23 OSUN STATE**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2019 – Human Rights Sensitization**

The Osun State Office of the Commission embarked on human rights sensitization at Christ Revival Praise and Power Ministry, a Faith Based Organization.

The objectives of the sensitization were:

- To enlighten the congregation on the right of individual and roles of the Commission
- To enlighten them on how to lodge complaint when their rights are violated
- To empower them to educate the populace on human rights.

### **6.24 OYO STATE**

#### **15<sup>th</sup> March, 2019- Sensitization Programme on Disability Rights**

The Oyo State office of the Commission attended a programme on Disability Rights. The programme was organized by the Initiative for Information, Art and Culture Development in Nigeria (IACD).

The Objectives of the programme were:

- To enlighten participants on disability Rights.
- To sensitize participants on the mandate of the Commission.

In participation were members of Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry Of Youth and Sports Development, IACD. National Human Rights Commission, other MDAs of the State, CSOs and some NGOs.

The programme was held at IACD American Corner, Ibadan.

#### **15<sup>th</sup> April, 2019-Stakeholder’s Conference on Post Elections Violence**

The Oyo State Office of the Commissions attended a stakeholder’s conference on Post-Election Violence Organized by the National Orientation Agency.



The Objectives of the meeting were:

- To sensitize members of the public against post-election violence.
- To promote unity in the society.

The participants during the meeting were The Nigeria Police Force, (NPF), Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, (NSCDC), the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Representatives from major political parties, local and Foreign Election observers, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) among others.

The meeting was held at the Conference Hall of NOA, Oyo State Headquarters

### **27<sup>th</sup> May, 2019- Commemoration of Children’s Day Celebration**

The Oyo State office of the Commission participated in a programme themed: “Drug Abuse Among Children” on Children’s Day. The programme was organized by the Ministry of Women Affairs.

The objectives of the programme were:

- To celebrate 2019 Children’s Day.
- To address the challenges of drug abuse among children.

Participants were drawn from the State Ministry of Youth and Sports Development, Ministry of Women Affairs, Staff, Teachers and Management of all Nursery, Primary and Secondary Schools of the State. Other MDAs of the State, CSOs and NGOs.

The events was held at Oyo State Secretariat, Ibadan.

### **17<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, International Day of the African Child 2019**

The Oyo State Office of the Commission attended a programme on International Day of the African Child. The programme was organized by the Oyo State Child Protection Network.

The Objectives of the programme were:

- To commemorate the International Day of the African Child 2019.

- To create awareness on averting social vices through Child Rights Quality Education.

Participants were drawn from the State Ministry of Health, Ministry Of Youth and Sports Development, Ministry of Women Affairs, NGOs and CSOs.

The event was held at Goshen Events Center, Ibadan, Oyo State.

### **28<sup>th</sup> June, 2019- Human Rights Education Sensitization Programme**

The Oyo State office of the Commission organized a Human Rights sensitization programme.

The Objectives of the programme were:

- To create awareness on Human Rights education.
- To sensitize Students on the mandate and functions of the Commission.

Participant were drawn from the Management Staff and Teachers of Ikolaba High School.

The programme was held at Ikolaba High School, Ikolaba Ibadan, Oyo State.

### **30<sup>th</sup> July, 2019- Annual Stakeholders Conference on Action Against Child Trafficking, Labour and Violence**

The Oyo State Office of the Commission attended a conference on Action Against Child Trafficking, Labour and Violence, organized by the Justice Development and Peace Commission (JDPC), Catholic Archdiocese of Ibadan.

The Objectives of the programme were:

- To Commemorate World Day Against Child Labour and Trafficking in persons.
- To discuss ways of eradicating Child labour and trafficking and facilitate joint actions on the way forward.

Participants were drawn from the NAPTIP, Ministry of Women Affairs, NSCDC, Ministry Of Youth and Sports Development, NOA, Ministry of Health, the Justice Development and Peace Commission (JDPC), Priests and Management of Catholic Archdiocese of Ibadan. NGOs and CSOs attended the programme .

The event was held at the J. Travers Place, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Bashorun, Ibadan, Oyo State.

### **8<sup>th</sup> August, 2019- One Day Training on the Human Rights Framework For Reporting Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)**

The Oyo State Office of the Commission participated in a one day training workshop on the Human Rights Framework for Reporting Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). The training was organized by the Human Rights Institute, National Human Rights Commission, Abuja.

The objectives of the training were:

- To support the civil society organizations and other relevant institutions in the fight against Female Genital Mutilation.
- To Underscore the Human Rights framework/indicators for reporting Female Genital Mutilation in Oyo State.

Participants were drawn from the Ministry of Health, Ministry Of Youth and Sports Development, Ministry of Women Affairs, NGOs and CSOs.

The events was held at Conference Hall, Ibadan Business School, Ibadan.

### **16<sup>th</sup> August, 2019- A One-Day Sensitization Programme on the Reproductive Health and Human Rights of Adolescent Girls**

The Oyo State office of the National Human Rights Commission attended a One Day Sensitization Programme on the Reproductive Health and Rights of Adolescent Girls, organized by One Life Initiative.

The Objectives of the programme were:

- To sensitize the public on the Reproductive Health and Rights of Adolescent Girls.
- To learn from stakeholders the major trend, beliefs and attitudes that affect the Reproductive Health of Adolescent Girls around their space.

Participants were drawn from the State Ministry of Health, Ministry Of Youth and Sports Development, Ministry of Women Affairs, NGOs and CSOs.

The programme was held at One Life Secretariat, New Bodija, Ibadan.

## **6.25 PLATEAU STATE**

## **HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS**

The Jos Office of the Commission carried out human rights education awareness activities in some schools in the State stated below:

- 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 – Amazing Grace Primary/Secondary School, Jos
- 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 – City Comprehensive Secondary School, Jos
- 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 – Government Secondary School, Tudun-Wada, Jos
- 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – Missionary Action Team Secondary School, Rayfield, Jos

### **22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2019 – Workshop on Justice and Security Dialogue**

The Jos Office of the Commission participated in the above workshop organized by West African Network for Peace (WANEP) for the adoption of the Justice and Security Dialogue Framework.

The workshop was an outcome of a National Level Justice and Security Workshop held in Abuja in 2018 where Justice and Security Dialogue was adopted as a framework for tackling the farmer-herder clash in Zamfara, Plateau, Adamawa, Benue, Nasarawa and Taraba States.

The meeting took place at Novel Suite, Rayfield, Jos.

### **10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 – Three-Day Workshop on Conflict Transformation and Human Rights Dialogue**

The Jos Office of the Commission participated in the above mentioned workshop organized by Search for Common Grounds (SFCG), Jos.

The workshop was organized to strengthen implementation of Rule of Law and accountability measures by the government of focus States and relevant Federal Government Institutions to respond to and prevent violence at state levels.

The workshop was held at Ryom LGA Secretariat, Jos.

## **6.26 RIVERS STATE OFFICE**

### **24<sup>th</sup> January-15<sup>th</sup> July, 2019- School Sensitization Visits**

To improve the level of human rights awareness in schools, the Rivers State office of the Commission, periodically carries out enlightenment programme on human rights during which schools visits the Commission.

In the year under review, the following schools benefitted from the Schools sensitization program:

- 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2019- Loreto Secondary School Igwuruta Port Harcourt, Rivers State.
- 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2019- Evangel Nursery and Primary School Igwuruta, Portharcourt, Rivers State.
- 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2019- State Primary School Igwuruta, Portharcourt, Rivers State.
- 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2019- State Primary School Atali, Portharcourt, Rivers State.
- 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2019- Wisdom Senior Secondary School Okwujiangu, Portharcourt, Rivers State.
- 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2019- State Primary School Rumukwurushi Port Harcourt, Rivers State.
- 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2019- I-Cast School Mgbeoba Rivers State.
- 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2019- Emilio Secondary School Port Harcourt, Rivers State.
- 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2019- Catoky International School Portharcourt, Rivers State.

The Objectives of the Sensitization visits were:

- To create awareness on Human Rights.
- To enlighten the students about the Commission and its Mandate.
- To educate the student on the Rights of the Child and the Responsibilities of the Child, Parents/ Guardians, Government/ Society.

Participants were the Teachers and Management staff of the above mentioned schools.

## **6.27 SOKOTO STATE OFFICE**

### **26<sup>th</sup> February, to 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2019- School Sensitization Visits**

To improve the level of Human Rights awareness among the school children, the Sokoto State Office of the Commission periodically carried out Human Rights enlightenment sessions in schools.

In the year under review, the office visited many schools across various parts of the State. Some of the schools visited are highlighted below:

- 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2019- Sultan Bello Secondary School, Sokoto.
- 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2019- Sultan Attahiru Secondary School, Sokoto.
- 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2019- Government Girls Secondary School, Sokoto.
- 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2019- Nana Girls Secondary School, Sokoto.
- 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2019- Gvernment Technical College, Farfaru.
- 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2019- Government Technical College Runjin Sambo.

The objectives of the sensitization visit were:

- To enlighten students on their Rights.
- To sensitize them on the importance of Girl Child Education.
- To educate children on their Rights to education and need for them to be good citizens.

### **7<sup>th</sup> March, 2019- Annual Meeting with Joint Association of Physically Challenged Persons**

The Sokoto State Office of the Commission participated in a meeting with Joint Association of Physically Challenged Persons.

The objective of the meeting was to develop and review strategies for promoting the Rights of Physically challenged Persons in Sokoto State.

Participants at the meeting were drawn from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Women Affairs.

The meeting was held at Bee-Bee Restaurant, Kano Road, Sokoto.

### **27<sup>th</sup> May, 2019- Celebration of 2019 Children's Day**

The Sokoto State office of the Commission participated in a programme to mark the Children's Day Celebration, organized by the United Nations Children Educational Fund (UNICEF).

The Objective of the programme was to ensure the right to education is protected.

Participants were drawn from the Ministry of Education, Ministry Of Youth and Sports Development, Ministry of Women Affairs, Management Staff and Teachers of all Nursery, Primary and Secondary Schools of the state, NGOs and CSOs.

The event was held at Sokoto State Youth Development Centre.

### **30<sup>th</sup> September, 2019- Stakeholders De-briefing Meeting on Conducting Baseline Survey on Gender Based Violence**

The Sokoto State office of the Commission attended a meeting to conduct Baseline Survey on Gender Based Violence, organized by United Nations Children Educational Fund (UNICEF), Spotlight Initiative Sokoto.

The objective of the meeting was to conduct a Baseline Survey on Gender Based Violence (GBV) as regards women and children in Sokoto State.

Participants were drawn from the State Ministry of Health, Ministry Of Youth and Sports Development, Ministry of Women Affairs, United Nations Children Educational Fund (UNICEF), Spotlight Initiative Sokoto, MDAs of the State, CSOs and NGOs.

The event was held at Dankani Guest Palace, Sokoto.

### **11<sup>th</sup> October, 2019-Celebration of the International Day of the Girl Child**

The Sokoto State office of the Commission attended a programme to mark the Celebration of the International Day of the Girl Child, organized by Save the Child Initiative.

The objective of the programme was to ensure that the Girl Child are involved in decision making especially as it relates to them.

Participants were drawn from the State Ministry of Health, Save the Child Initiative, Ministry Of Youth and Sports Development, Ministry of Women Affairs amongst others.

The event was held at Government Girls College, Sokoto.

## **6.28 TARABA STATE OFFICE**

### **28<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 – One Day Interactive Session for Child Protection Actors**

The Taraba State Office of the Commission participated in a one day interactive session for Child Protection Actors organized by Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development.

Participants were drawn from various stakeholders such as Ministry of Education, Ministry of Justice, Nigeria Police Force, National Orientation Agency (NOA), CSOs and the Media.

The objectives of the session were:

- To discuss the Convention on the Rights of the Child
- To discuss the strategies to adopt in protecting and preventing child abuse

The programme was held at National Union of Teachers Hall, Jalingo.

## **6.29 YOBE STATE OFFICE**

### **19<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> June, 2019-Awareness Walk on International World Refugee Day**

The Yobe State Office of the Commission organized an awareness walk, to mark the International World Refugee Day.

The objectives of the awareness walk were:

- To promote the theme Resolving Forced Displacement of Returnees and IDPs.
- To encourage returnees to keep hope alive.

The event was organized by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).

The events were held at Kasaisa, Yobe State House of Assembly and Government Girls Unity College, Damaturu, Yobe State.

### **24<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 - Workshop on Referral Pathway for Victims of Human Trafficking**

The Yobe State Office of the Commission participated in a workshop on the Validation of Referral Pathway for the Victims of Human Trafficking in the state.

The Objectives of the workshop were:

- To establish a referral forum where victims of Trafficking will be referred and supported.
- To create a safe space where victims of human rights violations will be kept.

The workshop was organized by Heartland Alliance International.

Participants were drawn from the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), Ministry of Women Affairs, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Nigeria Police Force (NPF), Ministry Of Youth and Sports Development, National Orientation Agency (NOA), Ministry of Health, Members of the State House of Assembly, IDPs of the state, Ministry of Education.

The event was held at Gaat Hotel, Damaturu, Yobe State.

## **6.30 ZAMFARA STATE OFFICE**



### **9<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 - One Day Stakeholders Forum on Prevention and Management of Mass Atrocities in Zamfara State**

The Zamfara State Office of the Commission participated in a one day stakeholder's forum on prevention and management of mass atrocities in the state. The forum was organized by the Centre for Community Excellence in partnership with Open Society Initiative for West Africa.

The objective of the forum was to harmonize the operations of state actors for better service delivery in addressing the issues of mass atrocities in Zamfara State.

Participants were drawn from the State Security Service (SSS), Department of State Service (DSS), National Security Organization (NSO), Nigeria Police Force (NPF), Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Nigeria Customs Services (NCS), Nigerian Immigration Services (NIS), Ministry Of Youth and Sports Development, Ministry of Women Affairs, National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), National Orientation Agency (NOA), Ministry of Health, other Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) in the state, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

The meeting was held at Green Scenery Hotel, Gusau, Zamfara State.

