

HEADFORT FOUNDATION FOR JUSTICE



YEARS IMPACT REPORT 2019 - 2023



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IMPACT IN NUMBERS

865,780+

Probono Hours Spent

12,000

Beneficiaries of Legal Aid

628

Indigent Pre trial
Inmates Released

115

Ex-Inmates
Empowered

12+

Correctional
Facilities Engaged

87

Courts
Engaged

478

Volunteers
Engaged

3+

Law Enforcement
Agencies Engaged

104

Law Enforcement
Agents Trained

36

States + FCT
Reached in Nigeria

100+

Media engaged on
Human Rights
Advocacy

25

EndSars Victims
Represented

236

Cases resolved
via technology
solution

2 MILLION+

People Reached on Human
Rights Advocacy

ABOUT US

Founded in 2019 to provide access to justice, advocate for human rights, and juvenile justice in Nigeria, Headfort Foundation for Justice is now a national organization that partners with impacted communities and government agencies for change. With offices in four major cities in Nigeria, and a team of hundreds of advocates, activists, and lawyers, we work to transform the Nigerian criminal justice system so that money doesn't determine freedom; fewer people are in, prisons, and everyone in the system is informed, have access to legal practitioner and treated with dignity regardless of their socio-economic status.

VISION

To see a just and equitable Nigeria where everyone has equal access to justice.



MISSION

To significantly improve access to justice in Nigeria through human rights advocacy, legal aid, and innovative technology solutions.

MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At Headfort Foundation for Justice's founding in 2019, we embraced some ideas that were considered radical for a young NGO, among them;

1. Expansion of legal aid service to victims of human rights abuse in all the 36 states of Nigeria through technology.
2. Making legal aid service available in courts rooms in Nigeria and holistic human rights defense and advocacy.

We are grateful and humbled to see our radical passion reflected by our donors and supporters. Thanks to you, we were able to significantly increase our legal aid support for indigent victims of human rights abuse and significantly improve access to justice in Nigeria within five years of existence.

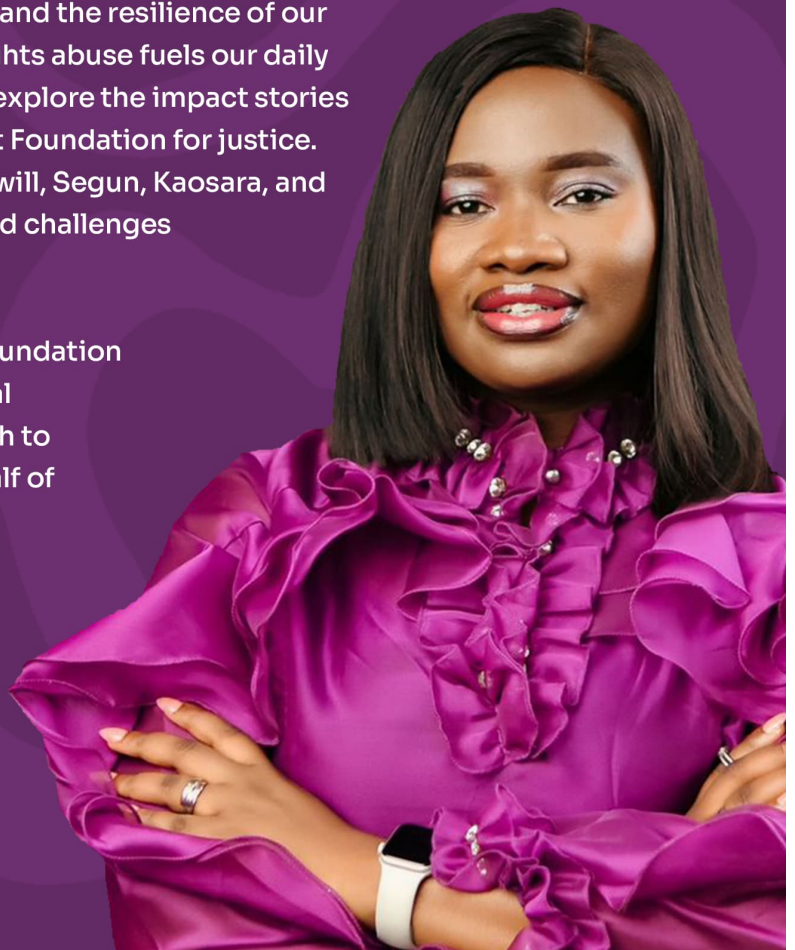
Witnessing the commitment of our partners to pioneer new models of advocacy for human rights in Nigeria, and the resilience of our staff and volunteers to ending human rights abuse fuels our daily inspiration. In this report, I invite you to explore the impact stories that define everything we do at Headfort Foundation for justice. Join us in meeting individuals like Godswill, Segun, Kaosara, and Nifemi, and learn more about the joys and challenges of our vision for access to justice for all.

