

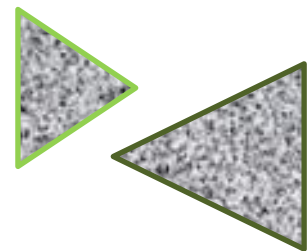


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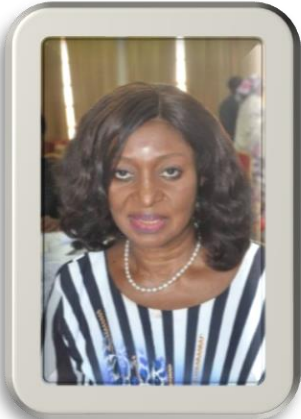
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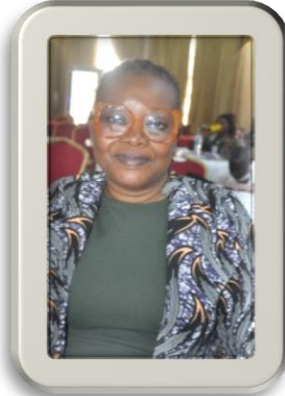
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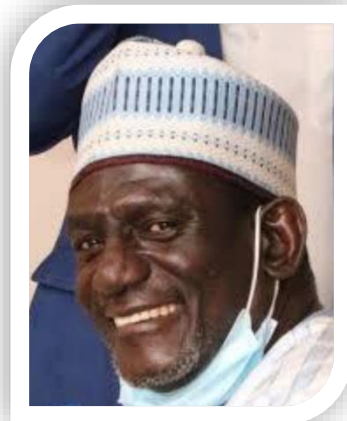
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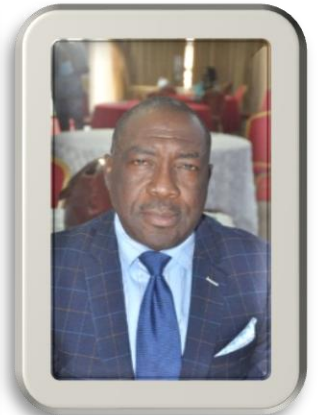
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Forward

The National Human Rights Commission witnessed yet another year of success in line with its Mandate and Strategic Plan. The year 2023, posed a number of challenges as Nigerians are still grappling with economic, social and political conditions that constrain the enjoyment of human rights by the citizenry; more so that it was an election year. I therefore wish to appreciate and congratulate the Governing Council members, Management, Staff and all stakeholders who contributed in various ways towards the successes recorded in this Report.

In the year under review, incidences of Insurgency, banditry, kidnappings, farmers/herders clashes continued unabated with the attendant number of internally displaced persons; attacks by unknown gunmen continued to increase. Agitation for self-determination in the South East and South West could not be contained. General insecurity and sky-rocketing inflation was the order of the day as prices of staples were out of reach of most Nigerians.

Moreover, cases of child abuse were rampant with ugly dimensions of mistreating of school children some of which resulted in loss of lives. Cases of Sexual and Gender based violence were equally rampant as reported by various Offices of the Commission nationwide. The implication of all these situations on the quest for the promotion and protection of human rights anywhere is better imagined.

Nonetheless, the Commission rose to the challenge and recorded much achievement in the areas of institutional strengthening; capacity building for staff; enhanced communication; robust collaboration and engagements with stakeholders, as well as proactive interventions in the polity to engender a culture of respect for constituted institutions and national values – freedom, equality, transparency, rule of law and the dignity of the human person. These were manifested in progress made by the Commission in the areas of submission of the National Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights to the Federal Executive Council for consideration and approval the previous year and which was approved in the year under review. The year also saw the passing of the National Human Rights Commission Act (Repeal

and Re-enactment Bill 2021) by the National Assembly, but unfortunately it was not assented to by the administration of President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR before handing over; continuation of the Panel of Investigation on human rights abuses; and continued payment of compensation for human rights abuses. The reporting year witnessed the constitution of Special Independent Investigative Panel (SIIP North-East) to investigate reported incidences of human rights abuses, including extra-judicial killings, disappearances, torture, arbitrary arrests, and other violations especially against Women and Children as reported by an international media group called Reuters, which alleged that these acts were perpetrated by the Nigerian Army and the BAY State Governments that were involved in counter-insurgency efforts in the North-East. The year also the National Human Rights Commission attaining "A" Status Accreditation by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI).

May I use this medium on behalf of the Governing Council of the Commission to express my heartfelt gratitude to President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR for giving us the opportunity to serve this great country and continued support to the Commission.

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Preface

In spite of the numerous challenges of Human Rights Violations that confronted the Commission in 2023, it ended the year standing tall, ready and willing to continue in the advancement of human rights, to ensure a society that is truly free and equitable where human rights and human dignity is respected and good governance entrenched.

The year 2023 was an election year; therefore, the need for credible election as an enabler of good governance cannot be over emphasized. The Commission did play a significant role in advising government and its institutions, particularly, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), political parties, the law enforcement agencies as well as civil society organizations (CSOs) and the general populace, on the need to adopt internationally accepted standards by mainstreaming human rights in elections.

The Commission monitored the 2023 General Elections via the Mobilizing Voters for Election Project (MOVE), and organized dialogue sessions with political party aspirants of the different political parties and their supporters, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs). It also organized town hall meetings and monitoring of PVC distribution by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) among others. The different fora was majorly to educate stakeholders and mobilize voters towards a violence free and credible election.

During the year under review, the Commission adopted various approaches and strategies to scale - up promotional activities of NHRC both at the headquarters and state offices. Some of the approaches include media activities, training workshops, advocacy visits, outreach programmes, and election monitoring; enhancing and creating awareness generally on human rights as well as on activities and functions of NHRC would avail the public of basic knowledge about the free services of the Commission and how and where to access remedy when their rights are violated.

As the year progressed, the services of the Commission were made more accessible to the public. This is evident in the number of complaints received and treated in the year 2023. Two million, five hundred and eleven thousand and five (**2,511,005**) Complaints were received by the Commission in 2023, while in 2022, Two Million, Three Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Four

Hundred and Forty (2,314,440) Complaints were received within the same period. This margin increase is attributed to the scaling-up of outreach and promotional activities, as well as collaboration with MDAs and CSOs, which elicited more citizens being aware of their rights and how to get redress.

Notably, within the year under review, NHRC leveraged on the collaboration with various, International, regional, and national partners, as well as development agencies in the implementation of specific human rights projects. They include the United Nation Development Programme (UNDP), Brazillian Embassy, House of Representatives Committee on Human Rights, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Spotlight Initiative, UNFPA, amongst others.

However, in the light of the progress made and enormous mandate of the Commission by virtue of its expanded mandate, the NHRC Amendment Act, the Commission is open to more partnership and support from government for more funding to further the promotion and protection and enforcement of human rights in Nigeria.

Dr. Tony Ojukwu, OFR, SAN, ficmc

Executive Summary

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) is a vital institution vested with the power to promote, protect and enforce human rights within our nation, established with the mandate to monitor, investigate and advocate for human rights. The NHRC plays a pivotal role in ensuring the protection and dignity of all persons living within the country.

The NHRC's work encompasses a wide range of activities, including monitoring human rights violations, conducting impartial investigation, promoting awareness and education on human rights issues and advocating for policy changes to uphold human dignity and justice. In line with the above, the Commission is obligated to not later than 6 (six) months after the end of each year, submit to the President and the National Assembly, a report on the activities of the Commission hence this 2023 annual report. This report contains seven (7) chapters enumerating some key activities of the Commission which are as follows:

Chapter one focuses on the powers and functions of the Commission as well as enumerating the departments and units of the Commission in 2023.

Chapter two is about training and capacity building of staff. In the year under review, this strategy was deliberately pursued through various means of thematic trainings and capacity building. Chapter two is also devoted to activities.

Chapter three presents the score card of the Commission with respect to its various activities of media engagement, courtesy visits, meetings, human rights education, and human rights monitoring activities.

Chapter four focuses on the special projects the Commission embarked on, in the year 2023. These include: Mobilizing Voters for Election (MOVE), Special Independent Investigative Panel (SIIP), etc.

Chapter five is about partnership and collaborative activities of the Commission with local and international stakeholders who share the same vision and passion for the promotion and protection of human rights. In the year under review, the Commission partnered with various Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Multi-national Corporations, Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Development Partners and the Diplomatic Community to identify and implements programs on human rights.

Chapter six presents the method for submission and treatment of complaints which includes data collection and record keeping. This chapter also provides statistical data and illustrations of complaints received and treated by the Commission in 2023. It is about the various classifications of human rights violations which are disaggregated to indicate trends of complaints across the 38 locations. It also shows the performance of the Commission over the years from inception with respect to the number of complaints received and treated.

Chapter seven is about the financial transactions of the Commission in 2023. The Federal Government is the major source of funding for Commission and these funds are accessed under the First Line Charge of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation.

Acknowledgements

On behalf of the National Human Rights Commission of Nigeria, the drafting team is pleased to present the 2023 Annual Report. This report is meant to serve as an advocacy document that will enable government and stakeholders to appreciate the Commission's commitment to the promotion, protection and enforcement of human rights in Nigeria.

The team acknowledge the commitment of the Executive Secretary of the Commission Dr. Tony Ojukwu, OFR, SAN, fcimc for his able leadership in the affairs of the Commission as well as his management team, which is evident in all the activities successfully undertaken and has cumulatively given birth to this report.

Also worthy of mention is the support from partners who collaborated with NHRC in the year under review and past years. To mention but a few are: the United Nations, UNFPA, UNDP, Spotlight Initiative, MDAs, amongst others.

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Chapter One

Overview of the National Human Rights Commission

1.1 Preamble

The development and entrenchment of human rights has been a continuous quest of the United Nations since its inception. In 1993, the World Conference on Human Rights reaffirmed the important and constructive role of national human rights institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights. In particular, it recognized their advisory role to the competent authorities; their functions in remedying human rights violations; the dissemination of human rights information and human rights education. Since that World Conference, human rights institutions have continued to play active roles at the international, regional, sub-regional and national levels. These institutions also provide support for and encourage democratic processes in different parts of the world, as well as support for basic democratic institutions such as the legislature, the executive, and the judiciary.

It is against this background that the Nigerian government established the National Human Rights Commission in 1995. The Commission was established to promote and protect human rights in Nigeria, through the creation of an enabling environment for the quasi-judicial recognition and enhancement of the respect for, and enjoyment of human rights in Nigeria.

1.2 Vision

To be a foremost National Human Rights Institution in the world by entrenching a culture of respect for human rights and promoting national values built on principles of democracy, accountability and respect for rule of law.

1.3 Mission

The Commission is committed to prompt response to allegations of human rights violations, advocacy, education, and interventions that encourage national values built on the principles of respect for human and people's rights.

1.4 Core Values

- Equal opportunity
- Efficient and effective service delivery
- Justice and dignity
- Team work
- Respect for diversity
- Transparency and accountability

The two major organs in the Commission are the Governing Council and Management.

1.4.1 The Governing Council

The Council is the policy making organ of the Commission. It is headed by a Chairperson. The Executive Secretary doubles as Secretary to the Council and Chief Executive Officer. The Council holds statutory meetings for deliberations and further necessary decisions. In the year under review, the Governing Council held five statutory meetings, both physical and virtual, to initiate policy directives towards the attainment of the Commission's mandate.

