

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

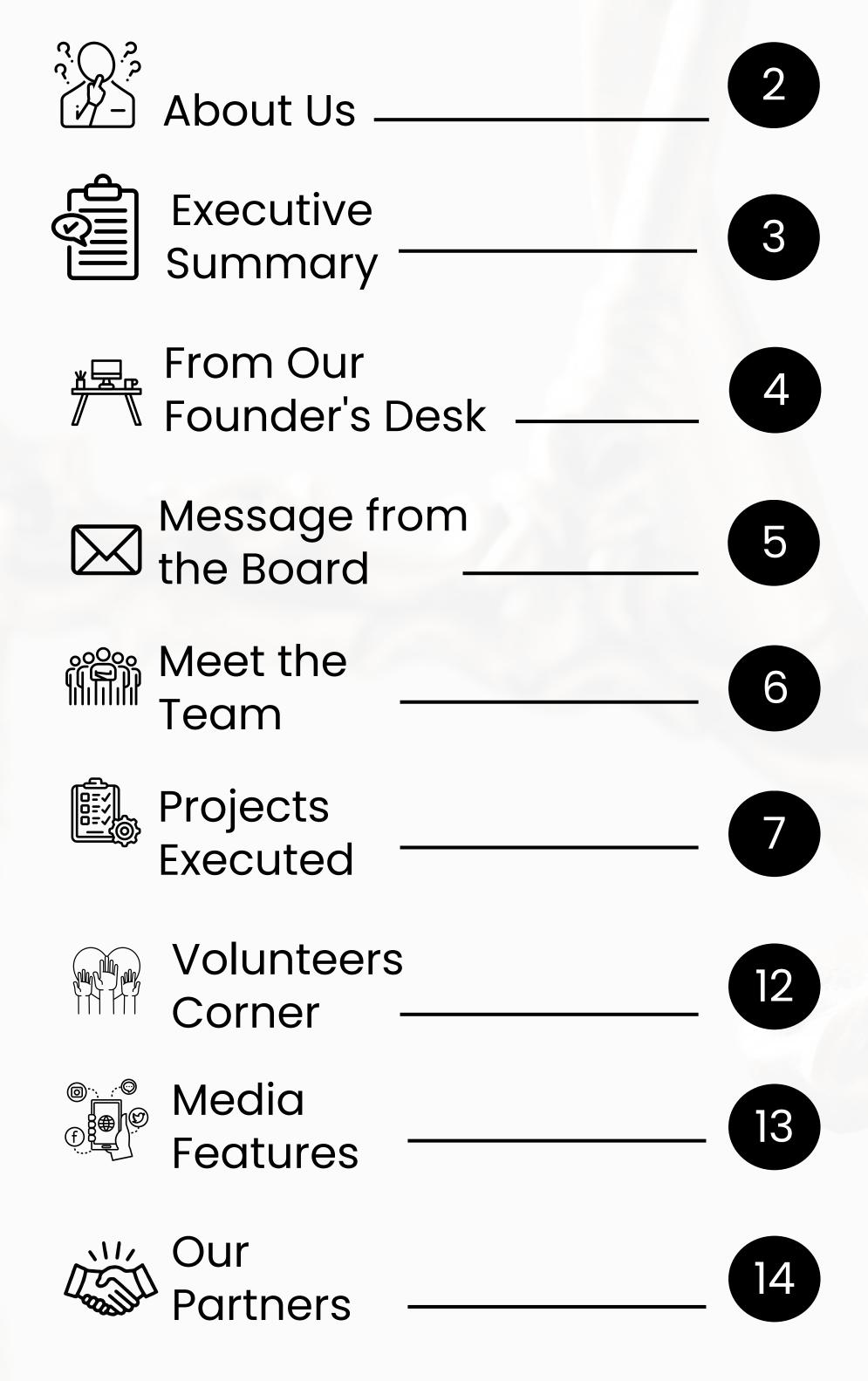








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# ABOUT US ?



#### Vision:



Our vision is to ensure that every Nigerian regardless of their social and economic status can access justice.

# Mission: 500



Our mission is to practice law with a difference by ensuring that hope is given to indigent and vulnerable citizens through free legal representation.

#### Who We Are: 25%



Headfort Foundation is a non-profit organization focused on provision of FREE and EASY access to justice, to indigent and wrongly incarcerated inmates, victims of police brutality, and minor offenders. Headfort Foundation was incorporated on the 19th day of March 2019 by Oluyemi Adetiba-Orija - a Lawyer and Human Rights Activist who has been providing Access to Justice to indigent inmates via a corporate social responsibility of Headfort Chambers since 2018.