As the Executive Director of Headfort Foundation for Justice, I believe in the power of local expertise and a comprehensive approach to bridge the Nigerian justice gap. On behalf of our dedicated team and partners worldwide, I extend heartfelt gratitude for your invaluable support

OLUYEMI ORIJA

Executive Director

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OUR WORK



IMPACT STORY:

MISSING CASE FILE: RASHEED SPENT 8 YEARS AWAITING TRIAL

Rasheed Adetunji, now 35 years old, was raised by his blind father after his mother deserted them. The bullying he experienced over their poor condition made him leave Ibadan after his secondary education to Lagos where he began work as a Conductor and later ventured into DJ at Eleko Beach in Lagos State. Sometime in April 2015, Rasheed while working at a birthday party was arrested by police officers in plain clothes. They took him to Ikeja SARS office where he was held for two months unconstitutionally. Rasheed was thereafter merged with two other persons he met in SARS custody and charged with kidnapping. He was remanded at Kirikiri maximum prison awaiting trial. After three years, Rasheed was no longer taken to court, his file was missing and he had no lawyer to work on this case as he could not afford to contract the service of lawyers. His friend found Headfort Foundation online in 2019 and Oluyemi Orija took his brief and began the search for his file. It was in March 2020 that she had a breakthrough and got him a date in court. Due to the effect of COVID-19 and Endsars, the court did not sit all through 2020. In July 2021, he had his second appearance in court after sitting in prison for years awaiting trial. After 8 adjournments with no evidence or witness to prove the charge of kidnapping, the Court granted the application of our counsel and dismissed the charges against him. Rasheed regained freedom on the 1st day of February, 2023 after unjustly awaiting trial for 8 years in custody.



MILESTONES

20
19

- Establishment of Headfort Foundation for Justice.
- 74 pretrial inmates secured release from prison
- 296 family members reunited with their loved ones.
- 45 volunteers gained
- 550 beneficiaries of legal aid reached

DID YOU KNOW?

“Children are incarcerated in adult prison in Nigeria?”

20
20

- Establishment of Lawyers without Borders project (project now in 6 locations across 4 states in Nigeria)
- 2000 beneficiaries of legal aid reached
- 102 indigent and unjustly detained inmates released
- Documentary by Aljazeera released reaching over 1,000,000 people across the world.
- 113 volunteers gained

DID YOU KNOW?

“75% inmates across Nigerian Prisons are awaiting trial?”

20
21

- Launch of Lawyers NowNow Digital App (**360** reported cases resolved)
- Expansion of legal aid service to the 36 states of the country including FCT.
- Translation of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria into Hausa, Igbo and Yoruba languages
- 150,000** Nigerians (women and youth) sensitized on human rights in the language they understand.
- BBC Africa Documentary released reaching over **2,000,000** people across the world.
- 2250** beneficiaries of legal aid reached
- 121** indigent and unjustly detained inmates released
- 131** volunteers gained

20
22

- 161** indigent and wrongly detained inmates released from prison.
- 3050** beneficiaries of legal aid reached
- 644** family members reunited with their loved ones
- Launch of Life After Prison Initiative
- 115** released inmates reintegrate back into the society through skill acquisition, employment, physical and mental health support, education and accommodation
- Recognition as the most Outstanding NGO of the year by Legacy Awards
- Documentary by Nas Daily released and reached over **5 million** people around the world.
- 87** volunteers gained

20
23

- Launch of Human Rights Advocacy project
- 251,000** people reached on human rights advocacy in Nigeria
- Launch of campaign against Children Incarceration in Adult Prisons
- 139** indigent and wrongly detained inmates released from prison.
- 4150** beneficiaries of legal aid reached
- 566** family members reunited with their loved ones
- Dialogue between three Law Enforcement Agencies and the citizens with over **1500 people** reached.
- 102** volunteers gained

IMPACT STORY:

15YEAR OLD REMANDED FOR STEALING BISCUIT, MILO AND MILK

Nifemi is a 15 year old boy charged to court for the offense of Stealing. He was alleged of stealing “provisions” (Biscuit, Milo and Milk) worth less than \$2 and for damaging the CCTV in the SuperMarket. He was arraigned in June 2023 before Magistrate Court Ikorodu, Lagos State. The court remanded him at the Special Correctional Centre for the Boys Oregun. While he await trial, his family could not afford a lawyer but on the 30th November 2023, our team at Headfort visited the Special Correctional



Centre for the Boys where we met him and took up his case Our lawyer, Mauyon Amosu represented him in Court and applied to the Court for the matter to be struck out since there is no witness, complainant or IPO in court to prove the allegation and importantly, 6 months in remand is enough punishment for stealing if found guilty. The Court granted our application, and handed him over to his grandmother, the Court ordered that our Lawyer must visit the home of the grandmother and give a bi-monthly report to the court on his progress and that the Foundation should provide financial assistance for him.

OUR REACH

In the last five years, Headfort Foundation for Justice has successfully implemented various projects throughout the entirety of Nigeria, This noteworthy expansion is reflected in our progression from operations in just one state of Nigeria to physical presence in Five states of the country and virtual presence through our digital application and volunteers across the 36 states of the country. Our legal aid service has helped 628 indigent and wrongly detained inmates out of prison for free, directly provided legal aid service to over 12,000 indigent Nigerians for free and over 48000 indirect beneficiaries of legal aid service.