### **23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2019 - One Day Consultative Interactive Meeting of Crucial Stakeholders in Disaster Management in Zamfara State**

The Zamfara State Office of the Commission participated in a one day Consultative and Interactive meeting for stakeholders on disaster management in Zamfara State. The meeting was organized by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) Sokoto Operation Office.

The objective of the meeting was to mainstream the activities of all critical stakeholders in the management of disaster in the state.

Participants were drawn from the Red Cross, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), National Orientation Agency (NOA), Ministry of Health, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

The meeting was held at Ja'iz Hotel, Gusau.

**28<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 - Road walk To Commemorate the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the “National Day of Mourning and Remembrance of All Victims of Violent Killings” across the Nation**

The Zamfara State Office of the Commission participated in a road walk to commemorate the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the National Day of Mourning and Remembrance of all Victims of Violent Killings across the nation, organized by the Collation of Civil Societies in Zamfara State.

The objective of the exercise was to create awareness on the plight of the families of victims of violent killings across the country.

Participants were drawn from Collation of Civil Societies in Zamfara State, Ministries and Departments (MDAs) of the state and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) amongst others.

The exercise was held at Sani Abacha Way, Gusau, Zamfara State.

## **CHAPTER SEVEN**

### **HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION AND COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT**

#### **7.0 INTRODUCTION**

The National Human Rights Commission of Nigeria was established by the National Human Rights Commission Act 1995 (as amended) in line with Resolution 48/134 of the United Nations General Assembly which enjoins all Member States to establish Independent National Institutions for the promotion, protection, and enforcement of human rights. The Commission serves as an extra-judicial mechanism for the enhancement of the respect for and enjoyment of human rights in Nigeria.

In line with its establishment Act, the Commission is empowered to receive, monitor, and investigate complaints on all alleged cases of human rights violations in Nigeria, to provide remedies. In pursuance of the above, the Commission receives and treats complaints on rights violations/abuses from individuals, groups of persons, corporate organizations, etc to protect the rights of the victims.

A complaint may be lodged by the complainant in person or by a person acting on his or her behalf, request, or best interest at either the Head Office in Abuja, the Abuja Metropolitan Office, or any of the State Offices in thirty-six States of the Federation. The Commission also receives complaints electronically and manually. Reports on rights violations may also be brought before the Commission by a group of persons with a common interest. The Commission can proactively take complaints on its own (*suo moto*) without such complaints being necessarily reported by the victim/victims.

This chapter provides statistical illustrations on complaints received and addressed by the Commission in 2019.

#### **7.1 COMPLAINT MANAGEMENT**

The standard guideline for complaint management is as provided in the Standing Orders and Rules of Procedure (STORP) and Complaint Treatment Procedure Manual of the National Human Rights Commission of Nigeria. These rules are applied to all complaints on different forms and natures of human rights abuses and violations. The Commission has opened up so many channels

by which the Nigerian populace can access its free services through the following processes:

### **A Commencement of Cases and Complaints**

The procedures for commencement of complaints are provided in Rules 58 – 64 of the STORP and relevant sections of the Complaint Treatment Manual of the National Human Rights Commission of Nigeria. A complaint alleging violation or threat of violation of human rights may be lodged by the complainant in person or by another person acting on his or her behalf, request, or in the best interest of the complainant. Rule 58 (3) provides that “a complaint shall be in writing and may be made in the format contained in Form 1 of the schedule to these rules. It shall contain a detailed and comprehensive statement on the actions or violations complained of and the reliefs sought from the Commission”. The Commission can on its volition decide to take up complaints on any form of human rights violation (*suo moto*).

### **B Admissibility**

Rule 72 of STORP provides that a complaint lodged with the Commission alleging violations of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms shall be admissible unless:

- (a) Its object is not consistent with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights or any other applicable Human Rights Instruments under Section 5(a) of the NHRC Act;
- (b) It does not indicate any complainant, respondent or victim, except in cases in which the complainant has sought confidential disclosure of the victim;
- (c) It is vague or anonymous;
- (d) If the complaint or any of the supporting documents is written in a foreign language and the author does not provide a duly certified translation of the relevant contents in English;
- (e) It does not contain a factual description of the alleged violations, including the rights which are alleged to be violated;
- (f) It is not submitted by a person or a group of persons claiming to be the victim, their duly authorized representative or by any person or group of persons, including NGOs acting in good faith; or

- (g) It refers to a matter that is pending or under active consideration or has been decided by a Court or other national or international mechanism of dispute resolution for affording remedies to human rights violations.

### **C Preliminary Investigations and Report**

A preliminary investigation is undertaken by the Commission upon receipt of a complaint. After a new complaint has been registered, the Commission transmits the issues in the complaint to the named respondent(s) for their responses or observations within a maximum of fourteen days. If the Commission considers that the observations or response of the respondent require a reply from the Complainant, such response shall be transmitted to the Complainant, who shall have a maximum of five days to reply. The Investigating Officer shall forward for the attention of the Executive Secretary, an initial or progress report on the preliminary investigation not later than Forty-Five (45) days after the receipt or registration of communication by the Commission. If the Complaint is resolved at the level of preliminary investigations, the Commission shall adopt a decision and award remedies reflecting the agreements reached by the parties in the case. If the Complaint is not resolved at the level of preliminary investigations, the Executive Secretary shall direct further investigations as may be justified by the circumstances of the case. The Commission may also provide counseling services to the victim or complainant at any stage of the investigation as part of its remedies.

### **D Further Investigations**

The Commission may undertake further investigations on a complaint through: Issuance and Enforcement of appropriate summons for witness and personal appearance or production of documents, which shall be in the forms set out in Forms 2-4 of the Schedule to these rules; or site visit to the location or scene of an alleged violation to ascertain the veracity of the case.

### **E Evidence**

The Commission shall consider complaints in the light of all the information and evidence submitted by or received from all the parties to prove the allegations of violations in a credible manner in all admissible complaints. Such evidence may include documents, affidavits, photographs, electronic information, oral testimony, material evidence, expert evidence, or such other

items of evidence as may be warranted by the nature of the case or the allegations under consideration. The Commission may also take judicial notice of facts that are publicly or notoriously known or such facts as may be judicially noticed by a court of law under the Evidence Act.

#### **F Conciliation or Amicable Settlement**

The Commission may, upon the receipt of a complaint, and after a preliminary investigation refer the parties thereto to such mechanisms of an amicable settlement, including conciliation, mediation, or arbitration as it considers appropriate. At all times, the Commission shall place its mechanisms at the disposal of all parties to facilitate such amicable resolution. Where both parties to a complaint express a desire in writing to have their complaint resolved by way of conciliation or amicable settlement, the Commission shall, in consultation with the parties or their legal representatives, schedule an appropriate date for a conciliation meeting. Where the Commission determines of its motion that a complaint may be disposed of by conciliation or amicable settlement, it shall direct the Executive Secretary to advise the parties accordingly and schedule dates for a conciliation meeting for an amicable settlement.

#### **G Inquiries**

Where it appears that particular events have caused or are capable of causing gross, massive or systematic violations of human rights or crimes of a human rights nature; several complaints relate to or indicate a pattern of violations arising from the same situation or facts and affect a class of victims or a set of complaints raise matters of broad public interest or issues of significant public policy, etc; the Commission shall constitute a panel of inquiry into the matter. The Inquiry Panel shall strictly operate and set up following the Standing Orders and Rules of Procedure of NHRC.

#### **H Decision and Order on Complaints**

The Executive Secretary shall have final and exclusive competence to decide or determine all cases and complaints submitted to the Commission in the absence of the Council.

## 7.2 RECEIPT OF COMPLAINTS 2019

In the year under review, the Commission received a total number of One Million, Three Hundred and Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty-Nine (1,304,849) complaints. There was an increase of Two Hundred and Seven Thousand and Seventy-Two (207,072) complaints received in 2019 over that of 2018. In 2018, the Commission received a total number of One Million, Ninety-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Five (1,099,825) complaints while in 2019 a total number of One Million, Three Hundred and Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty-Nine (1,304,849) complaints was received by the Commission. The reason for the increased number of complaints could be attributed to several factors which include:

- ❖ More accessibility of the Commission's free services as a result of the establishment of NHRC Offices in the thirty-six States of the Federation.
- ❖ Special Investigation Panel on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in Nigeria constituted by the Commission.
- ❖ More visibility in the Commission's activities through media reportage (printed and electronics).
- ❖ Enlightenment activities through Human Rights Education
- ❖ Increased collaboration with other stakeholders.

Below is the summary of complaints received by states in 2019.

The table below shows the nature of complaints received from the Headquarters, AMO, and the State Offices of the Commission in 2019. The Headquarters had the highest number amounting to Four Hundred and Forty-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and One (447,601), followed by AMO with Two Hundred and Twenty Six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty-Two (226,842), Lagos is third with One Hundred and Fifty-Four Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty-Three (154,353), while others like Plateau came in with Eighty One Thousand, Two Hundred and Seventy-Six (81,276) and Rivers Seventy Four Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty (74,680) complaints. The least number of complaints received in 2019 was Yobe with One Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty-Eight (1,128).

**Table7. 1: Receipt of Complaints 2019**

NATURE OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED	ABIA	ADAMAWA	AKWA IBOM	AMO	ANAMBRA	BAUCHI	BAYELSA	BENUE	BORNO	CALABAR	DELTA	EBONYI	EDO	EKITI	ENUGU	FCT (HEADQUARTERS)	GOMBE	IMO	JIGAWA	KADUNA	KANO	KATSINA	KEBBI	KOGI	KWARA	LAGOS	NASSARAWA	NIGER	OGUN	ONDO	OSUN	OYO	PLATEAU	RIVERS	SOKOTO	TARABA	YOBE	ZAMFARA	TOTAL
Sexual Violence	167	32	47	344	155	13	17	35	21	89	67	67	12	46	237	466	23	187	12	14	121	10	7	8	2	222	12	9	17	52	13	65	39	267	8	2	13	4	2,922
Domestic Violence	2,346	432	3,221	25,620	1,234	233	2,335	3,445	66	444	3,232	1,439	9,231	246	6,666	49,235	235	2,236	3,331	2,344	1455	22	435	678	221	22951	531	679	48	788	45	590	588	596	987	288	586	56	172981
Reproductive Rights	59	12	17	1,411	26	1	9	21	3	23	241	9	22	5	211	1,411	3	18	33	34	45	27	12	45	23	342	43	17	9	9	4	13	11	337	12	22	22	0	4,412
Harmful Cultural Practices	402	17	1	342	591	3	998	54	5	743	256	16	76	21	69	3,074	12	453	55	98	12	9	12	14	6	16	34	8	2	21	24	23	76	67	11	14	0	0	9805
Gender Based Discriminations	120	135	932	455	222	334	133	213	452	877	899	100	456	452	452	796	456	120	45	212	87	56	65	80	45	1120	76	29	87	89	78	67	625	30	12	232	32	10422	
Abandonment (Women)	173	2	5	889	6	24	9	5	342	456	15	0	8	7	12	223	3	31	03	3	452	22	756	403	356	238	0	0	7	45	13	22	11	32	24	8	5	4939	
Women Trafficking	2	5	6	2	8	5	8	88	4	321	2	211	653	4	4	811	8	211	48	8	371	211	8	2	653	632	6	8	12	0	2	42	165	40	40	8	1	4756	



NATURE OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED	ABIA	ADAMAWA	AKWA IBOM	AMO	ANAMBRA	BAUCHI	BAYELSA	BENUE	BORNO	CALABAR	DELTA	EBONYI	EDO	EKITI	ENUGU	FCT (HEADQUARTERS)	GOMBE	IMO	JIGAWA	KADUNA	KANO	KATSINA	KEBBI	KOGI	KWARA	LAGOS	NASSARAWA	NIGER	OGUN	ONDO	OSUN	OYO	PLATEAU	RIVERS	SOKOTO	TARABA	YOBE	ZAMFARA	TOTAL
Forceful Marriage	3,266	1,740	1,001	677	92	555	278	2665	555	223	345	344	21	555	55	7,543	134	344	55	92	233	134	545	21	98	987	78	46	454	97	67	432	539	26	42	32	0	26,205	
Denial of Access to Children	267	2	42	424	56	125	111	4	622	332	239	235	231	622	222	6,200	557	35	206	10	32	7	87	53	34	322	54	95	632	4	7	455	521	65	23	9	4	12217	
Right to Education	5,679	4,799	656	795	1992	986	4,944	1,622	667	1,577	2,283	695	1,362	687	567	12,052	3287	691	5602	1,007	3,424	1,003	1362	1986	1,986	982	84	87	21	49	99	881	888	68	54	944	12	63,560	
Right to Survival and Development	273	160	109	2,007	108	1,034	1,834	1,935	457	761	485	939	92	563	257	8,180	73	382	76	74	121	11	12	3	588	9	13	6	21	34	34	102	075	23	45	12	42	22,387	
Child Labour (Commercial/Formal Sector)	15	0	2	569	1	25	3	4	14	0	5	4	0	2	26	760	4	6	11	16	6	4	3	4	11	5	12	2	23	9	0	45	81	3	2	1	0	1704	
Child Marriage	0	1	7	32	6	7	3	7	6	7	5	8	3	4	7	18	6	3	26	66	6	4	12	4	6	7	6	12	0	0	4	12	21	11	11	0	0	225	
Child Trafficking	12	6	9	1108	6	6	9	5	7	45	4	12	23	2	1	4,523	2	8	78	84	12	29	14	6	85	6	2	4	2	3	2	85	376	0	6	2	8	6449	
Sexual Abuse	140	196	1,932	7,377	106	1,222	882	2,341	199	1,512	456	877	1,334	1,200	337	11,875	451	1,446	1,002	2	177	795	809	456	5,654	58	65	6	453	14	66	875	554	99	45	67	44829		
Child Abandonment	6	9	158	1234	8	7	8	68	76	0	496	0	7	8	8	342	442	779	24	453	6	462	756	5	6	9	6	70	0	2	0	7	94	6	12	1	6096		