This provision of Access to Justice was birthed to ensure that everyone irrespective of their socio-economic status can access justice freely, and to decongest the correctional centers that are filled with 80% of Awaiting Trial Inmates. Headfort Foundation's work cuts across all the 36 States of Nigeria with its head office in Lagos State, Nigeria. Since inception, Headfort Foundation has successfully secured the freedom of over 400 inmates pro bono, from correctional centers across Nigeria and looks forward to doing more.

It is the first organization to introduce Technology to access to justice in Nigeria through the "Lawyers NowNow" App and it is powered by a team of excellent, passionate, and learned female lawyers vast in criminal justice law, with over 200 committed volunteers, partners, donors, and board members from all walks of life who are determined to see access to justice easy and free for all.

The vision of Headfort Foundation is being achieved through various projects which include but not limited to Lawyers without Border project, Life After Prison Initiative, Bail the Indigent Project, and My Rights My Freedom Project.





The year 2022 was a successful one as we triumphed in so many ways, ranging from awards received to projects executed, and freedom secured. This annual report spotlights our activities for the year commencing from January to December 2022, and also, our partners, volunteers, and donors who supported us throughout the year.

As the number of awaiting trial inmates increases and we keep seeking for ways to ensure that everyone faced with one injustice or the other gets justice as fast and as easily as possible, our work wasn't free from challenges, and we hit so many potholes on our way. Hence, it is imperative to share with you what we have been able to achieve despite the challenges faced with providing free and easy access to justice.

We use this medium to thank all our partners, sponsors, donors, volunteers, and staff who work everyday towards ensuring that Headfort Foundation doesn't shut down. God bless you and we hope that as you read on our 2022 journey, you would be more inspired to support and help us achieve our goals for 2023.

# FROM OUR FOUNDER'S DESK

FOUNDER'S DESK //
We marched into 2022 basking in the euphoria of BBC documentary and recognition in December 2021. The beginning of the year was terrific as we

experienced a lot of support from the public. We were recognized by major organizations and media outlets, others reached out to us for collaborations.

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My team of 3 at the time would go to prison to take cases of pre-trial inmates, I would go to court everyday without thinking of how to fund or scale the project. I am proud to see that the work my team and I did is what eventually birth Headfort today.

In 2022, we grew in number of staff, our office space expanded, our beneficiary increased tremendously, our volunteers grew in number, we were recognized by various media outlets, we launched and started executing a project and importantly we impacted lives. In a sentence I would say our journey has been nothing but definition of growth as we have never had a better year.

If the core of 2022 was growth, then similarly 2023 is about scaling. We have found something that works, the goal is now to keep expanding and pushing the limit of what is possible.

I say a big thank you to our donors, volunteers, employees, partners and media that worked with us in 2022, I am eternally indebted to you for trusting Headfort Foundation with your time and resources.

Oluyemi Orija Executive Director

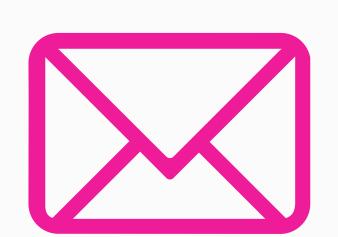


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- Oluyemi Orija
- Adesola Adeyemi
- Seyi Kadiri
- David Aderinokun

# MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Dear members of the Headfort Community;

On behalf of the entire board of trustees of Headfort Foundation I want to express the board's profound appreciation for the remarkable effort of the community over the past one year to address the challenges of access to justice in Nigeria.

TO OUR EMPLOYEES: For the past one year you have given hope to indigent and wrongly incarcerated inmates by representing them in court pro bono with dedication, compassion, and competence. Thank you for all you do, and I hope and pray that your goals in life are fulfilled through this work.

TO OUR DONORS: We won't record the success we recorded without you and your generous giving. Thank you for trusting us with your resources and for being passionate about justice to the point of putting your money into it. We are eternally grateful to you.

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for the time, skill, and resources you volunteer to Headfort. Your services have impacted lives and will continue to impact lives. Thank you for standing firm in our corner.

TO OUR BENEFICIARIES: It is great honor to us to have helped you secure freedom, it is greater honor to us to see you fly now that you have your freedom. We will continue to support you in every possible way we can to make you a better version of yourselves. Thank you for showing up every time we call.

The path forward is still long and uncertain but with your continued effort, the board of Headfort Foundation is confident that we will make a difference in Nigerian Justice System.