In addition, Headfort Foundation for Justice has facilitated human rights advocacy projects that actively engaged 401,000 Marginalized Nigerians while ensuring trust and dialogue between citizens and law enforcement agents. As a result of these achievements, our reach has extended to all states of Nigeria

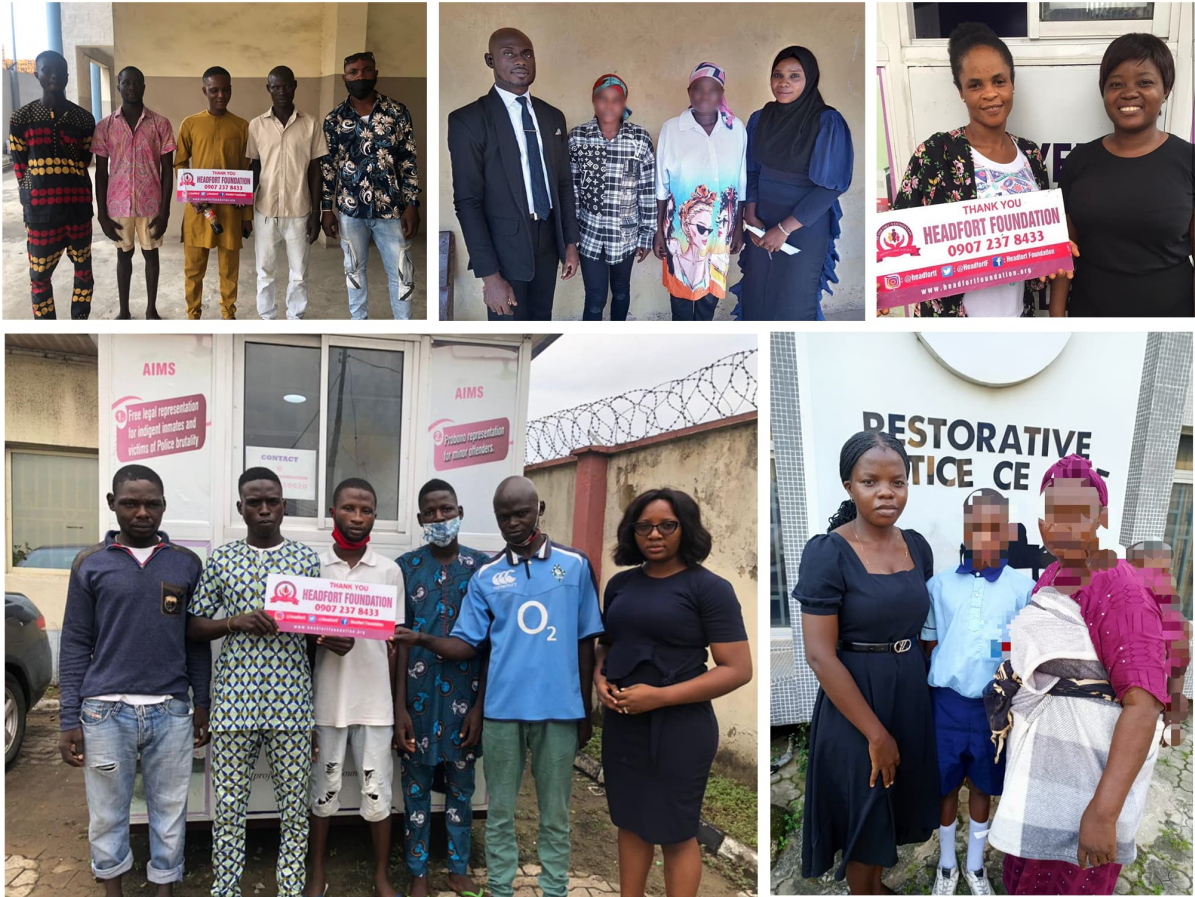
**ALL 36
STATES +
FCT**



DID YOU KNOW?

“Youth between ages 19–45 make up 60% of inmates in Nigerian prisons?”

ACCESS TO JUSTICE PROGRAMS



At Headfort Foundation for Justice, we put individuals and their needs at the forefront of legal processes. We ensure fair, accessible, and inclusive legal systems that prioritize the well-being and rights of every person involved. In achieving this, we provide access to Legal Representation, offer pro bono legal service, actively engage with communities to understand their unique challenges, and empower individuals to navigate the legal system effectively.

Headfort Foundation ensures that individuals facing financial constraints have access to justice, aligning with the principle that justice should not be contingent on one's ability to pay. We place the needs of victims at the center, providing support, guidance, and legal assistance to ensure their voices are heard and their rights protected.

IMPACT STORY: **ARRESTED AND DETAINED FOR 8 YEARS FOR NOT HELPING SOLDIERS**

Ola, a panel beater in Alaba, Lagos State, Nigeria, faced an unjust ordeal in May 2014. While returning from work, he witnessed people running past him, followed by soldiers. When questioned by the soldiers for not stopping the people running, Ola explained he didn't know them and couldn't have intervened. This angered the soldiers, and they arrested him. He was taken to Orile police station and accused of failing to prevent the escape of the individuals chased by the soldiers. Subsequently, he was moved to SARS Office Ikeja where he was thereafter charged to court for the crime of armed robbery. Despite family efforts for legal representation, financial constraints left Ola without legal aid until July 2022 when he contacted Headfort Foundation through another inmate.

We assigned his matter to our lawyer, Itunuoluwa Awolu. She traced his case to Lagos State High Court TBS and started representing him. The case was adjourned severally and the prosecution could not prove the case as there was no witness. Our lawyer's application to strike out the matter was granted on the 11th of October 2022 and Ola was discharged. He spent eight years in prison awaiting trial.



ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN NUMBERS

628

indigent
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released

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Courts
Engaged

12+

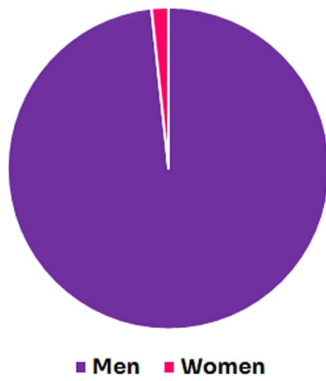
Correctional
Facilities
Engaged

865,780+

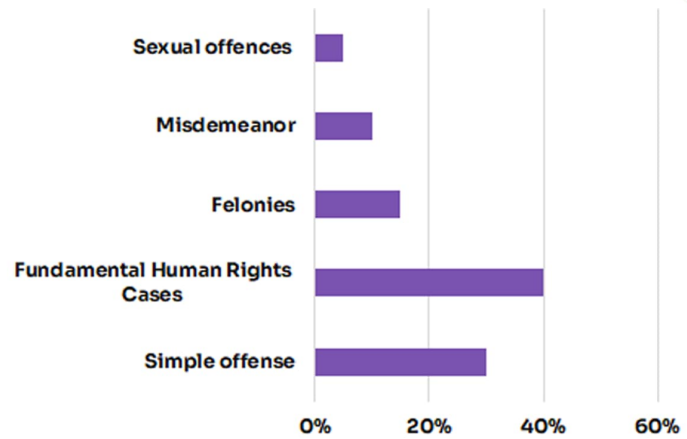
Probono Hours
Spent

DID YOU KNOW? “90% of inmates in Nigerian Correctional centers are men?”