NATURE OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED	ABIA	ADAMAWA	AKWA IBOM	AMO	ANAMBRA	BAUCHI	BAYALSA	BENUE	BORNO	CALABAR	DELTA	EBONYI	EDO	EKITI	ENUGU	FCT (HEADQUARTER)	GOMBE	IMO	JIGAWA	KADUNA	KANO	KATSINA	KEBBI	KOGI	KWARA	LAGOS	NASSARAWA	NIGER	OGUN	ONDO	OSUN	OYO	PLATEAU	RIVERS	SOKOTO	TARABA	YOBE	ZAMFARA	TOTAL
Other Child Abuses	699	5	6	6,744	2	1,100	56	9	22	543	998	421	462	211	673	6,150	366	662	678	8	983	371	288	2	153	2,331	654	89	44	4	76	43	12	12	54	56	9	34	26,773
Child Custody	266	1,740	3,068	9,455	677	1,311	555	208	188	456	1	223	395	367	21	11,171	1,599	58	20	92	332	33	454	545	121	3,446	87	0	54	76	65	97	54	35	73	70	65	43,430	
Unlawful Arrest and Detention	567	429	663	1,988	7	55	392	122	1024	914	653	32	249	235	235	10,445	742	22	62	44	1,734	334	587	539	234	3,223	0	2	0	6	9	5	16	14	39	29	7	28,718	
Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment	69	99	67	3973	795	24	98	4	6	8	96	36	83	1	362	6,621	6	57	27	202	7	5	69	8	312	86	9	5	9	98	8	0	5	8	9	6	7	32	13,510
Torture	565	57	487	1932	97	326	93	46	76	54	91	26	92	95	47	7,230	21	64	47	72	397	74	59	47	106	823	37	65	54	345	67	47	37	28	33	43	9	2	15,458
Extra-Judicial Killing	412	2	11	1233	33	64	42	133	64	96	21	13	54	96	10	4,922	33	453	29	122	33	23	73	25	897	43	8	6	6	7	2	34	65	7	2	2	1	10,961	
Access to Justice	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	
Appeal For Prerogative Of Mercy	911	33	32	544	11	298	211	44	188	76	3	4	8	6	3	1,778	4	2	8	3	4	3	11	1	2	829	9	9	3	9	9	8	21	83	9	4	7	9	6,199
Enforced Disappearance	32	4	1	287	77	9	32	7	1	4	77	2	29	4	2	769	8	0	6	7	3	2	0	4	0	18	4	2	3	1	4	2	1	1	2	1	0	1	1429

NATURE OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED	ABIA	ADAMAWA	AKWA IBOM	AMO	ANAMBRA	BAUCHI	BAYELSA	BENUE	BORNO	CALABAR	DELTA	EBONYI	EDO	EKITI	ENUGU	FCT (HEADQUARTERS)	GOMBE	IMO	JIGAWA	KADUNA	KANO	KATSINA	KEBBI	KOGI	KWARA	LAGOS	NASSARAWA	NIGER	OGUN	ONDO	OSUN	OYO	PLATEAU	RIVERS	SOKOTO	TARABA	YOBE	ZAMFARA	TOTAL	
Participation In Political Affairs	2,181	655	188	320	321	244	877	320	32	8	7	320	74	8	0	2,258	320	311	3	199	320	7	321	421	311	1,001	8	5	0	12	76	8	7	9	7	0	1	1	2	11,162
Rights to Freedom of Religion, Thought And Conscience	9	75	8	892	14	19	6	2	1	4	0	2	79	5	6	1,611	1	0	9	10	2	0	14	12	0	822	4	12	2	4	6	8	176	167	8	6	6	1	4,003	
Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly/Association	45	76	55	2,003	84	82	42	93	0	9	54	3	82	9	7	3,910	78	320	290	45	3	254	84	70	0	1,249	987	7	98	3	8	1	299	849	104	91	0	67	12,910	
Threat to Life	77	65	83	998	76	77	88	98	21	77	70	98	77	77	58	1,239	98	122	100	98	98	476	76	92	122	498	67	7	23	41	7	9	1273	873	0	92	2	6	6229	
Right to Fair Hearing	882	764	11	1,542	32	544	1,234	42	33	83	49	42	544	83	33	4,063	42	52	619	199	42	49	82	42	52	1,311	63	5	9	34	9	6	1867	269	17	7	7	41	13,618	
Disobedience Of Court Order/Judgment	1	0	1	11	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	7	0	0	1	8	3	0	0	1	1	2	7	1	1	9	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	2	0	1	0	0	67	
Delay In Court Trial	788	245	199	211	21	299	542	211	3	77	77	213	299	77	55	831	213	213	69	231	213	7	21	3	213	321	32	1	1	0	8	27	98	34	9	4	2	9	6,010	
Land And Landed Properties	6	6	7	766	262	9	22	0	12	98	45	2	8	2	8	1,885	9	6	0	0	6	6	5	6	7	345	6	0	6	4	6	7	6	9	9	4	4	8	3715	

NATURE OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED	ABIA	ADAMAWA	AKWA IBOM	AMO	ANAMBRA	BAUCHI	BAYELSA	BENUE	BORNO	CALABAR	DELTA	EBONYI	EDO	EKITI	ENUGU	FCT (HEADQUARTERS)	GOMBE	IMO	JIGAWA	KADUNA	KANO	KATSINA	KEBBI	KOGI	KWARA	LAGOS	NASSARAWA	NIGER	OGUN	ONDO	OSUN	OYO	PLATEAU	RIVERS	SOKOTO	TARABA	YOBE	ZAMFARA	TOTAL		
Rights To Education	321	0	5	123 2	11	7	7	6	34	32 4	6	8	85 6	32 4	43 4	2,53 3	2	6	1	9	2	2	12	0	1	34 5	0	1	2	0	9	8	4 5	6	0	8	6	0	0	6582	
Right To Health	21	6	13 2	1,02 2	2	13	6	34	21	6	6	6	9	32	5	2,96 7	4	5	3 4	8	76	3	65	5 4	7	51	43	4	0	4	4	3	8	7 8	5 6	0	2	0	0	1	4834
Right To Food	6	45	3	2,39 5	4	65	12	74	87	6	78	43	69	31	90	4,58 9	3 4	12	8	7 1	43	0	6	4	1	16 75	0	1	4	32	6	2 1	2 3	4 9	8 3	4	8	0	7	10,67 0	
Right To Shelter	32	82	2	149	0	9	43	12	7	54	2	5	2	2	23	3,03 2	2	16	2	5 8	34	1	0	0	34 2	56 4	5	4	3	2	0	1	3 2	3 1	2	1	7	2	0	4853	
Right To Private And Family Life	188	89	23	1,12 2	65	34	12 2	85	98	66	88	2	55 5	42 1	88	3,60 8	6 7	17 7	8	5 6 6	44	6 0	43 2	6 5	45 3	4	9	3	5	4	9	3 4	2 9	0 8	8	2	3	2	1	1082 4	
Labour Rights	143	87	65 5	855	23 1	34	43 3	24 1	77	78	23	3	65	38	98	1,70 0	9 8 8	12	8 7	2 3	90	0	47 3	5 4 1	66	3	72 3	3	4	3	3	1	2 8	4 9	3 5	2	0	1	1	1	8,124
Wrongful Termination And Dismissal From Employment	32	6	23	902	12	5	6	34 2	32	12	2	2	21	3	32	2,25 3	0	7	0	4	8	2 1	2	5	6	11 7	2	0	0	2	1	0	2 3	1	7	7	6	9	3,913		
Non - Payment Of Benefits/Entitlements	532	122	34 5	2,33 3	45 5	2	19 9	45 5	0	45 5	22	32	99	34 4	42 1	3,04 2	0	83	9	2 7	83 3	0	22	2 1 5	22	1, 45 6	3	4	3	3	2	3 7 6	5 7 2	1 2	2	8	4	5	12,57 9		
Ethnic Discrimination	291	80	2	635	22	36	38 8	22	14	-	71	9	43	4	65	1,05 3	8	73	1 3	9 3	47	3	12	2	2	78	4	5	5	2	2	4 2	2 1	1	0	2	0	0	3150		

NATURE OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED	ABIA	ADAMAWA	AKWA IBOM	AMO	ANAMBRA	BAUCHI	BAYELSA	BENUE	BORNO	CALABAR	DELTA	EBONYI	EDO	EKITI	ENUGU	FCT (HEADQUARTERS)	GOMBE	IMO	JIGAWA	KADUNA	KANO	KATSINA	KEBBI	KOGI	KWARA	LAGOS	NASSARAWA	NIGER	OGUN	ONDO	OSUN	OYO	PLATEAU	RIVERS	SOKOTO	TARABA	YOBE	ZAMFARA	TOTAL
Religious Discrimination	0	33	77	2	9	22	0	210	14	151	32	22	87	166	0	2,301	12	89	126	66	932	6	0	0	211	23	0	215	3	4	49	43	84	46	206	46	632	5456	
Discrimination (Others)	321	345	3	4,333	32	2	21	21	8	432	43	0	213	0	435	1,052	0	41	73	33	21	53	33	74	3	8	83	3	3	0	23	47	66	33	33	0	0	0	7,555
Disability	2	0	1	1,453	0	0	32	0	0	12	3	6	12	12	211	6,878	21	8	32	22	21	62	23	145	1,365	34	63	23	0	28	98	38	66	22	22	12	13	11,136	
Environmental Rights	652	11	220	3,555	450	28	4,222	45	21	5	299	321	1,899	0	0	3,220	6	453	0	11	12	1	99	0	324	0	82	0	4	4	270	0	25	76	22	738	19,316		
Ethnic/Religious/Communal Crises	271	271	122	6,299	1,001	0	233	421	17	543	166	1	22	20	8	4,938	53	211	164	0	122	21	47	32	45	12	90	0	0	5	89	69	0	0	23	32	3	15,794	
International Matters	0	0	15	322	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	1	1	20	27	81	0	0	22	0	0	0	60	0	24	7	7	0	9	0	2	32	43	32	22	2	1	734	
Others	289	269	194	277	184	187	187	0	5	100	44	201	13	11	2	30,286	65	2,330	44	119	200	119	329	14	2,356	235	10	56	467	256	276	877	318	335	332	32	32	53,991	
Complaint Related Calls	211	211	143	123,769	40	344	344	20	4,553	166	324	4,332	2,334	966	3,442	201,666	433	420	68	10	312	420	220	53	94,452	231	34	43	554	644	133	431	345	888	897	47	69	527,231	
Grand Total	23,749	13,460	14,997	226,842	9,644	98,227	22,127	15,841	10,156	10,817	12,503	11,394	22,366	8,094	16,033	44,760	14,934	13,235	2,462	1,183	11,633	5,536	10,040	6,351	15,435	6,148	2,087	3,740	4,067	2,422	8,276	7,680	1,748	2,238	1,128	2,955	1,304,849		

**Figure 1: Receipt of Complaints, 2019**

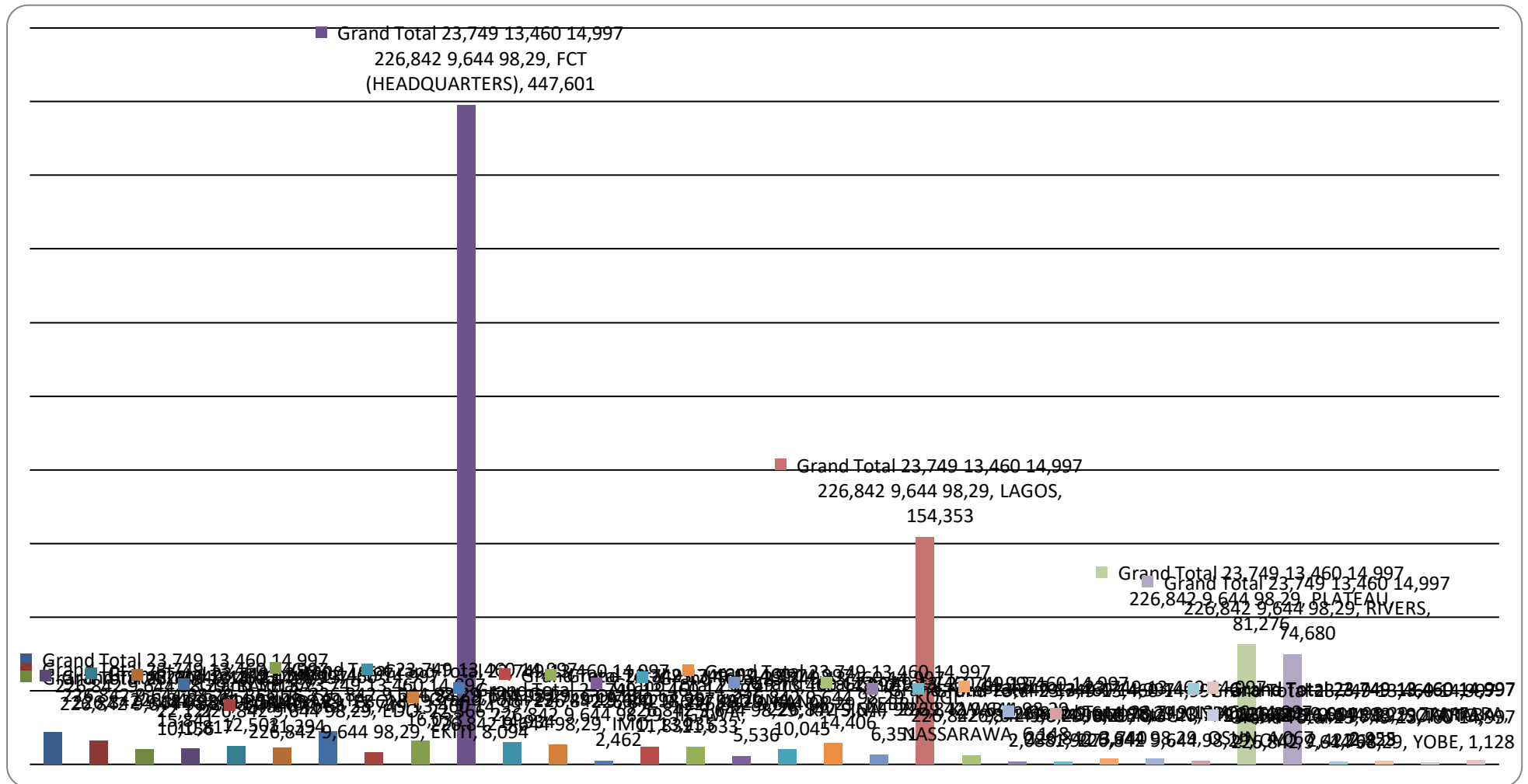


Figure 1 above indicates that the majority of complaints received by the Commission in 2019 were at the Headquarters in Abuja, followed by the Abuja Metropolitan Office (AMO), Lagos, Plateau, Rivers, and Enugu States respectively. While Yobe, Sokoto, Taraba, Oyo, and Zamfara States respectively, recorded least receipt of complaints in the year under review.

