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VISION STATEMENT

The Commission is committed to institutionalizing the observance, promotion and protection of human rights for everybody by encouraging national values based on the principles of democracy, good governance and respect for the rule of law.

MISSION STATEMENT

The National Human Rights Commission is established to create an enabling environment for the promotion, protection and extra-judicial recognition and enforcement of human rights.

M E T H O D O L O G Y

The information and data in this report were obtained from reports of activities carried out in 2014 by different departments, units and zonal and state offices of the Commission, as well as from the HRI department diary of events.

The statistical data reflected in the report, were also drawn from the human rights complaints registered at the Protection and Investigation department as well as from information received from the different departments, units, zonal and state offices.



Professor Bem Angwe
Executive Secretary

PREFACE

2014 was a tasking year for the Commission. The escalation of the insurgency in the North East and its attendant human rights implications was a challenge to the NHRC. The Governing Council and management of the Commission strategized on ways to intervene constructively to address some of the key human rights issues which included forced displacement of communities, inquiry into the Apo killings, attacks on schools and abductions / killings of school children in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe states, attacks on prisons, banks and institutions of democratic governance amongst others. In September 2014, the Commission, released the Apo killings Report to the public.

Also, in the year under review, the Commission carried out many rights based activities in line with its mandate. This included monitoring the elections in Ekiti and Osun States in order to ensure respect for the right to participate in governance, and ensuring adequate preparations, bereft of violence for the upcoming 2015 elections. There was also an increase in the promotional and outreach activities of the Commission. This included visits to various MDAs and NGOs on human rights awareness campaigns as well as participation in radio and television programs and expansion of the Commission's partnership with the new media.

In 2014, the Commission collaborated with a number of organizations on some crucial human rights programs such as the 'End Electoral Impunity' project with support from Ford Foundation and OSIWA / NNHRI-WA. Also training of human rights monitors in the North East supported by UNDP, and Training workshop on Complaint Treatment Procedure manual supported by the Swiss government.

The Commission also took part in a number of International and Regional human rights activities in 2014. The activities included, the 55th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights (ACHPR) in

Angola, 35th Annual International Human Rights Training programme in Canada, Mediation & Negotiation Training for NHRIs in Malaysia, NANHRI/RWI Thematic Training Workshop for African NHRI's on Monitoring the Promotion and Protection of the rights of PWDs in Uganda and the African Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights, in Ethiopia amongst other Prison audit exercise is a major activity of the Commission. In 2014, the Commission audited Kuje Medium Prison FCT, Kebbi New Prison, and Sokoto Prison, in order to monitor compliance with international human rights standards, and the findings are reflected in this report.

Also, in 2014, the state offices continuously reached out to the communities within their jurisdiction, and more advocacy visits were held to create more sensitization on the work of the Commission to community leaders and the Youth. Through these activities, the Commission increased people's knowledge of human rights and encouraged them to report abuses and seek redress in cases where their rights had been violated.

In 2014, the complaints handling process of the Commission which was overhauled in 2013 by the Standing Orders & Rules of Procedure of the National Human Rights Commission (STORP) was still being tested. These rules were applied to all complaints received, in order to establish the basis for admissibility, inadmissibility, process of investigation and procedure for dealing with complaints received at the Commission. In 2014, 31,487 complaints were received as against 26,067 in 2013. This shows an increase in the number of complaints received and treated by the Commission.

In 2014 financial year, One Billion Three Hundred and Fifty Million Naira (N1,350,000,000) was approved and released to the Commission. This amount was the same as that of 2013, and with the increased human rights activities at the community level, the amount was inadequate. The Commission also received some financial support for specific human rights projects from donor agencies and development partners; these include Ford Foundation, and the Embassy of Switzerland.

With the expansion of the activities of the Commission through state offices, there is no doubt that with increased responsibilities, there is a need for increased funding to the Commission. More support from donor agencies and organisations working in the area of human rights would also be appreciated in order to ensure adequate promotion and protection of human rights in Nigeria.

We thank all our partners and invite them to continue the collaboration in the coming year, and we look forward to a more fulfilling 2015 in the area of human rights promotion and protection in our great nation.

Professor Bem Angwe

Executive Secretary

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Commission has been vested with more powers to discharge its mandate by virtue of the National Human Rights Commission Amendment Act 1995 as amended which became operational in February 2011. The salient provisions of the Act aims at ensuring autonomy and effectiveness of the Commission to promote protect and enforce human rights in Nigeria. Chapter One of the Report captures the functions and powers of the NHRC as contained in the Act.

The Commission has departments and units to facilitate its operations. The core mandate of the Commission - promotion, protection and enforcement of human rights is carried out through various departments and units which have specified duties. Chapter Two of this report highlights the respective departments and units through which the National Human Rights Commission functions.

In order to enhance the Commissions visibility as well as improve human rights culture in Nigeria, the NHRC maintains a program on awareness and enlightenment through promotional and outreach activities and initiatives .to enhance respect for human rights in all parts of the country. In the year under review, the Commission embarked on various outreach and promotional initiatives through the headquarters, zonal and state offices. These include courtesy calls, media releases and briefings through the print and electronic media, visits to various government offices/organizations on human rights issues, sensitization workshops, radio and television appearances, public inquiries, town hall meetings, retreats, and regular Council meetings, amongst others. Chapter Three of the report focuses on such promotional and outreach activities of the Commission.

Handling of complaints on allegations of human rights infringements is one of the major activities of the Commission. The Governing Council guidelines for the management of complaints as contained in the Standing Order and Rules of Procedure of the National Human Rights Commission (STORP) was utilized for complaint handling. The guidelines provide a uniform basis to which all complaints are subjected in order to determine their admissibility status and appropriate intervention to be adopted. In 2014, the total number of complaints received was Thirty One Thousand, Four Hundred and Eighty-Seven (31,487). Of these, Twenty Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy-Four (28,974) were admissible while Two Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Eight (2,868) were inadmissible. However such inadmissible complaints may fall within the mandate of other agencies of government and so were referred to appropriate agencies such as the Public Complaints Commission, ICPC etc. The admissible complaints were recommended for further investigation. Chapter 4 contains details of the complaints treatment status in 2014.

Section 5 (g) of the National Human Rights Commission Act, as amended obligates the Commission to liaise and cooperate with local and international organizations on human rights for the purpose of advancing the promotion and protection of human rights in Nigeria. In realization of this, the Commission collaborated with various Non- Governmental Organizations, Development

Partners, Embassies, and MDAs amongst others, to effectively discharge its mandate. Chapter Five illustrates such partnership activities or initiatives between the NHRC and other bodies.

Accessibility is one of the cardinal requirements for an effective National Human Rights Institution. In view of this, the National Human Rights Commission strives to increase its visibility and reach in order to improve accessibility by members of the public. In addition to having offices in the six geopolitical zones, the NHRC currently has 23 state offices across various states in Nigeria as well as an Abuja Metropolitan Office to cater for the human rights needs of adjoining states to the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. Chapter Six therefore highlights activities of the zonal, states, and Abuja Metropolitan Offices referred to as Field Offices of the Commission.

Inspection of places of detention is one of the cardinal functions of the National Human Rights Commission, pursuant to its mandate. The overall goal of such monitoring visits is to ascertain the level of compliance of the detention facilities with International Human Rights Standards. In 2014, the Commission visited some Kuje, Kebbi and Sokoto prisons to audit the following: the structure of the prisons, facilities at the prisons, access to Justice, welfare of detainees, welfare of officers, among others. The findings and recommendations on the prisons visited are contained on Chapter 7 of this report.

Chapter 8 highlights the International activities in which the Commission participated in 2014. The National Human Rights Commission Amendment Act, in Section 5(h) enjoins the Commission to participate in such manner as it considers appropriate in all international activities relating to the promotion and protection of human rights. In line with this, the Commission's Governing Council members and staff participated in international trainings, workshops and conferences aimed at building the capacities to discharge the mandate of the Commission. The tabular presentation in Chapter 8 highlights the programmes participated in.

Chapter 9 of the report focuses on the financial report of the Commission. Notably, the Commission's major source of funding has been the Federal Government. Pursuant to the NHRC Amendment Act, the funds of the Commission are charged on the Consolidated Funds of the Federation. While acknowledging some improvement on the level of government funding, funding of various activities of the Commission has continued to be a major challenge to effective discharge of the Commission's mandate. Human Rights promotion and protecting activities are capital intensive activities which require huge funding. Chapter 9 of this report therefore captures the Financial Report of the Commission in 2014.

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CHAPTER ONE

THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

1.0 INTRODUCTION

In 1993, the World Conference on Human Rights, reaffirmed the important and constructive role played by National Institutions for the promotion and protection of Human Rights, in particular their advisory capacity to the competent authorities, their role in remedying human rights violation, the dissemination of Human Rights information and education in human rights.

The world conference on human rights encouraged the establishment and strengthening of National Institutions, having regard to the “principles relating to the status of National Institution” and recognizing that it is the right of each state to choose the frame work which is best suited to its particular need at the national level.

The Commission was established by the National Human Rights Commission Act 1995 but began operations in 1996. This Act was reviewed due to some inadequacies and amended in 2010 through an Act of the National Assembly. The Act was passed by the National Assembly in 2010, and signed by the President in 2011 as the National Human Rights Commission Amendment Act 2010. The Amendment Act provides the Commission with greater autonomy, expanded powers and functions.