1.4.2 Management

The Executive Secretary is the administrative head and the Chief Accounting Officer of the Commission. He is assisted by the management and staff in carrying out activities for the realization of the overall mandate of the Commission. This is facilitated through the departments and units, as well as State Offices and Abuja Metropolitan Office (AMO) of the Commission. The departments and units are:

1. Office of the Executive Secretary OES
2. Monitoring Department
3. Procurement
4. Women and Children
5. Vulnerable Groups Department
6. Legal Services & Enforcement Department

7. Human Resources Management Department
8. Planning, Statistics & Documentation Department
9. Corporate Affairs & External Linkages Department
10. Economic, Social & Cultural Rights Department
11. Civil and Political Rights Department
12. Human Rights Education & Promotion Department
13. Finance & Accounts Department
14. Human Rights Institute

Units

1. Council Secretariat
2. ICT
3. Complaints Registry
4. Internal Audit

1.6 Thematic Areas

Section 5(a) of the NHRC Act, 1995 (As Amended), mandates the Commission to deal with all matters relating to the promotion and protection of human rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration on Human Rights (UDHR), the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the international Convention on the Right of the Child, the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Right and other International and Regional Instruments on human rights that Nigeria is a party.

In order to meet expectations and the demands from different parts of the country with socio-political and multicultural diversity, the Commission has identified 19 thematic areas of focus that will facilitate planning and interventions in areas of existing and emerging human rights issues for intervention. The thematic areas of focus are:

- a. Women and Gender Related Matters
- b. Children
- c. Corruption, Election and Good Governance
- d. Prison, Police and Detention Centres and Regulatory Agencies
- e. Environment, Niger Delta and Development
- f. Education
- g. Freedom of Peaceful Assembly, Association, Religion, and Belief
- h. Torture and Extra-Judicial killings
- i. Law Reforms and Law Review
- j. Independence of the Judiciary and Access to Justice
- k. Labour
- l. Food and Shelter
- m. Terrorism and other Related Violence
- n. Health
- o. Freedom of Expression and the Media
- p. Human Rights and Business
- q. Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- r. Refugees, IDPs, Migrants, and Asylum Seekers
- s. Human Rights Defenders

Chapter Two

Staff Development

2.0 Preamble

Specialized training and retraining of staff is a key objective of the Commissions Strategic Plan, therefore, capacity building for staff cannot be overemphasized in enhancing the promotion, protection and enforcement of the fundamental human rights and freedoms of all persons in Nigeria.

During the reporting year, the Commission pursued several career development options for staff, at the Headquarters' and State Offices.

2.1 Manpower Development

On March 6th, 2023, the Commission inaugurated the Freedom of Information Unit; this is in line with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act, 2011, with the aim to ensure compliance, facilitate training and re-training, to ensure openness, transparency and, accountability in governance. The Monthly In – House Seminar for staff was a major training by the Commission. The seminar was anchored on emerging human rights issues, focusing on job performance. The seminar was organised by the Department of Human Rights Institute (HRI), while State Offices joined, via zoom. In the year 2023, the department organized seven editions, with the departments of Protection and Investigation as target audience, comprising of Economic Social and Cultural Rights, Women and Children, Vulnerable Groups, and Civil and Political Rights.

- 29 March, 2023 titled, Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE)
- 25 May, 2023 titled, Basic Human Rights Instruments: An Appraisal of the Holding Charge by the Police under the Administration of the Criminal Justice System and ADR Mechanism for Treating Complaints
- 22 June, 2023, titled, Basic Human Rights Instruments for staff of Investigation and Monitoring Departments: Mediation as an

Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanism for the Treatment of Complaints

- 7 July, 2023, titled, Mainstreaming Human Rights in SGBV Responses, to address issues on Complaints, Alleged Cruel and In-human Degrading treatment, unlawful detention and denial of access to children(virtual)
- 31 July, 2023, titled, Effective Measure to Care for Victims/Survivors of Sexual and Gender Based Violence
- 7th September, 2023, titled, Cross – Cutting Rights, relevant National and International Human Rights Instrument
- 28 September, 2023, titled, Taxonomy of Human Rights

Similarly, there was training on Public Speaking Skills, organised for the departments of Human Rights Education and Promotion (HRE&P) and Corporate Affairs and External linkages (CA&EL). A two day Capacity Building Workshop on Freedom of Expression, Safety of Journalists and Access to Information for State Prosecutors, took place on 17th-19th May, 2023. On the same date, there was also a presentation on Scaling - Up Discussion on Human Trafficking and Unsafe Migration in Nigeria through Traditional and New Approaches.

More trainings carried out at the Headquarters' and State Offices in the reporting year include: an Exchange Workshop on Improving External Oversight in Defense and Security Sector in Nigeria, held 24th May, 2023; on the Job Training for all Schedule Officers, Welfare, Establishment, Training and Utility/Transport and Maintenance Units, 25th May, 2023; an In – House Training on Marriage and Divorce, meant to Emphasize the Basis on the Legal Basis for Divorce, organized by Rivers State Office; a Sensitization Programme for Staff on the Commencement and Preparation of the Implementation Framework on Human Rights Education in Nigeria, organized by Human Rights Education and Promotion Department

Other trainings by the Commission also include:

- 2 day Training for Planning Statistics and Documentation(PSD) staff, and relevant departments towards the commencement and

preparation of the Review of NHRC Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022, to enhance their knowledge on the Review of NHRC Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022

- In - House Training on Harmful Traditional Practice focusing on the Osu Caste System.

In addition, on the 10th August, 2023, the Anti-Corruption Transparency Unit (ACTU) of the Commission, organised a training titled, Education and Enlightenment: An Initiative to Promote Efficient and Transparent Service Delivery in the Workplace, Devoid Of Corruption among Staff while, 36 State Offices joined, virtually. In addition, One Day Sensitization Training Program Against Corruption, Overview of Ethics and Compliances Scorecard Mitigation.

In the same vein there were other staff development trainings, they include:

1, Allyship Capacity Building for stakeholders on the Rights of Key Population

2, The Commission in order to support the psychological needs of complainants and staff organized training for Auxiliary Counselors. On the 6th of October, 2023, the Human Resource Department, preparatory to staff promotion exercise organized a training for Invigilators and Support Staff, on Procedures, Documents and Examination for 2023 Staff Promotion/Conversion Examination, the training took place at the Bukhari Bello Auditorium. While, Staff Promotion/Conversion Examination proper took place simultaneously at the Headquarters and States Offices on 14th October, 2023.

In the same vein, relevant staff participated in a 3 day Training Workshop on understanding Public Procurement in the Public Service, with the purpose, to train staff on the Basic Procedures of Public Procurement in the Public Service, held 13th-15th November, 2023. Similarly, the Bauchi State

Office participated in a 4 – Day Human Rights Training of Trainers for Stakeholders towards Protecting Vulnerable Groups.



Courtesy visit by HEDA 21/9/2023



Step-down training and mentoring of Criminal Justice Actors and Civil Society Observatory on Administration of Criminal Justice Act 28th – 29th August, 2022, Bauchi State.

In addition, One Day Sensitization Training Program Against Corruption, Overview of Ethics and Compliances Scorecard Mitigation. Likewise, the Commission in partnership with UNHCR organized at training for Security Personnel on Human Rights and Humanitarian Principles and Civil Protection.

Similarly, with the expiration of NHRC Strategic Plan 2019-2022, the Commission in preparation of the Plan Review 2024-2027, carried out Needs Assessment Activity with the distribution of questionnaires across the 36 State Offices and Headquarters. The objectives include, to access progress, challenges and collate inputs.

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Furthermore, the Commission, on the 23 - 27^t October, 2023 organized training for Herders and Key population (KP). There was also training on Human Rights and Security for Law Enforcement Agencies. In the same vein, relevant staff participated in a 3 day Training Workshop on understanding Public Procurement in the Public Service, with the purpose, to train staff on the Basic Procedures of Public Procurement in the Public Service, held 13th-15th November, 2023. Similarly, the Bauchi State Office participated in a 4 – Day Human Rights Training of Trainers for Stakeholders towards Protecting Vulnerable Groups.

Another major stakeholders training was a 2- Day Training Workshop for Judges, Lawyers and Law Enforcement/Security Agencies to apply FGM Law. The objective was of the training include: to provide Lawyers and Judges with a comprehensive understanding of legal framework surrounding FGM, including relevant international, regional and national

laws and regulations. The training was organized by the Commission in partnership with (UNFPA) and Education as a vaccine (EVA), 13th – 14th December, 2023.

Chapter Three

Promotional Activities

3.0 Preamble

During the year under review, the Commission in its determination to scale - up its visibility profile and impact, continued to collaborate with specialized human rights stakeholders in the advancement of human rights. This section of the report presents activities carried out by various departments, units, and state offices, in liaison with development partners and other stakeholders such as CSOs, the Media, FBOs, United Nations and her agencies, the Diplomatic Corps, MDAs and Security Agencies. Such activities include radio and television appearances, school sensitization, courtesy visits, election monitoring, commemorations etc.

3.1 Media Engagements

The role of the media is indispensable in the promotion and protection of human rights; and as such, the Commission leveraged on the media, and executed several activities.

3.1.1 Press Conferences

The Commission in the reporting year organized two major press conferences. The first was on the 9th of February, 2023, when the Executive Secretary of the Commission, Dr. Tony Ojukwu, OFR, SAN, fcimc inaugurated the Special Independent Investigative Panel to probe Alleged Human Rights Violations by the Military, on issue of forceful abortion of pregnancies. During the inaugural session, the Chief of Army Staff, Gen Lucky Irabor, pledge to cooperate with the investigative panel. The second press conference took place on 24th February, 2023, in preparation towards the 2023 General Election. The Commission organized the press conference to launch the Election Situation Room, held at the Bukhari Bello

Auditorium, Abuja. The launch aimed at ensuring timely tracking of complaints on human rights violations during and after the elections.



3. I.2 Press Statements and Releases

S/NO	Title of Story	Date
1	2023 Elections, NHRC Decries Political killings in Imo, Anambra and Kaduna States	7 th February, 2023
2	Presidential Election Monitoring: NHRC Raises Alarm over Electoral Violence and Vote Buying During Elections	26 th February, 2023
3	World Press Freedom Day: NHRC Lauds Media Workers, as Nigeria emerged as the only African Country in full	28 th February, 2023

	Compliance with Journalists' Protection	
4	NHRC warns against political killings, says voters apathy on account of violence will endanger credible election	3 rd May, 2023

3.1.3 Radio and Television Appearances

The table below includes radio and television activities carried out in the year 2023.