### **7.3 SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS, 2019**

The complaints received by the Commission in 2019 were admitted based on their admissibility status. The type of rights violations and rate of occurrences within the year under review were also captured. The availability of accurate data and information on the frequency of occurrence of each type of violation reported, is highly imperative for guiding the Commission to providing measures to avert future violations.

In the year 2019, Domestic Violence, Right to Survival and Development, Child Abandonment, Unlawful Arrest, Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment, Child Custody, Denial of Access to Children and Threat to Life recorded high frequencies of occurrence of violations. While low frequencies of occurrence of a violation of rights were recorded in the areas of access to justice, disobedience of court order/judgment, child marriage, international matters, child labour (commercial/formal sector), and sexual violence.

Generally, there was a steady increase in various classes of complaints in 2019 compared to the preceding year, 2018. This is evident in the number of complaints received in the area of domestic violence which recorded One Hundred and Seventy-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty-One (172,981) complaints in 2019, against Forty-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty-Seven (42,747) received in 2018. The increase in the number of complaints on domestic violence may be attributed to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) panel constituted by the Commission to look into the various cases on SGBV in the country and make appropriate recommendations to the Federal Government as well as come up with a Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Policy in Nigeria in the year under review.

It is pertinent to note that, the data used for this report were based on complaints of human rights abuses/violations in the country received by the Commission as well as those the Commission proactively took up on its own (suo-moto).

The details of various nature of complaints received, admitted, concluded and ongoing ones in the year under review is as shown in table 7.2 below.



**Table 7.2: Monthly Summary of Complaints, 2019**

THEMATIC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	ADMIS
Sexual Violence	33		12	1	57	2	321	1	14	65	144	2,272	2,922	
Domestic Violence	12,129	5,343	3,066	4,177	6,377	24,655	7,444	7,945	15,398	6,569	23,496	56,382	172,981	
Reproductive Rights	3	16	0	6	2	11	1	3	0	43	5	4,322	4,412	
Harmful Cultural Practices	67	7854	45	456	6	58	65	457	453	234	67	43	9,805	
Gender Based Discriminations	675	453	889	5678	566	43	677	675	43	11	34	678	10,001	
Inheritance	0	0	11	40	0	0	9	299	1	40	1	20	421	
Abandonment (Women)	3456	16	12	33	33	677	45	24	27	33	40	543	4939	
Women Trafficking	44	4532		5	66		65	39		1	4		4756	
Forceful Marriage	3,455	555	2,623	664	567	607	9,886	4,045	1,800	458	1,034	511	26,205	
Denial of Access to Children	-	653	-	6,554	654	44	3,422	55		776	4	55	12,217	
Right to survival and development	2,882	2,032	3,222	12	3,345	1,566	3,348	2,034	455	4,446	5,771	34,447	63,560	
Right to Education	1,765	7,045	899	1,006	65	10,032	54	88	1,004	54	9	366	22,387	
Child Labour (Commercial/Formal Sector)	1	16	11	21	80	45	50	387	43	987	40	23	1704	
Child Marriage	2	4	44	1	1	98	54	1	3	3	4	10	225	
Child Trafficking	678	16	45	421	16	45	76	43	2,027	33	2,040	1,009	6,449	
Sexual Abuse	9,444	2,498	5,004	45	544	3,032	4,333	5,448	4,774	342	34	9,331	44,829	
Child Abandonment	432	5005	33	64	1		1	43		32	32	453	6,096	
THEMATIC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	ADMIS
Other Child Abuses	2,356	4,453	5,621	342	453	445	6,532	5,023	322	654	549	23	26,773	
Child Custody	8,774	5,447	7,056	5,875	3,897	2,056	5,644	2,054	2,043	63	489	32	43,430	
Unlawful Arrest and Detention	6,544	2,032	5,664	2,177	2,043	56	324	766	4,502	23	42	4,545	28,718	
Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment	-	-	-	455	766		655	349		6,554	409	4,322	13,510	
Torture	43	65	54	66	433	233	8,774	237	4,399	399	322	433	15,458	
Extra-Judicial Killing	285	655	9,784		1		76	7		77	76		10,961	
Access to Justice	3				3								6	
Appeal for Prerogative of Mercy	699	44	546	564	0	21	32	932	34	987	5	2,335	6,199	
Enforced Disappearance	453	34	32	1	7	32	8	23	3	65	5	766	1,429	

Participation in Political Affairs	1,456	65	8	2,345	87	988	788	977	345	4,032	65	6	11,162	
Rights to Freedom of Religion, Thought and Conscience	8	87	675	1,200	8	43	87	390	13	54	765	673	4,003	
Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly/Association	8,655	677	433	799	132	899	76	988	87	54	67	43	12,910	
Threat to Life	56	4	876	675	432	127	211	9	0	490	785	2,564	6,229	
Right to fair Hearing	564	776	455	21	266	45	4,399	275	45	3,887	2,883	2	13,618	
Disobedience of Court Order/Judgment	4	0	42	1	0	0	1	1	5	3	8	2	67	
Delay in Court Trial	312	764	64	54	599	576	3,456	23	65	4	34	59	6,010	
THEMATIC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	ADMIS
Land and Landed Properties	1,227	564	87	67	766	32	786	54	31	55	3	43	3,715	
Rights to Education	311	76	655	70	877	454	89	90	0	67	4	3,889	6,582	
Right to Health	96	776	89	58	78	23	988	786	876	87	655	322	4,834	
Right to Food	0	34	76	5,472	4,397	34	12	2	67	55	432	89	10,670	
Right to Shelter	67	245	23	33	567	654	766	34	457	342	899	766	4,853	
Right to Private and Family Life	498	6	65	12	4,000	9	5,434	67	76	45	65	547	10,824	
Labour Rights	76	4,332	1,229	75	544	27	65	6	967	691	75	37	8,124	
Wrongful Termination and dismissal from employment	57	786	346	8	76	68	655	1	654	65	654	543	3,913	
Non - Payment of Benefits/Entitlements	5,423	3,444	3,442	21	16	45	45	24	27	33	40	19	12,579	
Ethnic Discrimination	34	7	0	65	896	5	87	98	370	560	349	679	3,150	
Religious Discrimination	986	490	777	657	876	9	87	9	876	5	9	675	5,456	
Discrimination (Others)	2,842	923	569	654	32	988	766	24	654	44	40	19	7,555	
Disability	78	7,660	786	7	1	72	11	1	874	663	4	988	11,145	
Environmental Rights	544	6,554	544	655	988	8,456	665	344	43	33	456	34	19,316	
Ethnic/Religious/Communal Crises	5	8,970	709	907	564	544	6s55	897	321	908	322	987	15,789	
International Matters	14	564	7	8	3	3	2	3	5	1	103	21	734	
Others	458	4,590	3,779	6,559	4,988	5,889	5,789	6,790	6,775	33	785	7,554	53,989	
Complaint Related Calls	4,332	32,188	110,965	653	564	7	144	87,756	200,000	8,754	7,6434	5,432	527,229	



**Table 7.3: Admissibility of Complaints 2019**

<b>THEMATIC</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>ADMISSIBLE</b>	<b>INADMISSIBLE</b>
Sexual Violence	2,922	2,901	21
Domestic Violence	17,2981	17,2981	0
Reproductive Rights	4,412	4,402	10
Harmful Cultural Practices	9,805	9,743	62
Gender Based Discriminations	10,001	10,001	0
Inheritance	421	421	0
Abandonment (Women)	4939	4,939	0
Women Trafficking	4,756	4756	0
Forceful Marriage	26,205	26,205	0
Denial Of Access to Children	12,217	12,152	65
Right to Education	63,560	63,554	6
Right to Survival and Development	22,387	22,387	0
Child Labour (Commercial/Formal Sector)	1,704	1,704	0
Child Marriage	225	225	0
Child Trafficking	6,449	6,449	0
Sexual Abuse	44,829	44,829	0
Child Abandonment	6,096	6,002	94
Other Child Abuses	26,773	26,773	0
Child Custody	43,430	43,430	0
Unlawful Arrest and Detention	28,718	28,718	0
Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment	13,510	13,510	0
Torture	15,458	15,458	0
Extra-Judicial Killing	10,961	10,957	4
Access to Justice	6	6	0
Appeal for Prerogative of Mercy	6,199	6,199	0
Enforced Disappearance	1,429	1,429	0
Participation in Political Affairs	11,162	11,154	8
Rights To Freedom Of Religion, Thought, And Conscience	4,003	4,003	0
Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly/Association	12,910	12,902	8

Threat to Life	6,229	6,229	0
Right to Fair Hearing	13,618	13,616	2
Disobedience of Court Order/Judgment	67	67	0
Delay in Court Trial	6,010	5,899	111
Land and Landed Properties	3,715	3,703	12
Rights to Education	6,582	6,579	3
Right to Health	4,834	4,832	2
Right to Food	10,670	10,670	0
Right to Shelter	4,853	4,853	0
Right to Private And Family Life	10,824	10,813	11
Labour Rights	8,124	8,124	0
Wrongful Termination and Dismissal From Employment	3,913	3,913	0
Non - Payment of Benefits/Entitlements	12,579	12,571	8
Ethnic Discrimination	3,150	3,150	0
Religious Discrimination	5,456	5,454	2
Discrimination (Others)	7,555	7,547	8
Disability	11,145	11,143	2
Environmental Rights	19,316	19,314	2
Ethnic/ Religious/Communal Crises	15,789	15,789	0
International Matters	734	732	2
Others	53,989	53,962	27
Complaint Related Calls	527,229	526,786	443
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,304,849</b>	<b>1,303,936</b> (99.93%)	<b>913</b> (0.07%)

The percentage of admissible complaints in the year under review is 99.93% while the inadmissible complaint is 0.07%. This shows that the majority of the citizens are aware of the mandate of the Commission and the nature of complaints it admits.

**Figure 2: Admissibility of complaints, 2019**

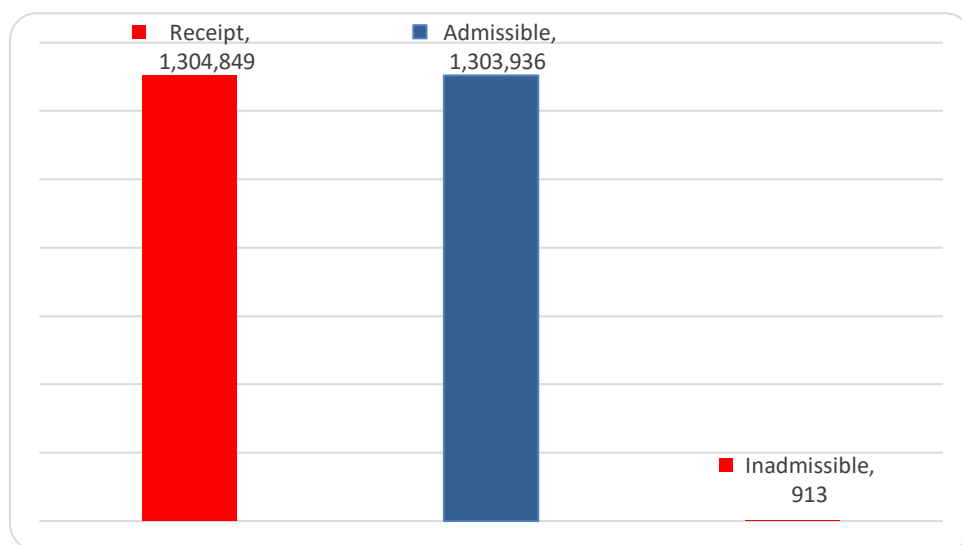


Figure 2 further illustrates the level of receipt and admissibility of complaints in 2019. The first bar represents the total number of complaints received in 2019 while the second and third bars represent admissible and inadmissible complaints respectively.