1.1 FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE COMMISSION

The National Human Rights Commission Act 1995 as amended expands the functions and powers of the Commission and confers the Commission with the independence to carry out these additional responsibilities. It also grants the Commission financial autonomy. The Preamble to the Act provides for the following:-

- a) Independence in the conduct of the affairs of the Commission.

- b) The funds of the Commission to be a direct charge on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation.
- c) The establishment of the Human Rights Fund and
- d) The recognition and enforcement of the awards and recommendations of the Commission as decisions of the High Court.

FUNCTIONS:

The functions of the Commission as provided for in the Act are as follows:

- a) 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, 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 Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights and other International and Regional Instruments on human rights to which Nigeria is a party.
- b) Monitor and investigate all alleged cases of human rights violations in Nigeria and make appropriate recommendations to the Federal Government for the prosecution and such other actions as it may deem expedient in each circumstance;
- c) Assist victims of human rights violations and seek appropriate redress and remedies on their behalf.
- d) Undertake studies on all matters pertaining to human rights and assist the Federal, State and Local Governments where it considers appropriate

to do so in the formulation of appropriate policies on the guarantee of human rights.

- e) Publish and submit, from time to time, to the President, National assembly, Judiciary, State and Local Governments, reports on the state of human rights promotion and protection in Nigeria.
- f) Organize local and international seminars and conferences on human rights issues for public enlightenment.
- g) Liaise and cooperate, in such manner as it considers appropriate, with Local and international organizations on human rights with the purpose of advancing the promotion and protection of human rights.
- h) Participate in such manner as it considers appropriate in all international activities relating to the promotion and protection of human rights,
- i) Maintain a library, collate data and disseminate information and materials on human rights generally.
- j) Receive and investigate complaints concerning violations of human rights and make appropriate determination as may be deemed necessary in each circumstance
- k) Examine any existing legislation, administrative provisions and proposed bills or bye-laws for the purpose of ascertaining whether such enactments or proposed bills or bye-laws are consistent with human rights norms
- l) Prepare and publish, in such manner as the Commission considers appropriate, guidelines for the avoidance of acts or practices with respect to the functions and powers of the Commission under this Act.

- m) Promote an understanding of public discussions of human rights issues in Nigeria.
- n) Undertake research and educational programmes and such other programmes for promoting and protecting human rights and co-ordinate any such programmes on behalf of the Federal, State or Local Government on its own initiative when so requested by the Federal, State or local Government and report concerning the enactment of legislation on matters relating to human rights.
- o) On its own initiative or when requested by the Federal, State or Local Government, report on actions that should be taken by the Federal, State or local Government to comply with the provisions of any relevant international human rights instruments.
- p) Refer any matter of human rights violation requiring prosecution to the Attorney General of the Federation or State as the case may be.
- q) Where it considers it appropriate to do so, act as a conciliator between parties to a complaint.
- r) Where it considers it appropriate, with the leave of the court hearing the proceedings and subject to any condition imposed by the court, intervene in any proceeding that involves human rights issues.
- s) Carry out all such other functions as are necessary or expedient for the performance of these functions under the Act.

The Powers of the Commission are reflected in **APPENDIX 1**.

CHAPTER TWO

DEPARTMENTS AND UNITS

2.0 INTRODUCTION

Restructuring of any institution is usually based on new developments. The Commission has been restructured due to emerging trends as well as the dynamic nature of human rights issues. The Commission has departments and units to facilitate its operations. The promotion, protection and enforcement of human rights work of the Commission is carried out through these departments and units. In the year under review, new programs were introduced in line with the expanded mandate of the Commission so as to accommodate the additional responsibilities. These departments and units have specified duties and they are highlighted below:

2.1 DEPARTMENTS

2.1.1. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Executive Secretary is the Chief Executive Officer and a Member/Secretary of the Governing Council of the Commission. The Executive Secretary is the link between the Management and the Council. The decisions of the Council are coordinated and implemented by the Executive Secretary through the Council Secretariat. The Executive Secretary also coordinates the activities of the departments, units, zonal and state offices in order to ensure the accomplishment of the mandate and functions of the Commission. The functions of the Office of the Executive Secretary's office include:

- To coordinate inter-departmental and inter-unit activities.
- To facilitate operational harmony between the headquarters and field offices.
- To coordinate the interface between the Commission and CSOs/NGOs partnership in human rights work.

- To coordinate collaboration and engagement with United Nations Human Rights System.
- To coordinate matters relating to the international criminal court and other international human rights tribunals.
- To Partner with African regional and sub - regional Human Rights Systems.
- To facilitate Nigeria's Treaty Obligations through the Commission's activities.
- To promote working relationships with development partners.
- To coordinate operations of Abuja Metropolitan Office (AMO) State and Zonal Offices.
- To facilitate Institutional Reform in the Commission.
- To monitor the Implementation of National Action Plan (NAP).
- To carry out any other duties that may be assigned by the Executive Secretary.

2.1.2 HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (HRM)

This is a service department which deals with daily routine staff matters and other general services. It handles establishment matters i.e. matters relating to appointment, promotion, discipline, training, staff welfare and other general services. Its responsibilities include overseeing the duties of the following divisions in the department:

i. ESTABLISHMENT DIVISION

This division deals with matters relating to appointments amongst others. They are daily routine staff matters and are handled as they come up. Promotion exercises are organized and carried out every year by this division.

Under the Establishment division, there are two (2) standing Committees, the Senior Staff Committee (SSC) and the Junior Staff

Committee (JSC). The SSC considers matters of staff on salary grade level 07 to 13 and its membership comprises all heads of department with the Executive Secretary as the Chairman.

The JSC considers matters of Junior Staff and has seven (7) members. They are officers not below grade level 12 and is headed by the head of Administration department. The division is also the secretariat of the Appointments, Promotion & Discipline Committee of the Governing Council.

ii. TRAINING AND STAFF WELFARE DIVISION

a. Training

This division handles staff training at the Commission. This includes both local and international trainings, capacity building programmes, attachments and internships. While training activities are carried out yearly, the number of trainings each year depends on availability of funds.

b. Staff Welfare

Staff Welfare matters are also handled by this division. These include the provision of staff bus, Health Insurance, Cooperative society for staff, and all other matters to do with staff well-being. It also handles all pension matters and serves as the secretariat of the Pension Board of Trustees (BOT).

iii. GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION

This division provides services which include general maintenance, transportation, insurance, cleaning, gardening and security amongst others.

2.1.3 HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE (HRI)

The department was created in April, 2012, to replace the Research, Statistics and Documentation (RSD) department during the general restructuring of the Commission. The creation of the department was aimed at amongst others, focusing on training specific target groups in the area of human rights, organizing human rights courses and undertaking research. The specialized training programs handled by the department are however, different from the general and regular trainings that are coordinated by the Human Resources Management Department.

The functions of the department include the following:

- To organize specialized human rights courses for various target groups in order to strengthen international standards and commitments.
- To develop proposals and deliver human rights training to various stakeholders.
- To develop proposals on human rights issues and implement same.
- To undertake research / studies on human rights issues.
- To advice and make recommendations on outcome of research/ studies undertaken, to the NHRC Governing Council.
- To organize conferences, lectures, seminars for capacity building, on human rights issues for staff, government agencies and non-governmental organizations working on human rights related issues.
- To develop and publish NHRC Annual Report, Journals, and other human rights materials.
- To provide a range of human rights information and other resources through the NHRC Library services.
- To provide consultancy services in the field of human rights.
- To mobilize resources in conjunction with the office of the Executive Secretary from funders for human rights activities.

- To liaise with both regional and international human rights institutes/institutions to carry out activities on human rights issues.

2.1.4 CONFLICT PREVENTION, ETHICS AND GOOD GOVERNANCE (CEGG)

The Conflict Prevention, Ethics and Good Governance Department was set up on the 30th March, 2012 as a full-fledged department to strategically support the provisions of the 2010 amendments to the National Human Rights Commission Act 1995. The Department was established to deal with issues of conflict management, civil service ethics and good governance system in the society.

The functions of the department include:

- To monitor situations that may lead to violent conflicts with a view to providing early warning signals to other relevant departments/units in the Commission as well as other Government Agencies
- To collate research and studies relating to violent conflicts in the country with the aim of analyzing the root causes and also advising government on mainstreaming human rights in dealing with issues of internally displaced persons
- To Liaise with relevant government Agencies and other stake holders at federal, state and local governance level on governance issues
- To build capacity of security agencies to mainstream human rights in their operations during conflicts situation
- To carry out training and collaboration on ethical conduct towards promotion of good citizenship
- To liaise with relevant Government Agencies and other stake holders on matters relating to conflict management and peace building.

2.1.5 LEGAL SERVICES AND ENFORCEMENT (LS&E)

The department is responsible for the provision of legal services to complainants or victims of human rights violations/abuses. It represents the Commission in court on all human rights issues, and recommends awards, damages and compensations to be paid to victims of human rights violations/abuses, to the Governing Council for approval. Other functions of the department are as follows:

- To represent complainants in civil actions.
- To defend the Commission against legal actions.
- To provide legal advice to the Commission.
- To draft agreements, M.O.U.s and other legal documents for the Commission.
- To observe proceedings as Amicus Curie on human rights matters on behalf of the Commission.
- To harmonize the Commission's program on Pro-Bono services.
- To participate as in-house Counsel at public hearings and take records of proceedings.