S/N	Activities	Date
1.	Rock City Breakfast Show, a TV program on NTA, to find solution to issues of Domestic Violence Jos, Plateau State	13 th January, 2023
2	30 minutes live phone-in programme at Nasarawa State Broadcasting Service on: "Know your Rights". Topic: Extra-Judicial Killing	14 th February, 2023
3	"Know Your Right" a radio phone in programme on Human Rights Education Abia state office Flo FM.	17 th February, 2023
4	Live radio show by Adamawa State Office in Hausa and Fulfude. The aim was to create awareness on the dangers and effects of drug abuse and use.	6 th March, 2023
5	Human Rights Public Enlightenment at Oghene FM, Enugu State	23 rd March, 2023
6.	Cross River State Office held a live radio show at CRBC, Paradise titled, Banishment of Witches: a Violation of Human Rights	6 th April, 2023

7	Interaction with students of Benue State University on Human Rights.	24 th April, 2023
8	Radio Program on Justice for Children, Arewa Radio, Kano State	25 th July, 2023
9	Radio Enlightenments Program at Jay FM, to sensitize the Public on Unlawful Detention, Plateau State	28 th August, 2023
10	Television Program at DITV, Kaduna: National Agenda, Election Analysis and the Role of NHRC during Elections	3rd August, 2023
11	Akwa – Ibom State Office Radio programme at FM Inspiration 105.9 titled: Know Your Rights to sensitize the public	18 th August, 2023
12	Media Interview with AIT to Educate the Public on Military /Civil Relationship.	25 th October, 2023
13	Yoruba program, at Osun State Broadcasting Corporation to discuss the rights of women and girls, tagged “Ojumo Ire” which means Good Morning.	29 th November, 2023
14	Radio program in Fulfulde language to educate the public on the psychological consequences of GBV, Adamawa State	18 th December, 2023

3.2 Courtesy Visits

Courtesy visit is an avenue to foster and elicit co-operation from organizations in the promotion and protection of humans rights, while some visits were to the Commission; others were carried out by the Commission, at the Headquarters and State Offices.



3.2.1 Visits to the Headquarters (HQ)

In support of Nigeria’s 2023 General Election, on January 7, 2023, the Commission hosted a solidarity visit by the West African Democracy Solidarity Network (WADEMOS). The visit was to share experience and knowledge from the perspectives and context of the region and promote cross-border cooperation and synergy in support of credible and peaceful electoral outcomes.

Similarly, on January 18, 2023, the Commission hosted a Non – Governmental Organisation- Search for Common Ground. The advocacy visit was to brief the Commission on its plan to Launch a Project on the Freedom of Religion, towards Ending Religious Conflict.

Also, Signal Alliance Technology Holding Company visited the Commission on February 16, 2023, held at the NHRC, Council Chambers. Also, on 14 March, 2023, Abuja Youth Empowerment Organization visited the Commission in advocacy for the Rights of Original Habitants of FCT, for

Land Compensation. On the 14th of February, 2023 the Commission received Molly Phee, US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. Likewise, on March 20th, 2023, the Commission hosted the National Council for Civil Society Organisation; the visit was led by Comrade Emmanuel John. The Centre for Attitudinal Change of Staff in Workplace, led by Ralph Ayua paid a courtesy visit to the Commission on June 28, 2023 to strengthen partnership.

In the same vein, the National Coalition against Gender Based Violence in the Workplace paid a courtesy visit to the Commission; the meeting took place 2nd August, 2023. On 4th August, 2023, the Commission received United States Rapporteur on Freedom of Information (FOI). The Head of Mission, Taipei Trade Office in Nigeria, Randy Yih-Ping Liu, visited the Commission; the head of delegation commended and appreciated the works and achievements of the Commission. On 12th September, 2023, the Commission received the New United States, Deputy Chief of Mission, Mr. Timothy Smith, on a familiarization visit.

Furthermore, on the 22nd of September, 2023, the Commission welcomed advocacy visit from Women with Disabilities Initiatives led by Migbole Rosaline. The Commission on the 28 September, 2023, hosted a delegation of the Human and Environmental Development Agenda (HEDA) led by Olanrewaju Suraj on a courtesy visit to discuss the outcome of the recently organized Anti- Corruption Conference, to present a Policy Brief Document and share the report for possible further action. On 29 September, 2023, the Commission played host to a media parley with electronic, print and online press organizations to strengthen existing partnership with the Commission.

Furthermore, on 23 October, 2023, a group of protesters from the West African Action Network on Small Arms – Nigeria (WAANSA – Nigeria) stormed the Commission to protest the death of a young female student by a one chance driver. Avocats sans Frontieres, France, a critical stakeholder in the Criminal Justice Sector, visited the Commission on 12th November,

2023 to strengthen partnership. The Commission on 13th November, 2023, welcomed the Nigerian Network of Non-Governmental Organizations with the aim to present and discuss the findings from the Civic Space Scan and Analysis of the Donor Agency Bill Research Work, conducted by the Nigerian Network of NGOs, as part of the strategic goals in ensuring that there is a safe and enabling Civic Space for Civil Society Organisations (CSOs).

Also, the Partnership for Justice paid a working visit led by Itoro Eze – Anaba to intimate Commission on development strategies that will ensure the protection of Nigerian’s Human Rights Defenders, the working visit took place on 14th September, 2023.

On 23rd August, 2023, the *National* Association of the Blind visited the Commission on the disturbing violation of the rights of the visually impaired.

In addition, Law Foundation, an NGO, on 24th August, 2023, visited the Commission over the issue of death sentencing of Inmates. Also, the Office of Beyond Mentors Community Care Initiative (BMCCI) visited the Commission to seek for partnership.

The Commission played host to visitors from the Inclusive Skills Initiative, with the purpose to sign an MOU, held on the 27th October, 2023. The Nigerian Military on 30th November, 2023 led by General SI Musa visited the Commission to strengthen existing collaboration.

3.3.2 Visits by HQ

On 14th February, 2023, the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the camp of Disability Colony at Dakwa, Abuja and presented relief and intervention materials to the Management of the Camp. The Commission, on 16th June, 2023, paid a Condolence visit to the African Independent Television (AIT), on the *demise of the CEO DAAR Communication, High Chief Raymond Dokpesi*. Similarly, on the 11th of October, 2023, the Executive Secretary of the Commission, Dr. Tony Ojukwu, OFR, SAN, fcimc paid a courtesy call to

the Honorable Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, to present the National Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Nigeria

3.3.4 Visits to State Offices

The Network of People with HIV and AIDs in Nigeria (NEPWAN) – An NGO, paid an advocacy visit to Enugu State Office; the visit was led by Mrs. Lillian Agbo, held on the 6th of January, and 21st February, 2023 respectively. On the 17 February, 2023, OXFAM, an NGO working in the area of human rights visited Plateau State Office for collaboration in the 2023 elections visited the Kano State Office to discuss ways to promote mutual understanding among the various political party candidates, and their supporters towards a peaceful election. Also, the Kaduna State Office received the Network of People Living with HIV and AIDS (NPLHA), the visit took place on 30 March, 2023.

In the same vein, the Benue State Office on 9 May, 2023, hosted visitors from Network against Child Trafficking, Abuse and Child Labour (NACTAL) the visit was to advocate on how to bridge the gap existing in sex education for children and young adults. The Jos Office on the 18th of May, 2023, received visitors from the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), with the purpose to brief NHRC of their plan to conduct a Survey for the purpose of providing an Architecture of Conflict in the Country.

On the 20th May, 2023, the Ekiti Women Arise paid courtesy visit to NHRC Ekiti State Office. Likewise, on June 16, 2023, Imo State Office received a delegation of CLEEN Foundation; the courtesy visit was to strengthen the existing partnership between the two agencies

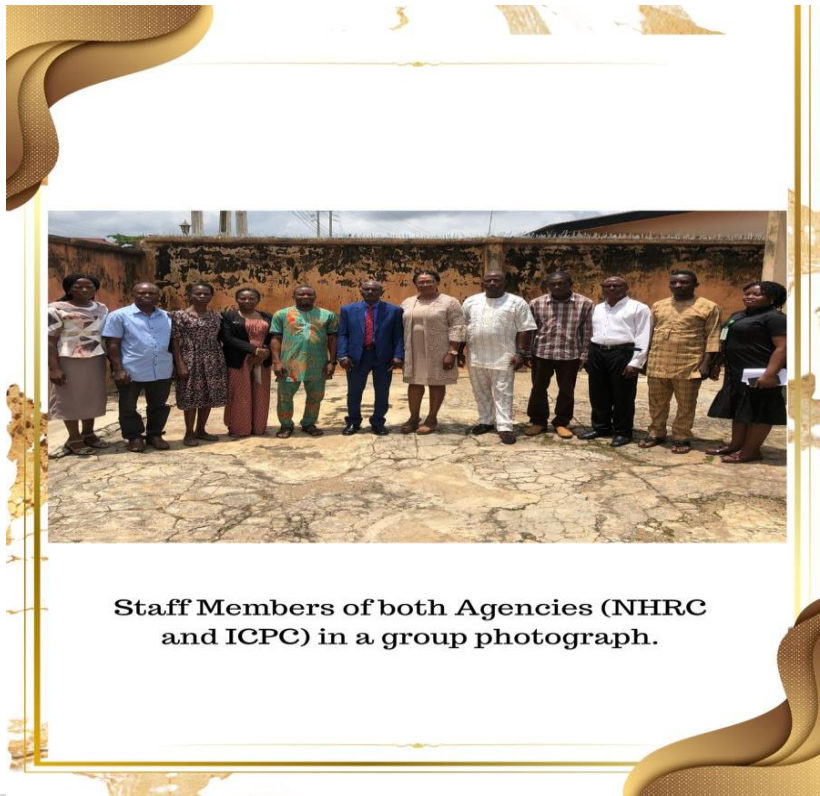
Also, on 5 September, 2023, an NGO- Stand to End Rape Initiative (STER), working on how to strengthen the implementation of VAPP Law in the state The Women Wing Christian Association of Nigeria (WOWICAN) and federation of Muslim Women Association of Nigeria (FOMWAN) on 6 September, 2023, paid advocacy visit to the Commission, on its plan to organize a One day Interfaith Prayer session for unity in the state. ICPC

Pays Advocacy Visit to the Osun State Office of the National Human Rights Commission

On September 21, 2023, the Osun State Office of the Commission welcomed Mr. Demola Bakare FSI, the Resident Anti-Corruption Commissioner of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) for Osun State, with his team. Their visit to the Osun State Office had a dual purpose: a courtesy visit to the New State Coordinator of the Commission and to raise awareness regarding Anti-Corruption Laws. The Enugu State Office on 2 November, 2023, played host to SAN Frontiers, France, and the advocacy visit was led by the ProCAT Case Manager, Barrister Mrs. Edugie Amihere

3.3.5 Visits by the State Offices

The Commission on 19 April, 2023, paid a courtesy visit to the Commander Operation Safe Haven, Plateau State Command to intimate the Office with NHRC Mandate. On the 26 May, 2023, NHRC, Lagos Office paid a courtesy visit to the new Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Idowu Owohunwa, on resumption of office and to extend a hand of partnership.



In the same vein, Adamawa State Office on June 26, 2023, paid a courtesy visit to the Miskaham Mwagahvul to commensurate with him on the attacks on Mangu people on the loss of lives in the area. On 12 September, 2023, the Plateau State Office visited the Attorney General and Commissioner of Justice, the purpose was to congratulate the Attorney General on his appointment and also seek for collaboration.