### 7.5 COMPLAINTS STATUS 2019

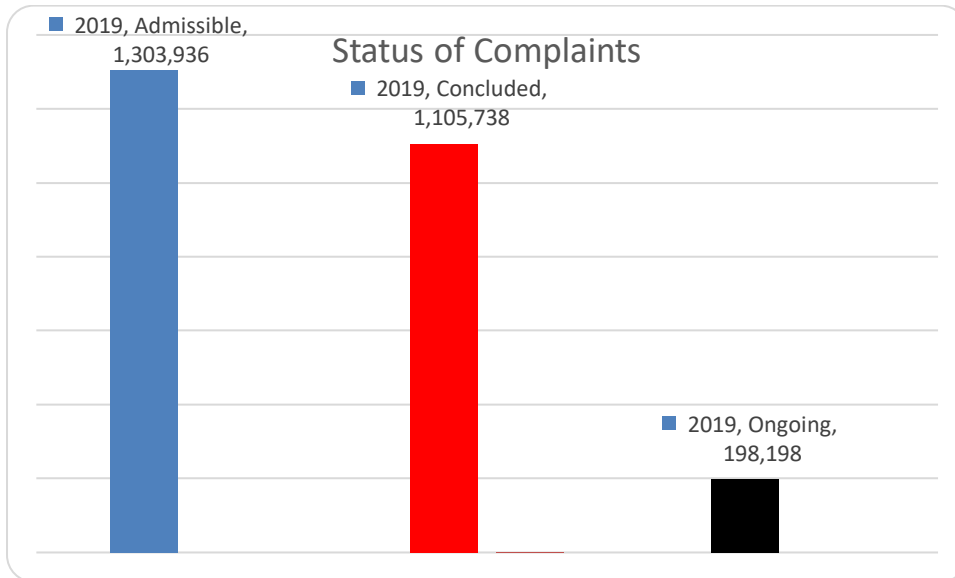
In the year under review, out of One Million, Three Hundred and Three Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty-Six (1,303,936) admissible complaints admitted by the Commission, One Million, One Hundred and Five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Eight (1,105,738) were investigated and concluded within 2019 in the Commission’s quest for Protection of Human Rights of the People in Nigeria. One Hundred and Ninety-Eight Thousand, One Hundred and Ninety-Eight (198,198) complaints were ongoing at different stages of investigation in the year under review. Details of the status of complaints in 2019 are as summarized in the table below.

**Table 7.4: STATUS OF COMPLAINTS**

Year	Admissible	Concluded	Ongoing
2019	1,303,936	1,105,738	198,198
%		84.80%	15.20%

The percentage of concluded and ongoing complaints is 84.80% and 15.20% respectively.

**Figure 3: STATUS OF COMPLAINTS**



## 7.6 SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS 1996 – 2019

The Commission is committed to institutionalizing the observance, promotion, and protection of human rights in Nigeria. It is against this backdrop that the Commission has received and treated complaints since it started operations in 1996. That year, the Commission received only Forty-One (41) complaints. Although there were fluctuations in the receipt of complaints by the Commission in the earlier years of its operations, there had been an average steady rise in the number of complaints received, admitted and treated in the Commission since 2010.

The Commission had received cumulatively, a total number of Five Million, One Hundred and Thirty-Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Ninety-Five (5,133,395) complaints from 1996 to 2019.

It is important to know the number of complaints received yearly by the Commission, to enable it to determine the direction of complaints in the Commission.

The summary of complaints received, admitted and treated by the Commission from 1996 to 2019 is as shown in the table below.

**Table 7.5: Summary of Complaints 1996-2019**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Received</b>	<b>Admissible</b>	<b>Inadmissible</b>	<b>Concluded</b>	<b>Pending</b>
1996	41	29	12	28	1
1997	114	85	29	73	12
1998	221	133	88	89	44
1999	343	135	208	100	35
2000	559	286	273	95	191
2001	557	377	180	143	234
2002	421	356	65	114	242
2003	432	388	44	122	266
2004	287	271	16	92	179
2005	551	476	75	319	157
2006	514	416	98	258	158
2007	574	235	31	151	84
2008	1,300	1,423	185	1,133	290
2009	1,061	1,040	21	750	290
2010	6,967	6,700	267	4,000	2,700
2011	19,210	18,060	1,150	15,403	2,657
2012	22,542	21,373	3,187	18,188	3,185
2013	26,067	24,198	1,869	19,806	4,392
2014	31,847	28,974	2,873	24,339	4,635
2015	433,865	430,962	2,903	414,384	16,578
2016	1,099,919	1,000,430	99,489	489,219	511,211
2017	1,081,329	1,081,126	203	576,742	504,384
2018	1,099,825	1,097,777	2,048	647,688	450,089
2019	1,304,849	1,303,936	913	1,105,738	198,198
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,133,395</b>	<b>5,019,186</b>	<b>116,227</b>	<b>3,318,974</b>	<b>1,700,212</b>



## 7.7 TREND OF COMPLAINTS 1996 TO 2019

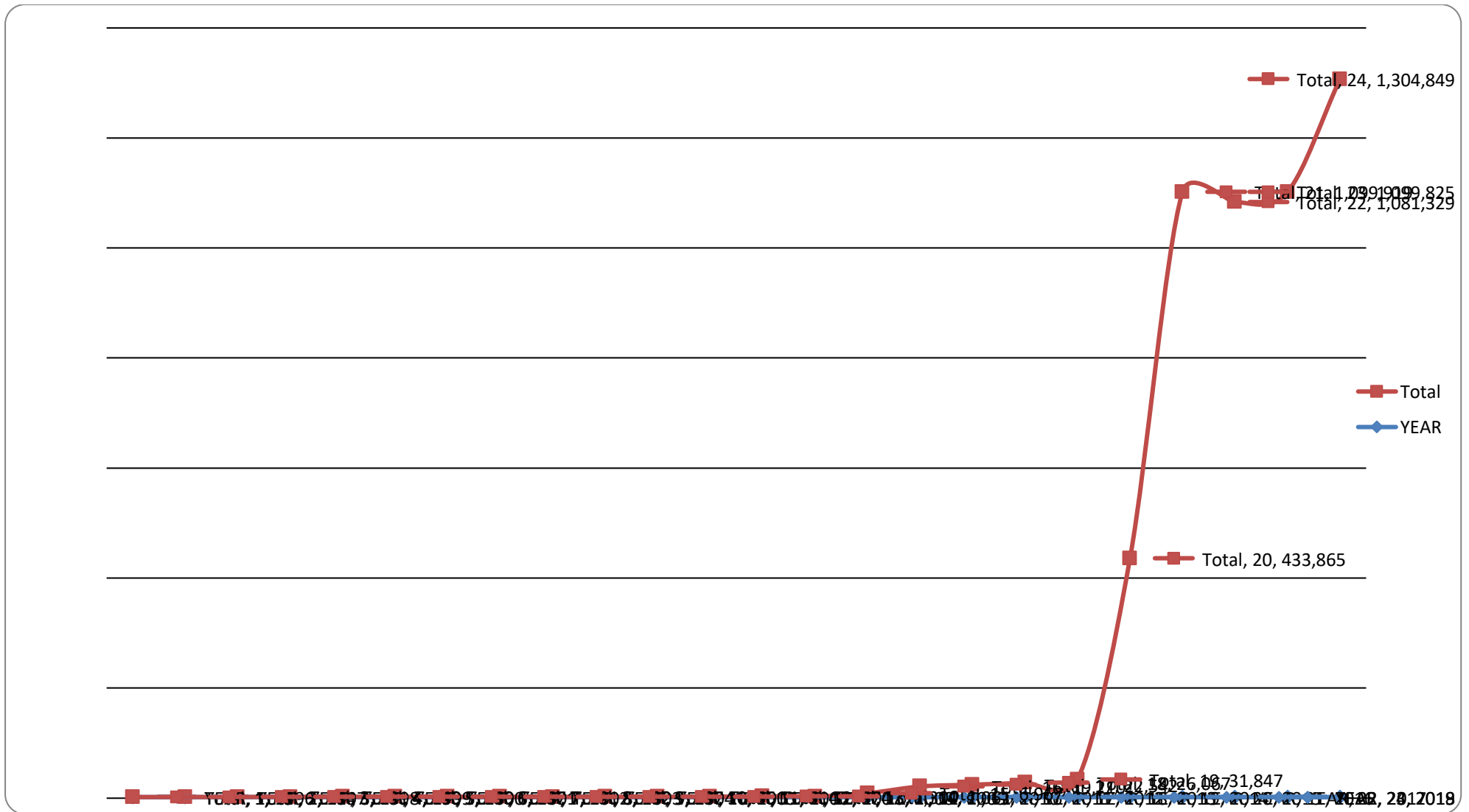
The number of complaints received in the Commission over the years varied from year to year. There have been upward and downward trends in receipt of complaints by the Commission since its inception. In 1996 when the Commission started operation, it received a total number of Forty One (41) complaints. Between 1996 and the year 2000 there was an upward trend in the number of complaints received by the Commission. In 2001 there was a drop in the number of complaints received by the Commission. Between, 2010 to 2016 there was an upward trend in the number of complaints received by the Commission. However, there was a little drop in 2017. In 2018 and 2019 the Commission had an upward direction in the receipt of complaints. The upward trend could be attribution to increased accessibility of the Commission's free services by the Nigerian Populace as well as more visibility through media advocacy in 2019. The details of complaints received over the years have been expressed in percentage for comparative analysis. The trend of complaints from 1996 to 2019 is also illustrated in table 7.6.

**Table 7.6: Trend of Complaints, 1996 to 2019**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Received</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Complaints Received From 1996 – 2019</b>
1996	41	0.0008
1997	114	0.0022
1998	221	0.0043
1999	343	0.0067
2000	559	0.0109
2001	557	0.0109
2002	421	0.0082
2003	432	0.0084
2004	287	0.0056
2005	551	0.0107
2006	514	0.01
2007	574	0.0112
2008	1,300	0.0253

2009	1,061	0.0207
2010	6,967	0.1357
2011	19,210	0.3742
2012	22,542	0.4391
2013	26,067	0.5078
2014	31,847	0.6204
2015	433,865	8.4518
2016	1,099,919	21.4267
2017	1,081,329	21.0646
2018	1,099,825	21.4249
2019	1,304,849	25.4188
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,133,395</b>	<b>100</b>

Figure 4: Trend of Complaints



## 7.8 DISAGREGATION OF RECEIPT OF COMPLAINTS FROM 1996 TO 2019

The Table below shows the nature and number of complaints received by the Commission since it started operation in 1996.

YEAR	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	TOTAL
Abandonment (Women)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,088	3,419	1,391	13,367	116,041	-	4,939	
Sexual Violence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	498	599	1,055	50	1,367	470	2,922	
Domestic Violence	-	-	4	3	9	11	11	32	32	58	27	62	100	30	325	2,560	2,656	2,240	2,340	1,311	24,688	33,726	42,747	172,981	
Reproductive Rights	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	51	1,015	1	1524	13,510	4,412	
Harmful Cultural Practices	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	32	1,091	965	2,158	25,148	9,805	
Gender Based Discriminations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	122	188	430	12	0	10,733	10,001	
Women Trafficking	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	708	14	1	2807	4,939	4,756	
Inheritance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,017	2,677	30,668	5,598	14,298	4,756	421	
Forceful Marriage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52	61	29	33	6,966	16,541	26,205	
Denial of Access to Children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,416	2,625	10,078	33,775	47,074	12,217	12,217	
Right to survival and development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,926	3,015	177	33,001	34,656	6,139	22,387	
Child Labour (Commercial/ Formal Sector)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75	75	10	98	25,270	1,944	1,704	

YEAR	Child Marriage	Child Trafficking	Sexual Abuse	Child Abandonment	Other Child Abuses	Child Custody	Unlawful Arrest and Detention	Cruel, inhuman and Degrading Treatment	Torture	Extra-Judicial Killing	Access to Justice	Appeal for Prerogative of Mercy	Enforced Disappearance
2019	225	6,449	44,829	6,096	26,773	43,430	28,718	13,510	15,458	10,961	6	6,199	1,429
2018	1704	225	389	4,326	238	34,507	1,647	17,126	13,510	15,458	10,961	6	4,834
2017	18,428	21,400	14,913	27,308	12,070	43,215	29,525	20,029	14,733	16,529	7,768	286	1,231
2016	9	4	68	3,884	17,653	5,294	326	2,544	41	285	74	21	42
2015	3	14	48	449	262	4,292	3,322	5,240	40	175	82	1	21
2014	9	8	254	182	1,899	1,820	562	398	192	301	190	19	17
2013	4	6	238	154	1,832	1,605	404	348	178	297	188	15	16
2012	-	-	-	2,250	-	-	3,462	1,920	310	27	-	300	-
2011	-	-	-	2,300	-	-	2,560	1,350	28	6	-	350	-
2010	-	-	-	850	-	-	479	724	679	200	-	5	-
2009	-	-	-	76	-	-	71	62	32	9	-	4	-
2008	-	-	-	109	-	-	125	111	-	22	-	0	-
2007	-	-	-	43	-	-	47	23	-	7	-	2	-
2006	-	-	-	67	-	-	81	49	-	7	-	2	-
2005	-	-	-	30	-	-	102	42	-	13	-	2	-
2004	-	-	-	15	-	-	43	36	-	5	-	4	-
2003	-	-	-	3	-	-	51	25	-	6	-	11	-
2002	-	-	-	20	-	-	62	20	-	11	-	10	-
2001	-	-	-	16	-	-	71	68	-	20	-	8	-
2000	-	-	-	10	-	-	82	53	-	17	-	8	-
1999	-	-	-	1	-	-	42	24	-	8	-	5	-
1998	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	39	-	6	-	9	-
1997	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	20	-	6	-	9	-
1996	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	3	-	-	-	3	-
TOTAL													









## **CHAPTER EIGHT**

### **NHRC/UNHCR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPs) MONITORING PROJECT**

#### **8.0 INTRODUCTION**

The human suffering and other humanitarian crises resulting from the Boko Haram insurgency and the military counter-insurgency activities in the North - East of Nigeria, has continued since the crises widened in scope and intensity in 2014 and 2015; particularly in the three North Eastern States of Borno, Yobe and Adamawa. This situation has been exacerbated by the frequent communal clashes between communities as well as the herdsmen and farmers in the North Central States of Benue, Taraba and Nasarawa, and banditry in some North Western States and across other parts of the country. The displacement and other humanitarian challenges occasioned by these crises within and outside the North- East and North - West zones have continued to endure despite the appreciable gains recorded by security agencies.