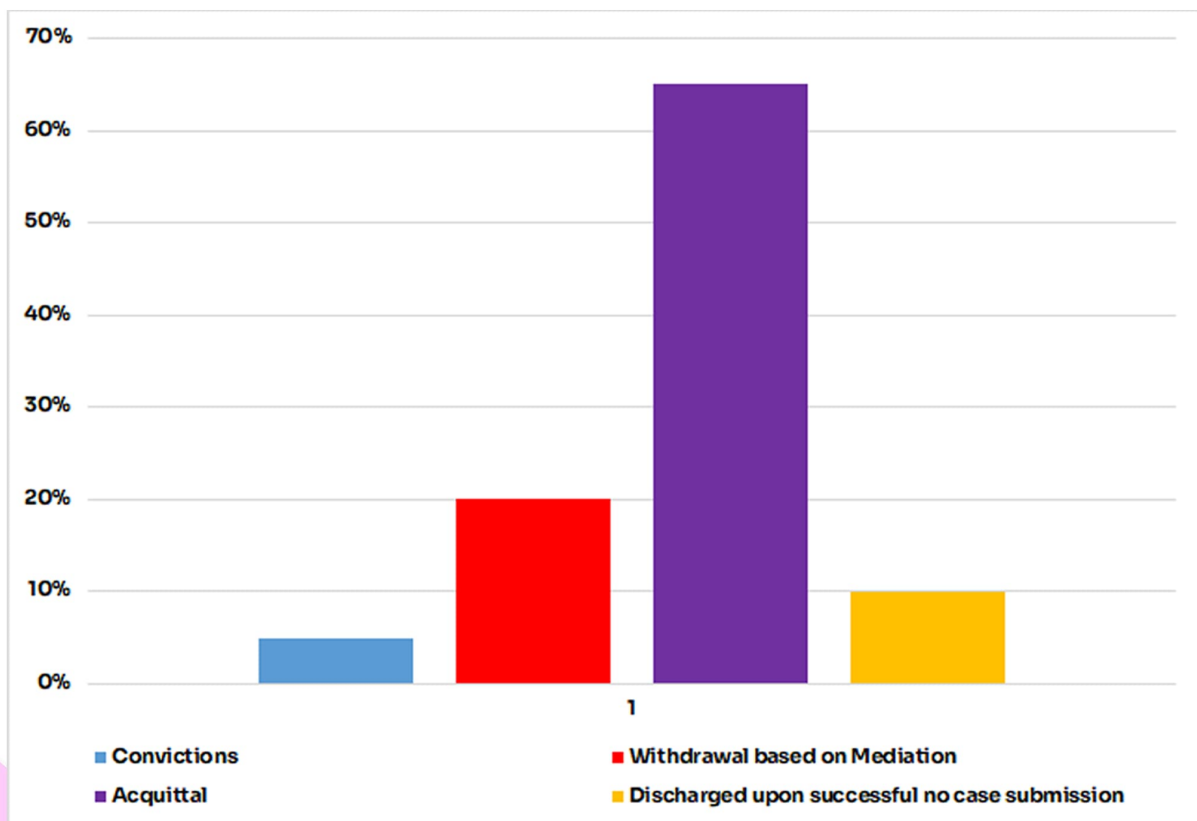
GENDER OF BENEFICIARIES IN PERCENTAGE



TYPE OF CASES HANDELED



CASE OUTCOMES



IMPACT STORY: SINGLE MOTHER UNJUSTLY DETAINED FOR STANDING GUARANTOR

Blessing is a single mother of a 5 year old child and a hairstylist. She is an indigene of Cross River State and lived at Ikorodu, Lagos State. She has a friend named Alice who also stays with her. Her friend Alice was seeking a maid's job and she gave her the contact of an. On getting the job for Alice, Blessing stood as a guarantor. After the span of 3 months, Alice resigned from her place of work and pleaded to stay with Blessing and She agreed. She traveled to cross river state while Alice was living in her room in Lagos State. On getting back to Lagos on the 23rd day of August, 2018. Blessing was visited by Police Officers who arrested both her and Alice for stealing jewelry. They were taken to SARS office at Ikeja GRA. At the Station, the SARS officials collected all they had and locked them up in the cell. Blessing explained to the SARS officials that she knows nothing about any jewelry, but all her explanation fell on deaf ears. They were tortured to the extent that Alice became mentally unstable and a few days after, they were charged to court for stealing. On the 12th day of september 2018, they were arraigned in court, upon realizing that Alice was not mentally stable, the court rejected her plea and ordered that she be taken to psychiatric hospital while Blessing pleaded not guilty to the charge. She was granted bail, but she could not perfect her bail conditions and no complainant showed up in court. On the 2nd of July, 2021, Blessing met Headfort Foundation's Lawyer stationed at the Ogba Magistrate Court (one of the Mobile Offices of our "Lawyers Without Border" Project) and her brief was taken. Our lawyer carried out a diligence in the court to know the state of the matter and represented her in court. She pointed to the court that the matter has been ongoing since 2018 and no complainant came to court and the prosecution did not produce any witness in the matter but left Blessing to rot in jail. The court gave the prosecution one more opportunity to produce its witness and adjourned the matter.

On the 8th day of July, 2021, the matter came up again, the prosecution did not produce any witness or complainant, our lawyer again applied that the matter be struck out for want of diligent prosecution and reminded the court that it gave the prosecution the last opportunity to produce their witness but they failed. The Court, going through its file and noting that the complainant had never shown up in the matter, granted our lawyer's application and the matter was struck out with Blessing discharged of all charges against her. Blessing spent two years and eleven months in prison before her release.



LAWYERS WITHOUT BORDER PROJECT

We collaborated with the Judiciary of states to have mobile offices erected within court premises in Nigeria.



LAWYERS NOWNOW

In 2021, Headfort Foundation for Justice launched an innovative initiative where Nigerian youths who are mostly victims of police brutality and users of mobile phones can access pro bono lawyers within a minute. This initiative was launched to reduce human rights abuse that usually happens between the time of arrest and the time of legal representation.

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An Headfort Foundation Initiative

JUSTICE CORNER

Headfort Foundation for Justice launched this initiative targeted at women in local open markets. This project serves as an alternative to litigation, it fosters restorative justice and peace in the market community and helps reduce backlogs of cases in our courts.



WELFARE SUPPORT FOR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS

Headfort Foundation for Justice provided welfare materials like clothes, food, toiletries, books, medications etc to the Nigerian Correctional Facilities to support the welfare of the inmates.



LIFE AFTER PRISON INITIATIVE

To reduce recidivism, Headfort Foundation is committed to continually engage with its beneficiaries and provide support for them in the area of education, accommodation, employment, skill acquisition, physical and mental health.



“Everyone who comes to Headfort Foundation for Justice in tears, MUST leave with laughter”

OLUYEMI ORIJA

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



ADVOCACY PROGRAMS

END CHILD INCARCERATION

Through the End Child Incarceration campaign, Headfort Foundation engaged with three remand homes in Lagos State to advocate against child incarceration. We also took to the street and on social media platforms to campaign against remanding children in adult prisons. Our advocacy has **reached over 20,000 people**



STOP INCARCERATING CHILDREN IN ADULT PRISON



Young offenders should not be kept in adult custodial facilities

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CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS 15 YEARS OLD ARE DETAINED IN ADULT PRISONS AND TRIED AS ADULT



Minors are five times more likely to be physically and sexually assaulted in adult prison

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CAMPAIGN AGAINST CRIMINALIZING PETTY OFFENSE

In order to decongest the Nigerian Prison, Headfort Foundation for Justice campaigned against the criminalisation of petty offenses in Nigeria. We engaged with stakeholders in the justice system to abolish criminalizing petty offenses which form about 20% of the cases pending in courts and inmates awaiting trial in prison.



MY RIGHTS MY FREEDOM

Headfort Foundation is keen on empowering the Nigerian people with the knowledge of human rights. In a bid to have an informed and empowered youth, Headfort Foundation simplified Chapter 4 of the 1999 Constitution and translated it into 5 languages (Igbo, Hausa, Yoruba, Pidgin, and French) to include the 30% of the Nigerian Population who are marginalized by language.