Likewise, NHRC, Zamfara Office, on the 25 September, 2023, visited the Zamfara Concern Forum to strengthen partnership. Sokoto State Office on 12 November, 2023 visited NTA Office Sokoto State, the visit aimed to strengthen existing partnership with the Commission. Furthermore, on 9th October, 2023, Courtesy visit by NHRC to Women for Women International – an NGO, to sensitize them about 16th Days of Activism. On 22 November, 2023, the Taraba State Office paid an advocacy visit to her Excellency, wife of the Executive Governor’s Office for collaboration on her NGO

3.4 Meetings

During the year under review, the Commission organized strategic meetings to illicit corporation from institutions. Some of the meetings were:

A meeting with European Union Election Observation Mission in Nigeria with NHRC State Coordinators was held on 02 February, 2023. Likewise, a Consolidation Meeting on the Practice Directions for the Enforcement of the Decision and Awards of the Commission held on 26th April, 2023, at Bukhari Bello Auditorium, Abuja, with the objective to share insights, comments and recommendations.

The Commission on 2nd of April, 2023 organised a meeting with the European Union (EU) Election Observation Mission and State Coordinators. On the 5th of May, 2023, a Collaboration meeting with NGOs on Freedom of Religion and Belief was organized by the Commission, to discuss possible areas of collaborating with NGOs in order to Monitor Human Rights Violations on the Freedom of Religion and Belief. On 10 May, 2023, NHRC organized a meeting for Senior Staff Committee Members.

In the same vein, the Commission, on 2 August, 2023, organized a briefing meeting ahead of the commemoration of UDHR at 75. a Consultation meeting on the Practice Directions for the Enforcement of the Awards of the Commission took place on 14 August, 2023, held at Bukhari Bello Auditorium, with the aim to share insights, comments and recommendations. There was a Critique and Validation of 2022 State of Human Rights Report, held at Bukhari Bello Auditorium, Abuja. Another Strategic meeting on Development of Guild lines on Arrest, Detention and Prosecution for Key Population was organized by the Vulnerable Groups Department Furthermore, the Executive Secretary of the Commission and Governing Council Members organized 5 (five) Council meetings, January to December, 2023, accordingly

- March 27 – 28, 2023
- May 15 – 16, 2023
- September 25 – 26, 2023
- October 30 – 31, 2023
- December 4 – 5, 2023

A Roundtable meeting on the Role of the Media in Countering and Reporting Hate Speech, was organized on the 15-16 June, 2023, intended to evaluate the situation and mobilize efforts aimed at strengthening the role of the media in countering hate speech as a remedy for peaceful elections and social cohesion. On 7th July, 2023, the Commission organized a Service Wide Capacity Building on E-Governance, held at Public Service Institute of Nigeria (PSIN) Kubwa, Abuja. The train objective was to enlighten participants on advantages of E-Governance.

The Commission held another meeting with Women Advancement Research and Documentation Centre (WARDC) and Save the Children International (SCI), at NHRC, Katamkpe Office.

Furthermore, on 8 August, 2023, the Commission organized a zoom meeting for State Coordinators on the Review of the NHRC Strategic Plan 2019-2022, to ascertain and interrogate their challenges in responding to the questionnaires, preparatory to its review. Likewise, on 17th of October,

2023, after the collation of questionnaires, the PSD department held a virtual meeting with State Coordinators and presented Report on the Strategic Plan Review 2023-2027. A training for Stakeholders on the NHRC Strategic Plan was organized on the 14th of November, 2023. In addition, Bauchi State Office organized a National Senior Citizens Town Hall Meeting with the aim to sensitize traditional institutions and other stakeholders towards the domestication of the child right Act.

3.5 Human Rights Education and Advocacy

As part of the Commission’s commitment to educate citizens and students on their rights and responsibilities, geared towards promoting the culture of human rights, especially at the grassroots. Conversely, students from secondary and tertiary institutions also visit the Commission to understudy the workings of the Commission. Some of the schools and other related places visited include Traditional Rulers, FBOs, and CBOs, among others.



GSS Kubwa, Abuja



GSS Dei – Dei, Abuja



**Model Junior Secondary
School, Maitama**



3.4 Highlights of Human Rights Education Visits to Schools.

S/N	Schools Visited	Date
1.	Community Based Human Rights Enlightenment for Women and Girls of Uzuabam Abakaliki, Rivers State	10 th February,2023
2.	Government Girls Secondary Schools, Janyau, Plateau State	16 th May,2023
3.	Students of National Open University of Nigeria, Abuja	18 th May, 2023
4.	Capital Science Academy , Bua Estate, Abuja	26 th May, 2023
5.	Government Day Secondary School Kofar, Maske Sokoto State	18 th May,2023
6.	Junior Secondary School (JSS), Area 11, FCT, Abuja.	19 th May,2023
7.	Intelligence Quotients Academy (IQ), Area 3, Abuja.	5 th June,2023
8.	Hill –View Comprehensive Collage, Agege, Lagos State	20 th June,2023
9.	Prince Heirs Collage, Mushin, Lagos State	21 st June,2023
10.	Refiners Schools, Lekki, Lagos State.	22 nd June ,2023
11.	Dabitos College, Mushin, Lagos State	23 rd June, 2023
12.	Junior Secondary (JSS), Apo Legislative Quarters, Abuja.	13 th June, 2023

13.	Junior Secondary School (JSS), Apo Resettlement, Abuja	14 th June, 2023
14.	Junior Secondary School (JSS), Area 1, Abuja.	15 th June, 2023
15.	Comprehensive Secondary School, Rumukurushi, Rivers state	7 th July,2023
16.	Government Day Secondary School, Federal Housing and Zamaki Secondary School, Girei LGA, Adamawa State	12 th July,2023
17.	Tafarki International Secondary School, Yola, Adamawa State	14 th JULY, 2023
18.	National Association of Nigeria Students Commission (NANS)	8 th August, 2023
19.	Perezville International School, State Low Cost, Plateau State	17 th October , 2023
20.	Junior Secondary School(JSS),Kubwa, Abuja	27 th September,2023
21.	Junior Secondary School (JSS), Kubwa 2, Abuja	28 th September,2023
22.	Model Junior Secondary School (MJSS),Maitaima, Abuja	4 th October,2023
23.	Junior Secondary School Dei-Dei,Abuja	12 th October,2023
24.	Junior Secondary School, Phase 111, Kubwa, Abuja	17 th October, 2023
25.	Senior Community Secondary School Ozuoba Port-Harcourt, Rivers State	2 nd November, 2023
26.	Government Secondary School, Rumueme Rivers State	6 th Nov,2023
27.	Hafsat Umar Ganduje Science Secondary School, Gyadii Gyadi, Kano State	7 th November,2023

28.	Community Senior Secondary School, Olanada GRA, Rivers State	8 th November, 2023
29.	Community Boys Secondary School Elemenwo, Rivers State	9 th November, 2023
30.	Government Day Secondary School, Karewa Adamawa State	22 nd November, 2023,
31.	Government Secondary School Hei, Plateau State.	24 th November, 2023
32.	NIC Secondary Commercial School, Old Ikang Calabar, Cross River State	29 th November , 2023
33.	Spring of Life Secondary School, Independence Layout , Enugu State	30 th November, 2023
34.	Big QUA Girls Secondary School, Calabar, Cross River State	30 th November, 2023
35.	Community Secondary School, Nnode Abakiliki, Ebonyi State	4 th December, 2023
36.	Salem University, Lokoja	4 th December, 2023

3.6 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

➤ 25th November to 10th December, 2023

The Commission is pained about the menace of domestic violence and related issues and attendant consequence in the enjoyment of human rights. In order to curb the scourge, the Commission actively participated in the commemoration of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), under the theme, Invest to Prevent Violence against Women and girls, organized activities to raise awareness on the issue, engaging advocacy visits, to relevant partners towards, achieving zero tolerance for SGBV. Some major activities carried out by state offices included:

Major among such activities include, Kwara State Office visit to the Acting Chief Judge of the State, to intimate him of the commemoration activities. A similar visit was carried out by the Adamawa State Office to the Adamawa State Chief Judge of the state to advocate for speedy Trial of SGBV cases and Establishment of Juvenile Court in the state. Also the Osun State Office visited the Osun State House of Assembly for advocacy and Policy on SGBV in the state. These advocacy visits took place on 23 November, 2023, 04 December, 2023, and 30 November, 2023 respectively.

Similarly, on 12th May, 2023, the Lagos State Office visited to the Lagos State Community Central Mosque to educate them on religious harmony and educate them on human rights. The Jos Office, on 01 December, 2023, embarked on sensitization of religious leaders, on the menace of SGBV and mandate of the Commission, held at Covenant Word Christian, Centre International Jos, Plateau State and another visit to the Executives of Chief Imam, Magaji of Oloje Area, Central Mosque, by Kwara State Office, to advocate on the role of religious leaders in protecting the rights of women and girls. Accordingly, Benue State Office embarked on a sensitization visit to a TIV Christian Congregation at Agasha, Guma Local Government Area, held on 21 October, 2023, on 4 December, 2023, NHRC Osun State Office, paid an advocacy visit to the Bishop, Anglican Diocese of Osun State. NHRC, Akwa –Ibom State Office organized a sensitization visit to Catholic Women Organisation (CWO) during the 2023 August Meeting. The sensitization focused on the Exclusion of Female Gender from Family Inheritance, SGBV and Harmful Traditional Widowhood Practices

In the same vein, on 5th December, 2023, the Commission organized Human Rights Day Quiz Competition for Government and Private Junior Secondary Schools in FCT, Abuja.

Commemoration 16 Days of Activism by State Offices



Osun State 16 Days of Activism



Lagos State 16 Days of Activism



Ebonyi State 16 Days of Activism



Akwa-Ibom State 16 Days of Activism

Likewise, the Kogi State Office organized a meeting with People Living with Disabilities (PWDs), held on 5th December, 2023. On 6 December, 2023, the Kwara State Office embarked on sensitization of Health workers on SGBV. On 2nd May 2023, there was a focused group discussion with the Kogi State NGO Network (KONGONET), on government policies concerning the promotion and protection of human rights. The Ogun State Office

Organised a Town Hall Meeting aimed at providing platform for gubernatorial candidates to present their Human Rights Agenda

In addition, Kogi State Office paid an advocacy visit to the Office of the First Lady, to partner with her office towards upholding the rights of women and girls. The Osun State Office, accompanied by the First Lady of the state, Her Excellency, Titilayo Adeleke in the flag - off of the 16 days of activism. The Bauchi State first Lady and her Executives joined the NHRC Bauchi Office in the Road Show and flag off of the 16 days of activism. These activities took place on 08 December,2023, 27 November, 2023,and 27 December, 2023 respectively.