The structured Protection Monitoring Project (PMP) established by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) is a direct response to the humanitarian crises which has persisted for over five years. Although, there has been a reduction in the area of coverage from the initial nine (9) states of Adamawa, Benue, Borno, Bauchi, Gombe, Taraba, Nasarawa, Plateau, Yobe and the FCT Abuja, to three (3) States of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (The BAY states).

The objective of the protection monitoring exercise supported by United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) has been to ensure that systems remain in place to identify time critical protection risks and abuses; ensuring response and prevention of further abuses and rebuilding of infrastructure to facilitate returnees' resettlement.

While a lot has been achieved, leading to recovery of territories from Boko Haram and the commencement of return to recovered communities by displaced persons and returnees, however, reports from the field suggests that there are still different human rights challenges and grave violations such as Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV), hunger and poverty, survival sex, uncoordinated camps, etc. These issues require further interventions through training, monitoring, and establishment of effective referral, follow - up systems, interface with relevant stakeholders and needs assessment of the recovered communities etc.

In addition to the foregoing, reports have continued to reveal gaps in the operational responses of Law Enforcement Agencies and other government agencies with protection mandates. Furthermore, analysis of the situation revealed the manifestation of better results with emphasis on human rights based approach to operations. Therefore, in the 2019 project circle, this right based approach encouraged the Commission and its partners to further mainstream human rights into security issues and other peace building efforts through human rights monitoring, training of troops at the frontline and other interventions in the BAY states. At all stages, the project focused on the need for protection actors to get familiar with the specific threats which returnees and IDPs may encounter (through the Project Monitoring system), as well as the relevant international law that provides protection against those threats.

The 2019 project implementation between NHRC and UNHCR experienced an enhanced level of collaboration. Both agencies engaged in continuous review at every stage of the project, both in the field and headquarters for better impact. The 2019 UNHCR/NHRC protection project continued on two main pillars of intervention with emphasis on returnees and durable solutions through:

1. Community level protection monitoring in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states;
2. Awareness raising and sensitization training for relevant actors on human rights standards and obligations as well as the responsibility of duty bearers to Internally Displaced Persons Rights (IDPs).
3. Monitoring of detention facilities in the BAY states

The community based protection component sought to promote community participation and strengthen protection capacity within the community through community mobilization, dialogue, assessments and capacity building. The ‘protection by presence’ approach ensured that information gaps on risks/threats facing targeted IDPs, returnee populations and vulnerable host communities were flagged and addressed to protect the vulnerable population from existing tensions, the occurrences of grave violations of human rights were greatly reduced, and prompt responses to identified protection needs effectively delivered life-saving protection and multi-sectoral assistance to the most vulnerable affected communities.

Monitors were assigned to specific communities which they visit regularly in order to identify communities with the most severe protection concerns and to analyze their protection needs. There was improved connectivity between the monitors and the Community based Protection Action Working Group (PAWG). This improved the targeted protection responses by stakeholders by indicating what communities' vulnerability screening revealed and where subsequent material assistance should be directed to, as well as providing humanitarian actors with detailed protection analysis on most affected communities to enable appropriate responses. Monitors were also assigned to formal and informal IDPs camps in order to establish a 'protection by presence' approach and provide persons of concern a way to report time-sensitive concerns.

Furthermore, monitors were also deployed to visit detention facilities in order to identify the needs of persons of concern in conflict with the law. In addition, when an emergency protection need arises, monitors were deployed on rapid needs assessments to provide information on immediate needs to enable direct rapid response.

Leveraging on the Protection Sector Working Groups (PSWG) platform and taking into account the capacity of actors in each of the monitoring states and locations to handle protection issues, as well as individuals in need of specific protection assistance (including Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and unaccompanied and separated children) identified through community-level monitoring were referred to the appropriate actors for targeted intervention. Individual monitoring was further conducted for issues where intervention actors accepted referral cases. The 2019 project also strengthened referral pathways which helped to increase individual assistance.

PSWG is hopeful that this report will be a valuable resource for intervention actors, researchers as well as planners for a better appreciation of the humanitarian situation in Nigeria.

### **8.1 OVERALL PERFORMANCE:**

The IDPs/Returnees Monitoring Response strengthening community-based protection was effectively implemented in the three project states of Adamawa, Borno and Yobe through Protection by Presence. Monitors were deployed to live in the targeted communities, where they visited and monitored the camps, returnees and host communities identified, as well as measured and analyzed the

protection risks and needs of affected Persons of Concern (PoCs). These were achieved through rapid protection needs assessment which enabled rapid, multi-sector response to the identified issues.

The existing structure of the community in the targeted areas was strengthened by sustaining the establishment of the Protection Action Groups (PAGs). This project methodology enabled sustainability of the project and encouraged the Persons of Concern (PoCs) to be able to identify protection issues and make referrals to appropriate agencies. The PoCs capacity were built through weekly sensitizations on human rights and protection issues which enabled rights based approach for humanitarian response and assistance.

During the year under review, the capacities of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) with Protection Mandate, as well as Law Enforcement Agents; Military Personnel, Department of State Services (DSS), Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC) and the Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) were strengthened on mainstreaming human rights, humanitarian principles and civilian protection in their operations. The Law enforcement officers were also trained on mainstreaming human rights into counter insurgency operations. The first phase of the training was a Training of the Trainers (ToT) while the second phase was carried out in the frontlines at the different commands, brigades and battalions in the three project states Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY States), (Monguno, Ngala, Gwoza, Bama, Gudjuba, Mubi, Maiduguri Municipal Council (MMC), Jere, Damaturu and Yola).

Besides the issue of access to justice, the regular visits and audit of the detention facilities across the three project states also addressed unlawful arrests and detention issues particularly as it affects the PoCs. Over one thousand and two (1002) visits were made to detention facilities across Borno state alone. The facilities visited were maintained by the Nigerian Army, Police, NSCDC, DSS, and IDPs Camp detention facilities etc.

## **8.2 2019 PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS /RESULTS:**

The 2019 project made a lot of progress in relation to the set target and the actual number of people reached in the entire project outcome. In the area of capacity development support for the project, the target for the training of security personnel was one hundred and fifty (150) while the actual number trained was four hundred and thirty two (432) personnel; exceeding the set

target with a total of two hundred and eighty two (282) personnel. For MDAs, the training targeted twenty (20) trainees but successfully trained seventy - two personnel. The total number of Persons reached through advocacy was seventy three thousand and seventy four personnel (73,074) against the target of one thousand, five hundred (1,500) personnel.

In respect to Persons of Concerned (PoCs) monitored, the project reached a total of six hundred and twenty four (624) individuals against two hundred and eighty – eight (288) individuals that was targeted. The stakeholders' intervention meeting for monitors held fifty - two (52) meetings against thirty - six (36) that was targeted. A total of fifty three thousand, two hundred and fifteen (53,215) complaints were received by Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) at the community level, while forty two thousand, eight hundred and thirty three (42,833) were resolved. A total of seven hundred and one (701) individuals were identified as those in need of protection assistance or services while forty (40) Protection Monitors were trained on the project during the reporting year.

The above analysis indicates that the monitoring project accomplished the set target with great impact on the PoCs.

The ongoing insurgency in the North - East has exposed women and girls especially those who were under Boko - Haram controlled areas to widespread of sexual and gender-based violence, especially captured women and girls who often have exhibited the need for psychosocial intervention stemming from the prevalence of SGBV, rape, forced marriage, sexual abuse and exploitation. During the protection monitoring assessment, women shared experience of how they were sexually exploited in order to benefit from humanitarian assistance. The protection monitoring project revealed that insecurity remains a hindrance towards reaching survivals in critical need of assistance in the newly affected and accessible communities. However, these identified challenges have formed part of the training contents for law enforcement personnel and other relevant stakeholders.

The 2019 monitoring exercise exceeded the project coverage in the area of training of law enforcement agencies and other relevant stakeholders with protection mandates.

The table below is a breakdown of the trainings carried out for various stakeholders:

<b>Output</b>	<b>Status Update on Progress Achieved</b>		
<b>Performance Indicator(s)</b>	<b>Site/Location</b>	<b>Performance Target</b>	<b>Actual progress</b>
# of security personnel trained	Adamawa, Borno and Yobe	150	432
# of MDAs trained	Adamawa, Borno and Yobe	20	72
# of persons reached through advocacy and sensitization	Adamawa, Borno and Yobe	1,500	73,074

<b>Output</b>	<b>Status Update on Progress Achieved</b>		
<i>Situation of persons of concern monitored</i>			
<b>Performance Indicator(s)</b>	<b>Site/Location</b>	<b>Performance Target</b>	<b>Actual progress</b>
# of monitoring missions conducted and recorded	Adamawa, Borno and Yobe	288	624

# of stakeholder's intervention meetings attended by monitors	Adamawa, Borno and Yobe	36	52
# of complaints received by the MDAs at the community level	Adamawa, Borno and Yobe	90,000	53,215
#of complaints resolved by the MDAs at the community level	Adamawa, Borno and Yobe	90,000	42,833
# of individuals identified requiring protection assistance or services	Adamawa, Borno and Yobe	500	701
# of protection monitors trained and coached	Adamawa, Borno and Yobe	40	40

### 8.3 AFFECTED PERSONS/POPULATION OF PERSONS OF CONCERN

The total population of persons of concern reached and those who benefited during the project year was two hundred and twenty eight thousand, two hundred and forty two (228, 242). Children between the age range of 0-1year old were thirty thousand, four hundred and fifteen (30, 415). The male statistics was fourteen thousand, eight hundred and thirty six (14,836) while fifteen

thousand, five hundred and seventy nine (15, 579) were female. They represent 13.3% of the population reached.

The PoCs within the ages of 5 – 17 reached were sixty eight thousand and forty two (68,042). Male population was thirty three thousand eight hundred and sixteen (33,816) while number of females reached were thirty four thousand, two hundred and twenty six (34,226), representing 29.8% of the PoCs reached.

For persons between the age range of 18 to 59 years, eighty thousand five hundred and sixty one (80,561) PoCs were reached. The male population was forty thousand and nine (40,009), while the female population was forty thousand five hundred and fifty two (40,552) representing 35.3% of the population reached.

The PoCs reached within the age range of 60 and above was forty nine thousand, two hundred and twenty four (49,224). The male was nineteen thousand, two hundred and ninety four (19,294) and the female twenty nine thousand, nine hundred and thirty (29,930). This age range represents 21.6% of the PoCs reached within the year under review.

#### **8.4 DEMOGRAPHIC DATA FOR POPULATION OF CONCERNED PERSONS**

<b>Population Planning Group:</b>		<i>IDPs and other Population of concern in the three target states</i>				
<b>Sub-group (if applicable):</b>		<i>IDPs, Returnees and members of host communities</i>				
<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Male</b>		<b>Female</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>in numbers</b>	<b>in %</b>	<b>in numbers</b>	<b>in %</b>	<b>in numbers</b>	<b>in %</b>
0-4	14836	13.7%	15579	13.0%	<b>30415</b>	<b>13.3%</b>
5-17	33816	31.3%	34226	28.4%	<b>68042</b>	<b>29.8%</b>
18-59	40009	37.1%	40552	33.7%	<b>80561</b>	<b>35.3%</b>



60 and >	19294	17.9%	29930	24.9%	<b>49224</b>	<b>21.6%</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>107955</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>120287</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>228242</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Planned</b>						
<b>Variant</b>						
<b>Major Sites:</b>	<i>Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States</i>					

## **8.5 PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE AFFECTED POPULATION:**

The methodology of Protection by presence also made the monitors to reside in each of the locations. They identify protection issues themselves and also with the Protection Action Groups (PAGs) and make referrals to the appropriate agency for immediate response. This gives them a sense of belonging in the communities on reported protection issues immediately they arise for immediate response. The Protection by presence ensured maximum accountability towards the affected population.

The monitors conducted weekly meetings with the PAGs in their respective locations of coverage. These PAGs were selected among communities as people of integrity, comprising of male, female, and youths. This is for appropriate representation of variety of interest in each location. These regular meetings serve as feedback mechanism, case management medium and also useful for planning meetings. Issues raised during these meetings were documented, and taken to each of the respective state supervisors who in turn report to the Project Coordinator for appropriate intervention based on facts of each case.

The Multi Functional Team field visit to different locations also served as a feedback mechanism during the year under review. For instance, the report indicated that the team visited the Konchifa Ward in Mubi North Local

Government Area where the District Head appreciated the intervention of the Protection Monitors which according to him attracted the drilling of the bore hole in the community.

## **8.6 RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTEGRITY:**

The risks anticipated at the proposal design stage were the management and payment of the Protection Monitors as well as how effectively the monitors will be held accountable in carrying out their routine daily monitoring schedule. In view of that, all monitors were paid on a regular basis to avoid disruption of service in the monitoring plan. NHRC devised a monitoring strategy of periodic checks to ensure monitors properly carried out their assignments and reported timely. The timely payment of the monitors in the project maintained the integrity of the Commission and the UNHCR as well as ensured dedication to the project.

Severe security risks were however raised in the course of the project implementation. There were several reports of frequent attacks on the route to the liberated locations especially in Borno state; Pulka, Ngala, Monguno and Bama. To mitigate the risk, the UNHCR made an arrangement to air lift the monitors to their locations using the United Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS). This arrangement gave the monitors courage to travel freely to their locations without much risk.

### **Lessons Learned:**

The area of coverage in Borno State has increased due to Return Communities. This requires deployment of more monitors and necessitates redeployment of monitors from areas with fewer challenges to enable the UNHCR and the NHRC reach a larger number of the PoCs.

### **Coordination:**

The project was coordinated by NHRC Team both at the National and field-levels. The project team in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe have continued to maintain daily contact with UNHCR field offices in project states to allow necessary joint supervision of the protection monitors. NHRC State Supervisors are encouraged to share office space with UNHCR field units in locations where the NHRC does not have an office to facilitate close coordination on the project and joint supervision. UNHCR staff and NHRC State Supervisors are

encouraged to accompany monitors on monitoring trips in order to supervise monitors and provide coaching.