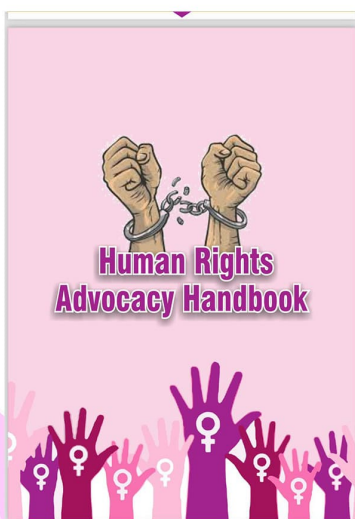


2 MILLION+
People Reached on
Human Rights
Advocacy

100+
Media engaged on
Human Rights
Advocacy

HUMAN RIGHTS CLUB

To cultivate the spirit of human rights advocacy in our children, Headfort Foundation for Justice educated over 5000 school pupils on human rights and launched the human rights club in secondary schools. The Human Rights Club is designed to inspire and empower children between the ages of 10-18 years to be advocates of human rights in accordance with the Child Right Act law of 2003 and also educate them on how to be of good human conduct in the society.



LAUNCH OF HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY HANDBOOK

We launched a handbook/guide on Human Rights Advocacy to guide students who are members of human rights clubs. The handbook equips the students with knowledge and skills to stand up for their rights and the rights of others

BUILDING TRUST IN THE JUSTICE INSTITUTIONS

To build the citizen's trust in the Nigerian law Enforcements Agents, Headfort Foundation in partnership with National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) facilitated a dialogue session between three Law Enforcement Agencies, (Nigeria Police Force, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Vehicle Inspection Service(VIS)) and commercial drivers. This dialogue session was conducted to bridge the trust gap that exists between enforcement agents and the people



IMPACT STORY: WASIU SPENT FOUR YEARS IN PRISON UNJUSTLY

Wasiu is a 40-year-old man from Ibadan. He worked at a construction site and sometimes slept at a museum close to the location where he worked. Sometimes in 2018, Wasiu and his friend saw some guys go into a Railway Site. Like typical Agberos in Lagos, they stopped them and asked to be paid before the guys could be allowed to pass through. Unknown to them, the guys went in to cut electric cables belonging to



the Railway Corporation. Wasiu and others were later arrested and he was charged as an accessory after the fact to an offense of destruction of electric cables. The guys who stole the cables pleaded guilty and were sentenced while Wasiu and two others pleaded not guilty. They were granted bail by the court. One of them was able to perfect his bail while Wasiu and the other remained in custody. Years passed by and the other person died while awaiting trial, leaving just Wasiu in custody awaiting trial. Our lawyer, Oluyemi Orija took Wasiu's brief during a prison visitation, carried out a preliminary investigation and commenced free legal representation. She realized that since the main culprits pleaded guilty, the prosecution had not been showing up for the continuation of the trial. This continued till June 2022 when the matter came up again with no prosecuting counsel in court. Our lawyer Itunuoluwa Awolu alongside the counsel for the defendant on bail made an application to the court to dismiss the charges against them since the prosecution refused to show up in court for 1 year and 4 months even after hearing notice was served on them. The court went through its record and aligned with the submission of both defendants' counsel and dismissed the charges against them. Wasiu gained freedom after 4 years in custody.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENTS TRAINING

Headfort Foundation for Justice is committed to significantly reducing police brutality, human rights abuse and arbitrary arrest, hence we collaborated with the Justice Development Peace Commission to train Police Officers on their role in upholding human rights and importantly the need to not commit crime while attempting to curb crime.

104
 Law Enforcement
 Agents Trained



ACCESS TO JUSTICE; THE DILEMMA OF THE LESS PRIVILEGED

Headfort Foundation for Justice facilitated a twitter space to advocate for easy access to justice for the less privileged. The twitter space which had over 1000 people in attendance led to collaborations with stakeholders to further expand our solutions on access to justice in Nigeria

CAMPAIGN AGAINST TORTURE AS AN INVESTIGATIVE TOOL BY THE POLICE.

Many victims of human rights abuse who are arbitrarily arrested and detained by the police are also victims of torture. Our experience with victims shows that they were tortured to admit to crimes they did not commit and the Nigerian Law Enforcement agents has consistently used torture as a means of investigation Headfort Foundation facilitated a twitter space where this issue was discussed with stakeholders while also educating the people on their rights not to be tortured. The space reached over 5000 people

The image shows two promotional posters for a Twitter Space event. The left poster features three speakers: Oluwemi Orija (Executive Director, Headfort Foundation), Mr. Yusuf Nurudeen (Founder, Probono Center), and Mr. Kayode Mogbojuri (Legal Practitioner). The right poster features one speaker: Mr. Nurudeen Yusuf (Founder, Probono Center). Both posters include the event title, date (21st Nov. 2023), time (4:00 pm - 5:00 pm), and contact information for Headfort Foundation.

CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER JUSTICE DELIVERY.

The image shows a promotional poster for a Twitter Space event. The title is 'BARRIERS TO QUICK DISPENSATION OF JUSTICE IN NIGERIA.' The event is scheduled for Tuesday, 13th February 2024, at 4pm. The speakers are Damilola Onabanjo (Legal Practitioner, Speaker), Mauyon Amosu (Host), and Leke Oyeniran (Legal Practitioner, Speaker). The poster also includes the Headfort Foundation logo and contact information.

Headfort Foundation for Justice facilitated a twitter space to engage with stakeholders to eliminate the many barriers to quick dispensation of justice. The space had in attendance, lawyers, magistrates, and police officers while reaching over 2000 people.