2.1.6 PROTECTION AND INVESTIGATION (P&I)

The department carries out investigation on cases and complaints reported to the Commission. The investigation officers liaise with the complainants and carry out investigation in order to determine the veracity of the complaints. Such investigative steps lead up to the final determination of the cases. The investigation process helps to clarify and facilitate further action to be taken to redress complaints brought before the Commission.

The department was set up to provide the following services:

- To receive and document complaints made to the Commission.
- To supervise the complaints registry.

- To investigate the complaints.
- To reconcile, mediate and arbitrate between parties to the complaints.
- To take up complaints on human rights violations suo-moto.

2.1.7 MONITORING DEPARTMENT (M)

The Monitoring Department was set up in June 2001 as a unit under the office of the Executive Secretary in line with section 5 (b) of the National Human Rights Commission Act 1995, with the responsibilities to monitor, collate and verify information on violations of human rights and other incidences related thereto. It was upgraded to a department (Monitoring and External Programs) in 2009 and again in 2013 as Monitoring Department. Its functions include:

- To monitor human rights compliance throughout the country.
- To coordinate visitation to prisons and other detention centers.
- To respond to all emergency situations relating to human rights violations or prevention.
- To monitor and coordinate the network of monitors of human rights violations in Nigeria.
- To publish the report on the state of human rights in Nigeria.
- To monitor the conduct of elections and publication of the reports.
- To monitor Nigeria's compliance with its national and international obligations such as UPR outcomes and Treaty Reporting.
- To monitor compliance with human rights standards by MDA, NGOs, statutory bodies and corporate organizations.
- To monitor the implementation of National Action Plan on the Promotion & Protection of Human Rights. (NAP)
- To monitor cases of human rights violations and establish linkages with the Protection and Investigation department (P&I) as well as other departments.

- To monitor and carry out on the spot analysis of human rights issues identified suo-moto through electronic or print media.
- To monitor reports on Nigeria's human rights situations by national and international organizations.
- To monitor the rights of women, children, orphans and vulnerable children, persons with disabilities, persons living with HIV/AIDS, minorities and other disadvantaged groups in the society.
- To develop relevant interventions to deal with human rights violations being monitored.

2.1.8 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS (F&A)

This department handles all the financial activities/transactions of the Commission and ensures that the receipt and disbursement of funds are in line with the relevant financial rules and guidelines of the government. Its responsibilities are as follows:

- To prepare the Commission's yearly budgets.
- To participate in the defence of such budgetary proposals before the National Assembly.
- To liaise between the Commission and Budget office.
- To prepare and pay staff salaries/claims.
- To make payments to contractors and other beneficiaries on behalf of the Commission.
- To record all financial transactions of the Commission.
- To maintain financial books of accounts of the Commission.
- To receive various visitors and team of inspectors from various regulatory agencies for statutory and routine checks at various times of the year.
- To prepare and produce the financial report.
- To receive other funds i.e. donations on behalf of the Commission.
- To serve as a link between the Commission and the banks and other financial institutions.

2.1.9 HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION AND PROMOTION (HRE&P)

The Human Rights Education and Linkages unit was upgraded to a department and renamed Human Rights Education and Promotions Department in December 2013. It is generally responsible for creating awareness on human rights issues throughout the country.

In order to facilitate this, its responsibilities include the following:-

- To create public awareness and sensitize the general public on human rights issues through face to face interactions, (village square meetings, erection of bill boards, focus group discussions, seminars, lectures, workshops and other awareness creation activities).
- To organize TV/Radio sensitization and promotion programmes.
- To develop and publish IEC materials; flyers, posters, leaflet, books, stickers.
- To organize outreach/grassroots activities: road walks, town hall meetings and campaigns.
- To engage with different stakeholders/opinion leaders such as MDAs, artisan groups, students, traditional, political and religious leaders, market women and men.
- To promote behavioral change and culture of respect for human rights in both public and private sectors.
- To develop National Policy for the Implementation of phase 2 of the world program for Human Rights Education.
- To organize planning, coordinating and implementing human rights education for target groups – civil servants, security and law enforcement agents, teachers, educators etc.
- To coordinate human rights education activities in basic schools, colleges and tertiary institutions with regards to facilitating curriculum review, establishing human rights clubs in schools, promoting academic programs on HRE at all educational levels, organizing training of teachers and educator and coordinating the development of educational materials.

2.1.10 PLANNING, STATISTICS AND DOCUMENTATION (PS&D)

The Planning, Statistics and Documentation department is saddled with the responsibility of monitoring the day to day activities and collating data from the headquarters, states and zones, receiving reports and making recommendations.

Other functions of the department include:

- To collate and Process statistical data on human rights issues
- To coordinate the implementation and review of the National Action Plan for the promotion & Protection of Human Rights.
- To coordinate input from departments/units zonal and state offices for annual and strategic work plan
- To serve as a link between the Commission and National Planning Commission on policy issues
- To coordinate the planning of the Commission's activities
- To document the mailing list of Civil Society Organizations collaborating with the National Human Rights Commission

2.2 UNITS

2.2.1 SERVICOM

This is a service delivery unit which serves as a link between the Commission and the general public. It is responsible for effective service delivery of the Commission to complainants and the public. It monitors other departments and units of the Commission to ensure effective service delivery.

Other functions of the Unit include the following:

- To ensure best practices in the performance of the Commission's functions in-line with SERVICOM principles;
- To ensure effective training for frontline and other staff on Customer Relations and other related matters;
- To ensure improvement on service delivery.
- To serve as a link between the Commission and the SERVICOM Office.
- To ensure a safe and conducive working environment for Staff at all levels of service delivery.
- To ensure periodic review/evaluation of performance in line with Commission's mandate.
- To provide opportunities for complainants feedback on services delivered.
- To monitor Redress Mechanism on Complaint -Handling- Procedure.

2.2.2 CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND MEDIA RELATIONS (CA&MR)

The Corporate Affairs and Media Relations Unit was set up in December, 2013 following the ongoing restructuring exercise undertaken in order to meet up new challenges. The Unit is charged with coordinating and establishing linkages with other government agencies and institutions, civil society organizations, non-governmental organizations and donor agencies, in addition to handling media relations. The Unit is responsible for internal and external communications.

The functions of the unit include the following:

A. Media Relations

- To provide and anchor media coverage of Commission's activities.
- To coordinate press conferences or media round-tables on important issues which the Commission wishes to disseminate information or knowledge about.
- To coordinate media appearances (TV and Radio).
- To write newspaper reviews, tracking human rights stories in the media, writing of articles and features.

- To place Communiqués, press releases and press statements.

B. Publications

- To produce quarterly Newsletters.
- To produce Monthly News Bulletins.
- To update and produce "About Us".

C. Communication (Internal and External)

- To develop press releases
- To undertake strategic dissemination of Commission's publications
- To document the Commission's activities for institutional memory and internal and external dissemination of same through video coverage, photographs and report writing.

D. Linkages

- To coordinate partnerships with government agencies and institutions, non-governmental agencies, donor agencies, Embassies and High Commissions, etc.

2.2.3 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (ICT)

This unit is responsible for deployment of appropriate information technology services such as network and internet services, website and email management, hardware maintenance and repairs, software installation, in-house training, ICT advisory services, computer users support services relevant to the achievement of the expanded mandate of the Commission. Other functions include:

- To design and manage network of ICT infrastructure.
- To secure, install and maintain all hardware and software/security applications.
- To administer the NHRC Website.
- To provide technical support for ICT users.

- To organize in house ICT training.
- To provide ICT advisory services to management and staff.
- To receive NHRC official emails.

2.2.4 FIELD OFFICES (FO)

This unit was formally known as Field Offices and Focal Areas unit (FOFA) which had the responsibility of administering Zonal and State offices and programme areas of the Commission. However, the unit was broken into two units in 2013, Field Offices unit and Focal offices unit.

The Field Offices Unit is in charge of zonal and state offices. It focuses on strengthening institutional, programming skills, knowledge and organizational capacity of zonal and state offices. Other functions of the unit include:

- To strengthen the capacity of Zonal and State Offices for efficient and effective service delivery in line with the Commission's mandate.
- To raise public awareness on emerging human rights issues in areas like security, national disaster, conflict and climate change.
- To coordinate the activities of both Zonal and State Offices in achieving the mandate of the Commission.
- To provide leadership, technical and organizational support for both zonal and state offices.

2.2.5 FOCAL AREAS (FA)

The schedule of the Unit is to coordinate and promote the thematic areas of focus of the Commission through the supervision of the Programme Officers assigned to handle the different thematic areas; and to coordinate all their activities in order to achieve symmetry of operations for the Commission. The Unit also serves as a secretariat for all the Focal Officers.

Other functions include:

- To oversee the development and implementation of programmes in the thematic areas in the Commission.
- To represent the Executive Secretary/ make presentations at different fora covering different thematic areas of the Commission's work.
- To develop proposals and budgets in the various focal areas.
- To carry out project development and programming across the thematic areas of focus.