Yours Faithfully,

Adesola Adeyemi (On behalf of the board)

#### Meet The Team





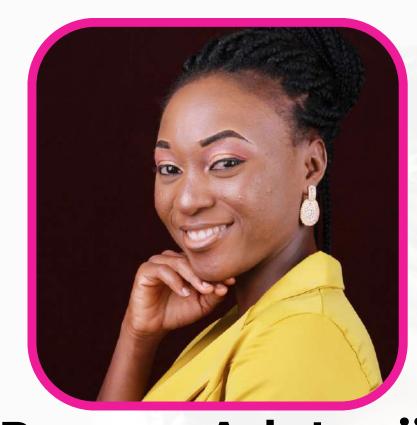
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Silver Obioha Ogun State Lead



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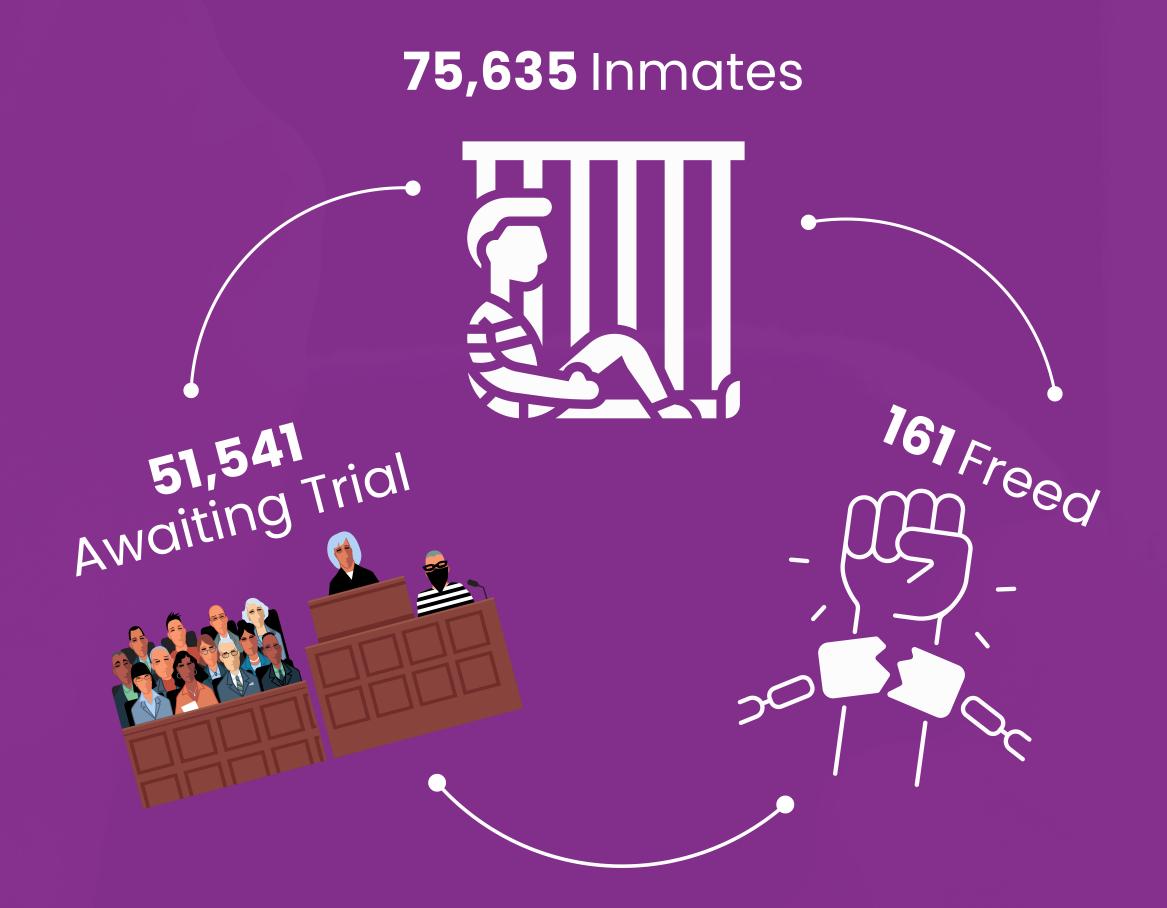
## PROJECTS EXECUTED



