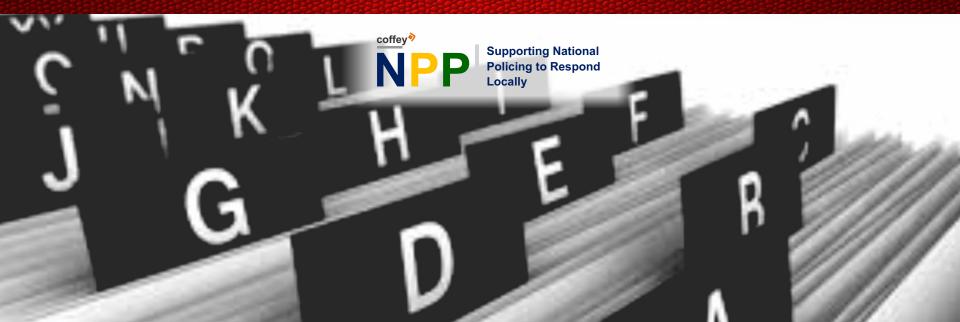


# LEGAL AID DIRECTORY

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## JUSTIFICATION AND OBJECTIVE FOR CREATING A NIGERIAN LEGAL AID DIRECTORY

Section 35 of The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria1999 (CFRN 1999) (as amended) guarantees the right of a suspect or an accused person to bail. Likely, Section 36(6)(c) guarantees the right of a defendant to defend himself in person or by any lawyer of his choice. Notwithstanding the above provisions, majority of Nigerians, particularly the vulnerable persons like women, children, the elderly and persons with disabilities etc are deprived of their right of access to justice because they cannot afford legal services. This is so because according to the Central Intelligence Agency(CIA)¹, "over 62% of Nigeria's 170 million people still live in extreme poverty", and as such engaging the services of an lawyer when the need arises would appear as a superfluous luxury, contrary to the Fundamental Rights provisions of The CFRN 1999(as amended).

The Legal Aid Act 2011 has taken a radical approach in addressing the needs of teeming indigent Nigerian majority by widening the scope of offences<sup>2</sup> and matters covered by legal aid and introducing Criminal Defence Service<sup>3</sup> among others. Pursuant to this amendment, legal aid is now available for defendants standing trial for capital offences (Murder, Armed Robbery, Etc)

<sup>1</sup> https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ni.html accessed 14/6/2018

<sup>2</sup> SECOND SCHEDULE, Legal Aid Act 2011

<sup>3</sup> Section 8 Legal Aid Act 2011

which according to the Director General of Legal Aid Council of Nigeria (LACoN) "constitute the highest bulk of the Awaiting Trial Persons (ATPs)"<sup>4</sup>. However, the D.G also stated that<sup>5</sup> LACoN "lacks capacity to represent all awaiting trial persons in Nigeria" because it presently has 280 lawyers in the employment of LACoN<sup>6</sup>.

Furthermore, the Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015<sup>7</sup> provides that: "the Court shall ensure that the defendant is represented by Counsel in capital offences."

However, according to The Prisoners Rehabilitation and Welfare Action (PRAWA), the total figure of prisoners in Nigeria oscillates between 72,000 and 72,500 as at March 2018, and that over 80 per cent of these prisoners were awaiting trial<sup>8</sup>. This leaves us with a situation whereby 280 lawyers may have to meet the legal needs of about 72,500 inmates, majority of whom fall within 62 percent of Nigerians living in extreme poverty. At this rate, each lawyer in the employment of LACoN would have a minimum of about 250 cases to attend, it is logical that this distribution per lawyer is highly impractical, hence the need to have a comprehensive Legal aid directory that'll ascertain these organizations and their particulars. This would also be a step towards the actualization of the objective of the ACJA 2015 which states that:

"The purpose of this Act is to ensure that the system of administration of criminal justice in Nigeria promotes efficient management of criminal justice institutions, speedy dispensation of justice, protection of the society from crime and protection of the rights and interests of the suspect, the defendant, and the victim)<sup>9</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> http://www.legalaidcouncil.gov.ng/index.php/en/86-about-us/149-legal-aid-council-committed-to-justice-delivery accessed 14/6/2018

<sup>5</sup> http://www.legalaidcouncil.gov.ng/index.php/en/?option=com\_content&view=article&id=138:communique-access-to-justice-advancing-the-frontiers-of-pro-bono&catid=43:latest-news accessed 14/6/2018

<sup>6</sup> http://www.legalaidcouncil.gov.ng/index.php/en/86-about-us/149-legal-aid-council-committed-to-justice-delivery accessed 14/6/2018

Section 267(4), See also SULAIMON v. STATE(2018) LPELR-44280(CA)

<sup>8</sup> https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/03/80-per-cent-prisoners-nigeria-awaiting-trial-prawa-2/accessed 14/6/2018

<sup>9</sup> Section 1. Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015.

Collaboration with other pro bono organizations working in the criminal justice sector would greatly facilitate the immediate reduction of the awaiting trial population and as such, a legal aid directory would get these organizations ascertained and accessible. This collaboration is further necessitated by the wave of evolving crimes and unprecedented legal issues prevalent in Nigeria today, this further increases the need to refer these cases to Pro bono organizations with the expertise to handle such peculiar cases, take for instance the increased rate of Mariticide in Nigeria today.

It is not enough to have these rights in black and white, it is of paramount importance that these rights are accessible, and there is equal access to justice (according to these rights) for all irrespective of means, tribe, religion or political disposition. What then is the nexus between these rights and a legal aid directory? It is simple: a legal aid directory would act as bridge which would connect the grossly dense ATP population to Pro -bono legal service providers with adequate manpower and capacity to handle each case with the expertise it requires, thereby clearing a clog in the Nigerian criminal justice system and actualizing the objective of the ACJA 2015.

The United States Country Report on Human Rights Practices in 2017<sup>10</sup> for Nigeria, released last week, was uncomplimentary in many senses. It spoke of worsening abuses of the rights of Nigerians. "The most significant human rights issues included extrajudicial and arbitrary killings; disappearances and arbitrary detentions; torture, particularly in detention facilities, including sexual exploitation and abuse; use of children by some security elements; looting and destruction of property; civilian detentions in military facilities, often based on flimsy evidence; denial of fair public trial; executive influence on the judiciary; infringement on citizens' privacy rights; restrictions on freedoms of speech, press, assembly and movement; official corruption; lack of accountability in cases involving violence against women and children, including female genital mutilation/cutting and sexual exploitation of children; trafficking in persons; early and forced marriages; and forced and bonded labour."