2.2.6 PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL)

The Public Interest Litigation section was established in the Legal and Enforcement Department to cater for legal action initiated in a court of law for the prosecution and enforcement of public issues of general interest. The legal action must be one in which the public or a class of the community have pecuniary or some interests by which their legal rights or liabilities are affected. In 2013, it was upgraded to a unit, moved to the office of the Executive Secretary and assigned other responsibilities that include the following:

- To recommend to the Executive Secretary cases of public interest violations for litigation.
- To draft legal documents, court processes or any other documents regarding issues of public interest violations and human rights defenders.
- To appear in Court on behalf of the Commission and/or observe proceedings as Amicus Curie on public interest matters or Human Rights Defenders issues on behalf of the Commission
- To coordinate the commission's program on pro bono service and liaise with NGOs involved in human rights defenders and public interest protection.
- To coordinate the activities of the Commission as it relates to human rights defenders.

- To provide legal services in defense and protection of human rights defenders or matters bordering on public interest.
- To draft memos to be forwarded to the national/state assemblies and to participate in public hearings on bills before the Federal and State Assemblies as it relates to public interest matters.

2.2.7 AUDIT (A)

The Internal Audit unit serves as an internal mechanism that checks and controls the financial activities of the Commission. The focal work is to ensure financial discipline in the operations of the Commission in terms of adherence to due process and financial guidelines. Other functions of the unit are:

- To monitor the NHRC central pay office, revenue, advances, public procurement contracts, general charges and capital.
- To check compliance with financial laws, instructions and directives
- To ensure efficiency of the use of resources.
- To check the adequacy of financial and accounting systems.
- To check the level of achievement of the Commission's set objectives.
- To monitor the total operations of the Commission for economic efficiency and effectiveness.
- To provide necessary safe guards for the prevention or prompt detection of fraud and loss of cash to the Commission.
- To coordinate Control of revenue collection, monies received and accurately bring the accounts under correct heads and sub heads.
- To verify stocks supplied to the Commission.

2.2.8 PROCUREMENT (PROC)

The procurement unit is responsible for ensuring that all goods, works and services required for the smooth running of the Commission are procured in

strict compliance with the 2007 Procurement Act. The unit therefore liaises with the office of the Bureau of public procurement from time to time to seek guidance in carrying out its activities.

The functions of the unit include:

- To prepare the Procurement plan in line with the approved budget of the Commission.
- To constitute the Procurement Planning Committee as stipulated by the Procurement Act 2007 whose function is to approve the procurement plan submitted by the procurement unit.
- To constitute the Evaluation Committee as required by the public Procurement Act 2007. The committee analyzes Bids submitted by vendors and come up with an evaluation report after examining the technical and financial proposals received.
- To constitute the Tenders Board whose duty is to scrutinize all recommendations by the evaluation committee, consider and approve contracts whose values are above the Executive Secretary's approval limit.
- To serve as a Secretariat to the National Human Rights Commission Tenders Board.
- To publish the procurement notices in the dailies and Federal Tenders Journal.
- To serve as the custodian of the Commission's store items and issuer of same.
- The procurement unit in its role as a supporting unit is responsible for procuring goods, services and works for the Commission to ensure the attainment of the overall goal of the Commission.
- To carry out market surveys from time to time so as to guide the Commission in its activities with regards to awarding contracts.
- To liaise on behalf of the Commission with external stake holders as regards public procurement issues.

2.2.9 LAW, POLICY REVIEW AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

The unit was created in order to examine any existing legislation, administrative provision and proposed bills or bye-laws for the purpose of ascertaining whether such enactment or proposed bills or bye-laws are consistent with human rights norms. This unit was formally known as Law Review and Legislative Liaison but was renamed Law, Policy Review and Legislative Liaison unit in 2013. The functions of the unit include:

- To review legislation, bye-laws and other administrative provisions by federal, states and local Governments and make recommendations where necessary.
- To participate in public hearings on Bills before the Federal and State Assemblies to ensure that human rights norms and values are mainstreamed into the Bills.
- To carry out legislative Advocacy to all States, National Assembly and other stakeholders to sensitize and educate them

2.2.10 HUMAN RIGHTS CRIMES AND MASS ATROCITIES

This unit was established in December 2013 within the department of Legal Services and Enforcement to identify crimes and atrocities so as to determine the human rights implications. The functions of the unit include:

- To identify all criminal elements relating to human rights violations in complaints brought before or monitored by the Commission.
- To prepare criminal charges against such alleged violators.
- To prosecute crimes and atrocities resulting from human rights violations.

2.2.11 BUDGET

This Unit collates necessary data and information from departments and units for preparation of annual budget. The functions of the unit are:

- To collect and disseminate circulars from relevant agencies
- To collect budget inputs from departments, units and Regional Offices for preparation of annual budget.
- To liaise with budget office of the Federation and Office of the Accountant General of the Federation on budgetary matters.
- To prepare and submit quarterly budget performance reports.
- To carry out any other activities necessary for effective budget performance of the Commission.

2.2.12 COUNCIL SECRETARIAT

The Council Secretariat serves as an administrative link between the Governing Council, the Office of the Executive Secretary and the Management of the Commission. The functions of the secretariat include the following:

- To process documents and memo for the consideration of the Council.
- To prepare and circulate minutes of the Council to members.
- To assist the Executive Secretary in ensuring prompt compliance with Council resolutions.

2.2.13 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI)

This unit was established in March, 2013. Thereafter an implementation committee on FOIA was constituted to ensure compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, 2011.

The functions of the unit include the following:

- To organize workshops and conferences to promote the FOI Act.
- To organize training for Ministries, Departments and Agencies and journalists on the utilization of the FOI Act.
- To participate as a member of the Inter-ministerial committee on the implementation of the Freedom of Information Act.
- To ensure compliance of NHRC with FOI requests from other MDAs.

2.2.14 COMPLAINTS REGISTRY

The Complaints Registry which is a part of the Protection and Investigation Department is charged with managing complainant's files, monitoring complaints and track actions on same. The unit comprises of the complaints registry and a call center. Other functions of the unit include:

- To receive complaints from the general public
- To register the daily input of fresh complaints.
- To register complaints reports from zonal and state offices.
- To collate monthly statistical reports on complaints.
- To receive calls on the Commission's hotlines on complaints and enquiries.
- To record all call logs.
- To process reports on complaints for council's consideration.
- To update weekly activities of staff of the department.
- To keep records of complaints.

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

The Zonal offices contact lines are as follows:

Zonal Offices:	Phone No
South-South Zone, Port Harcourt	08054031451
North-West Zone, Kano	08075383187
North Central Zone, Jos	08072449323
South-West Zone, Lagos	08054707559
North-East Zone, Maiduguri	08076974382
South East Zone, Enugu	08072763456

CHAPTER THREE

HUMAN RIGHTS PROMOTION AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

3.0 INTRODUCTION

The Commission implemented a number of activities with the view to fulfilling its mandate of promoting and protecting human rights and establishing a continuing program on awareness and enlightenment to enhance respect for human rights.

The activities undertaken during the year under review included, visits to various government offices/organizations on human rights awareness, sensitization and courtesy calls to further increase human rights knowledge within the populace.

Also parts of the activities carried out by the Commission in 2014 included press releases and media briefings. The Commission featured on both radio and television programs within the Country. To further increase public awareness and discussions on Human Rights Issues, the Commission focused much more on media outreach activities. Below are some of the activities:

3.1 PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES.

January 7th, 2014 - Meeting with the International Consultant from United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes.

Early in the year under review, an International Consultant, Ms Hyden, from United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) held a meeting with the Commission. The meeting was aimed at supporting Nigeria's efforts in fighting drug production, trafficking and use and in curbing related organized crimes, including counterfeit narcotics and psychotropic substances.

January 21st, 2014 – Meeting with the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on West Africa & Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary General

The meeting between the Commission and the UN Special Representative was held at NHRC Council Chambers on the 21st of January. The objective was to strategize on how to meet with relevant interest groups in North - East, Nigeria mostly affected by insurgency. It also deliberated on security in the country towards 2015 general elections and how to ensure free, fair and credible elections devoid of violence

February 3th– 5th, 2014 - Training on Monitoring, Investigation and Reporting for NHRC Staff- HEADQUARTERS

The Monitoring department of the Commission organized a 3 - Day Training for its staff on Monitoring, Investigation and Reporting. It was held at the NHRC Auditorium with the aim to strengthen staff capacity towards advancing human rights protection and promotion. 10 (ten) staff of the department were trained.

February 4th, 2014 - Meeting with UNICEF Country Representative

The Executive Secretary of the Commission, Prof. Bem Angwe, on February 4th 2014, held a meeting with UNICEF Country representative Dr Suomi Sakai at the NHRC Auditorium. The meeting focused on how to strengthen partnership on issues of protecting Nigerian children against abduction and other human rights abuses as presented by the insurgency in North - East Nigeria.

March 11th, 2014 - Meeting with Coalition of Civil Society of Nigeria (CSO's)

The Commission organized a meeting with the coalition of Civil Society Organizations in Nigeria. It was held at NHRC Auditorium. Some of the issues discussed, include, reports of annual activities of members, panel discussions on human rights, impunity and corruption, challenges, prospects and way forward.

March 12th, 2014 – Meeting with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Commission hosted a delegation of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navi Pillay and the OHCHR team on March 12th, 2014. The meeting was held at the NHRC Auditorium. The objective was to discuss possible ways of assisting the Commission in tackling security issues and other human rights challenges confronting the country.