3.7 Commemorations

The Commission in observance of international, and regional human rights events, marked the following commemoration dates:

- 6th February, 2023, International Day of Zero Tolerance of Female Genital Mutilation.
- 8th March,2023, International Women’s Day, under the theme ‘Digital Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality’
- 22nd March , 2023,International Day for the Right to the Truth
- 16th June, 2023, commemoration of the Day of African Child (DAC),
- 20th June,2023, World Press Day was organized to Mark 2023 International Day for Countering Hate Speech
- 21 June, 2023, International Day of Elderly
- 18th July, 2023, International Day of Mandela. This year’s celebration was marked with the Audit of Gombe State Medium Security Custodial Centre
- 15th August,2023, Commemoration of 20th Anniversary on the Protocol on the Right of Women in Africa (MAPUTO PROTOCOL
- 16th August, 2023, commemoration of International Day of the Disappearance of Person.
- 28th October,2023, International Day for Older Persons

- 2nd November,2023, International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalist, to draws attention to the low conviction rates for crimes committed against Journalist on a global scale
- 25 November- 10 December,2023,Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence
- World AIDS Day, 1 December, 2023, World HIV/AIDS Day with the Theme Remember and Commit.
- 10 December, globally is observed as International Human Rights Day. The Commission celebrated the 2023 International Human Rights Day, with lined up activities to climax the anniversary of UDHR @75 under the theme: Invest to Prevent Violence against Women and Girls, Digital Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality.

The highlights of the day were:

- Human Rights Essay Competition for Junior Secondary Schools, FCT, Abuja.
- Civil Military forum on human rights
- High Level Forum on human Rights and Business
- Civil Society Forum on Human Rights
- Human Rights Film Festival
- Human Rights Dinner and Award, to Honor Human Rights Defenders, Deserving Staff and Long Service Award.

Chapter Four

Special Projects

4.0 Preamble

Pursuant to the Commissions enabling Act to monitor elections, in line with Article 25 (a) and (b) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to mobilize citizens to uphold their right to vote and be voted for during elections. The year 2023 was an election year, the Commission, preparatory to the General Election, *monitored the distribution of Personal Voters Card (PVC), by INEC, organized town hall sensitization meetings, and dialogue sessions with political parties with their supporters to educate the general public, geared towards achieving a credible election devoid of human rights violations during and after elections.*

4.1 General Election Monitoring

In preparation for the 2023 elections, the Commission on 5th, 11th, and 26th January 2023, organized town hall meetings, PVC collection monitoring exercise and Gubernatorial Town Hall Meetings respectively. The Commission on 18th February 2023, monitored the 2023 Governorship and State House of Assembly Elections.

Similarly, *the Commission monitored the 2023 Nigerian General Elections which held on 25th February 2023, to elect the President, Members of the Senate and House of Representative, simultaneously across the country.*

The National Human Rights Commission's (NHRC) MOVE Project aims to address human rights violations by promoting accountability, justice, and awareness. The acronym "MOVE" stands for Mobilizing Voters for Election. This initiative typically involves a multifaceted approach, including advocacy, legal assistance, capacity building, and community engagement, to protect and promote human rights. Through the MOVE project, the NHRC collaborates with various stakeholders, including government

agencies, civil society organizations, and local communities, to strengthen mechanisms for the protection of human rights and ensure access to justice for those whose rights have been violated.

4.2 Special Independent Investigative Panel (SIIP)

The Special Independent Investigative Panel on Human Rights Violations in Counter-Insurgency Operations in the North East (SIIP North-East) is a specialized body established to investigate allegations of human rights violations committed during counter-insurgency operations in the northeastern region of Nigeria, particularly in states affected by the Boko Haram insurgency such as Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe (BAY) States.

The SIIP North East, Nigeria is tasked with conducting an impartial investigation into reported incidents of human rights abuses, including extra-judicial killings, disappearances, torture, arbitrary arrests, and other violations especially against Women and Children as reported by an international media group called Reuters, which alleged that these acts were perpetrated by the Nigerian Army and the BAY State Governments that were involved in counter-insurgency efforts in the North-East.

The Panel operates independently from government, security agencies and Multi-national Organizations with the aim to ensure accountability, uphold the rule of law, and protect the rights of individuals affected by the conflict in the region. It gathers evidences, interviews witnesses, and collaborates with relevant stakeholders to conduct thorough and transparent investigations.



Special Independent Investigative Panel (SIIP)

The findings and recommendations of SIIP North-East are crucial for addressing grievances, providing justice to victims, preventing future violations, and fostering reconciliation in the conflict-affected areas of northeastern Nigeria. The establishment of such a Panel reflects a commitment to human rights principles and efforts to address the complex challenges posed by insurgency and conflict in the region. The Panel had several sittings in different locations as enumerated below:

S/N	Sittings	Dates	Location
1.	1st Sitting	9th – 11 th February, 2023	Borno State
2.	2nd Sitting	13th – 16 th February, 2023	Borno State
3.	3rd Sitting	22nd – 25 th March, 2023	FCT, Abuja

4.	4th Sitting	27 th March – 1 st April, 2023	Borno, Yobe and Adamawa States
5.	5th Sitting	8 th – 12 th May, 2023	FCT, Abuja
6.	6th Sitting	19 th – 23 rd June, 2023	Borno State
7.	7th Sitting	12 th – 13 th October, 2023	Borno State
8.	8th Sitting	14 th December, 2023	FCT, Abuja

4.3 New Office Building

The Commission in the year under review embarked and completed state of the art office buildings in the following States:

- Lagos State
- Anambra State
- Benue State
- Adamawa State
- Ekiti State
- Katsina State
- Kebbi State

4.4 Constituency Project

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) functions differently from other government agencies. It is mandated to monitor effective discharge of the constituency projects by Senators and House of Representative Members in the National Assembly, from inception to completion on all unfolding developments. The NHRC follows due process in the discharge of

the assigned tasks and also oversees the human rights components on each project. The task monitored for 2023 across Nigeria include:

- Construction and furnishing of 1(one) Block of 6 Classrooms in Epe Federal Constituency, Lagos State
- Construction of Hand Pumps in Jigawa South-west Senatorial District, Jigawa State
- Supply of computers for Youth and Women in Lagos Island I Federal Constituency, Lagos State
- Training and empowerment program for Women in Jigawa South-west Senatorial District, Jigawa State

Chapter Five

Collaborations and International Engagements

5.0 Preamble

The Commission organized a major 2- Day Stakeholders Training Workshop for Judges, Lawyers and Law Enforcement/Security Agencies to apply Female Genital Mutilation Law (FGM). The objective of the training include: to provide Lawyers and Judges with a comprehensive understanding of legal framework surrounding FGM, including relevant international, regional and national laws and regulations. The training was organized by the Commission in partnership with United Nations Funds for (UNFPA) and Education as Vaccine (EVA), 13th – 14th December, 2023.

5.1 Report of Activities Organized by the Office of the Executive Secretary in December 2023

Introduction

In December 2023, the Office of the Executive Secretary organized series of events to commemorate International Human Rights Day and the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). These initiatives aimed to raise awareness, promote understanding of pertinent human rights issues, and foster a human rights-based approach among stakeholders across the Nigerian society. The activities were designed to engage participants in constructive dialogue and collaborative efforts towards advancing human rights in the country.

5.2 Overview of Activities

1. National Town Hall on the Future of Litigating Human Rights in Nigeria

In collaboration with the Nigerian Bar Association, a National Town Hall was convened on December 4th, 2023, to discuss the significance of human rights litigation in Nigeria and explore

challenges and alternative pathways for human rights enforcement. The forum identified critical challenges such as lack of awareness, judicial inefficiencies, and inadequate legal representation for victims. It called for accountability, advocacy, and legislative reforms to make human rights provisions justifiable. Proposed solutions included amendments to legal frameworks, establishment of specialized courts, and integration of human rights into organizational mandates.

2. High Level Forum on Business and Human Rights

This forum, held on December 6th 2023, brought together stakeholders from the private and public business sectors to explore the role of businesses in advancing human rights in Nigeria. The National Working Group on Business and Human Rights was inaugurated to implement strategies outlined in the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights, as well as drive actionable strategies for promoting responsible business conducts aligned with human rights principles.

3. Civil Society Forum on Human Rights in Nigeria

The Commission in partnership with the United Nations, initiated an annual Civil Society Forum on Human Rights in Nigeria on 7th December 2023 to provide a vital platform for human rights and legal experts, government agencies, development partners, diplomatic missions and civil society leaders to engage in meaningful dialogue, share insights, and collaboratively strategize on the state of human rights and the civic space in Nigeria, as well as chart a course for the future. The forum yielded key recommendations emphasized on prioritizing human rights in governance, leveraging innovative technologies and legislative reforms, as well as multi-stakeholders collaboration for advancing human rights in the civic space.

4. National Legislative Forum on Human Rights

On December 8th 2023, in collaboration with the House of Representatives' Committee on Human Rights, the National Human

Rights Commission organized a forum to identify challenges and solutions in mainstreaming human rights in the Nigerian legislative process. The event aimed to equip legislators with the necessary capacity and knowledge to promote and protect human rights effectively in the discharge of their mandates.

5. National Human Rights Commission Civil-Military Forum

The Civil-Military Forum held on 8th December 2023 addressed human rights issues within the context of military operations in Nigeria. The forum facilitated discussions among government officials, military personnel, civil society representatives, and legal experts. The discussions highlighted the challenges faced by the military in upholding human rights while combating insecurity in the country. Presentations from military representatives outlined efforts to integrate human rights principles into their operations, including the establishment of human rights desks and training programs.

Civil society representatives acknowledged the progress made but emphasized the need for greater transparency, accountability, and collaboration between the military and civilian authorities. Recommendations for the way forward included advocating for the military to engage with civilian judicial processes, improving inter-agency cooperation, and enhancing community engagement to address security challenges. Overall, the forum provided a platform for constructive dialogue and collaboration towards promoting and protecting human rights in Nigeria.

6. Human Rights Film Festival

In partnership with the Brazilian Embassy, documentary film screenings were organized to highlight human rights issues from around the world. These screenings stimulated discussions and encouraged reflection on themes explored in the film among participants.

5.3 Conclusion

These activities successfully raised awareness, fostered dialogue, and mobilized action in support of human rights across various sectors of Nigerian society. They contributed to building a more rights-inclusive society and instilled a sense of responsibility among participants towards upholding human rights principles.

Chapter Six

Complaints Treatment Mechanism

6.0 Preamble

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) is committed to the promotion, protection and enforcement of human rights in Nigeria. The NHRC has specific rules for handling complaints. These rules are based on the National Human Rights Commission Act (1995) and the NHRC's Standard Orders and Rules of Procedures (STORP). There are specific sections of the Act and STORP that are relevant to the complaint processes and can be obtained from:

- Initiating a complaint (STORP Rules 58-64)
- Admissibility of the complaints (STORP Rule 72)
- Investigation (NHRC Act Section 5(j) and STORP Rules 74 & 75)
- Mediation (NHRC Act Section 5(q) and STORP Rule 78)
- Public hearings (NHRC Act Section 6(1) and STORP Rule 80)
- Legal action in the public interest (NHRC Act Sections 5(r) & 6(1)(b) and STORP Rule 86)
- Referring cases (NHRC Act Section 5(p))

Complaints can be filed to the Commission through various methods:

- By self
- Persons or an organization filing on behalf of the victim with their permission

- A group of people can file a complaint together if their rights were violated
- The Commission independently takes up complaints and investigate human rights violations which is regarded as Suo Moto

There are several ways to file a complaint with the NHRC via the different channel of communication which are:

- In person at the NHRC headquarters in Abuja, the Abuja Metropolitan Office (AMO), or any State office.
- By mail (hard copy or soft copy)
- Electronically

When these complaints are received, the Commission investigates and tries to find solution between both parties. This may involve Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) or a public hearing.