<sup>10</sup> http://saharareporters.com/2018/04/24/us-rates-nigeria-low-respect-human-rights accessed 19/6/2018

According to The Economist Intelligence Unit<sup>11</sup>, respect for Civil Liberties is one amongst the five indices of Democracy. Ascertaining the Legal Aid Service Providers in Nigeria would result in a more co-ordinated engagement of the Executive by Human rights CSOs, and also present a progressive image of the Nigeria Human rights narrative and the criminal justice system at large, which would as a ripple effect enhance the development of our democracy.

Another important reason for a legal aid directory is the Cost implications on the system. A legal aid directory would minimize the running cost of a police station by reducing the number of suspects in police detention as suspects would be easily connected to legal aid service providers, it would also minimize the cost of Justice Administration because it would reduce the time frame from arraignment to sentence by eliminating the adjournments which would have been occasioned by a Defendants inability to procure the services of a legal practitioner.

In conclusion, viable reasons abound for the establishment of a legal aid directory and are inexhaustible, also the advantages of same greatly outweigh the disadvantages (if any) and as such, the creation of a comprehensive directory of legal aid service providers in Nigeria is a step in the right direction and is long overdue.

<sup>11</sup> https://www.eiu.com/topic/democracy-index accessed 19/6/2018

### LEGAL AID SERVICE PROVIDERS IN NIGERIA

#### **ABIA**

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JUSTICE DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE		ADDRESS: Diocesan Catholic Secretariat, Bishop's House, Azikiwe Road, Box 99, Umuahia, Abia State. DIRECTORS: Rev. Fr. Paschal Okechukwu Opara; Rev. Fr. Daniel Osuji TELEPHONE: 08035080682
LEGAL AID COUNCIL OF NGERIA	The effort to formally establish legal aid in Nigeria by preparing a Bill entitled Legal Aid and Advice Act 1961 for Parliament which unfortunately, due to the Nigerian Civil War, did not see the light of day, led to the birth of the Nigerian Legal Aid Association on February 6th 1974. The efforts of the Association later culminated in the promulgation of the Legal Aid Decree or Legal Aid Act No. 56 of 1976. This Act formally introduced the legal aid scheme into law and it eventually was incorporated into the 1979 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.  The Legal Aid Act No. 56 of 1976 was promulgated by the Head of the Federal Military Government, General Olusegun Obasanjo on 10th November 1976. This was during the tenure of the Hon. Mr. Justice Dan Ibekwe,	Headquarters: No.22 Port Harcourt Crescent, off Gimbiya Street, Area 11, Garki Abuja, Nigeria. Email: info@ legalaidcouncil.gov.ng Website: www. legalaidcouncil.gov.ng

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	as Attorney-General of the Federation. By the Legal Aid Decree (Appointed Day) Order 1977, L.N. 30 of 1977, it was Dr. Augustine Nnamani J.S.C. then Attorney General of the Federation, who brought the provisions of the Legal Aid Act into force, on the 2nd day of May 1977. He thus established the first Legal Aid Council, in accordance with the provisions of the Legal Aid Act.	
ADAMAWA		
NAME	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT AND ADDRESS
JUSTICE/ PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT		ADDRESS: Catholic Bishop's House, P.O. Box 57, Yola, Adamawa State. DIRECTOR: Rev. Fr. Maurice Kwairanga TELEPHONE: 08126379281
FEDERAL AND STATES MINISTRY OF JUSTICE	The Federal Ministry of Justice seeks to maintain the highest standard of professionalism, to the ideals of fairness and justice and the sustenance of a healthy relationship between all arms and tiers of government.	YOLA: North-East Zonal Office: Federal Secretariat, Yola, Adamawa State. Telephone: 664. ISHAQ, ALIYU LOLO – 08035899501
NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL	The Nigerian Law School was established in Lagos under the Legal Education Act 1962 now Legal Education (Consolidation Etc) Act Cap. L10, Laws of the Federation, 2004. From 1962 up till December 1997 the Law School remained in Lagos.	Address: Wuro Hausa, Yola Phone: 09 292 1616

AKWA IBOM		
NAME	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT AND ADDRESS
COMPPART FOUNDATION FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE BUILDING	COMPPART Foundation has a probing legal service for the public currently in six Niger Delta states and extension to Abia and Ebonyi states. In these states, they have trained, so far, a total of 148 Community Based Paralegal Assistants. It is part of their Access of Justice Project.	Ibom State.  TELEPHONE: 08066680864 (Savior Akpan)  EMAIL: comppart@comppartfoundation.
JUSTICE, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE COMMISSION		ADDRESS: Uyo Catholic Secretariat, 2, Dominic Utuk Avenue, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State. DIRECTOR: Rev. Fr. Cletus Etim TELEPHONE: 08033976079

#### **ANAMBRA**

NAME	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT AND ADDRESS
JUSTICE DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE COMMISSION	Justice Development and Peace Commission (JDPC) of the Onitsha Archdiocese, a faith based and non-governmental organization is concerned with the development of people and has a mission to promote the sustainable and integral human and community development through a holistic empowerment approach.	ADDRESS: AWKA DIOCESE: Diocesan Catholic Secretariat, PMB 5021, Awka Anambra State. TELEPHONE: Rev. Fr. Simon Anigbogu - 08064810244; Rev. Fr. Adolphus Chkwuka - 08085214766  NNEWI DIOCESE ADDRESS: Bishop's House, P.M.B. 5099, Nnewi, Anambra State.