March 19th – 20th, 2014 - 1st 2014 Statutory NHRC Council Meeting

The Governing Council is the main decision making body of the Commission. It carries out its assignment through its Standing Committees and the Special Rapporteurs. The Governing Council of the National Human Rights Commission convened its 1st 2014 statutory Council meeting at Viontel Hotel, Port-Harcourt, Rivers state on 19th – 21st March, 2014. The objectives of the meeting were to deliberate on matters before it and make appropriate recommendations accordingly. Issues discussed among others included:

- The Initial Report of the Technical Working Group on the Independent Review of Evidence of Gross Violation of the Rights to participate in Government, to Public Service, and to fair Trial through the Election Petition Process in Nigeria, 2007- 2011.
- Panel of inquiry into the Apo Killings of 20th September, 2013 and approved the release of the report to the public.
- Attacks and the killings of school children in Federal Government College Buni – Yadi in Yobe states and other schools in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe states, as well as the 119 persons killed in Kaduna State, 100 in Katsina state and the various killings in Benue state by yet unidentified gunmen.

The Council at the end of the sitting urged Government at the Federal and state levels to take urgent steps to address the violation of human rights, ensure effective deterrence and accountability for the protection of the lives and property of all persons in Nigeria and for the protection of the institutions of democratic governance.

April 2nd, 2014 - A Press Conference on Altus Police Station Visitors Week

On the 2nd of April, 2014 the Commission in collaboration with CLEEN Foundation, (NGO) organizers of Altus Police Stations Visitors Week held a Press Conference on Altus Police Stations Visitation Week held at the NHRC Auditorium. The objective was to make public the findings /results of the police stations visitations week based on their compliance with human rights standards in the police cells. At the end of the Altus police visitor's week, Karu Police Station, Abuja emerged as the best police station that protected human rights of citizens.

April 7th, 2014 – Public Presentation of the Commission's Report on Public Inquiry into Alleged Killings in Apo

The Commission made a Public Presentation of its Report on the Public Inquiry into alleged killing and maiming of some Squatters in an uncompleted building in Apo/ Gudu District of Abuja by Security Operatives on Friday 20th September, 2013. The public presentation took place at the NHRC Auditorium where the Commission made a pronouncement of its opinion and recommendations on the matter.

April 7th- 8th, 2014 – A Two - Day Capacity Building Training on Early Warning Systems.

A two - day Capacity Building Training on Early Warning Systems and the Establishment of Para - legals in Yobe and Borno States took place at the NHRC Auditorium, Abuja. In attendance were NHRC Volunteer Para - legals from Yobe and Borno States. This training was sponsored by Nigeria Stability and Reconciliation Programme (NSRP). The objective was to build

the capacities of the Para - legals in these states on how to understand early warning signals and also on the establishment of Para - legals that will assist security agencies to guide against emergency conflicts that may arise in the two states.

June 9th -11th, 2014 – 2nd 2014 Statutory NHRC Council Meeting

The 2nd Statutory NHRC Council Meeting was held on the 9th- 11th June, 2014 at Maidugu Guest Hotel, new GRA Gombe State. The meeting deliberated on the complaints before the Commission, Security issues in the North - East, Report on Audit of Prisons and Ungazzeted Places of Detention amongst other human rights issues. Communiqué issued at the end of the Governing Council meeting are annexed to this report.

June, 25th 2014 – 1st Edition of In - House Training on Human Rights for NHRC STAFF

The Human Rights Institute Department (HRI) organizes monthly In - House Training for staff of the Commission. The step – down training was carried out by staff that benefitted from human rights trainings and workshops locally and internationally who are invited to share their experiences with other staff. In the year under review the HRI organized two editions of the in - house seminar in the months of June and July 2014 respectively.

The 1st Edition of in – house was carried out on 25th June, 2014 at the NHRC Auditorium. The following topics were presented at the Seminar.

- 6th Session of Minority Issues on Human Rights (Geneva) by Harry Obe and Arase Agharese
- Human Rights Council Report of the 68th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (New-York) by Ifeoma Nwakama and Bobbo Dahiru
- Report of 53rd Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights (Gambia) by Wahab Oyedokun

While the 2nd Edition of the in – house training on human rights for NHRC Staff was organized in July 17th, 2014. Topics discussed were as follows:

- Training on Righting wrongs: Ombudsmen, Justice and Public Service (UK)by Emmanuel Akaa and Gladys Plangnan Baba
- International Training Programme on Leadership Competencies for Effective Public Sector Finance Management (Dubai) by Joy Oyiridiya Oti

June 25th – 26th, 2014 – Meeting with Network of National Human Rights Institutions in West Africa.

The Assembly Meeting of the Network of National Human Rights Institutions in West Africa (NNARIWA) which was held from 25 – 26 June, 2014 in Abuja, Nigeria. The meeting was attended by members and representatives of the ECOWAS community and CSOs. Highlights of the meeting was the adoption of the human rights reporting manual by members. The manual seeks to establish a common template among Network members for reporting the human rights situation in West Africa. With the adoption of the manual it was hoped that an Annual Human Rights Report for the region will be adopted. The Executive Secretary NHRC is the current Chair of the Network.

July 31st, 2014 - Meeting with Secretary General of Common Wealth

The Executive Secretary of the Commission, Prof. Bem Angwe, had a meeting with the Secretary General of Commonwealth, Mr Kamalegh Sharma on the 31st July, 2014 at the NHRC Auditorium. The objective of the meeting was to assist the Commission in upholding the rule of law and to ensure that the electorate exercises their right to vote and be voted for in the forthcoming 2015 general elections.

August 6th - 7th, 2014 – Capacity Building & Training on Effective Writing and Speaking Skills

The Corporate Affairs & Media Relations Unit organized a training on Effective writing and Speaking Skills. This was aimed at strengthening the

capacity of staff of the unit on effective writing and public speaking skills to enhance job performance. Fifteen (15) staff of the unit were trained.

August 12th, 2014 - NHRC Meeting with Justice for All (J4A)

On 12th August, 2014, the Executive Secretary of the Commission, Prof. Bem Angwe, had a meeting with Bob Arnot, Paul Beegan and Danladi Plang, representatives of Justice for All (J4A). The meeting resolved that the Commission will strengthen partnership with the police geared towards proffering trainings on topical human rights issues for Police Training colleges across the Country.

26th August, 2014 – One Day Stakeholders Forum on Anti Ebola Spread in Nigerian Prisons

The Commission organized a one Day Stakeholders Forum on Adopting Appropriate/ Urgent Strategies to Prevent the Outbreak of Ebola Virus in Nigerian Prisons. In attendance were Prof. Angwe, Executive Secretary of the Commission and senior staff, Comptroller General of Prisons, representatives of Ministry of Health, Chairperson, House Committee on Human Rights, Chairman Senate Committee on Human Rights and the general public. The event was held at the NHRC Auditorium, Abuja.

September 3rd, 2014 - Sensitization Program on HIV/AIDS

The Commission held a Sensitization program on the Rights of People Living with HIV/AIDS on the 3rd of September, 2014 at the Yar'adua Centre. The programme aimed at sensitizing stakeholders on the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS in order to reduce HIV related stigmatization and discrimination. In attendance was National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA), Network of Persons Living with HIV/Aids and the Media. There were sixty- five participants at the event.

September 10th, 2014 - Training of Police Officers on Human Rights and Policing

The Commission organized the 2nd Phase of the Training of Police Officers on Human Rights and Policing. The training was held at the following locations respectively: Minna, Gombe, Awka, Sokoto, Calabar and Lagos. The objective of the training was to train security officers on human rights and policing to enable them mainstream human rights standards in their operations.

September 23rd – 25th, 2014 - Meeting of the Civil Society Groups in Nigeria with the Regional Representative for West Africa.

The Executive Secretary of the Commission held a meeting with the Civil Society Groups in Nigeria and the Regional Representative for West Africa for Human Rights Mr Andrea Ori. The meeting was held at the NHRC Auditorium, Abuja. The forum featured open discussions and reports from various CSO's in Nigeria on the state of human rights in Nigeria. The concern on issues of awaiting trial inmates in the Nigerian prisons and the Bill Against Torture before the National Assembly were discussed.

October 9th – 11th, 2014 – 3rd Statutory Meeting of the Governing Council

The 3rd Statutory meeting of the Council took place at Links Hotels Owerri, Imo state. The issues discussed included the following:

- Complaints and Cases before the Commission
- Security in the North - East
- 2015 General Elections
- Ekiti State Judiciary Assault

The decisions reached at the meeting were to be implemented by the secretariat urgently

October 29th, 2014 – Press Briefing on Human Rights and Humanitarian Assessment Mission for Plateau State.

The Executive Secretary of the Commission held a Press Briefing on Human Rights and Humanitarian Assessment Mission for Plateau State, at the

NHRC Auditorium. The aim of this assessment mission was to ascertain in an empirical way the Human Rights and Humanitarian needs necessary in dealing with the aftermath of internal conflicts in Plateau state. It was also hoped that this will form the basis for both national and international support towards the restoration of normalcy in the state.

The Terms of Reference of the Assessment Mission were as follows:

- Assess the Human Rights and Humanitarian Needs in the 17 LGAs of Plateau state affected directly by the communal conflict since 2001 in the following areas:
- Water and sanitation
- Health – including Sexual and Reproductive Health
- Gender Based Violence (GBV)
- Education
- Food security – including livestock, local food market situations and household food security
- Infrastructure
- Internal Conflicts and displacement

November 17th, 2014 - Meeting with the Police on the Report of the National Workshop on the Reform of the Public Order Act Cap. 42 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004.