6.1 Human Rights Complaints in Nigeria: 2023 Summary

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) receives significant complaints yearly from the 36 State Offices, Abuja Metropolitan Office and the Headquarters. These complaints are categorized into different thematic areas to ascertain patterns and trends. These pattern and trends helps the management in the formulation of policies and projects. In the reporting year, the Commission received a total of 2,511,005 (Two million, five hundred and eleven thousand and five) complaints. This saw an increase in 2023. Here's a breakdown of the sources and reasons for this rise:

- **Routine Complaints:** These are the most common; people visiting the Commission’s offices, emailing, calling, or texting their complaints. This number continues to appreciate due to:
 - Increased use of social media for communication.
 - Raising security concerns.
 - Growing awareness of human rights.
- **Inquiry and Panel Complaints:** These arise from investigations into specific issues.
- **Human Rights Monitoring:** The NHRC monitors human rights situations through various means, including:
 - Election monitoring
 - Inspecting correctional/detention centers
 - Checking on IDP camps
 - Monitoring emergencies for human rights concerns
 - Overseeing security operations for rights compliance

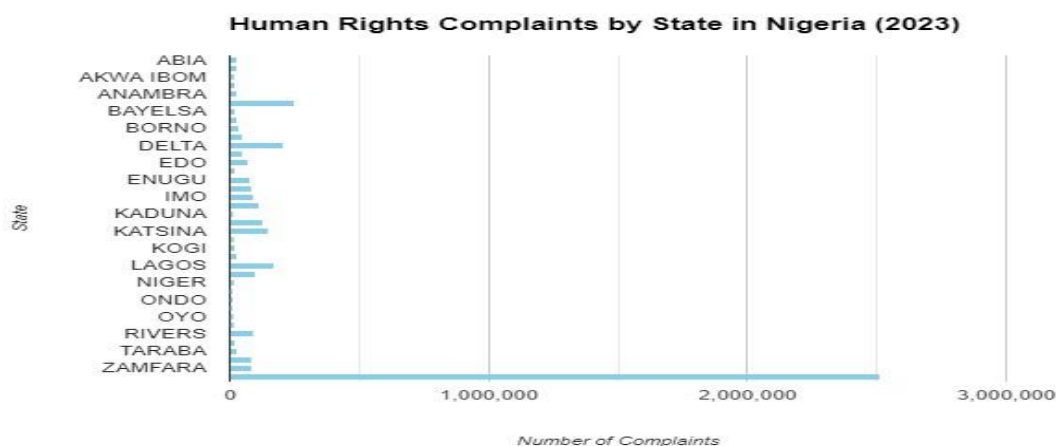
This chapter analyzes data on human rights complaints received by NHRC in the year 2023. The complaints received are presented in a table format, listing each state and the corresponding number of complaints treated. The detailed breakdown are:

S/NO	STATE	TOTAL
1	ABIA	28,045
2	ADAMAWA	28,662
3	AKWA IBOM	15,684
4	AMO	23,181

5	ANAMBRA	31,244
6	BAUCHI	247,755
7	BAYELSA	22,299
8	BENUE	27,940
9	BORNO	34,784
10	CROSS RIVER	48,534
11	DELTA	205,970
12	EBONYI	49,623
13	EDO	74,673
14	EKITI	20,421
15	ENUGU	81,820
16	GOMBE	82,638
17	HEADQUARTERS	279,495
18	IMO	89,649
19	JIGAWA	113,704
20	KADUNA	12,729
21	KANO	131,511
22	KATSINA	150,979
23	KEBBI	14,908
24	KOGI	18,583
25	KWARA	25,118
26	LAGOS	170,856
27	NASARAWA	96,951
28	NIGER	15,316

29	OGUN	9,266
30	ONDO	11,306
31	OSUN	9,054
32	OYO	13,546
33	PLATEAU	15,044
34	RIVERS	90,398
35	SOKOTO	17,834
36	TARABA	28,056
37	YOBE	86,912
38	ZAMFARA	86,517
	TOTAL	2,511,005

The data reveals a significant variation in the number of complaints received from different States and provides a starting point for further analysis. Notably, Bauchi State has the highest number of complaints (247,755) reported whereas Ogun and Ondo have counts below 10,000 suggesting a potential need for increased focus on human rights education and enforcement mechanisms in that region. As customary, the Headquarters with a count of 279,495 is the outlier. It does not represent a State but rather a central collection point from all avenues and its total is excluded when analyzing state wide data.



6.3 ADMISSIBILITY OF CASES

This data represents the human rights complaints received by Commission which are categorized as admissible and inadmissible for 2023. Here is a breakdown:

S/N	STATE	Admissible	Inadmissible
0			
1	ABIA	28,040	5
2	ADAMAWA	28,661	1
3	AKWA IBOM	15,666	18
4	AMO	23,179	2
5	ANAMBRA	31,217	27
6	BAUCHI	247,754	1
7	BAYELSA	22,290	9
8	BENUE	27,926	14
9	BORNO	34,783	1

10	CROSS RIVER	48,509	25
11	DELTA	205,905	65
12	EBONYI	49,600	23
13	EDO	74,671	2
14	EKITI	20,400	21
15	ENUGU	81,801	19
16	GOMBE	82,625	13
17	HEADQUARTERS	279,467	28
18	IMO	89,648	1
19	JIGAWA	113,649	55
20	KADUNA	12,712	17
21	KANO	131,466	45
22	KATSINA	150,958	21
23	KEBBI	14,907	1
24	KOGI	18,582	1
25	KWARA	25,117	1
26	LAGOS	170,855	1
27	NASARAWA	96,908	43
28	NIGER	15,315	1
29	OGUN	9,265	1
30	ONDO	11,305	1
31	OSUN	9,053	1
32	OYO	13,545	1
33	PLATEAU	15,028	16

34	RIVERS	90,383	15
35	SOKOTO	17,817	17
36	TARABA	28,053	3
37	YOBE	86,911	1
38	ZAMFARA	86,512	5
	TOTAL	2,510,483	522

Out of the total complaints received, 2,510,483 were deemed admissible for processing according to the Commission's admissibility criteria. The remaining 522 complaints were either referred elsewhere for a more appropriate handling process or were explained as not meeting the criteria for being investigated by NHRC.

6.4 CONCLUDED AND PENDING CASES

This data provides valuable insights into the workload of the Commission dealing with human rights complaints. There are backlog of pending complaints due to various challenges in handling the volume of complaints received.

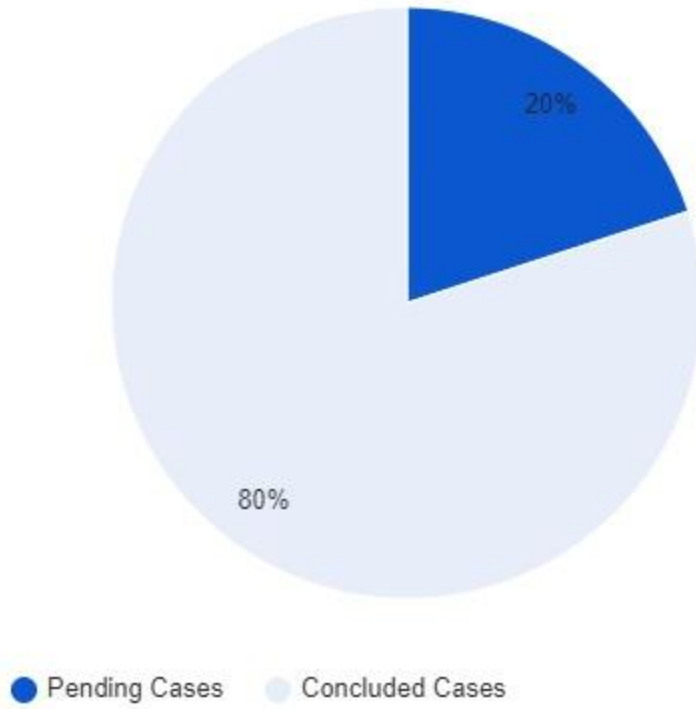
S/N	STATE	CONCLUDED	PENDING
1	ABIA	5608	22,432
2	ADAMAWA	5732	22,929
3	AKWA IBOM	3133	12,533
4	AMO	4636	18,543

5	ANAMBRA	6243	24,974
6	BAUCHI	49551	198,203
7	BAYELSA	4458	17,832
8	BENUUE	5585	22,341
9	BORNO	6957	27,826
10	CROSS RIVER	9702	38,807
11	DELTA	41181	164,724
12	EBONYI	9920	39,680
13	EDO	14934	59,737
14	EKITI	4080	16,320
15	ENUGU	16360	65,441
16	GOMBE	16525	66,100
17	HEADQUARTERS	55893	223,574
18	IMO	17930	71,718
19	JIGAWA	22730	90,919
20	KADUNA	2542	10,170
21	KANO	26293	105,173
22	KATSINA	30192	120,766
23	KEBBI	2981	11,926
24	KOGI	3716	14,866
25	KWARA	5023	20,094
26	LAGOS	34171	136,684
27	NASARAWA	19382	77,526
28	NIGER	3063	12,252

29	OGUN	1853	7,412
30	ONDO	2261	9,044
31	OSUN	1811	7,242
32	OYO	2709	10,836
33	PLATEAU	3006	12,022
34	RIVERS	18077	72,306
35	SOKOTO	3563	14,254
36	TARABA	5611	22,442
37	YOBE	17382	69,529
38	ZAMFARA	17302	69,210
	TOTAL	502,097	2,008,386

The backlog varies significantly across States. In comparing the States, Bauchi has the highest backlog (198,203), while States like Ogun and Ondo have a much lower number of pending cases. This might be due to factors that certain types of complaints might require more time and resources to investigate and staffing (e.g., investigators, lawyers) might contribute to have slower processing times.