	This it does through her social and human development programs, which focuses on Economic and social justice, Agriculture, Democracy and Good government, among others.	DIRECTOR: Fr. Damian Obi TELEPHONE: 08037179634  ONITSHA ARCHDIOCESE ADDRESS: Archdiocesan Secretariat, Onitsha South, Anambra, Nigeria COORDINATOR: Fr. Edwin Udoye TELEPHONE: 08033243780 EMAIL: secretariat@onitsha- archdiocese.org
THE HUMAN RIGHTS LAW SERVICE (HURILAWS)	HURILAWS started in 1997 as a specialist provider of human rights legal services. Today, HURILAWS is also a public policy think-tank and pressure group working in partnership with multi-sector development and change actors to promote accountable and transparent governance in Nigeria.	ONITSHA OFFICE: Suite 3, 2nd Floor, Pacific Complex, 9, Awka Road, Onitsha, Anambra State. Nigeria. TELEPHONE: +234 8034283010 EMAIL: hurilaws@hurilaws.org WEBSITE: http://www.hurilaws.org/

#### BAUCHI

NAME	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT AND ADDRESS
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#### **BAYELSA**

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JUSTICE, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE (JDPC)		ADDRESS: St. Paul Ekeremor, Bayelsa State TELEPHONE: Rev. Fr. Victor Otoro - 08035079209
NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL	The Nigerian Law School was established in Lagos under the Legal Education Act 1962 now Legal Education (Consolidation Etc) Act Cap. L10, Laws of the Federation, 2004. From 1962 up till December 1997 the Law School remained in Lagos. Following the Federal Government directive, the School was relocated to Bwari in Abuja in December 1997. The Law School developed a Multi Campus structure in 1999 and the original premises in Lagos became the LAGOS CAMPUS OF THE NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL.	ADDRESS: Agudama-Epie in the outskirts of Yenagoa, Bayelsa State.

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JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION (JDPC)/ CARITAS GBOKO		KASTINA-ALA DIOCESE ADDRESS: Bishop's House, P.O. Box 44, Kastina-Ala, Benue State. TELEPHONE: Rev. Fr.Bull Michael - 07032747941, 08024342724 EMAIL: miketarbullfr94@yahoo.com
		MAKURDI DIOCESE ADDRESS: Bishop's House, P.O. Box 21, Markurdi, Benue State. COORDINATOR: Rev. Fr. Louis Ajinge, CMF EMAIL: jdpcmkddiocese@yahoo.com

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NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMSSION (NHRC)	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.	NORTH EAST ZONAL HEADQUARTERS No.4, Bama Road, Gwange Opp. Mara-Zaine Motel/University, Teaching Hospital, Maiduguri, Borno State TELEPHONE: 076-230360 HOT LINE: 08076974382 Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba, Yobe

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		Abuochiche, P.O. Box 27, Ogoja, Cross River State.  COORDINATOR: Rev. Fr. Pascal Ngang TELEPHONE: 08079741821 EMAIL: ogojadiocese80@yahoo.com

#### **DELTA**

NAME	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT AND ADDRESS
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KUNLE EDUN (TRI-LEX PARTNERS)	Engages in probing services and public interest litigation (human rights, women's rights)	ADDRESS: 35, NNPC Housing Complex Road, Ekpan, Warri, Delta State. TELEPHONE: 08038695936 EMAIL: eduovo@yahoo.com

#### EBONYI

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NAME	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT AND ADDRESS
JUSTICE DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE COMMISSION JUSTICE, DEVELOPMENT, PEACE AND CARITAS COMMISSION		AUCHI DIOCESE ADDRESS: Diocesan Chancery, Auchi Bishop's Court Road, Solium Davidica, Off Old Igara Road, P.O. Box 425, Auchi, Edo State. DIRECTOR: Rev. Fr. Paul Inanoremhe TELEPHONE: 08033938873  UROMI DIOCESE ADDRESS: Chancery Complex, P.M.B. 7, Uromi, Edo State. DIRECTOR: Rev. Fr. Dr. Fidelis Arhedo TELEPHONE: 08171726716
FEDERAL AND STATES MINISTRY OF JUSTICE	The Federal Ministry of Justice seeks to maintain the highest standard of professionalism, to the ideals of fairness and justice and the sustenance of a healthy relationship between all arms and tiers of government.	BENIN: South -South Zonal Office: Federal Secretariat, Benin, Edo State. Telephone: ANNAH,BENJAMIN OLUWEMIMO -07089158366

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ASHES UNITE FOUNDATION, ABUJA	Ashes Unite Foundation is a non-governmental that provides cost free legal services and education to Nigerian communities in order to encourage hope and empowerment to the oppressed. It is the objective of AU to address this immediate need for legal representation and education by providing individualized legal services providing counsel and education to ensure that no one is left without representation and without an understanding of their legal rights as a citizen of the ever-growing nation of Nigeria. AU also seeks to address Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 10 and 16 of the United Nation's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in assisting the Nigerian government in implementing these necessary objectives	TELEPHONE: (+234) 706-078-8477 (NIGERIA), (+1) 424- 835-1907 (U.S.A.) EMAIL: General Inquiries info@ashesunite.org Partnerships aspera@ashesunite.org

CITIZENS UNITED FOR THE REHABILITATION OF ERRANTS (CURE— NIGERIA)

CURE-Nigeria's mission is to advocate penal and prison systems that provide just consequences for criminal behaviors, respect the Rule of Law, human rights and dignity and promote the restoration of right relationship between victims, offenders and society. CURE-Nigeria believes that unless urgent steps are taken to reform the criminal justice and prison systems by providing all detainees with access to legal representation, improving prison conditions, reducing the use of prisons, and embarking on police reforms, and above all, creating jobs for the teeming youth population, prison population will continue to swell, prisons will remain incubators for diseases that affect the larger society, illiteracy level will rise as children of incarcerated parents will drop out of school; while some children grow up in prison with their parents, crime rate will increase as bread-winners are put behind bars, and prisoners are released into society without any skill to cope after spending many years in detention.