The focus of the meeting was on “Fundamental Human Rights of People under the Public Order Act”. The meeting deliberated on the Report of the Reform of Public Order Act Cap. 42, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 as well as the role of the Police in maintaining public order and safe guards for the prevention of abuse. The objective of the workshop was to build the capacity of the security personnel towards enhancing good policing in Nigeria in accordance with the Public Order Act.

November 25th, 2014 – Meeting with the European Union (EU) Delegation on Human Rights in Nigeria

The meeting between the Executive Secretary and the European Union Delegation (EU) took place at the NHRC Council Chambers on 25th November, 2014. It focused on “Human Rights and insurgency in the North - East”. The meeting exchanged views on security as a human rights priority, and assessing the role of international Organizations in improving the Human Rights situation in the North – East, Nigeria

December 11th – 12th, 2014 – 4th 2014 NHRC Statutory Council Meeting

The Governing Council of the National Human Rights Commission held its 4th 2014 Statutory meeting at the Council Chambers of NHRC, Abuja. Some of the issues deliberated on include: the escalation of insurgency in North - East Nigeria, preparations for the 2015 general elections, the rise in adverse claims by insurgents on Nigeria sovereign territory and the rise in forced displacement of communities, as well as attacks on prisons and attacks on judiciary and judiciary personnel.

3.2 MEDIA ACTIVITIES

The media activities carried out by the Commission in the year under review are shown in the table below

S/N	DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	OBJECTIVES
1	8 th January 2014	Acting Zonal Coordinator appeared on BRTV, Maiduguri on Breakfast morning show.	To enlighten the people on functions and mandate of the commission and what its role is in the current wave of insecurity and increase human rights violations.
2	9 th January 2014	NHRC commences investigation into alleged cases of extra judicial	To identify the perpetrators and hold them responsible for their actions.

		killings in Gboko, Benue State.	
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3	15 th January 2014	NHRC Calabar office visit Calabar municipal council.	• To enlighten the people of Cross Rivers State on the meaning of human rights. • To explain the mandate of Human Rights Commission.
4	29 th January 2014	Press Conference on NHRC/NEXT 2 NONE Initiative.	• To unveil Human Rights Ambassador's Road Map 2014. • To use the Nollywood actors to disseminate human rights information and messages to the grassroots. • To create awareness on the activities of NHRC/NEXT 2 NONE INITIATIVE Road Map 2014.
5	4 th -6 th February 2014	Prison Audit with the Chief Justice of Nasarawa state by the NHRC Nasarawa office.	• To carry out an audit of the Inmates awaiting trial at Lafia Prison. • To assess the conditions in the prison.
6	7 th February 2014	Visit of Mr John Kennedy Executive Secretary Nigerian Christian Pilgrim Commission, to the Commission	• To collaborate and partner with the Commission to promote Human Rights through Faith Based Institutions.
7	12 th February 2014	Network of Human Rights Defenders call on the NHRC to investigate the stampede at the National Stadium during	• To look into causes of the stampede and hold actors responsible

		the Immigration recruitment exercise	
8	18 th February 2014	Dr Rita Izsak, UN Independent Expert on Minority visits the Commission	• To discuss minority issues in Nigeria
9	20 th February 2014	NHRC Public Presentation of “End Electoral Impunity (EEI)” initial report and project website	• To disseminate evidence of indictments for infractions available from judicial records on Election Petitions in Nigeria 2007-2011. • To mobilize public consciousness against Electoral Impunity in Nigeria.
10	9 th March 2014	Radio sensitization at Radio Sapiens by NHRC Awka office.	• To create public awareness to the general public on the work of the Commission.
11	12 th March 2014	UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay visits NHRC	• To assess the Human Rights situation in Nigeria and to give technical assistance in that area.
12	19 th March 2014	Sensitization visit by the NHRC Ado-Ekiti office to the Commissioner of Police.	• To seek ways of collaboration with the Nigeria Police Force in areas of Human rights protection.
13	25 th March 2014	NHRC hosts Protection Sector Working Group on Internal Displacement	• To strengthen mechanisms for protection of the rights of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons in Nigeria.

14	28 th March 2014	NHRC/NEXT 2 NONE INITIATIVE novelty match between Nollywood stars and 1994 squad of Super Eagles Football Team	To create awareness on Human Rights using the Slogan “Know Your Rights, Live Your Rights”
15	1st April 2014	Press Statement: NHRC releases results of 2013 Police Station Visitation	To ascertain the condition of Police Cells/detention centers vis-à-vis their compliance with Human Rights Standards.
16	2 nd April 2014	Malcolm D Evans, Chair, UN Sub Committee on Prevention of Torture visits the NHRC	To ascertain the level of compliance of Nigeria with the Convention against Torture and the Optional Protocols
17	4 th April 2014	NHRC condemns the alleged use of Chemical Weapons on Benue State indigenes by Fulani herdsmen.	To Promote and Protect the human rights of the people involved in the crisis.
18	7 th April 2014	Press Conference: NHRC releases the Report (Judgment) on Apo Killings.	To make Public the findings of the Public Inquiry on the Apo killings
19	8 th April 2014	NHRC flags off the 2014 Nationwide Audit of Prisons and other detention facilities	To ascertain conditions of the Prisons and other detention centres nationwide

20	23 rd April 2014	NHRC receives petition from Gboko on alleged killings by soldiers attached to Dangote Cement Company	• To investigate the alleged killing of the victim by soldiers attached to Dangote Cement Company.
21	29 th April 2014	NHRC hosts an interactive session on the rights and welfare of senior citizens (the Elderly)	• To stimulate discussions, make contributions and proffer solutions on issues of ageing.
22	7 th May 2014	Acting Zonal Coordinator Discourse on NTA, Maiduguri, Borno State.	• To educate the people on the role of the Commission and the implications of human rights abuses during insecurity situation.
23	20 th May 2014	Interview with AIT on human rights situation in Gombe state by NHRC Gombe office.	• To enlighten the public on activities of the Commission and the human rights situation in Gombe State.
24	26 th May 2014	Advocacy and Awareness campaign on human rights by NHRC Awka office.	• To sensitize the public on the functions and mandate of the Commission.
25	5 th June 2014	NHRC Kano office visit Express radio and Cool FM Radio.	• To create awareness to the public on Women's Rights.
26	9 th June 2014	Meeting with the European Union delegation by NHRC Kaduna office.	• To work towards developing a work plan on the protection and promotion of human rights.

27	18 th June 2014	NHRC hosts a one-day stakeholders meeting of Political parties on Electoral Accountability	• To brainstorm on issues of Electoral Accountability and addressing Electoral Impunity.
28	25 th June 2014	NHRC In-House Seminar Series June 2014 Edition	• To receive feedback from staff that had participated in various human rights programs, through Step Down Training
29	25 th & 26 th June 2014	Network of National Human Rights Institutions in West Africa meets at NHRC Headquarters	• To strengthen and promote Human Rights within the region • To ensure timely , accurate and comprehensive reporting issues of terrorism in the region to enable relevant authorities appreciate the problems and possibly take necessary action
30	26 th June 2014	NHRC receives a petition from Jigawa Forum over the arrest and continued detention of 486 Northerners in Abia State by security agencies.	• To intervene on the arrest of citizens (traders) who were arrested in some southern states of the Country by the Security Agencies on suspicion of being Boko Haram.
31	26 th June 2014	Live television program on NTA Lafia on the celebration of the International Day of the Widow by NHRC	• To discuss the essence of the rights of widows being highlighted on that day. • To enlighten the audience and viewers on the rights of

		Nasarawa office.	widows.
32	9 th July 2014	Executive Secretary of the Commission visit to Lafia Prison.	To Audit Lafia prison as a gazetted place of detention.
33	14 th July 2014	The Commission's Executive Secretary visits Detention Centers in Plateau state.	To inspect various detention centers in the state to assess the conditions therein such as that the prison is not congested, inmates are not tortured and access to justice is granted.
34	17 th July 2014	Chairperson Human Rights Committee of the House of Representatives Beni Lar and her colleagues paid a condolence visit to the Executive Secretary Prof. Bem Angwe on his father's demise	To commiserate with the NHRC Executive Secretary, on the demise of his father.
35	23 th & 24 th July 2014	NHRC holds a Public Hearing on Electoral Accountability in Abuja at the NHRC headquarters.	- To discuss evidence of indictments for infractions available from judicial records on Election Petitions. - To mobilize public consciousness against Electoral Impunity in Nigeria.