Access to justice through our projects

### 1. LAWYERS WITHOUT BORDER

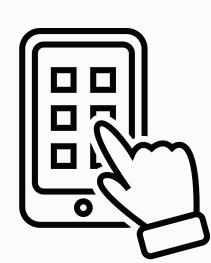




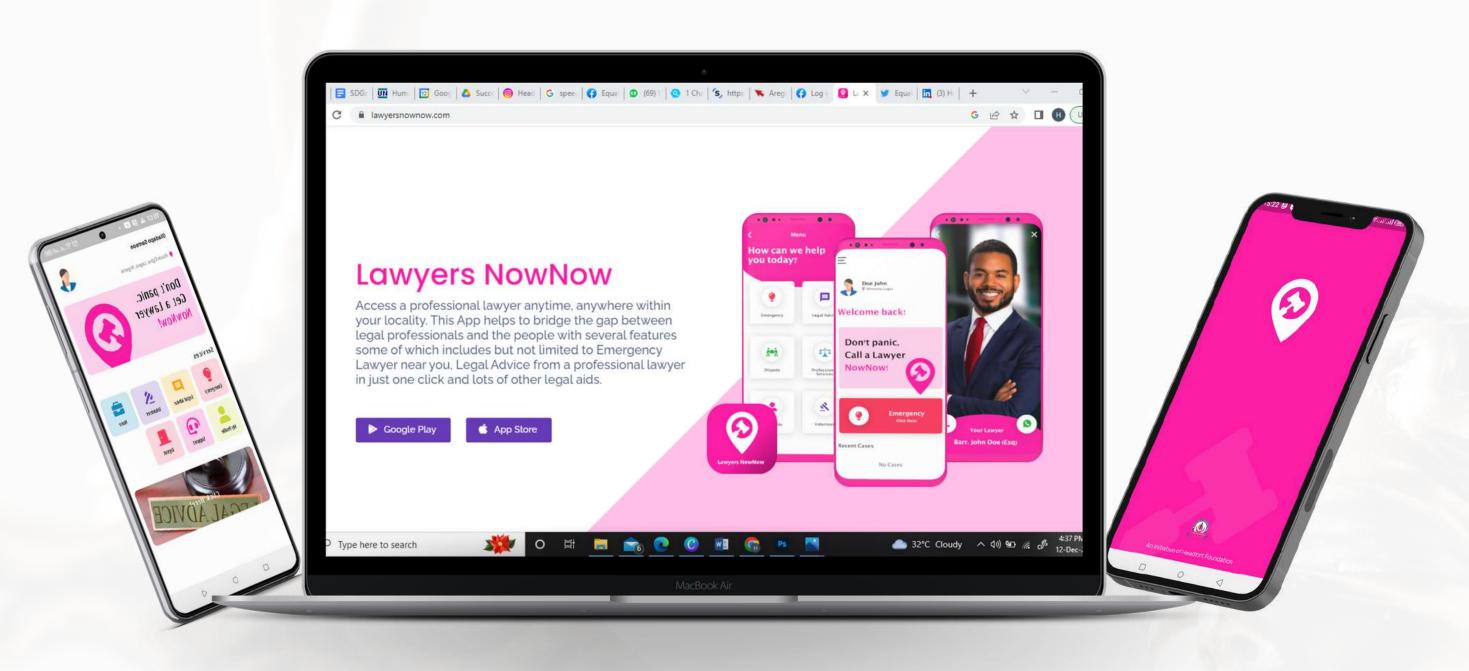
In achieving our aim of providing free and easy access to justice for vulnerable Nigerians, we expanded our lawyers without border project to Ogun and Ekiti State having commenced in Lagos State in September 2020. This project creates avenue to install mobile offices in Court premises with lawyers stationed there to take cases of indigent and wrongly incarcerated inmates, victims of police brutality and minor offenders. This projects also creates avenue for relatives of these vulnerable persons caught in the web of Nigeria criminal justice system to easily access a probono lawyer within the court premises.

Our reasons are not far-fetched, the issue of awaiting trial in Nigeria Judicial System has been a cause for alarm for years now. Nigeria has witnessed thousands of her citizens languish in custody for petty offences while they spend greater number of years awaiting trial than the maximum punishment stated for the offence by law. Currently, a total of 51,541 out of the 75,635 inmates in various prisons in the country are awaiting trial. This and many other reasons of lack of absence of easy and affordable access to justice made it imperative for us to establish Headfort Foundation and begin our journey of provision of access to justice in the first place. With this project, we have been able to secure the release of 161 unjustly incarcerated persons for free.









Unaffordability and inaccessibility of legal service has continued to be a serious issue for the vulnerable members of the Nigerian Society, and this is more eminent in the number of Nigerian youths unable to access or afford legal services during the ENDSARS protest which led to their continued incarceration in various prisons across the country. We developed this application to enable vulnerable Nigerians access pro bono Lawyers (for themselves and members of their families) on their mobile phone, within a second. The App which is downloadable on both Appstore, and Google Play store connects victims/users to pro bono Lawyers. The Lawyers render free legal services such as legal advice, representation in court, police station, and other legal services depending on the circumstances of each case. In 2022, **300 cases** were reported on the APP and successfully handled.