UNHCR and NHRC State Supervisors have established partnerships with humanitarian actors to access real time information on protection trends to supplement and direct the monitoring as well as corroborate sensitive information received from monitors. UNHCR/NHRC State Supervisors meet with each monitor weekly. This is to enable coordination and to discuss information gathered from monitoring. Protection and human rights issues that arise from monitoring in the field A; and to ensure that these are timely dealt with, with changes implemented at State-level. Each monitor has a set “zone” to report upon to avoid overlap in their zones.

## **CHAPTER NINE**

### **CORRECTIONAL SERVICES AUDIT: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

#### **9.0 INTRODUCTION**

The President Muhammadu Buhari's led Administration on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 renamed the Nigerian Prisons to Nigeria Correctional Service; the move to enact the Nigeria Correctional Service Bill was to make provision for the administration of prisons and non-custodial measures in Nigeria and other related matters. Audit of Prisons and places of detention in Nigeria is a key area of focus for National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

In 2019, the Commission, before the change, monitored prisons and other places of detention in some states. The audit exercise seeks to ascertain the conditions of the facilities, personnel, and detainees; meant to enable the Commission make recommendations to appropriate authorities on the challenges and needs of the prisons and detention centers in line with international best practices. In order to actualize the set objectives, NHRC Monitors visited the various prisons and detention centers across the country.

The highlights of the audit exercise include:

- Location of the Prisons
- Structure of the Prisons
- Facilities at the Prisons
- Welfare of Inmates
- Access to Justice
- Welfare of Officers
- General Recommendation

The table and data presented below reflects names of prisons/detention centers audited:

**Table 9.1**

<b>S/N</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>CENTER VISITED</b>
1	Abia	(a) Medium Security Prison, Aba. (b) Federal Prison, Umuahia.
2	Adamawa	Medium Security Prison, Jimeta.
3	Akwa-Ibom	Federal Medium Security Prison, Uyo.
4	Anambra	(a) Amawbia Medium Prison (b) Onitsha Medium Prison
5	Bauchi	Nigeria Prison Service, Bauchi.
6	Bayelsa	Medium Security Prison, Okaka.
7	Benue	Medium Security Prison, Makurdi.
8	Borno	Maximum Security Prison, Maiduguri.
9	Cross-Rivers	Medium Security Prison, Afokang.
10	Delta	Federal Medium Security Prison, Ogwashi-Ukwu.
11	Ebonyi	Medium Security Prison, Abakiliki.
12	Edo	(a) Medium Security Prison, Okoh. (b) Old Benin Prison.
13	Ekiti	Correctional Center, Ado-Ekiti.
14	Enugu	Enugu Maximum Security Prison.
15	FCT	Kuje Medium-Security Prison.
16	Gombe	Billiri Satellite Prison.
17	Imo	Medium Security Prison, Owerri.
18	Jigawa	Satellite Prison, Birnin Kudu.
19	Kaduna	Convict Prison, Kaduna.
20	Katsina	Central Prison, Katsina.
21	Kebbi	Old Prison, Birnin Kebbi.
22	Kogi	Medium Security Prison, Anpka.
23	Kwara	Maximum Prison. Oke –Kuru.
24	Lagos	Maximum Prison, Kirikiri
25	Nasarawa	Medium Security Prisons, Lafia.
26	Niger	Medium Security Prisons, Minna.
27	Ogun	Maximum Security Prisons, Ibara.
28	Ondo	Medium Security Prison, Olokuta.
29	Oyo	Federal Medium Security Prison, Agodi.

30	Plateau	Medium Security Prison, Jos.
31	Rivers	Medium Security Prison, Port-Harcourt.
32	Sokoto	Maximum Prison, Sokoto.
33	Taraba	Medium Security Prison, Jalingo.
34	Yobe	Federal Medium Security Prison, Gushua.
35	Zamfara	Medium Security Prison, Gusau.

## **9.2 NORTH-CENTRAL ZONE**

### **FACILITIES AT THE PRISONS/DETENTION CENTRES**

Based on the audit reports, most of the structures in the prisons visited were old and dilapidated. However, Makurdi Medium Prison, Benue State and Lafia Prison, Nasarawa State has modern structures owing to some level of renovation.

### **ACCESS TO JUSTICE**

At the time of the audit exercise, access to justice was lacking across the zone. Most of the detainees have no legal representation. There were cases of inmates who have been detained for more than one year for petty offences as well as few cases of under-aged children in detention. These facilities had no records of inmates who have spent 5years awaiting trial.

### **WELFARE OF INMATES/DETAINEES AND OFFICERS**

Inmates/detainees sleep in congested cells with poor ventilation, poor feeding, and poor healthcare characterized their livelihood. Residential accommodation and office space for officers as well as office equipment for record keeping are inadequate.

## **9.3 NORTH-WEST ZONE**

### **FACILITIES AT THE DETENTION CENTRES**

According to the audit, most of the centres are congested, with dilapidated structures begging for attention. There is inadequate beds and beddings, inadequate sanitary facilities, and poorly ventilated.

The Sokoto Maximum Security Prison and Kaduna Convicts Prison both have clinics and borehole facilities for sanitary purposes unlike Medium Security Prison Gusau, and Zamfara State Medium security Prison. The Kaduna Prison is exemplary in terms of sanitation facilities.

### **ACCESS TO JUSTICE**

Most prevalent in this zone is the issue of lack of legal representation resulting to lack of access to justice for detainees. There were few cases of children and females in the cells. The longest awaiting trial inmates are those who have served for more than one year. Most detainees are those who have committed minor and bail-able offences such as criminal conspiracy, theft, and wandering /constituting public nuisance. However, the audit recorded 5 lifers and 6 condemned inmates in Gombe Prison.

### **WELFARE OF INMATES**

Most of the prisons audited recorded inadequate beds /beddings, poor health and sanitation facilities except Borno Prison which is equipped with beds/ bedding and mosquito nets. The available beds are meant for convicts while non-convicts sleep on mats and sometimes on the bare floor. While some prisons in this zone have health clinics, those without, access treatment in State Specialist Hospitals even though inmate's relatives are compelled to pay the medical bills. The audit also revealed that inmates complained of being tortured to admit to offences they are not guilty of.

## **9.4 SOUTH-WEST**

### **FACILITIES AT THE DETENTION CENTRES:**

The report revealed that most of the centers were in a complete state of disrepair characterized by dilapidated buildings, overcrowding, poor sanitation and ventilation. There was no steady source of power supply and water. According to Prison Warders interviewed, the facilities borrow generator to pump water. The Kirikiri Maximum Prison is exemplary with good sanitary facilities, clean environment and recreational facilities although congested.

### **WELFARE OF INMATES/ DETAINEES AND OFFICERS**

Welfare of inmates and detainees were inadequate. The residential facilities were inadequate therefore officers reside outside the prison premises at their own cost.

### **ACCESS TO JUSTICE**

Across the zone, most of the detainees have legal representation and have been taken to court. Most inmates are pre-trial detainees while some are those who are not able to post bail. The centers recorded few cases of children in detention and few detainees who have spent more than 5years awaiting trial.

## **9.5 SOUTH-EAST**

### **FACILITIES AT THE DETENTION CENTRES:**

In the South-East, the prisons were reported to be old and in deplorable condition, congested, poor sanitary facilities and dilapidated structures. They were built during the colonial era hence need for renovation and upgrading

### **ACCESS TO JUSTICE**

Prevalent in this zone is that most inmates have no legal representation. However, it was reported that many are in the cells mainly for petty offences and have spent more than one year in detention. There were few under-aged in the cells.

## **9.6 SOUTH-SOUTH**

### **FACILITIES AT THE DETENTION CENTRES:**

In the zone, most of the prisons were congested; the facilities have been over stretched and need to be upgraded.

### **ACCESS TO JUSTICE**

Lack of access to justice contributed to overcrowding in these facilities as well as logistic challenges. Most offences are petty, minor and bail-able. Lack of operational vehicle hinders inmates from being taken to court when their matter is coming up for hearing. There were few children in the cells, but majority of the inmates are awaiting trial who have spent more than one year in detention. The audit also revealed that many inmates are denied access to family neither by telephone nor visitation.

## **9.7 NORTH- EAST ZONE**

### **FACILITIES AT THE DETENTION CENTERS**

The audit revealed that most of the cells visited have similar challenges such as dilapidated buildings, uncompleted structures, inadequate office equipment, accommodation, sanitation facilities and health facilities. The prisons were congested and poorly ventilated.



## **ACCESS TO JUSTICE**

With regards to access to justice, most inmates were without legal representation. Most inmates were alleged to have committed minor offences ranging from theft, intimidation, inciting disturbance, conspiracy and cheating. However, the zone recorded few children in custody, four female convicts and 6 condemned convicts.

### **9.8 OBSERVATIONS/FINDINGS**

1. The team observed that most of the facilities are poorly maintained, uninhabitable (being colonial structures) with no consideration for dignity of human persons.
2. The prisons are over- crowded and have over- stretched its capacity
3. There is inadequate manpower compared to the number of inmates in the facilities as well as lack of capacity in line with best practices for the handling of detainees and prisoners.
4. It was observed that under aged children are kept in same cells with adult convicts.
5. The Criminal Justice System is very slow hence; there are many petty case offenders in detention.
6. All the prisons visited were indicted for keeping convicts and non-convicts in the same cell.
7. Inadequate operational vehicle for movement of detainees to court is a challenge to access to justice.

### **9.9 RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. There is need to raise awareness on the concept of Petty offenses in line with the contemplation of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR).
2. The Commission should advocate for the introduction and use of Non-custodial measures like the community service as an alternative to incarceration especially with matters involving petty offences.

3. Mechanism should be put in place to ensure quick and speedy trial of inmates awaiting trial.
4. Indigent inmates and those without legal representations should be assisted with legal representation using Pro-bono Lawyers to access justice and fair hearing.
5. There is a need to strengthen cooperation among key stakeholders in the criminal justice system in order to ensure speedy disposition of cases and reduce the incidence of pre-trial detention.
6. Juveniles charged with minor and petty offences should be separated from convicts and inmates with serious charges/offences.
7. More Correctional Service facilities should be built and old ones renovated to create separate space for adults and under aged so as to aid in the decongestion of the Correctional Services.
8. There is need for internet services and office equipment in the facilities for ease of work in line with international best practice.
9. Residential accommodation for Correctional Service personnel is key to job motivation.
10. NHRC should make recommendations for the release of inmates with minor offences as a way to decongest the centers.

## CHAPTER TEN

### FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

#### 10.0 INTRODUCTION

The Finance and Accounts Department is basically a service department charged with the following responsibilities:

- Receipt of Budgetary and extra budgetary allocation on behalf of the Commission;
- Receipt of all funds/donations on behalf of the Commission;
- Payments of staff salaries, contractors and other beneficiaries on behalf of the Commission;
- Liaison with banks and other financial institutions on behalf of the Commission;
- Liaison with statutory and regulatory authorities on behalf of the Commission such as:
  - i. The External Auditors
  - ii. The Auditor General's Office
  - iii. The Accountant General of the Federation
- Recording of all financial transactions of the Commission.
- Preparation of financial reports.

During the year 2019 the Commission successfully hosted visitors and inspectors from the various regulatory agencies and also undertook budget preparation and defense exercises for 2019.

**The financial receipt and expenditure of the Commission for the year 2019 are summarized in the table below. It is important to note that the sources of the fund reflected below are from the Federal Government of Nigeria and donor Agencies.**

**10.1 SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE AND BALANCE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY – DECEMBER 2019.**

S N	Expenditure Head (₦)	Account Codes	Opening balance (₦)	Budget Appropriation (₦)	Amount Released (₦)	Amount Expended (₦)	Transfer to CRF (₦)	Balance as at Dec. 2019 (₦)	Per. of Exp. %
1.	Personnel	15010101	NIL	1,104,447,919.68	1,104,447,919.68	1,104,427,421.24	20,498.44	NIL	100%
2.	Overhead	15010101	NIL	326,598,750.00	326,598,750.00	326,598,177.67	572.33	NIL	100%
3.	Capital	43010101	NIL	298,953,330.32	68,953,330.32	68,836,825.59	116,504.73	NIL	100%
4.	Capital(Constituency)	43010101	NIL	-	92,000,000.00	91,300,672.05	699,327.95	NIL	100%
	<b>TOTAL</b>		NIL	1,730,000,000.00	1,592,000,000.00	1,591,163,096.55	836,903.45	NIL	100%

The above analysis explain that out of ₦1,730,000,000.00 appropriated for the Commission in 2019, the sum of ₦1,592,000,000.00 was released for the year 2019. The total sum of ₦1,591,163,096.55 was expended, and the total sum of ₦836,903.45 was transferred to CRF from the budget, leaving a NIL balance for the year. The entire budget performance for 2019 is 100%.

S/N	Expenditure Head	Account Codes	Opening Balance (₦)	Amount released (₦)	Amount Expended (₦)	Transfer to CRF (₦)	Bal. (₦)	Per.
<b>1</b>	<b>Capital (2018)</b>	<b>43010101</b>	<b>16,694,846.61</b>	<b>582,486,236.00</b>	<b>598,538,277.54</b>	<b>642,805.07</b>	<b>NIL</b>	<b>100%</b>

The above analysis explains that the sum of ₦16,694,846.61 was brought forward from the 2018 Capital Account and a total sum of ₦582,486,236.00 was an additional capital grant for 2018, while a total sum of ₦598,538,277.54 was expended, and the total sum of ₦642,805.07 was transferred to CRF at closure of 2018 Capital Account in June 2019. The entire budget performance for 2018 capital account as at December 2019 is 100%.