36	31 st July 2014	NHRC In-House Seminar Series July, 2014 Edition	To participate in step down training from staff that had participated in various human rights programs.
37	31 st July 2014	Secretary General of the Commonwealth, Kamalesh Sharma visits NHRC	To pledge Commonwealth support and Peace-Building initiatives
38	5 th & 6 th August 2014	NHRC trains staff of Corporate Affairs & Media Relations unit on Effective writing and speaking skills	To strengthen capacity of staff of the unit in effective writing and public speaking skills in order to enhance their performance
39	12 th August 2014	Advocacy visit by the management of Sensor Newspaper limited to the Akwa- Ibom state office of the commission/partnership.	- To build synergy with the Akwa Ibom State Office of the commission - To explore ways of partnership with the Commission.
40	20 th August 2014	Ag. Zonal coordinator, Hajiya Hauwa Jaura visits Abubakar Rimi Television Kano.	To enlighten and create awareness to the public on gender based violence through the media.
41	26 th August 2014	NHRC Organized a one day stakeholders forum on adopting appropriate/urgent strategies to prevent the outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in Nigerian Prisons	To create awareness of the Ebola Virus in Nigerian Prisons and to promote the rights of inmates to health.
42	28 th	NHRC Kano Ag. Zonal	To create public awareness

	August 2014	coordinator, Hajiya Hauwa Jauro visits NTA Kano.	on activities of the commission.
43	29 th August 2014	A group of children from Harmony Trends, a non-governmental organization established to train children on the art of mediation and conflict resolution paid a visit to NHRC	• To educate the children on their fundamental Human Rights • To promote the idea of assisting young persons to acquire skills in conflict resolution and peace building
44	5 th September 2014	Negotiation and Conflict Management Group(NCMG) and Swiss Institute of Federalism and Human Rights visits NHRC to present copies of the draft Complaints Treatment Manual	• To handover the draft complaint treatment manual to the Executive Secretary for onward transmission to the Governing Council of the Commission.
45	9 th September 2014	Faculty of Law, University of Abuja Chapter visits NHRC	• To strengthen partnership with the NHRC
46	11 th September 2014	Press Release : NHRC secures the release of 10 Awaiting Trial Inmates from Lafia Prison	• To bring the Commission's activities in this area to the public domain.
47	16 th September 2014	Secretary, Amnesty International UK, Nicola Duckworth visits NHRC	• To discuss further evidence on allegation of extra-judicial killings leveled against the military that are fighting the insurgency in

			some parts of the North East, Nigeria.
48	23 rd September 2014	NHRC One day symposium on the Rights and Privileges of senior citizens in Nigeria (the elderly)	To sensitize government at all levels and the organized private sector to enable them formulate policies for the well- being of the senior citizens of Nigeria (the elderly)
49	24 th September 2014	The Regional Representative for West African Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Andrea Ori visits NHRC	- To present the mandate and the strategic work plan of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. - To discuss further on the opportunities for cooperation with ECOWAS Commission and the Court of Justice as well as the Network of National Human Rights Institutions in West Africa and other partners
50	21 st October 2014	NHRC holds planning meeting for the Human Rights and Humanitarian Assessment Mission in Plateau	To strategize on how to embark on the field assessment visits.
51	29 th October 2014	John Kuffor visits NHRC with ECOWAS team on Pre- Election assessment for 2015 Elections	To advocate for peaceful free & fair 2015 elections in Nigeria

52	29 th October 2014	NHRC receives complaint from Tiv Taraba Youth frontier on alleged genocide by Fulani herdsmen in Taraba State	• To investigate and address the allegation of incessant attacks and killings by fulani herdsmen on Tiv Community in the State
53	29 th October 2014	Visit by EU Delegation led by Henry Pranker, to NHRC.	• To discuss issues on Human Rights Priorities for EU-NIGERIA
54	30 th October 2014	Press Briefing : NHRC commences field work of Human Rights & Humanitarian assessment mission for Plateau State	• To ascertain in an empirical way, the actual Human Rights and Humanitarian needs to deal with the aftermath of the internal conflicts in Plateau State.
55	15 th November 2014	NHRC Nasarawa office visit to Lafia Prison with the Executive Governor of Nasarawa state.	• To commemorate his birthday with the inmates of Lafia Prison. • To donate food items, mattresses and blankets to inmates of Lafia prison. • To grant pardon to some inmates of Lafia prison.
56	15 th November 2014	NHRC Nasarawa office visit to two (2) IDP camps in Lafia with the Executive Governor of Nasarawa State.	• To donate relief materials to the IDPs.
57	16-19 th November 2014	NHRC begins inquiry into Demolition & Forced Evictions in the North Central Zone of Nigeria	• To provide and guarantee the Rights of citizen to shelter and development.

58	25 th Novemb er 2014	NHRC holds meeting with Internally Displaced Persons in Abuja.	• To promote and protect the rights of IDPs
59	25 th Novemb er2014	NHRC Kano office visits Freedom Radio.	• To commemorate International Day of Violence against Women 2014.

3.3 COURTESY CALLS/VISITATIONS

In the year under review, a number of stakeholders were visited by the NHRC zonal and state offices to strengthen partnership between the Commission and the stakeholders as well as creating awareness and enlightenment towards the promotion and protection of human rights. Below is a list of some of such visits and courtesy calls:

S/N	DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENTS	OBJECTIVES
1	6 th January 2014	Courtesy visit by the Executive Secretary National Human Rights Commission to the National Stability and Reconciliation Program (NSRP)	• To partner with National Stability Reconciliation Program.
2	10 th January 2014	Courtesy visit by the Osun State Office of NHRC to the Executive Governor of Osun State	• To discuss challenges, such as the provision of office accommodation for NHRC. • To discuss the establishment of a

			Mediation Center, Human Rights Welfare and Development Program in Osun state.
3	29 th & 30 th January 2014	Courtesy call by the Adamawa State Office to the Executive Chairman Yola North/South local government.	To establish a cordial/working relationship with the office of the Chairman.
4	10 th February 2014	Courtesy call by the NHRC Kano office to the Commissioner of Police Kano State.	To strengthen the working relationship between the Police and the Commission.
5	27 th February 2014	Investigation visit by the Gombe State Office to Dafa village after the killing of two Police officers by Youth groups	- To investigate the killings by the Youth groups. - To create awareness on the services of the Commission to the people.
6	9 th March 2014	Sensitization Program at Radio Sapiensa Awka., Anambra State	To sensitize the General Public, the Police and Law Enforcement Agencies on Human Rights Issues.
7	13 th March 2014	Radio Program by the Acting Zonal Coordinator North East Zone to PEACE FM, Maiduguri.	To advocate on issues of rape and the need to seek redress by victims/relatives in cases of rape.

8	21 st March 2014	Sensitization Program (Odenigbo FM station Obosi Anambra) by Human Rights Volunteer Corp and NHRC Awka.	• To inform and educate the public about the state office • To create awareness on Human Rights issues as well as the improved broad mandate and powers of the Commission in addressing Human Rights violations.
9	21 st & 22 nd March 2014	Courtesy visit by the ES NHRC, Nollywood Human Rights Ambassadors, Musicians and the Imo State office to the Executive Governor of Imo State	• To recognize the governor's role in promoting human rights and democratic principles within and outside Imo State.
10	25 th March 2015	Courtesy visit by the Executive Secretary, National Human Rights Commission and Human Rights Ambassadors to FCT Minister	• To enlighten the Minister on the Novelty Match between Nollywood Stars and former Super Eagles Team (Atlanta Olympic Team) • To create awareness on human Rights under the theme "Know your rights, Live your rights".
11	27 th March 2014	Courtesy call by the North Central Zonal Office Jos to the	• To introduce the Commission and its thematic areas as well as

		Department State Security	exploring areas, of collaboration with the DSS.
12	2 nd April 2014	Official visit of the UN Sub-Committee on Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, In-Human or Degrading treatment to the National Human Rights Commission.	To assist in strengthening the protection of persons in detention.
13	2 nd April 2014	Courtesy visit by the NHRC Imo office to the new Commissioner of Police, Imo State.	- To introduce NHRC and its mandate to the new Commissioner of Police. - To sustain the cordial working relationship between the leadership of the Police and the Commission in Imo State.
14	8 th April 2014	Courtesy visit by NHRC Cross River State office to the National Population Commission	To create awareness of the existence of the Commission to the National Population Commission in Calabar.
15	8 th April 2014	Courtesy visit by NHRC Cross River State office to the National Orientation Agency	To facilitate collaboration with the National Orientation Agency for the purpose of sensitizing citizenry on their rights and how to redress infringements.
	8 th April	Courtesy visit by the	To discuss possible ways

16	2014	Kaduna state office of the Commission to the Corps Legal Aid Scheme, Kaduna State	of Collaboration and Partnership in the area of Legal Aid.
17	13 th April 2014	Courtesy visit by Anne Alidcerso & Marcel Van Der Kalk, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands to the Executive Secretary, NHRC.	To gather input for the regular Country Report on Nigeria
18	15 th April 2014	Courtesy visit by the NHRC Anambra State Office to the Commissioner of Police Anambra State.	To seek ways of partnership and collaboration with the Police.
19	12 th May 2014	Courtesy visit by NHRC Ado-Ekiti office to Ekiti State INEC Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC)	To facilitate cooperation between the NHRC and INEC in preparation for the 2014 gubernatorial election in Ekiti State.
20	19 th May 2014	Radio Program by the Ag Zonal Coordinator of North East Zone, Maiduguri on Peace FM.	To advocate on issues on rape and the need to seek for redress by victims/relatives.
21	26 th May 2014	Advocacy and Awareness Campaign on Human Rights by the Anambra State Office of the Commission	To sensitize and create awareness on Human Rights Issues to the people

22	3 rd June 2014	Advocacy visit by the Akwa Ibom State Office of the Commission to the Hon Commissioner for Women Affairs.	• To facilitate the building of synergy and working towards better implementation of the Akwa Ibom State Child Rights Law, 2008.
23	12 th June 2014	Visit of the European Union to the Cross River State Office of the Commission	• To Collaborate and partner with the Commission and NGOs to promote Human Rights in the state.
24	23 rd June 2014	Advocacy visit by the Commission to the Special Adviser to the Governor of Akwa Ibom on MDGs.	• To build synergy and work towards the realization of Millennium Development Goals in the State.
25	1 st July 2014	Courtesy call by the NHRC Kano office to the Assistant Inspector of Police Zone 1.	• To strengthen the working relationship between the Police and the Commission.
26	2 nd July 2014	Courtesy visit to HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS-SAKARUYI OF KARU by (NHRC) Abuja Metropolitan Office.	• To enlighten stakeholders on the powers, functions and mandate of the commission. • To solicit their Cooperation, collaboration and assistance in the promotion and protection of human rights particularly within Karu, Abuja and its environs.