#### 3. BAIL THE INDIGENT





Statistics has shown that 75% of the inmates in Nigerian Prisons are awaiting trial and about 50% of the 75% awaiting trial inmates have been granted bail pending the determination of their cases but they cannot perfect the bail conditions given by the court due to their economic reality. **Headfort Foundation** has identified this problem and has used its platform to source for funds to perfect the bail of inmates to secure their freedom which allows them to come to court for their cases instead of coming from prison. Research has shown that the longer the inmates stayed in detention, the lower their IQ scores and unfortunately some of these inmates are stuck in prison longer than the period they would have spent should they be found guilty of the crime they are charged with. In 2022, we sourced the sum of **#1,650,000** (One Million, Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira) and we were able to secure the bail of **37 inmates**.

### 4. EX-INMATE SUPPORT









The prison is meant to rehabilitate and reintegrate the inmates back to the society but unfortunately, this is not the reality of the Nigerian Correctional Center. The correctional centers cannot perform its duties maximally because of congestion and most of the activities of the correctional centers is geared towards the convicts and not awaiting trial inmates which are the focus of our services.

After securing freedom for our beneficiaries, majority of them are stuck and do not have where to go, what to do, how to feed and even health challenges and if these issues are not taken care of, it can lead to them being arrested again. At **Headfort Foundation**, we have developed activities for their rehabilitation, reintegration and empowerment through back-to-school initiative, physical and mental help, counselling, skill acquisition and small grants for business. In 2022, we empowered **23 beneficiaries** in these areas.

#### 5. MY RIGHTS, MY FREEDOM





In the course of providing free access to justice to vulnerable member of the Nigerian Society and inmates in Prisons, we realized that a lot of Nigerians do not understand their fundamental human rights, and this is one of the factors that lead to poor decision making leading to their unlawful arrest and detention in prison. We designed this project to eradicate the language barrier in understanding the **Fundamental Human Rights** as enshrined in the **Chapter IV of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria** by translating the chapter into the three basic indigenous Nigeria Languages and we sensitize the public with the translated handbook from local government to local government creating inclusion to those marginalized by language. This project bridges the barrier of access to knowledge, protection, and promotion of fundamental human rights of citizens. While sensitizing the people, we provide information on what to do if they fall victim to human right abuses and give them contacts and platforms to reach probono Lawyers. In 2022, we successfully sensitized **322 persons** from different communities in Nigeria.