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FEDERAL AND STATES MINISTRY OF JUSTICE	The Federal Ministry of Justice seeks to maintain the highest standard of professionalism, to the ideals of fairness and justice and the sustenance of a healthy relationship between all arms and tiers of government. In the last one year, the Ministry embarked on a number of initiatives with the aim of ensuring the smooth functioning of government through the effective discharge of its core functions	ADDRESS: Justice Headquarters, Shehu Shagari Way, Central District, Maitama, Abuja, Nigeria EMAIL: info@justice.gov.ng
FEDERAL AND STATES MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS	The Federal Ministry of Women Affairs seeks to serve as the national vehicle to bring about speedy and healthy development of Nigerian Women, Children, the socially disadvantaged and physically challenged, and the main-streaming of their rights and privileges in national development process. The broad mandate of the Ministry is to advise government on gender and Children issues. Issues affecting Persons with Disabilities and the Aged; initiate policy guidelines and lead the process of gender equality and mainstreaming at both the national and international levels.	HEADQUARTERS: Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development Ahmadu Bello Way, Central Business District Abuja, Nigeria EMAIL: enquiries@womenaffairs.gov.ng

GLOBAL RIGHTS	Global Rights is distinctive in its grass roots approach that strengthens activists to document and expose human rights abuses, conduct community outreach and mobilization, advocate for legal and policy reform, and provide legal and paralegal services.	ADDRESS: 19, YPO Shodehinde Street, Utako, Federal Capital Territory Abuja, Nigeria TELEPHONE: +234-814-917-1224 EMAIL: contact@globalrights.org, info@globalrights.org WEBSITE: http://www.globalrights.org
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS (FIDA) NIGERIA	FIDA Nigeria is a Non-Governmental, Non-Profit Organization made up of women lawyers called to the practice of Law in Nigeria. FIDA was formed in 1964 by Mrs. (Lady) Aduke Alakija in Nigeria. FIDA Nigeria is a member of FIDA International founded in 1944 in Mexico by a group of women lawyers from Cuba, El Salvador, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Unites States of America.	ADDRESS: Court of Appeal Headquarters, Three Arms Zone, Off Shehu Shagari Way, Abuja. Abuja FCT 90001 Nigeria. TELEPHONE: 07088496115 EMAIL: info@fida.org.ng WEBSITE: http://www.fida.org.ng
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JUSTICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT REFORMATION ORGANIZATION	The Justice and Law Enforcement Reformation Organization is a non-profit organization established with the view to eradicating corruption and poverty in Nigeria; focusing on the Judiciary and Law Enforcement agencies.	ADDRESS: Ogun State House, Plot 74, 4th Avenue, Ralph Sodeinde St, Central Business District, Abuja. TELEPHONE: +234(0)803 314 2343
LEGAL AID COUNCIL OF NGERIA	The effort to formally establish legal aid in Nigeria by preparing a Bill entitled Legal Aid and Advice Act 1961 for Parliament which unfortunately, due to the Nigerian Civil War, did not see the light of day, led to the birth of the Nigerian Legal Aid Association on February 6th 1974. The efforts of the Association later culminated in the promulgation of the Legal Aid Decree or Legal Aid Act No. 56 of 1976. This Act formally introduced the legal aid scheme into law and it eventually was incorporated into the 1979 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.	Headquarters: No.22 Port Harcourt Crescent, off Gimbiya Street, Area 11, Garki Abuja, Nigeria. Email: info@legalaidcouncil.gov.ng Website: www.legalaidcouncil.gov.ng

NATIONAL AGENCY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (NAPTIP)	The National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) was created on 14th of July 2003 by the Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Enforcement and Administration Act 2003. The Agency is the Federal Government of Nigeria's response to addressing the scourge of trafficking in persons. It is a fulfillment of the country's international obligation under the Trafficking in Persons Protocol to prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in persons, especially women and children, supplementing the United Nations Transnational Organized Crime Convention (UNTOC).	ADDRESS: HEADQUARTERS: No 2028, Dalaba street, Wuse Zone 5, FCT, Abuja. TELEPHONE: +(234) 7030000203 TOLL FREE: 0800CALLNAPTIP (08002255627847) EMAIL: info@naptip.gov.ng WEBSITE: https://www.naptip.gov.ng/
NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMSSION (NHRC)	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.	ADDRESS: NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS; No. 19, Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, P.M.B 444 Garki, Abuja, Nigeria. TELEPHONE: +234(0)8077091123, +234(0)8077091124, +234(0)8077091126, +234(0)8075697449 EMAIL: info@nhrc.gov,ng WEBSITE: https://www.nigeriarights.gov. ng/

NETWORK OF UNIVERSITY LEGAL AID INSTITUTIONS (NULAI)	Network of University Legal Aid Institutions (NULAI) Nigeria was established in 2003 as a nongovernmental, non-profit and nonpolitical organization committed to promoting clinical legal education, legal education reform, legal aid and access to justice in Nigeria and the development of future public interest lawyers.	ADDRESS: Suite 9A, 2nd Floor, Wing A, City Plaza, 596 Ahmadu Bello Way, Garki II, Abuja. Abuja FCT Nigeria. TELEPHONE: +23492900609, +2348037877095 EMAIL: nulainigeria@nulai.org WEBSITE: www.nulai.org
NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (NBA)	The Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) is a professional, non-profit, umbrella association which is comprised of all lawyers called to the Nigerian Bar. It is engaged in the promotion and protection of Human Rights, the Rule of Law, and good governance in Nigeria.	ADDRESS: NATIONAL SECRETARIAT: NBA House, Plot 1101 Mohammadu Buhari Way, Central Business District, Abuja F.C.T., Nigeria TELEPHONE: +234 810 820 8068 EMAIL: info@nigerianbar.org.ng WEBSITE: http://www.nigerianbar.org. ng/

NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL	The Nigerian Law School was established in Lagos under the Legal Education Act 1962 now Legal Education (Consolidation Etc) Act Cap. L10, Laws of the Federation, 2004. From 1962 up till December 1997 the Law School remained in Lagos. Following the Federal Government directive, the School was relocated to Bwari in Abuja in December 1997. The Law School developed a Multi Campus structure in 1999 and the original premises in Lagos became the LAGOS CAMPUS OF THE NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL. It is headed by the Deputy Director-General, Mrs. Adetoun Adebiyi.	ADDRESS: Nigerian Law School, Bwari, P.M.B 170, Garki, Abuja. EMAIL: info@lawschool.gov.ng TELEPHONE: +234 9068057726
PRISONERS REHABILITATION AND WELFARE ACTION (PRAWA)	PRAWA is a Non-governmental organization aimed at promoting Security, Justice and Development in Africa. It was established in 1994 and in 1998 it secured observer status with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.	ABUJA OFFICE 396 Augustus Aikhomu Way Utako Abuja, FCT, Nigeria TELEPHONE: +234 (0)709 8703 524 EMAIL: prawaabuja@prawa.org