## **10.2 DONATIONS**

**Financial supports were received from Donor Agencies as shown in the table below:-**

S N	Expenditure Head (₦)	Account Codes	Opening Balance (₦)	Amount Released (₦)	Amount Expended (₦)	Remitted to CRF	Balance as at Dec. 2019 (₦)
<b>1</b>	<b>Mac Arthur Foundation</b>	<b>13020401</b>	<b>11,892,252.71</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,866,270.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,982.71</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Ford Foundation</b>	<b>13020401</b>	<b>2,158.16</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,158.16</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>NHRC Project Account</b>	<b>13020401</b>	<b>7,730,211.31</b>	<b>59,897,392.75</b>	<b>25,219,480.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,408,124.06</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>OSIWA</b>	<b>13020301</b>	<b>5,871.86</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,871.86</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>UNDP</b>	<b>13020301</b>	<b>476,513.97</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>476,513.97</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>SERVICE WIDE VOTE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,400.00</b>	<b>145,304,600.00</b>	<b>145,318,848.00</b>	<b>152.00</b>	<b>NIL</b>

Notes: - The above donor funds in Expenditure Heads 1 & 2 were conversion of transfers made from their counterparts domiciliary Account into our local currency.

### 10.3 SPECIAL PROJECT

#### JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2019

S N	Expenditure Head (₦)	Account Codes	Opening Balance (₦)	Amount Released (₦)	Amount Expended (₦)	Transfer to CRF (₦)	Balance as at Dec. 2019 (₦)
1	Constituency 2019	13020301	-	393,072,114.29	197,698,569.77	-	195,373,544.52
2	UNHCR	13020401	960.30	145,621,140.47	145,621,870.97	-	229.80
3	EU/NHRC/HRAN	13020401	24,307,402.07	-	-	-	24,307,402.07

#### JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2019

S/N	Expenditure Head (₦)	Opening Balance (₦)	Amount released through capital in 2019 (₦)	Amount Expended (₦)	Balance as at Dec. 2019 (₦)	Per.
1	Constituency project (2018) 13020301	104,021,050.56	119,528,000.00	223,549,050.56	NIL	100%

The above analysis explains that the sum of ₦104,021,050.56 was brought forward from 2018 constituency project account, while the total sum of ₦119,528,000.00 was released through capital/constituency as part of release for 2018 constituency. The sum of ₦223,549,050.56 was expended, leaving a NIL balance. The entire budget performance for this project is 100%.

#### **10.4 DOMICILLIARY/EURO**

S N	Exp. Head	Account Codes	Opening Balance (₦)	Amount Released (\$)	Amount Expended (\$)	Balance as at Dec. 2019(\$)
<b>1</b>	<b>Donor (Embassy of Switzerland)</b>	<b>13020401</b>	<b>100=</b>	-	-	<b>100=</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>MacArthur Foundation</b>	<b>13020401</b>	<b>50=</b>	-	-	<b>50=</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Ford Foundation</b>	<b>13020401</b>	<b>97=02</b>	-	-	<b>97=02</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>EU/NHRC/HRAN</b>	<b>13020401</b>	<b>E127,273=08</b>	-	-	<b>E127,273=08</b>

The above analysis shows that there was no activities on the Commission's domiciliary accounts for the year 2019.

**10.5 REVENUE ACCOUNT (REMITTED TO CRF).**

S/N	Expenditure Head (₦)	Account Codes	Opening Balance (₦)	Amount generated (₦)	Amount Expended (₦) (remitted to CRF)	Balance as at Dec. 2019 (₦)	
<b>1</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>12020417</b>	<b>NIL</b>	<b>3,125,832.68</b>	<b>3,125,832.68</b>	<b>NIL</b>	

The above analysis shows that the sum of ₦3,125,832.68 was internally generated by the Commission in the year 2019, and same was remitted to the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the federation.



## PHOTO GALLERY



DELEGATES OF THE AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLE'S RIGHTS PAID A COURTESY VISIT TO THE COMMISSION ON 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY, 2019.



THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TONY OJUKWU ESQ AND DR EMEM OMOKARO AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR OLDER PERSONS HELD AT THE NHRC AUDITORIUM ON 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER, 2019.



STUDENTS OF JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL KARU WHO WON A TROPHY AT THE 2019 HUMAN RIGHTS QUIZ COMPETITION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN FCT HELD AT THE NHRC AUDITORIUM ON 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2019.



THE NHRC ORGANIZED 2019 HUMAN RIGHTS SUMMIT/AWARD ON ADOPTING RIGHTS BASED APPROACH IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA IN COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY HELD AT LADI KWALI HALL SHERATON ON 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2019.



THE NHRC ORGANIZED A 4 DAY ADVANCE TRAINING ON HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS AND PRACTICES FOR NIGERIAN ARMY OFFICERS HELD AT THE NHRC AUDITORIUM ON 9<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019.



REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH PAID A COURTESY VISIT TO THE COMMISSION ON 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019.



THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TONY OJUKWU ESQ ADDRESSING THE PRESS DURING THE COALITION OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION WORKING IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS VISIT TO THE COMMISSION FOR ALLEGED RAID OF NIGHT CLUB, RECREATION AREAS AND HARRASEMENT OF SOME WOMEN IN ABUJA ON 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2019.



THE FCT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO ANSWER TO THE ALLEGATION OF WOMEN HARRASEMENT AND DEMOLITION OF NIGHT CLUBS IN ABUJA ON 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2019.



CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC COMPLAINTS COMMISSION HON CHILE IGBAUWE AND STAFF PAID A COURTESY VISIT TO THE COMMISSION ON 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019.



THE OLD STUDENT OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL GBOKO VISITED THE COMMISSION TO STAGE A WALK FOR OCHANYA AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ON 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2019.



THE NBA BWARI BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PAID A COURTESY VISIT TO THE COMMISSION ON 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER, 2019.



THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF THE AFRICAN AFFAIRS, US DEPARTMENT OF STATE BUREAU OF DEMOCRACY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND LABOUR, VINCENT. D. SPERA PAID A COURTESY VISIT TO THE COMMISSION ON 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019.



THE NHRC IN COLLABORATION WITH HURIDA LAUNCHED A REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS ASSESSMENT OF 2019 GENERAL ELECTIONS HELD AT THE NHRC AUDITORIUM ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2019.



THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TONY OJUKWU ESQ. THE FORMER EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NHRC BUKHARI BELLO AND THE DIRECTOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL LINKAGES LAMBERT OPARA AT THE AFRICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION OF OLDER PERSONS IN AFRICA HELD AT THE ECOWAS PARLIAMENT COMPLEX ABUJA ON 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019.



THE NHRC IN COLLABORATION WITH CLEEN FOUNDATION ORGANIZED A ROUNDTABLE FORUM ON POLICY BRIEF VALIDATION/COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY HELD AT THE NHRC AUDITORIUM ON 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2019.



THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TONY OJUKWU ESQ. LED A DELEGATION TO THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE FCT COMMAND CP BALA CIROMA ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY, 2019.





MR STANLEY IBEH OF OSJI DURING A FIVE DAY TRAINING OF INVESTIGATION OFFICER OF NPF, EFCC, AND NSCDC ON MAINSTREAMING HUMAN RIGHTS IN PROCESSES OF ARREST, INVESTIGATION AND DETENTION SUPPORTED BY OSJI HELD AT HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE ON 19<sup>TH</sup> - 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST, 2019.



THE DIRECTOR, HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE MRS. OTI OVRAWAH DURING A SESSION AT A FIVE DAY TRAINING OF INVESTIGATION OFFICER OF NPF ,EFCC ,AND NSCDC ON MAINSTREAMING HUMAN RIGHTS IN PROCESSES OF ARREST , INVESTIGATION AND DETENTION HELD AT HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE ON 19<sup>TH</sup> – 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST, 2019.



DURING A GROUP WORK AT A FIVE DAY TRAINING OF INVESTIGATION OFFICER OF NIS ,NCS ,AND DSS ON MAINSTREAMING HUMAN RIGHTS IN PROCESSES OF ARREST , INVESTIGATION AND DETENTION HELD AT HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE ON 18<sup>TH</sup> - 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019.



2019 ANNUAL REPORT TEAM .

## APPENDIX I

### STATE OFFICES E-MAIL CONTACT DETAILS

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## APPENDIX II

### ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS USED IN THE REPORT

ACJL-	Administration of Criminal Justice Law
AEPA-	Abuja Environmental Protection Agency
AMO-	Abuja Metropolitan Office
ASOHON-	Association of Orphanage Homes of Nigeria
AUC-	African Union Commission
CA&EL-	Corporate Affairs and External Linkages
CAN-	Christian Association of Nigeria
CAT-	Convention against Torture
CDD-	Centre for Democracy and Development
CEGG-	Conflict Prevention Ethics and Good Governance
CEPAN-	Centre for Conflict Management Centre for Peace
CISLAC-	Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre
CLEEN-	Centre for Law Enforcement Education
CLO-	Chief Legal Officer
CPA-	Child Protection Network
CPR-	Civil and Political Rights
CPSWG-	Child Protection Sector Working Group
CRPD-	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability
CSOs-	Civil Society Organizations
CWEENS-	Christian Women for Excellence in Nigeria
DD-	Deputy Director
DGCE-	Department of Girl Child Education

DRAC	Disability Rights Advocacy Centre
DSS-	Department of State Security Services
ECOWAS-	Economic Community of West African States
EDOSACA-	Edo State Agency for the Control of Aids
EFCC-	Economic and Financial Crimes Commission
ERGP-	Nigeria Economy Recovery and Growth Plan
ESCRs-	Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
EU-	European Union
FCT-	Federal Capital Territory
FBO-	Faith Based Organization
FGM-	Female Genital Mutilation
FIDA-	Federation of International Female Lawyers
FM-	Frequency Modulation
FOJ-	Federal Ministry of Justice
FRCN-	Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria
FRSC-	Federal Road Safety Corps
GANHRI-	Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions
GBV-	Gender Based Violence
GEMs-	Growth and Employment in State
GPC-	Global Protection Cluster
HRAN-	Human Rights Agenda Network
HRE&P-	Human Rights Education and Promotion
HRI-	Human Rights Institute
HRP-	Humanitarian Response Plan

IACD-	Initiative for Information, Art and Cultural Development in Nigeria
ICPC-	Independent Corrupt Practices and other Offence Commission
ICRC	International Committee of Red Cross
ICT-	Information and Communication Technology
IDB-	Islamic Development Bank
IDPs-	Internally Displaced Persons
IEC-	Information Education and Communication
IHL-	International Humanitarian Law
INEC-	Independent National Electoral Commission
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IPCR-	Institution of Peace and Conflict Resolution
IRC-	International Rescue Committee
J4A-	Justice for All
JONAPWD-	Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities
JSD-	Justice Security Dialogue
LAC-	Legal Aid Council
LACDS-	Legal Aids Community Development Services
LEDAP-	Legal Defence and Assistance Project
LE&E-	Legal Services and Enforcement
LGBTIQ-	Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Intersex and Queer or Questioning
MDAs-	Ministries, Departments and Agencies
MWASD-	Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development
NAN-	News Agency of Nigeria

NPA-	National Priority Agenda
NANHRI-	Network of Africa National Human Rights Institutions
NNHRI-WA-	Network of National Human Rights Institutions in West Africa
NAPTIP-	National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons
NBA-	Nigeria Bar Association
NCFRMI-	National Commission for Refugees Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons
NCS-	Nigerian Customs Service
NDLEA-	Nigeria Drug Law Enforcement Agency
NE-	North East
NEMA-	National Emergency Management Agency
NGG-	Nigerian Girls' Guide
NGO-	Non-Government Organization
NHRC-	National Human Rights Commission
NHRIs-	National Human Rights Institutions
NICO-	National Institute For Cultural Orientation
NIS-	Nigeria Immigration Service
NOA-	National Orientation Agency
NOPRIN-	Network on Police Reforms in Nigeria
NPF-	Nigeria Police Force
NPoPC-	National Population Commission
NSCDC-	Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps
NSRP-	Nigeria Stability and Reconciliation Programme



NTC-	National Technical Committee
NUJ-	Nigerian Union of Journalists
NURTW-	National Union of Road Transport Workers
NYSC-	National Youths Service Corps
OEWG-	Open Ended Working Group on Ageing
OHCHR-	Office of the United National High Commissioner for Human Rights
OPS-	Organised Private Sector
OSC-	Operation Safe Corridor
OSIWA-	Open Society Initiative for West Africa
OSJI-	Open Society Justice Initiatives
OVC-	Orphans and Vulnerable Children
PAGs-	Protection Action Groups
PCC-	Public Complaints Commission
PoCs-	Population of Concerns
P&I-	Protection and Investigation
PM-	Protection Monitoring
PMP-	Protection Monitoring Project
PRAWA-	Prisoners Rehabilitation and Welfare Action
PS&D	Planning, Statistics and Documentation
PSWG-	Protection Sector Working Group
PWDs-	Persons with Disabilities
RoLAC-	Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption
SARC-	Sexual Assault Referral Centre

SARS-	Special Anti-Robbery Squad
SCI-	Save the Children International
SFCG-	Search For Common Ground
SGBV-	Sexual and Gender Based Violence
SGF-	Secretary to the Government of the Federation
SEMA-	State Emergency Management Agency
SERAP-	Social Economic Rights and Accountability Projects
SON-	Standard Organization of Nigeria
SOS-	Save our Soul
SUBEB-	State Universal Basic Education Board
TWG-	Technical Working Group
TWGCM-	Technical Working Group on Case Management
UDHR-	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UNDP-	United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA-	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR-	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNODC-	United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime
UPR-	Universal Periodic Review
USIP-	United States Institution of Peace
VAC-	Violence Against Children
VAPP-	Violence Against Persons (Prohibition)
VAWG-	Violence Against Women and Girls
WARDC-	Women Advocacy Research and Documentation Center

WASH-	Water Sanitation and Hygiene
WRAPA-	Women's Rights Advancement and Protection Alternative
WPHRE-	World Programme on Human Rights Education

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