# VOLUNTEERS CORNER



#### Meet some of our Heroes...

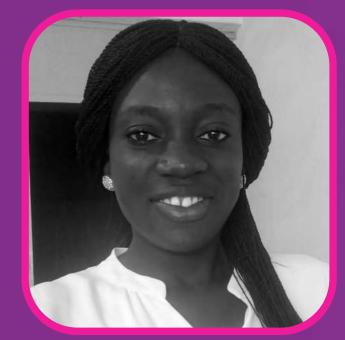


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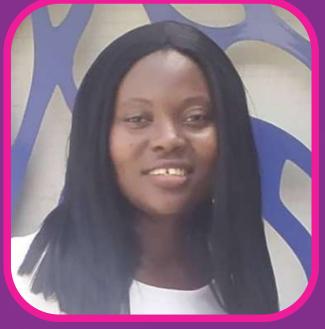
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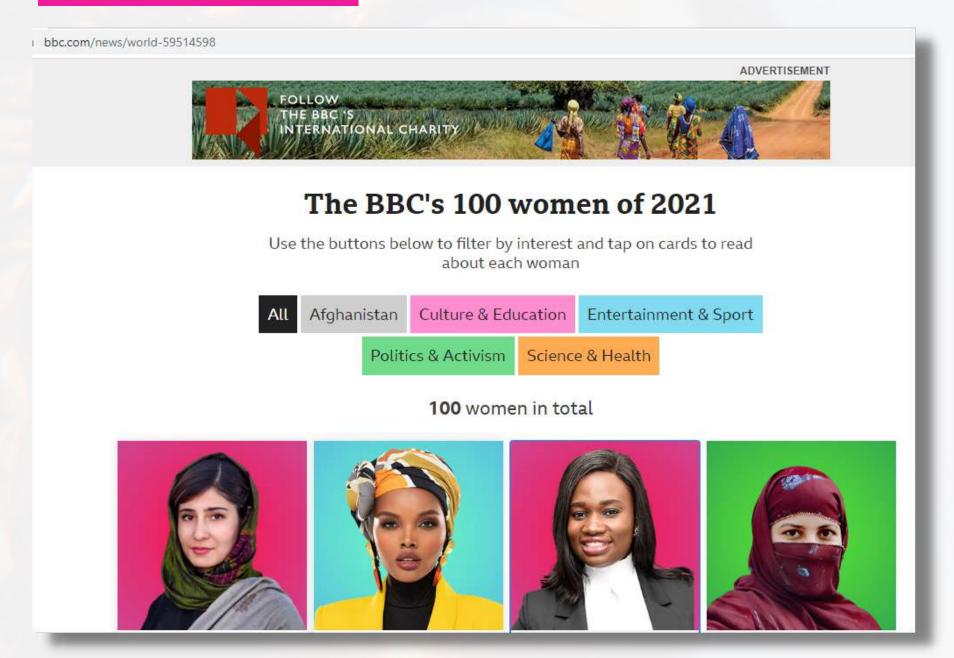