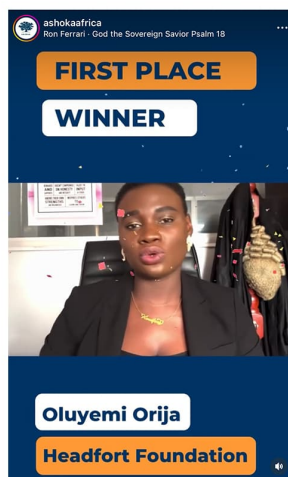
AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Oluyemi Orija named as one of the **BBC 100 Most Inspiring Women** around the world.

Oluwaseun Ojo, a volunteer fully funded scholarship to the University of Notre Dame, USA to study International Human Rights.

Oluyemi Orija won the Ashoka Africa Changemaker challenge

Won Nimbus AID 2,000,000 worth of advertisement



MEMBERSHIP



FELLOWSHIP



INCUBATOR PROGRAM



IMPACT STORY: **GODSWILL REGAINS FREEDOM AFTER AWAITING TRIAL FOR 11 YEARS AND 7 MONTHS.**

Godswill was a welder who lived at Ikorodu, Lagos State. Sometime in November 2010, he went to pay a visit to his parents at Ajegunle, on his way back to Ikorodu, he was accosted by two men who claimed to be Police Officers. They requested to search him, but he refused as there was nothing to show that they were police officers. They got angry at Godswill's refusal and immediately began to beat him up and he was



thereafter arrested at Ajeromi Police Station. Godswill remained at the station for 2 months without being charged to court for any crime. In January 2011, he was charged to a Magistrate Court for the offence of Armed robbery and his case was at the Magistrate Court for 2 years awaiting DPP advice. In 2013, the Advice from the office of Directorate of public prosecutions came out instructing that Godswill be charged to a higher court. In January 2014, Godswill eventually appeared for the first time before a High Court. Since 2014, the matter moved from one court to the other awaiting trial because he had no legal representation and could not afford one. In June 2019, Godswill met our lawyer Oluyesi Orija during a visit to the prison and his brief was taken. Our lawyer applied for his bail and it was granted in November 2021. His family put in efforts for perfection of his bail but couldn't complete it due to lack of funds. In March 2022, Our Partner Abdusalaam Abbasc took over the case and filed an application for striking out. On the 22nd of June 2022, the court granted the application and discharged Godswill. Godswill spent 11 years in prison.

IMPACT STORY: **BOLANLE'S ACT OF KINDNESS LANDED HER IN PRISON**

Mrs. Bolanle is a mother, wife, and grandmother who had a store within the market. She allowed the complainant to put her stuff inside the store for free. In 2019, during the raining season, rain fell and entered the store thereby spoiling some of the complainant's goods. The complainant alleged that rain entered the shop due to the defendant's negligence and demanded that the defendant pay for her spoiled goods.



They reported to the market union but the dispute could not be settled. So the complainant invited the police to arrest the defendant and she was thereafter charged to court for breach of public peace. The court remanded her in prison and she was there for a few weeks before she perfected her bail. Our lawyers stationed at Ogba magistrate court mobile office took on the case and represented her, trial was conducted and final written addresses filed and on the 9th of February 2024, the court delivered its judgment and held that Mrs. Bolanle did not breach public peace with her conduct! She was thereafter discharged and acquitted. The legal tussle lasted for 5 years for a dispute that could have been resolved civilly! Mrs. Bolanle committed no crime, yet the unprofessionalism of our police led her to prison for three weeks and her peace was disrupted for five years!

IMPACT STORY: PREGNANT WOMAN DETAINED IN PRISON FOR STEALING A RADIO SET

Emmanuel Kaosarat was heavily pregnant when she was arrested by the Police on the 2nd of October 2023 alongside her friend Mana for stealing a radio set worth \$10. On October 3, 2023, they were brought before the court and charged with two counts of conspiracy to steal and stealing. On December 7, 2023, our lawyer Nafeesat, stationed at our mobile office in Abeokuta, Ogun State, was in court for a different case when Kaosarat and Mana's case was called and they had no legal representation.



Our lawyer took a keen interest in the case, particularly due to Kaosarat's pregnancy. During arraignment, Kaosarat admitted to stealing the radio set, but Mana claimed to have no knowledge of it and stated that they only lived together. Kaosarat further states that she took the radio set because her boss, who is the complainant, has refused to pay her salary for three months. Our lawyer did their trial and represented both Kaosarat and Mana. The court delivered its judgment on December 18, 2023, Kaosarat was sentenced to one month imprisonment for stealing a radio set, starting from the day of arraignment. She was however allowed to go home because she has already spent over one month in prison. On the other hand, Mana was discharged and acquitted after spending two months in prison. The court established that she had nothing to do with the crime, she was only Kaosarat's friend and roommate.