Case Status Distribution (2023)



6.5 THEMATIC FOCUS

SUB-GROUP	THEMATIC FOCUS	TOTAL
SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE	SEXUAL VIOLENCE	488,633
	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	552,390
	RAPE	6,702
	SUB TOTAL	1,047,725
WOMEN AND GENDER RIGHTS	GENDER BASED DISCRIMINATION	487,344
	HARMFUL CULTURAL PRACTICES	6,792
	FORCEFUL MARRIAGE	12,852
	SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS	27,030
	DENIAL OF ACCESS TO CHILDREN	38,604
	INHERITANCE	72,228
	ABANDONMENT (WOMEN)	55,284
	WOMEN TRAFFICKING	9,312
	SUB TOTAL	709,446
	CHILD RIGHTS	RIGHT TO SURVIVAL & DEVELOPMENT
CHILD CUSTODY		7,260
ACCESS TO CHILDREN		6,864
OTHER CHILD ABUSES		7,116
CHILD LABOUR		918
CHILD MARRIAGE		7,236
CHILD TRAFFICKING		10,590
SEXUAL ABUSE		6,732
CHILD ABANDONMENT		8,748
RIGHT TO EDUCATION		6,816
SUB TOTAL		70,482
RIGHTS OF THE AGED	THE ELDERLY	798
RULE OF LAW AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE	DELAY OF COURT HEARING	6,870
	ABUSE OF POWER	7,188
	DISOBEIDENCE OF COURT	7,008

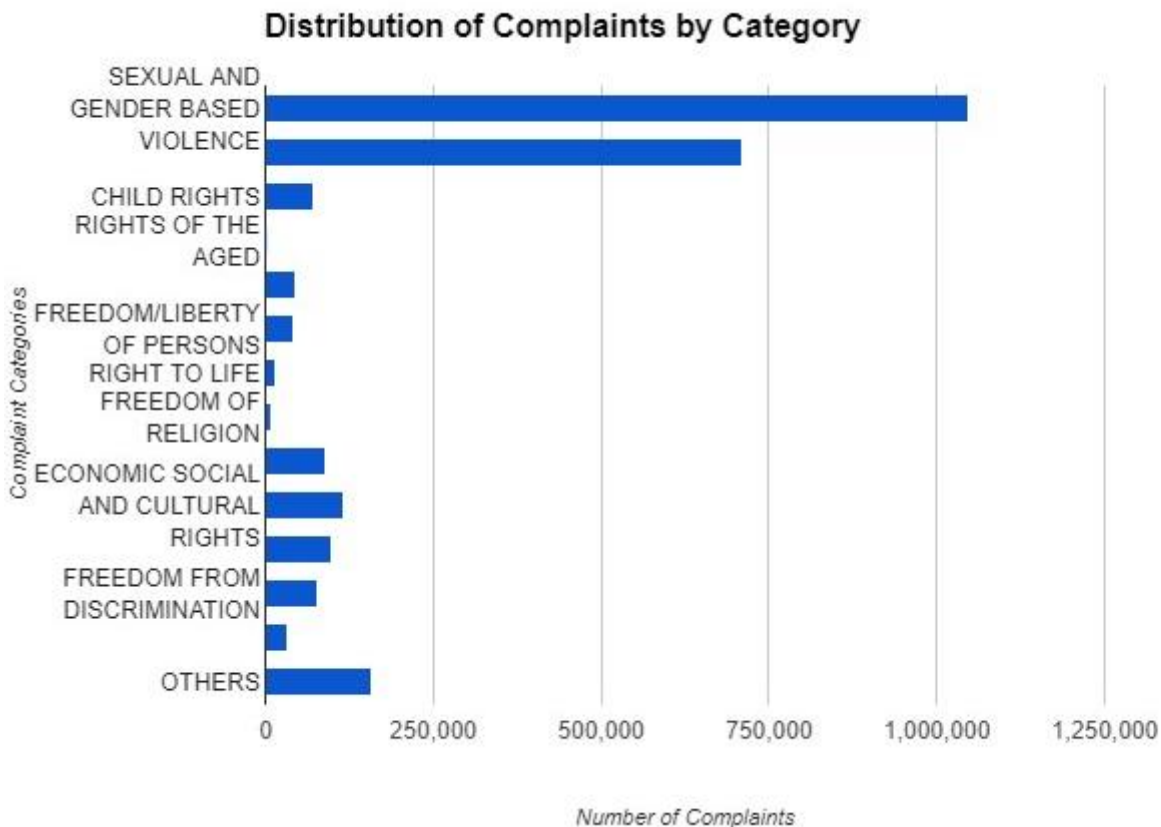
	ORDER / JUDGEMENT	
	RIGHT TO FAIR HEARING	6,732
	APPEAL FOR PEROGATIVE OF MERCY	7,116
	ACCESS TO JUSTICE	10,404
	SUB TOTAL	45,318
FREEDOM/LIBERTY OF PERSONS	RIGHT TO PERSONAL LIBERTY	7,122
	RIGHT TO DIGNITY OF PERSON	6,876
	PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS	6,942
	RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY/ ASSOCIATION	9,150
	UNLAWFUL ARREST AND DETENTION	12,762
	SUB TOTAL	42,852
RIGHT TO LIFE	THREAT TO LIFE	6,810
	ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE	9,486
	SUB TOTAL	16,296
FREEDOM OF RELIGION	RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF RELIGION, THOUGHT & CONSCIENCE	7,110
LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HUMAN DIGNITY	CRUEL INHUMAN & DEGRADING TREATMENT	35,352
	EXTRA JUDICIAL KILLING	7,050
	TORTURE	38,778
	EXTORTION/UNLAWFUL SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	7,002
	SUB TOTAL	88,182
ECONOMIC SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS	RIGHT TO HEALTH	9,924
	RIGHT TO FOOD	10,326
	RIGHT TO SHELTER	83,424
	RIGHT TO PRIVATE AND	11,970

	FAMILY LIFE	
	SUB TOTAL	115,644
LABOUR RIGHTS	NON PAYMENT OF BENEFITS AND ENTITLEMENT	45,126
	WRONGFUL TERMINATION AND DISSIMISAL FROM EMPLOYMENT	32,916
	LABOUR RIGHTS	21,114
	SUB TOTAL	99,156
FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION	LAND AND LANDED PROPERTY	6,456
	DISCRIMINATION (MEDICAL)	12,726
	PROTECTION OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDP'S)	34,068
	DISCRIMINATION (OTHERS)	7,974
	CIRCUMSTANCES OF BIRTH	8,274
	DISABILITY	6,750
	SUB TOTAL	76,248
NIGER DELTA AND ENVIRONMENT	ENVIROMENTAL RIGHTS	33,888
OTHERS	OTHERS (ETHNIC/RELIGIOUS)	81,174
	COMPLAINTS RELATED CALLS	68,850
	OTHERS	7,296
	INTERNATIONAL MATTERS	18
	SUB TOTAL	157,338
TOTAL		2,510,483

This data provides a look at the different human rights situation in Nigeria. Here are some key points:

- Gender-Based Violence is the Top Concern:
 - Over 1 million complaints (42%) fall under this category, with domestic violence and sexual violence being the most prevalent.
 - This highlights the need for stronger legal and social protections for women and girls.
- Women and Girls Face Discrimination:
 - Complaints related to gender discrimination, harmful cultural practices, and denial of access to resources, are significant on the increase.
 - Addressing these issues requires promoting women's rights and challenging harmful traditions.
- Children's Rights are at Risk:
 - While the number of complaints is lower compared to gender-based violence, issues like child labor, trafficking, and sexual abuse are critical.
 - Increased focus on child protection measures is essential.
- Challenges with Access to Justice:
 - Complaints regarding delays in court hearings, abuse of power, and limited access to justice itself point to potential problems within the legal system.
 - Reforms to ensure fair and timely trials are needed.
- Other Areas of Concern:

- Unlawful arrests and detentions, threats to life, and issues related to freedom of religion and expression require investigation and improvement.
- Economic and Social Rights Violations:
 - Lack of access to basic needs like healthcare, housing, and food is a significant problem.
 - Policies promoting economic and social development are crucial.
- Environmental Issues:
 - Complaints regarding environmental rights violations suggest a need for stricter environmental regulations and enforcement.



Overall, this data reveals a wide range of human rights concerns in Nigeria. The Commission is in continuous partnership and synergy with government and civil society organizations, working together to address these issues and ensure the safety and wellbeing of all Nigerians.

6.6 SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS FROM 1996 TO 2023

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), established by the NHRC Act of 1995 (as amended), began its vital work in 1996. Since then, the Commission has seen a steady increase in the number of complaints received, demonstrating growing public awareness and trust in its role to protect human rights. This data, visualized in the following tables and graphs, offers valuable insights into human rights trends in Nigeria.

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS 1996-2023					
YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	ADMISSIBLE	INADMISSIBLE	CONCLUDED	PENDING
1996	41	29	12	28	1
1997	114	85	29	73	12
1998	221	133	88	89	44
1999	343	135	208	100	35
2000	559	286	273	95	191
2001	557	377	180	143	234
2002	421	356	65	114	242
2003	432	388	44	122	266
2004	287	271	16	92	179
2005	551	476	75	319	157
2006	514	416	98	258	158
2007	574	235	31	151	84
2008	1,300	1,423	185	1,133	290
2009	1,061	1,040	21	750	290
2010	6,967	6,700	267	4,000	2,700

2011	19,210	18,060	1,150	15,403	2,657
2012	22,542	21,373	3,187	18,188	3,185
2013	26,067	24,198	1,869	19,806	4,392
2014	31,847	28,974	2,873	24,339	4,635
2015	433,865	430,962	2,903	414,384	16,578
2016	1,099,919	1,000,430	99,489	489,219	511,211
2017	1,081,329	1,081,126	203	576,742	504,384
2018	1,099,825	1,097,777	2,048	647,688	450,089
2019	1,304,849	1,303,936	913	1,105,738	198,198
2020	1,287,760	1,124,600	2,680	190,520	934,080
2021	1,701,519	1,697,777	3742	1,187,079	514,440
2022	2,314,440	2,314,380	60	1,643,018	671,362
2023	2,511,005	2,510,483	522	502,097	2,008,386
Total	12,948,119	12,666,426	123,231	6,841,688	5,828,480

Since its inception in 1996, the National Human Rights Commission has received a staggering number of complaints exceeding 12.9 million by the end of 2023. As of 2005 onwards, the number of complaints received significantly increased. The number of complaints received between 2014 and 2015 marked a turning point due to massive awareness creation. While there have been fluctuations over the years, the overall trend reflects a positive step towards seeking justice and accountability.

6.7 CONCLUSION

This chapter provides a preliminary analysis of human rights complaints received by the NHRC in 2023. The data suggests areas of potential concern. It is worthy of note that Investigation and analysis are crucial, to comprehensively understand the human rights situation across different Nigerian States. The Commission commits to thorough investigation of each complaint and is focusing on efficiency, improvements and strategic

resource allocation to ensure timely resolution of human rights cases and further strengthening public trust and confidence in the system.

Chapter Seven

Accounts and Finance

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE AND BALANCE FOR THE MONTH OF JAN. – DEC. 2023.

7.0 Preamble

The Finance and Accounts Department is basically a service department charged with the following responsibilities.

- Receipt of Budgetary and extra budgetary allocation on behalf of the Commission:
- Receipt of all funds/donations on behalf of the Commission:
- Payments to staff, contractors and other beneficiaries on behalf of the Commission:
- Liaison with banks and other financial institutions on behalf of the Commission:
- Liaison with statutory and regulatory authorities on behalf of the Commission such as:-
 1. The External Auditors;
 2. The Auditor General's office;
 3. The Accountant General of the Federation etc.
- Recording of all financial transactions of the Commission.
- Preparation of financial reports.

During the year 2023 the Commission successfully hosted visitors and inspectors from the various regulatory agencies and also undertook budget preparation and defense exercises for 2024.

The financial receipt and expenditure of the Commission for the year 2023 are summarized in the table below. It is important to note that the sources of the fund reflected below are from the Federal Government of Nigeria and donor Agencies.