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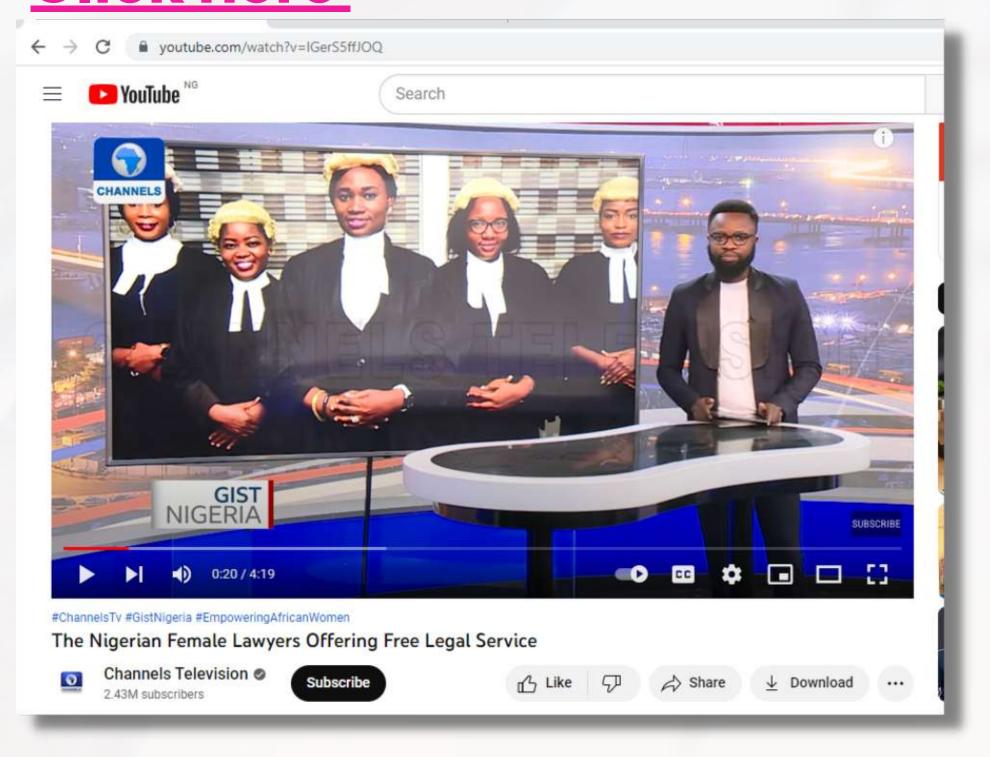
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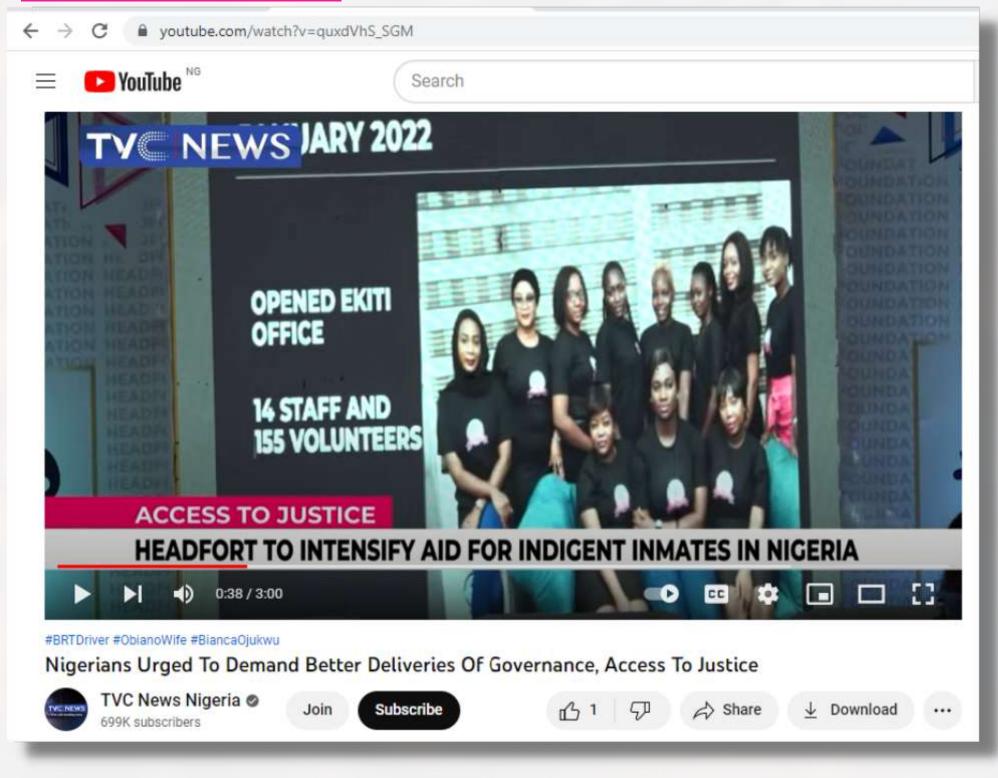
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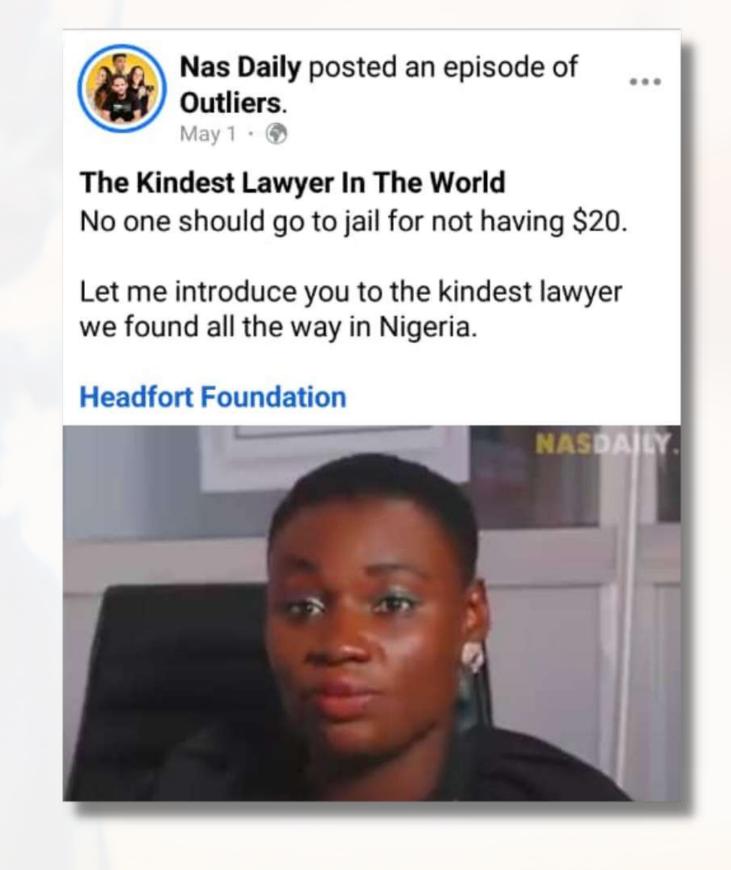
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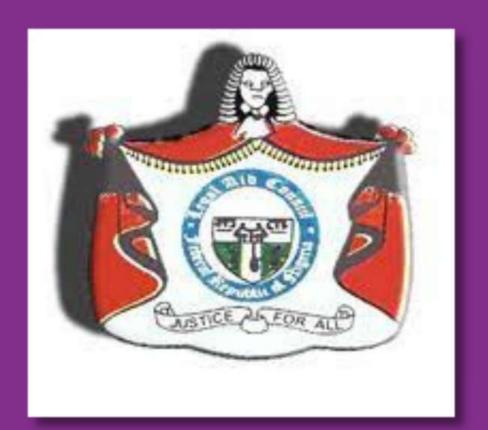