PROACTIVE GENDER INITIATIVE (PGI)	Proactive Gender Initiative (PGI) is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization, duly registered in Nigeria. Our objective is the actualization of an egalitarian society through legal means. We are particularly concerned with the enforcement of human rights in general and the rights of women, children and vulnerable persons in the society in particular.	ADDRESS: SuitE C15, Busymart plaza, plot 44, ebitu ukiwe street, Jabi, Abuja. TELEPHONE: 08037040485 WEBSITE: http://www. proactivegenderinitiatives.org/
RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC LAW CENTRE (REPLACE	REPLACE evolved in the context of a project to model interventions for managing Pre-Trial Detention (PTD project) and develop a Police Duty-Solicitor Scheme (PDSS) in Nigeria. This project began in 2004 and is a pioneer civil society effort to respond to the seemingly intractable problem of 'awaiting trial persons' in Nigeria's criminal justice system.	ADDRESS: House 8, Flat 2, Benue Crescent, P.O BOX 9903, Area 1, Garki, Abuja - Nigeria TELEPHONE: +234 09 413 3771 FAX: +234 09 413 3772 EMAIL: info@replaceportal.com WEBSITE: http://www.replaceportal.com/

RULE OF LAW AND EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE (PWAN)	Rule of Law and Empowerment Initiative also known as Partners West Africa Nigeria (PWAN) is a nongovernmental organization dedicated to enhancing citizens' participation and improving security governance in Nigeria and West Africa broadly. The organization is located in Abuja, with a national and regional reach.	ADDRESS: No 1b, Faith Crescent, Off Deeper Life Way, Kado District, Abuja. TELEPHONE: +2348091257245 EMAIL: info@partnersnigeria.org WEBSITE: www.partnersnigeria.org
THE LEGAL DEFENCE AND ASSISTANCE PROJECT (LEDAP)	The Legal Defence and Assistance Project (LEDAP) is a non- governmental organization of lawyers and Law professionals, engaged in the promotion and protection of human rights, the rule of law and good governance in Nigeria. It has observer status with the Africa commission on human and peoples' Rights.	Abuja: 4 Manzini Street, Wuse Zone 4, Abuja, Nigeria. Tel: +234 9 290 1589, 0813 846 0703 EMAIL: info@ledapnigeria.org WEBSITE: ledapnigeria.org
UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME (UNODC)	UNODC promotes the use of training manuals and the adoption of codes of conduct and standards and norms that aim to guarantee that the accused, the guilty and the victims can all rely on a criminal justice system that is fair and grounded on human rights values.	UNODC NIGERIA COUNTRY OFFICE ADDRESS: 9, Koubia Close, Off Ademola Adetokunbo crescent, Wuse 2, Abuja, P.M.B 2851 Garki Abuja, Nigeria. TELEPHONE: +234 701 683 9158 WEBSITE: https://www.unodc.org/ nigeria/

WOMEN'S RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT AND PROTECTION ALTERNATIVE (WRAPA)	WRAPA legal aid services are extended in the context of the provisions of Nigeria's 1999 Constitution under the three legal regimes of Common law/Received English law, Shari 'a Islamic Law, and Customary law.	ADDRESS: 19, Monrovia Street, Off Aminu Kano Way, Wuse II Abuja. TELEPHONE: 08188699961, 08172125692, 07063807887 EMAIL: wrapa399@gmail.com, wrapa399@yahoo.com WEBSITE: https://wrapanigeria.org
WOMEN TRAFFICKING AND CHILD LABOUR ERADICATION FOUNDATION (WOTCLEF)	WOTCLEF (Women Trafficking and Child Labour Eradication Foundation) is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), which was initiated and founded by Her Excellency, Chief (Mrs.) Amina Titi Atiku Abubakar, and wife of the Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in 1999.	ADDRESS: 22&24 Oliver de Coque Crescent, Off Pa Michael Imoudu Avenue, Gwarinpa Housing Estate, FCT Abuja. P.M.B 517, Garki -Abuja, Nigeria. TELEPHONE: +234 (0)8143114393, +234 (0)8036161672 EMAIL: wotclef@yahoo.com, info@ wotclef.org.ng WEBSITE: wotclef.org.ng

GOMBE		
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CRYSTAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE FOR LEGAL ADVANCEMENT		ADDRESS: 3 Pantami Road Gombe, Gombe State TELEPHONE: 08023747953 EMAIL: dalhatumusa@gmail.com

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FEDERAL AND STATES MINISTRY OF JUSTICE	The Federal Ministry of Justice seeks to maintain the highest standard of professionalism, to the ideals of fairness and justice and the sustenance of a healthy relationship between all arms and tiers of government	OWERRI: South-East Zonal Office: Federal Secretariat, Complex Annex, Oweri, Imo State. Telephone: NJOKU C. O. – 08160418487
JUSTICE, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE CARITAS COMMISSION		ABA DIOCESE ADDRESS: 3, Bishop's House, The Chancery, PMB 7526, Aba, Imo State. TELEPHONE: Rev. Fr. Kelechi Anyanwu - 08035501973 ORLU DIOCESE ADDRESS: Bishop's House, Box 430, Orlu, Imo State. COORDINATOR: Rev. Fr. Thaddeus Ihebinike TELEPHONE: 083-520401, 08033389707 OWERRI ARCHDIOCESE ADDRESS: Archdiocesan Secretariat, Box 85, Owerri, Imo State. COORDINATOR: Rev. Fr. Casmir Nzeh TELEPHONE: 08033565155

#### **JIGAWA**

NAME	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT AND ADDRESS	
JIGAWA WOMEN'S NETWORK FOR ACCESS TO JUSTICE	N/A	No website or contact	
JIGAWA STATE COMMUNITY LAW CENTRES	N/B	No website or contact	
JIGAWA STATE JUSTICE CONSULTATIVE FORUM	The Jigawa State Justice Consultative Forum, which was held in July 2002, at the commencement of A2J support in the state, identified lack of access to legal advice and assistance as one of the major problems that poor people in the state faced.	ADDRESS: Ministry of Justice, 2nd floor New State Secretariat, Takur, P.M.B. 7052, Dutse. TELEPHONE: 09053826830 EMAIL: justice@jigawastate.gov.ng	
KADUNA			
NAME	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT AND ADDRESS	
JUSTICE, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE COMMISSION		KADUNA ARCHDIOCESE ADDRESS: St. Austine's, Tudun Wada, Kaduna. COORDINATOR: Rev. Fr. Joshua Achir TELEPHONE: 08057674299 EMAIL: catholickad@email.com  KAFANCHAN DIOCESE ADDRESS: St. Francis Catholic Church, Zonkwa.	