S N	Expenditure Head (₦)	Account Codes	Opening balance (₦)	Budget Appropriation (₦)	Amount Released (₦)	Amount Expended (₦)	Transfer to CRF (₦)	Balance as at Dec. 2023 (₦)	Per. of Exp. %
1.	Personnel	15010101	NIL	2,050,338,846.76	2,050,338,846.70	2,050,338,846.70	-	NIL	100%
2.	Overhead	15010101	NIL	901,733,023.24	901,733,023.26	901,724,570.01	8,453.25	NIL	100%
3.	Capital i	43010101	13,965.08	-	-	-	13,965.08	-	100%
	Capital ii	43010101	-	1,547,928,130.00	1,547,928,130.04	1,547,916,780.27	-	11,349.77	99.99%
	Capital iii	43010101	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL		13,965.08	4,500,000,000.00	4,500,000,000.00	4,499,980,196.98	22,418.33	11,349.77	99.99%

The above analysis explains that ₦4,500,000,000.00 was appropriated for the Commission in 2023, but ₦4,500,000,000.00 was released on appropriation. A sum of ₦13,965.08 was brought forward from 2022 capital Account into the year 2023 Capital Account. The total sum of ₦4,499,980,196.98 was expended, leaving a balance of ₦11,349.77 which will be rolled over to the year 2024. The entire budget performance for 2023 is 99.99%.

7.1 SPECIAL PROJECT (Constituency Project)

S/N	EXPENDITURE HEAD (₦)	ACCOUNT CODES	OPENING BALANCE (₦)	BUDGET APPROPRIATION (₦)	AMOUNT RELEASED (₦)	AMOUNT EXPENDED (₦)	TRANSFER TO CRF (₦)	BALANCE AS AT DEC. 2023	PER. OF EXP.
I	Capital Dev. Fund (constituency project) 2023	43010101	142,375,000.00	-	142,375,000.00	284,748,000.00	2,000.00	-	100%
II	Constituency Project 2023	13020301	50,696,064.28	-	296,466,532.00	302,842,242.79	-	44,320,353.49	87.23%
	TOTAL		193,071,064.28		438,841,532.00	587,590,242.79	2,000.00	44,320,353.49	92.98%

- i. The sum of ₦142,375,000.00 was brought forward from the year 2022 under capital development fund, while the total sum of ₦142,375,000.00 was released for capital development fund constituency. The sum of ₦284,748,000.00 was expended, a balance of ₦2,000.00 was paid to consolidated revenue fund account (CRF) in

the year 2023. The entire budget performance for this project is 100%

- ii. The above analysis explains that the sum of ₦50,696,064.28 was brought forward from 2022 constituency project account, while the total sum of ₦296,466,532.00 was released through constituency fund. The sum of ₦302,842,242.79 was expended, leaving a balance of ₦44,320,353.49 in the commission's account. The entire budget performance for this project is 87.23%.

7.2 OTHER SPECIAL PROJECT

JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2023

SN	Expenditure Head(₦)	Account Codes	Opening Balance (₦)	Amount Released (₦)	Amount Expended (₦)	Transfer to CRF (₦) Donor Agency	Balance as at Dec. 2023 (₦)
1	UNHCR 2021	13020401	229.80	71,884,800.00	71,884,615.00	-	414.80

- 1) The total sum of ₦71,884,800.00 was released into the UNHCR account through the commission project account. The sum of ₦71,884,615.00 was expended, Leaving a closing balance of ₦414.80.

7.3 DONATIONS

Financial supports were received from Donor Agencies as shown in the table below:-

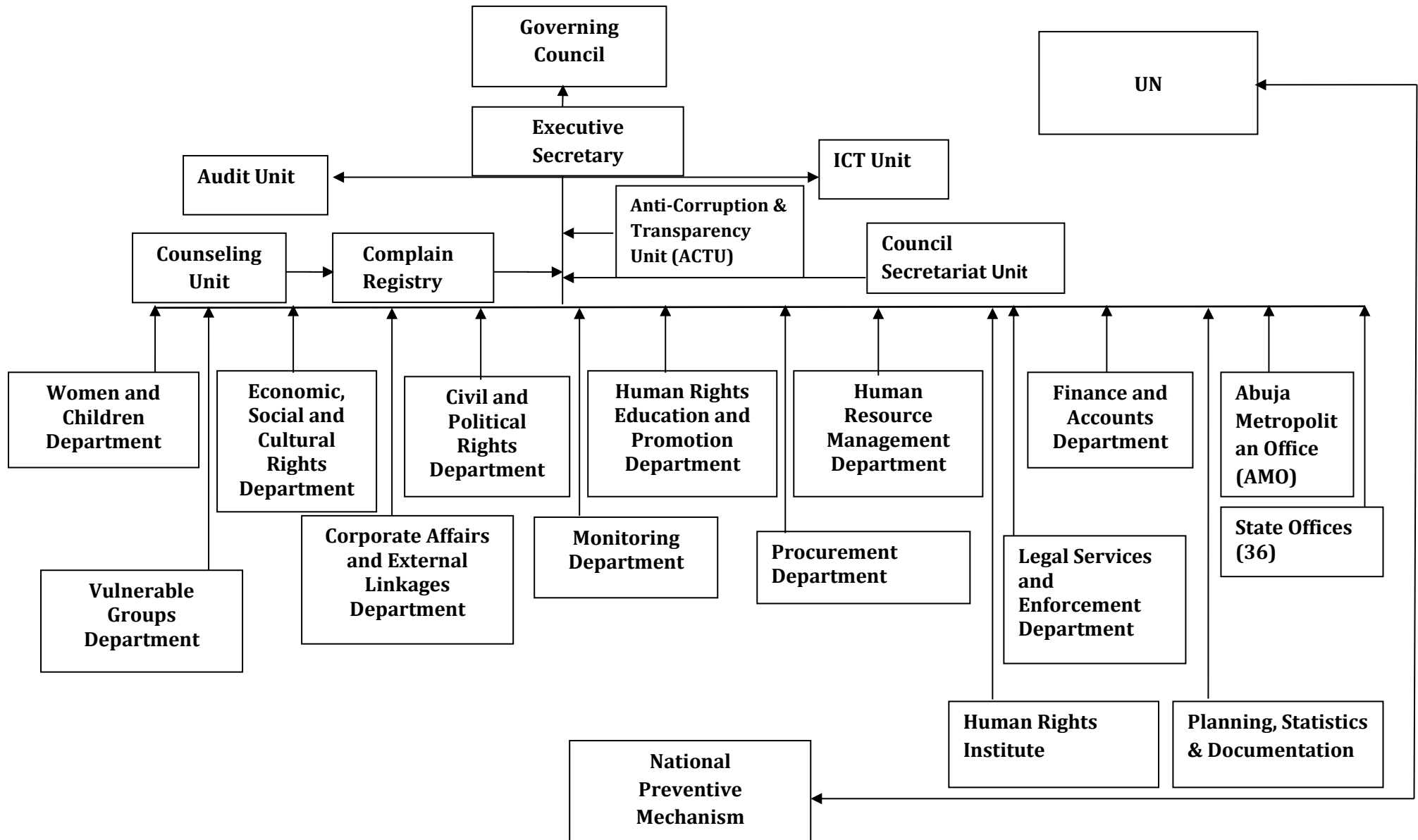
SN	Expenditure Head(₦)	Account Codes	Opening Balance (₦)	Amount Released (₦)	Amount Expended (₦)	Remitted to CRF	Balance as at Dec. 2023 (₦)
1	Mac Arthur Foundation	13020401	26,087.71	-	-	-	26,087.71
2	Ford Foundation	13020401	65,002,158.16	66,090,000.00	131,092,058.61	-	Nil
3	NHRC Project Account	13020401	5,616,680.54	38,408,142.47	27,509,425.87	-	16,515,397.14
4	OSIWA	13020301	12,901,149.10	-	4,706,932.50	-	8,194,216.60
5	UNDP	13020301	4,247,524.47	23,280,000.00	2,165,936.50	-	25,361,587.97
6	SERVICE WIDE VOTE	-	906.27	582,450,000.00	582,450,000.00	906.27	Nil
7	Danish Instituted Project	13020401	59,223.00	1,308,439.71	1,082,537.70	-	285,125.55
8	UNDP Lake Chad	13020301	486,961.01	33,302,099.60	33,789,018.52	-	42.09

7.4 REVENUE ACCOUNT (REMITTED TO CRF).

S/N	Expenditure Head(₦)	Account Codes	Opening Balance (₦)	Amount generated (₦)	Amount Expended (₦) (remitted to CRF)	Balance as at Dec. 2023 (₦)	
1	Revenue	12020417	-	123,000.00	123,000.00	-	
2	Revenue	12020417	-	62,566.25	62,566.25	-	

The above analysis shows that the sum of ₦123, 000.00 was internally generated by the Commission and the sum of ₦62,566.25 was refunded by a staff of the commission in the year 2023, and same were remitted to the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the federation.

ORGANOGRAM OF THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACTU	–	Anti Corruption Transparency Unit
ADR	–	Alternative Dispute Resolution
AIT	–	African Independent Television
AMO	–	Abuja Metropolitan Office
BMCCI	–	Beyond Mentors Community Care Initiative
CA&EL	–	Corporate Affairs and External linkages
CBO	–	Congressional Budget Office
CWO	–	Catholic Women Organisation
CSOs	–	Civil Society Organisations
DAC	–	Day of African Child
EU	–	European Union
EVA	–	Education as a vaccine
FBOs	–	Faith Based Organisations
FCT	–	Federal Capital Territory
FGM	–	Female Genital Mutilation
FOI	–	Freedom of Information
FOMWAN	–	Federation of Muslim Women Association of Nigeria
GBV	–	Gender Based Violent
HEDA	–	Human and Environmental Development Agenda
HRE&P	–	Human Rights Education and Promotion
HRM	–	Human Resource Department
HQ	–	Headquarters

ICPC	–	Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission
IDPs	–	Internally Displaced Persons
ICT	–	Information and Communication Technology
IPCR	–	Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution
INEC	–	Independent National Electoral Commission
KP	–	Key population
KONGONET	–	Kogi State NGO Network
MDAs	–	Ministries, Departments and Agencies
MOU	–	Memorandum of Understanding
MOVE	–	Mobilizing Voters for Election
NACTAL	–	Network against Child Trafficking, Abuse and Child Labour
NEPWAN	–	Network of People with HIV and AIDs in Nigeria
NGOs	–	Non-Governmental Organisations
NPLHA	–	Network of People Living with HIV and AIDS
NHRC	–	National Human Rights Commission
NHRI	–	National Human Rights Institution
NTA	–	Nigerian Television Authority
OXFAM	–	Oxford Committee for Famine Relief
PSD	–	Planning, Statistics and Documentation
PSIN	–	Public Service Institute of Nigeria
PWDs	–	People Living with Disabilities
PVC	–	Permanent Voter’s Card

PVE	–	Prevention of Violent Extremism
SCI	–	Save the Children International
SGBV	–	Sexual and Gender Based Violence
SIIP	–	Special Independent Investigative Panel
SO	–	State Office
SP	–	Strategic Plan
STER	–	Stand to End Rape Initiative
STORP	–	Standing Orders and Rule of Procedure
UDHR	–	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UN	–	United Nations
UNDP	–	United Nations Development Project
UNFPA	–	United Nations Fund for Population Activities
WARDC	–	Women Advancement Research and Documentation Centre
WADEMOS	–	West African Democracy Solidarity Network
WAANSA	–	West African Action Network on Small Arms
WOWICAN	–	Women Wing Christian Association of Nigeria

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