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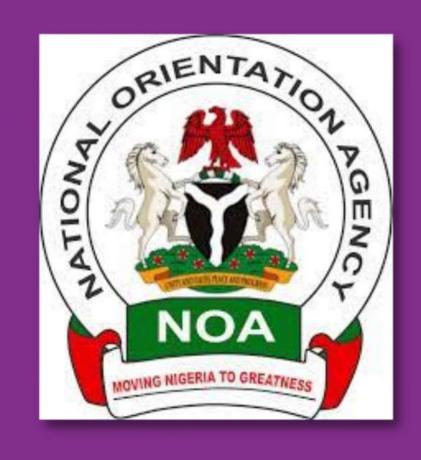


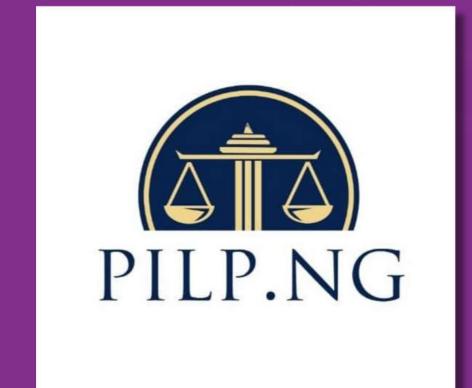














#### FINANCIAL REPORT



#### IN-KIND DONATIONS

Nimbus Media	#2,000,000 in Advertisement		
Lagos Public Interest Law Partnership	100 Copies of My Right, My Freedom Handbook		
Vitext Limited	50 Pieces of My Right, My Freedom Customized Polo		

#### CORPORATE CASH DONATIONS

Donations received in 2022 from corporate entities totaled \1,530,000.

#### INDIVIDUAL CASH DONATIONS

The total amount of cash donations received from supporters and volunteers, either on #GiveForFreedomTuesday or during the sharing of success stories, was \\\17,641,890.

# COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2022

	2022	2021
INCOME	₩	₩
Loan	4,098,807	0
Donations	19,171,890	9,077,000
Total Revenue	23,270,697	9,077,000
EXPENDITURE		
Project Execution	16,150,010	6,833,990
Marketing Expenses	2,863,100	287,310
Grant Expenses	0	245,000
Overhead Expenses	4,157,587	1,710,700
Total Expenditure	23,170,697	9,077,000
Net Increase in Cash and Cash equivalent	100,000	0
Cash and cash equivalent at the beginning of the period	0	0
Cash and Cash Equivalent at the End of the Period	100,000	0

# GOALS FOR 2023 SO





My Rights, My Freedom

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Local Governments to be Sensitized (100 Persons per LCDA)







#### <u>Lawyers Without Border</u>

Mobile Offices to be mounted (Ikorodu, Delta, Portharcourt, Ibadan and Edo)



#### <u>Inmates to be Released</u>

innocent and indigent inmates to be released from prisons.









#### **HEADFORT FOUNDATION OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2023**

16A, Association Avenue, Shangisha,

Magodo,

Lagas

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LOAN	0	0			0	4,098,807		
DONATIONS	90,000,000				45,000,000	10 171 000		
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CROWD FUNDING	20,000,000				5,000,000	0		
GRANTS	100,000,000				10,000,000	0		
DONATIONS IN KIND	F 000 000				1 500 000	2 100 000		
DONATIONS IN KIND	5,000,000	-			1,500,000	2,190,000		
TOTAL YEARLY REVENUE	205,000,000				61,500,000	25,460,697		
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Projects	46,000,000	5 Locations 54 LCDAs		8,900,000	5,011,490			
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Legal Services	12,900,000				11,748,000	306,760	70	
Welfare	1,570,000		46		862,000	353,750	26	20
Administratives	15,320,000				7,416,000	6,648,697	153,000	
TOTAL BUDGETED/ACTUAL	119,230,000				50,646,000	23,170,697		
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				8	ions Received		23,270,697	
					ent Incurred		23,170,697	

Surplus

# SUPPORT US

The height to which our goals for 2023 can be achieved is largely dependent on your support either as a Partner, Volunteer, or a Donor, without which we can only do so much but with everyone's support, we can most definitely move mountains.

To partner or volunteer with us, kindly check the cover page for our contact details.

For donations, kindly use the details below;

6199153012 (Naira donations)

6199153029 (Dollar donations)

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You can also use other channels such as <u>PayPal</u> or <u>Flutterwave</u> for donations. Simply click on <u>PayPal</u> or <u>Flutterwave</u> and you will be taken to our donation page.

THANK YOU!



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