OUR FINANCIALS MARCH 2019 – DECEMBER 2023

PARTICULARS	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Revenue	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net Income b/f	0	0	0	0	224
Individual Donation	7,324	13,981	20,867	34,469	12,128
Corporate Donation	0	0	0	3,862	5,493
Grant	0	0	0	0	5,513
Fundraising	0	0	0	0	7,669
Donation in kind	1,239	2,060	0	4,464	0
Loan	0	0	0	9,149	0
Total Revenue	8,563	16,041	20,867	51,944	31,027
Operating Expenses	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Project cost	4,188	11,365	17,001	36,049	21,639
Operational cost	3,498	5,401	5,736	6,391	5,597
Overhead cost	2,078	3,836	4,138	9,280	1,129
Total Operating Expenses	9,764	20,602	26,875	51,720	28,365
NET INCOME/LOSS	(1,201)	(4,561)	(6,008)	224	2,662

IMPACT STORY: 15 YEAR OLD BOY REMANDED FOR STEALING PAIRS OF SHIRTS

On 30th of November 2023, we met a 15-year-old boy named John (pseudonym) at the Special Correctional Center. Unfortunately, John did not have a lawyer to represent him because his parents could not afford one. He had been charged with stealing several shirts from his neighbour, who happened to be a dry cleaner. Although the stolen shirts were returned to the complainant, John remained in the remand home. Given that John was just a child, it was not in his best interest to be the remand home. Given that John was just a child, it was not in his best interest to be confined in prison. Through mediation, we were able to convince the complainant to withdraw his complaint against John. Recognizing the unique circumstances of the case, we applied for the matter to be dismissed, and our request was granted by the court. As part of the court's decision, it was ordered that John's mother bring him to court on appointed dates in 2024 to provide an update on his welfare.



We strongly believe in the importance of juvenile justice and strive to ensure that everyone has access to a fair legal process.

IMPACT STORY: 73 YEAR OLD NYECHE SPENT 13 YEARS IN PRISON AWAITING TRIAL

Nyeche, a 73-year-old man, was arrested by EFCC at the age of 60, he spent 13 years and 8 months in prison awaiting trial. We took on his case after being referred by a church that went for prison outreach in March 2022. His case file went missing and he was not before any court between 2019 and 2023. We traced his file to the DPP office and brought him before a court on 20th October 2023 when he was re-arraigned

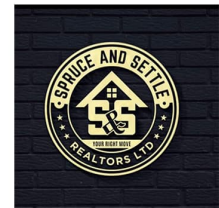


for the crime of stealing. We argued that Nyeche should be released because he has already served more than the provided sentence for the crime of stealing if found guilty. On the other hand, the EFCC requested an adjournment to prepare for trial and the court granted the same. Then our lawyer applied for his bail and undertook to ensure his presence in court on the next adjourned date. The court granted our application on the ground that we ensure his presence on the next date. Finally, on the 20th October, 2023, Pa. Nyeche experienced freedom after 13 years and 8 months in prison. The matter came up again on the 11th of December, 2023 but the EFCC could not present any witness in court and could not prove the charge of stealing against him after 13 years. Our lawyer applied to the court that the matter be struck out for want of diligent prosecution and the court granted her application.

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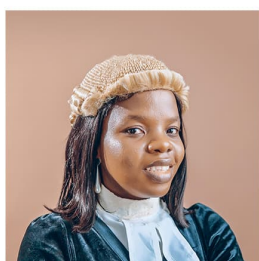
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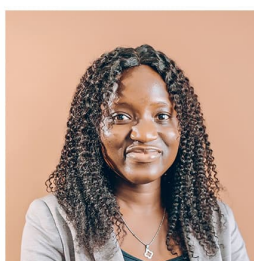
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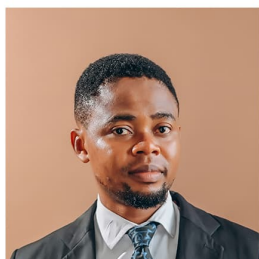
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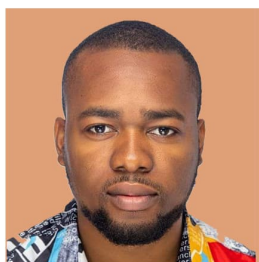
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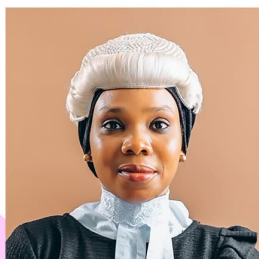
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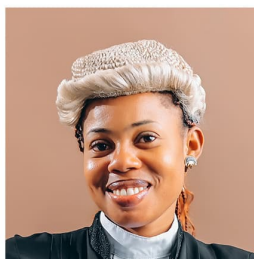
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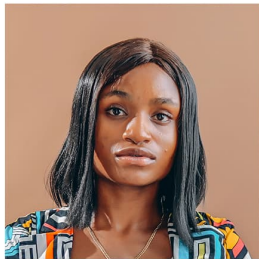
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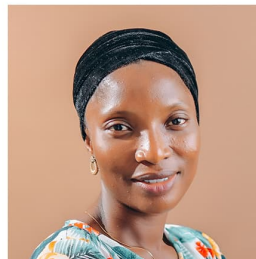
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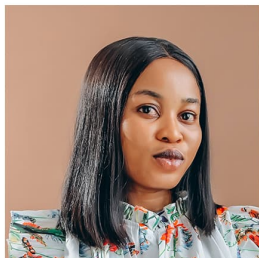
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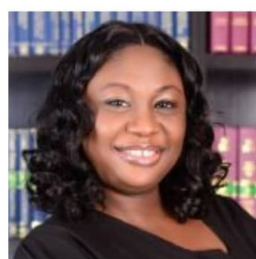
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