		COORDINATOR: Very Rev. Fr. Aaron Tanko TELEPHONE: 08039096772  ZARIA DIOCESE ADDRESS: St. Augustine of Hippo's Parish, Kongo. COORDINATOR: Rev. Fr. Christopher James TELEPHONE: 08034520835
LEGAL RESOURCES CONSORTIUM-NIGERIA	The Legal Resources Consortium-Nigeria is a Public Interest Law Centre set up to provide leadership in advancing the rule of law in public policy. The Consortium works with law, including international law, as a tool for ensuring accountable governance, addressing poverty, and empowering local communities.	KADUNA: Community Law & Rural Development, Zonkwa Road, Samaru Kataf, Kaduna State.

KANO		
NAME	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT AND ADDRESS
DEMOCRATIC ACTION GRO (DAG) DISPUTE RESOLUTIO AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE		TELEPHONE: +234(80)32161356 EMAIL: dagnigeria2011@yahoo.com
EMIRATE COUNCIL	The Emirate Council assists the indigents of Kano State in mediation issues and recommend them to othelegal ad bodies in issues not relating to mediation.	er ADDRESS: Opposite Emir's palace,
FEDERAL AND STATES MINISTRY OF JUSTICE	The Federal Ministry of Justice seek to maintain the highest standard of professionalism, to the ideals of fairness and justice and the sustenance of a healthy relationship between all arms and tiers of government.	KANO: North-West Zonal Office: Federal Secretariat, Kano, Kano State.

ISA WALI EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE	The mission is to empower the women, youth and children of Nigeria to enable them escape from the cycle of poverty through innovative and qualitative programs. The Isa Wali Empowerment Initiative is a non-governmental and non-profit organization established with the aim of transforming the lives of the most vulnerable groups	ADDRESS: 10 Arakan Road, Nassarawa GRA Kano State, Nigeria. EMAIL: info@iwei-ng.org WEBSITE: http://iwei-ng.org/
JUSTICE, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE COMMISSION		ADDRESS: Bishop's House, 19, Race Course Road, Nassarawa, G.R.A, Box 11115, Kano, Kano State. TELEPHONE: Rev. Fr. Anthony Danja - 08162945092; Sir Mark Asuobi KSM - 08035868592
NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMSSION (NHRC)	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.	NORTH WEST ZONAL HEADQUARTERS Plot 313, New Hospital Road, Opp. Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Gyadi-Gyadi, Kano. TELEPHONE: 08033711345 HOT LINE: 08075383187 Kaduna, Kano, Kebbi, Jigawa, Sokoto, Zamfara, Katsina

NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL	The Nigerian Law School was established in Lagos under the Legal Education Act 1962 now Legal Education (Consolidation Etc) Act Cap. L10, Laws of the Federation, 2004. From 1962 up till December 1997 the Law School remained in Lagos.	ADDRESS: Bagauda, Kano State.
BAGAUDA LAW CLINIC	Bagauda Law Clinic assist indigent around Bagauda town on legal issue which includes; mediation, court case, among their activities they visit prisons and take up pretrial cases, street lawyering, visit children home to assist them.	CONTACT: Chief Law clinician Ibrahim Sule(lecturer) TELEPHONE: 09098151515
RULE OF LAW AND EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE (PWAN) PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE (PDO)	PWAN with support from the US Embassy Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) with implementing partners- Partners Global and Democratic Action Group (DAG) launched and implemented the Greater Access to Defense and Justice Project (GADJET) in January 2017. The project established a Public Defenders Office (PDO) in Kano State on 16th February 2017 to provide pro bono legal aid services, legal education, advice and representation to less privileged persons in Kano State.	PDO OFFICE: 70 Lamido Crescent Kano, Kano State. TELEPHONE: +2349098090976 EMAIL: admin@partnersnigeriapdo. org

# KOGI

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JUSTICE, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE COMMISSION (JDPC)		IDAH DIOCESE ADDRESS: Bishop's House, Box 55, Idah, Kogi State. DIRECTOR: Rev. Fr. Matthew Attah TELEPHONE: 08033565152; 058-800134  LOKOJA DIOCESE ADDRESS: Immaculate Conception Cathollic Cathedral, P.O. Box 31, Lokoja, Kogi State. TELEPHONE: Rev. Fr. Leonard O. Odomeja - 08062617670 EMAIL: lenyodoms@yahoo.com

### KWARA

NAME	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT AND ADDRESS
JUSTICE, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE COMMISSION		ADDRESS: Marie Julie and Mahony Centre, Oro, P.O. Box 79, Oro. Catechetical Resource Centre, Ilorin. COORDINATOR: Rev. Fr. Patrick Adetutu TELEPHONE: 08121508325 EMAIL: jdpmilo@gmail.com

# LAGOS

NAME	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT AND ADDRESS
BAOBAB FOR WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS	BAOBAB for Women's Human Rights (BAOBAB) is a not-for-profit, nongovernmental women's human rights organisation, which focuses on women's legal rights issues under the three systems of law – customary, statutory and religious laws – in Nigeria. The organization evolved from an ad hoc group of activists, social scientists, lawyers, and specialists in Muslim laws and Arabic who were responsible for executing the Women and Laws Nigeria project, under the auspices of the International Solidarity Network of Women Living Under Muslim Laws from 1993 to 1996.	ADDRESS: 76, Ogudu Road, Ojota, Lagos P. O. Box 73630, Victoria Island, Lagos. TELEPHONE: +23414747931, +23418980834 FAX: +234 1 4962302 Mobile: +234 (0) 802 333 0981 EMAIL: baobabwomen@yahoo.com BLOG: http://baobabwomen.blogspot.com.ng
CITIZENS' MEDIATION CENTRE (CMC)	The Office of the Citizens' Mediation Centre was established in 1999 as a unit under the Directorate of citizens' Right of the Lagos State Ministry of Justice. The CMC later became a separate entity by Law No.6 of 2007. It was established by the Lagos State Government on enlargement of access to justice to provide free legal services to the needy and residents of Lagos State through an alternative dispute resolution mechanism i.e. mediation.	HEAD OFFICE:  1, Motorways Centre, Opposite 7up Bottling Company, Alausa – Ikeja, Lagos TELEPHONE: 08118161620 EMAIL: info@cmc.org.ng WEBSITE: https://cmc.org.ng/

DIRECTORATE FOR CITIZENS' RIGHTS (DCR)	The Directorate for Citizens Right a department in the Lagos State Ministry of Justice is responsible for implementing the State Government policy in providing access to justice, quick and free to all residents of Lagos State via Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). The Directorate has several Units.	ADDRESS: Lagos State Ministry of Justice, Alausa, Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria.  EMAIL: info@lagosministryofjustice.org WEBSITE: http://lagosministryofjustice. org/directorates/directorate-for- citizens-rights/
FEDERAL AND STATES MINISTRY OF JUSTICE	The Federal Ministry of Justice seeks to maintain the highest standard of professionalism, to the ideals of fairness and justice and the sustenance of a healthy relationship between all arms and tiers of government.	LAGOS: South -West Zonal Office : Federal Ministry of Justice, Marina, Lagos, Lagos State. Telephone: MR. OFULUE – 08034092605
HUMANITARIAN CARE FOR DISPLACED PERSONS	The Humanitarian Care for Displaced Persons was founded in 2009 with the initial mission of lobbying for the rights of displaced persons and migrants. It also conducts field research and analysis on conflicts and mediation and peacemaking in support of the operational projects to improve efforts to secure and sustain peace across Nigeria.	ADDRESS: 18d Olutoye Crescent, Off Adeniyi Jones 2341 Ikeja. Lagos. Nigeria. TELEPHONE: +234 1 8939937, +234 8034745325 EMAIL: orovwuje@hotmail.com

JUSTICE, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE COMMISSION		ADDRESS: Church and Society Archdiocese of Lagos, 19, Maye Street, Off Commecial Avenue, Sabo, Yaba, Lagos. DIRECTOR: Rev. Fr. Raymond Anoliefo TELEPHONE: 01-8112786 EMAIL: jdpcarchlag@yahoo.co.uk
LAGOS PUBLIC INTEREST LAW PARTNERSHIP (LPILP)	Lagos Public Interest Law Partnership (LPILP) is a public-private partnership between the Lagos State Government and stakeholders in the private sector such as law firms and NGOs, which aims to improve access to justice for the marginalized and disadvantaged in the society.	Address: Samuel Illori Magistrate Court, Ogba, Lagos, Nigeria Email: contactlpilp@gmail.com
LEGAL RESOURCES CONSORTIUM-NIGERIA	The Legal Resources Consortium-Nigeria is a Public Interest Law Centre set up to provide leadership in advancing the rule of law in public policy. The Consortium works with law, including international law, as a tool for ensuring accountable governance, addressing poverty, and empowering local communities.	LAGOS: 28A Mojidi Street, Off Toyin Street, Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria. TELEPHONE: Tel: 234-1-8042395 EMAIL: info@lrcnigeria.org, lrclagos@ yahoo.com

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMSSION (NHRC)	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.	SOUTH WEST ZONAL HEADQUARTERS No. 13A Ladipo Bataye Street, G.R.A Ikeja, Lagos. HOT LINE: 08054707559 Ekiti, Lagos, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, Oyo
NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL	The Nigerian Law School was established in Lagos under the Legal Education Act 1962 now Legal Education (Consolidation Etc.) Act Cap. L10, Laws of the Federation, 2004. From 1962 up till December 1997 the Law School remained in Lagos.	ADDRESS: 213 Igbosere Rd, Lagos Island, Lagos.

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER (OPD)	The Office of the Public Defender, Lagos State Ministry of Justice was established on July 24th, 2000 by the then Governor of the State, His Excellency Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, to provide free and qualitative legal services to the indigent and oppressed residents of the state.	ADDRESS: HEAD OFFICE: 2/8, Iyun Road, Stadium/ Barrack Busstop, By Funsho Williams Avenue, Surulere, Lagos. IKORODU OFFICE: The Combined High/ Magistrate Court, Ita-Elewa, Ikorodu Lagos. OGBA OFFICE: Samuel Ilori Court, Ogba, Agege, Lagos EPE OFFICE: Ligali Ayorinde Combined Magistrate/High Court Complex, Epe, Lagos TOLL FREE: 070 80 60 10 80 EMAIL: opdlagos@yahoo.com; opdlagosstate.gov.org; WEBSITE: http://opd.lagosstate.gov.ng/
PARTNERSHIP FOR JUSTCE	Partnership for Justice (PJ) is a non- profit organization of professionals who share a commitment to equality, justice and globalization of human rights standards. PJ works at all levels to offer services to victims of human rights violations and create linkages for the promotion and protection of human rights in Nigeria.	ADDRESS: 3rd floor, 2 Tunde Gafar Close, Off Adeniyi Jones Avenue, Ikeja, Lagos. TELEPHONE: 08125152683; 08094000028 EMAIL: partners@pjnigeria.org WEBSITE: http://pjnigeria.org/

PRISONERS REHABILITATION AND WELFARE ACTION (PRAWA)	PRAWA is a Non-governmental organization aimed at promoting Security, Justice and Development in Africa. It was established in 1994 and in 1998 it secured observer status with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.	LAGOS OFFICE  1 Bode Thomas Street  Off bode Thomas Road, Onipanu P. O. BOX: 2060, Sabo, Yaba, Lagos, Nigeria  TELEPHONE: +234 (0) 709 8703 526  EMAIL: prawalagos@prawa.org
RESTORATION FOR ABUSED PEOPLE (RAP) - NIGERIA	R.A.P -Nigeria was initiated in 2006 to break the chain of events in the life of victims of Sexual, emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual abuse, ready to experience complete healing and to be counselled.	POST: P.O.Box 22210, Ikeja, Lagos State. TELEPHONE: +234 (0) 8096589565; Fax: EMAIL:: info@rapnigeria.org WEBSITE: http://www.rapnigeria.org
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS ACTION CENTRE (SERAC)	The Social and Economic Rights Action Center (SERAC) promotes and protects economic, social, and cultural (ESC) rights in Nigeria. Through its Monitoring and Advocacy Program, Community Action Program, Legal Action Program, and the recently introduced Policy Advocacy Program, SERAC seeks to build awareness about ESC rights and explore strategies to realize them.	ADDRESS: Plot 758, Chief Thomas Adeboye Drive, Omole Phase II, Isheri, Lagos, Nigeria. P.O. Box 13616, Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria. TELEPHONE: +234 1 764 6299, +234 70 9811 8536 FAX: +234 1 496 8606 EMAIL: info@serac.org, seracnig@aol. com

THE HUMAN RIGHTS LAW SERVICE (HURILAWS)	HURILAWS started in 1997 as a specialist provider of human rights legal services. Today, HURILAWS is also a public policy think-tank and pressure group working in partnership with multi-sector development and change actors to promote accountable and transparent governance in Nigeria.	ADDRESS: LAGOS OFFICE Left Wing, 1st Floor, Maritime Complex, 34, Creek Road, P.O.Box 3169, Apapa. Lagos. Nigeria. TELEPHONE: +234 1 342 6522
THE LEGAL DEFENCE AND ASSISTANCE PROJECT (LEDAP)	The Legal Defence and Assistance Project (LEDAP) is a non- governmental organization of lawyers and Law professionals, engaged in the promotion and protection of human rights, the rule of law and good governance in Nigeria.	ADDRESS Lagos: 11b, Christ Avenue, Off Admiralty Road, Lekki Phase 1, Lagos. EMAIL: info@ledapnigeria.org WEBSITE: ledapnigeria.org

NASARAWA		
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JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION		ADDRESS: Bishop's House, Opposite Governent House, P.O. Box 84, Lafia, Nasarawa State. CHAIRMAN: Fr. Simon Ikpum TELEPHONE: 08036347224
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NAME	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT AND ADDRESS
JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION		KONTAGORA DIOCESE ADDRESS: St. Michael's Cathedral, Box 56 Kontagora, Niger State. TELEPHONE: Rev. Fr. Nicholas Bonoh - 08082084356 MINNA DIOCESE ADDRESS: Diocesan Secretariat C/O Box 58, Minna, Niger State. TELEPHONE/FAX: 08036007262, 066- 222217; 222502
INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS (INCRESE)	INCRESE currently carries the following activities;  • Law reform and policy dialogue at the community, national, regional and international levels.  • Capacity building in the area of Sexual and Reproductive Rights, especially for young women and sexual minorities.	ADDRESS: 1E, Bosso Road, Beside Fire Service, G.P. Box 3684, Minna, Niger State, Nigeria. TELEPHONE: +234 806 548 8417, +234 803 450 0714 EMAIL: increse2001@yahoo.co.uk WEBSITE: http://www.increse.org/

# ONDO

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JUSTICE, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE COMMISSION		ADDRESS: St. Peter's Unity Compound, Onyemekun Road, P.O. Box 400, Akure, Ondo State. DIRECTOR: Rev. Fr. Patrick Adebayo EMAIL: ondojdpc@yahoo.com
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER (OPD)	The Office of the Public Defender, Ondo State Ministry of Justice provides mediation, free legal aid services; trains legals and paralegals and also carry out sensitiation programmes.	ADDRESS: 2, Hospital Lane, Akure, Ondo State. TELEPHONE: 07062954576, 08057066380 EMAIL: adesolajob.aja@gmail.com
FEDERAL AND STATES MINISTRY OF JUSTICE	The Federal Ministry of Justice seeks to maintain the highest standard of professionalism, to the ideals of fairness and justice and the sustenance of a healthy relationship between all arms and tiers of government.	AKURE: South West Zonal Office: Federal Secretariat, Akure, Ondo State. Telephone: MR. AWOLUYI OLUSEUN – 08066463924

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NAME	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT AND ADDRESS
JUSTICE, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE		ADDRESS: ABEOKUTA DIOCESE Catholic House, Box 206, Ibara, Abeokuta, Ogun State. TELEPHONE: Rev. Fr. Francis Diyaoiu - 07059020748; Rev. Fr. Eric Olatunji - 07031326900 EMAIL: jdpmabeokutacda@gmai.com; frinkaus@yahoo.com; eriquemimo@ gmail.com IJEBU-ODE DIOCESE ADDRESS: Catholic Bishop's House, 83 Stadium Road, GRA, P.O. Box 32, Ijebu- Ode, Ogun State DIRECTOR: Rev. Fr. John Patrick Ngoyi, CICM TELEPHONE: 08056656588, 08060217112 EMAIL: jdpcijebuode@yahoo.com

### **OSUN**

NAME	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT AND ADDRESS
CHILD ADOLESCENT AND FAMILY SURVIVAL ORGANIZATION- WOMEN'S RIGHT ACTION GROUP (CAFSO-WRAG) FOR DEVELOPMENT	CAFSO-WRAG is a humanitarian, not for profit, and non-governmental organization established in 1994 in Ibadan, Nigeria. Its main task is to challenge the structures and institutions that perpetuate poverty, hunger and preventable diseases, and campaign for the fulfilment of all socio-economic and human rights for sustainable human and ecological development.	OSUN STATE: CAFSOWRAG for Development Turn Greens Enterprises, Klm. 2, Ilesha Road, Ijebu-Jesha, Osun State. WEBSITE: http://www. cafsowrag4development.org/
JUSTICE, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE MAKERS CENTRE (JDPMC)		ADDRESS: JDPMC Office, Bishop's House, Oke Ayepe, P.O. Box 78, Osogbo, Osun State. DIRECTOR: Rev. Fr. Thaddeus O. Ajayi TELEPHONE: 08105584018; 08033892421 EMAIL: jdpmc2009@gmail.com; okerekehenry@yahoo.com
THE LEGAL DEFENCE AND ASSISTANCE PROJECT (LEDAP)	The Legal Defence and Assistance Project (LEDAP) is a non- governmental organization of lawyers and Law professionals, engaged in the promotion and protection of human rights, the rule of law and good governance in Nigeria.	Osogbo: Public Defender Wing, Osun State Ministry of Justice Complex. EMAIL: info@ledapnigeria.org WEBSITE: ledapnigeria.org

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