27	7 th July 2014	Courtesy call by the NHRC Jos office to the Commissioner of Police, Plateau State Command.	• To introduce the Commission and its thematic areas as well as exploring areas of collaboration with the newly deployed Police Commissioner
28	8 th July 2014	Courtesy call by the Abuja Metropolitan Office of the Commission to the Nigerian Police Division, Jikwoyi	• To strengthen relationship with the Nigerian Police Force. • To collaborate with the Police in a bid to realize human rights values in the society.
29	9 th July 2014	Courtesy call by the NHRC Nasarawa office on the Commissioner of Police Nasarawa state.	• To intimate the Commissioner of Police on the Commission's intention to audit all detention centers.
30	9 th July 2014	Courtesy call by the Nasarawa State Office of the Commission to the Secretary to the State Government, and the representative of the Executive Governor of Nasarawa State	• To intimate the Executive Governor of the Commission's intention to audit all gazetted and non-gazetted places of detention in Nasarawa State.
31	10 th July 2014	Courtesy call by the Nasarawa state office to the Commandant of Nigerian Security and	• To audit detention facilities of the NSCDC, NDLEA and DSS. • To sensitize NSCDC,

		Civil Defence Corps Lafia (NSCDC), the Commandant of Nigeria Drug Law Enforcement Agency Lafia (NDLEA) and the Director of the Department of State Security Lafia.	NDLEA and DSS on the mandate of the Commission.
32	15 th July 2014	Courtesy visit by NHRC Cross River State office to the (DPO State Housing Police Station, Calabar.	To partner with the Nigerian Police Force for effective promotion and protection of human rights in Cross River State.
33	23 rd July 2014	Advocacy visit by the National Human Rights Commission and Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities (JONAPWD) to Independent National Electoral Commission	To seek possible ways to Partner/Collaborate with INEC, so as to ensure the role of PWD's at the 2015 elections
34	31 st July 2014	Courtesy visit by the Secretary General Commonwealth to the National Human Rights commission	- To seek partnership with NHRC in upholding rule of law generally - To ensure rights of electorate in the forthcoming 2015 election.
35	2 nd August 2014	Advocacy visit by the management of Sensor Newspaper Limited to	To strengthen relationship between the Management of Sensor

		the AkwaIbom Office of the Commission	Newspapers with the Commission. • To utilize the medium to educate on human rights.
36	4 th August 2014	Courtesy visit by NHRC Cross River State office to the Nigerian Television Authority, Calabar	• To partner with the NTA Calabar Cross River State in sensitizing the people of the state on the rights and on how to reach the Commission when their rights are being or about to be abused/violated for appropriate redress.
37	25 th August 2014	Interview by Radio Nigeria (Atlantic FM, Uyo with the State Coordinator AkwaIbom State Office	• To sensitize the general public on the mandate of the commission and its Complaint Treatment Mechanism.
38	26 th August 2014	Courtesy visit by NHRC Cross River State office to the Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON).	• To create public awareness on the presence of Commission in the state and its mandate and explore possibilities of complementing each other's work
39	2 nd September 2014	Courtesy call by NHRC Jos office to the Comptroller of Prisons, Jos.	• To meet the comptroller and introduce the function and activities of the commission.

40	4 th September 2014	Courtesy call by the NHRC Kano office to the state Director, Department of State Security Kano State.	• To strengthen the working relationship between the DSS and the Commission
41	9 th September 2014	Courtesy call by the NHRC Kano office to the State Comptroller of Prisons Kano State.	• To carry out an audit of the Inmates awaiting trial.
42	16 th September 2014	Courtesy Visit by the State Coordinator Akwa Ibom State Office to NTA for an interview by the News-crew.	• To sensitize the public on NHRC's mandate and activities.
43	17 th September 2014	Courtesy visit by the South-South Zonal Office Port Harcourt, to Commissioners of Police, of Bayelsa and Rivers States.	• To familiarize the newly appointed Police Commissioner on the NHRC's mandate. • To emphasize the need for a human rights desk in every Police station within the command. • To intimate the Commissioner of the challenges the Commission faces due to delayed response to letters written to the command.

44	23 rd September 2014	Courtesy visit of the Regional Representative for West Africa , Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to the Executive Secretary, NHRC.	• To present the mandate and the strategic work plan of the office of the High Commission for Human Rights and discuss opportunities for cooperation with ECOWAS Commission and Court of Justice, as well as the Network of National Human Rights in West Africa and other partners.
45	29 th September 2014	Courtesy call by the Akwa Ibom State Office to the Commissioner of police, AKS Command	• To improve and sustain the Commission's synergy with the Nigeria Police Force.
46	30 th September 2014	Advocacy visit by the Benue State Office of the Commission to the Commissioner of Police, Benue State Command.	• To felicitate with him on his new appointment as well as discuss the rights of detainees, security challenges in the state, and state of human rights in Benue State.
47	21 st October 2014	Courtesy visit by the Rivers State Office of the NHRC to the Commissioner of Police, Rivers State.	• To enlighten the new Commissioner of the NHRC Amendment Act. • To discuss case files involving the police which have been pending due to delayed response from the Command.

			• To ascertain whether or not Human Rights Desks exist in the Command.
48	2 nd - 9 th November 2014	Advocacy Visit by the National Human Rights Commission to the Internally Displaced Persons' Camps in Plateau State	• To assess the human rights and humanitarian needs in the 17 LGAs of Plateau state affected directly or indirectly by the communal conflict since 2001.
49	10 th November 2014	Courtesy call by the NHRC Kano office to the Attorney General/Commissioner of Justice, Kano State.	• To discuss ways to partner and collaborate with the Ministry of Justice Kano State
50	25 th November 2014	Courtesy visit by Apurimac Onlus; Trauma Healing/Victim Support	• To acquaint the NHRC of its activities and explore areas of collaboration as they offer legal support and services to victims of human rights abuses
51	27 th November 2014	Courtesy visit by the NHRC Jos office to Search For Common Grounds, (SFCG) Jos.	• To partner in the area of promoting Accountability and discourage Ethno-religious Violence

CHAPTER FOUR

HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION AND COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT

4.0 INTRODUCTION.

The National Human Rights Commission Act 1995 as amended, which establishes the Commission empowers it to receive complaints on rights violation, treat such complaints and make appropriate recommendations to appropriate agencies with a view to providing remedies.

It is by so doing that the Commission would be able to promote, protect and enhance the enjoyment of human rights in Nigeria. In addressing complaints of violation of rights, individuals and corporate bodies are free to lodge complaints with the Commission at either the head office at Abuja or at any of the zonal or state offices across the country. Groups of persons with common complaints are also free to report such complaints to the Commission. Reports bordering on rights violation can also be made on behalf of an alleged victim of rights violation. The Commission may also take complaints on its own (*suo motu*) without such complaints being necessarily reported by anyone.

In the year 2014, complaints arising from all these sources were subjected to the Commission's guidelines for the admissibility of complaints and those with human rights violations were further investigated. This section of the annual report provides the statistics on complaints addressed by the Commission in 2014. Statistical tables and graphic illustrations are used in this section for clarity in respect of complaints receipt, admissibility, classification, concluded as well as pending/ongoing complaints.

4.1 COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM/PROCESS

The Commission at different times had developed different guidelines for the management of complaints since its inception. However, every guideline

adopted had human rights protection as a major determinant for the admissibility of complaints.

The present Governing Council at its 3rd statutory meeting, held in Lagos in 2013, adopted the guidelines for the management of complaints as contained in the Standing Order and Rules of Procedure of the National Human Rights Commission (STORP).

These guidelines provide a uniform basis through which all complaints are subjected in order to determine their admissibility status, mode of investigation and the types of recommendations/remedies to be provided. The details of the guidelines are as provided in the relevant sections of the Standard Orders and Rules of Procedure (STORP) (Appendix ii)

4.2 RECEIPT OF COMPLAINTS 2014

Every complaint lodged at the Commission is subjected to the rules of admissibility in order to determine its admissibility and the type of violation that may have occurred. Complaints that are admissible are further investigated in line with rules. This part of the report deals with the admissibility of complaints in the year under review showing relevant tables and graphic illustrations.

The total number of complaints received in 2014 was Thirty one thousand, four hundred and eighty-seven (31,487). The number of admissible complaints were twenty eight thousand, nine hundred and seventy-four (28,974) while those that did not satisfy the guidelines for admissibility of complaints were two thousand, eight hundred and sixty-eight (2,868). The inadmissible complaints did not contain elements of human rights abuse/violations and as such were not considered for further investigation. However such complaints may fall within the mandate of other agencies of government and so we were transferred to appropriate agencies such as

Public Complaints Commission, ICPC etc. The admissible complaints were recommended for further investigation.

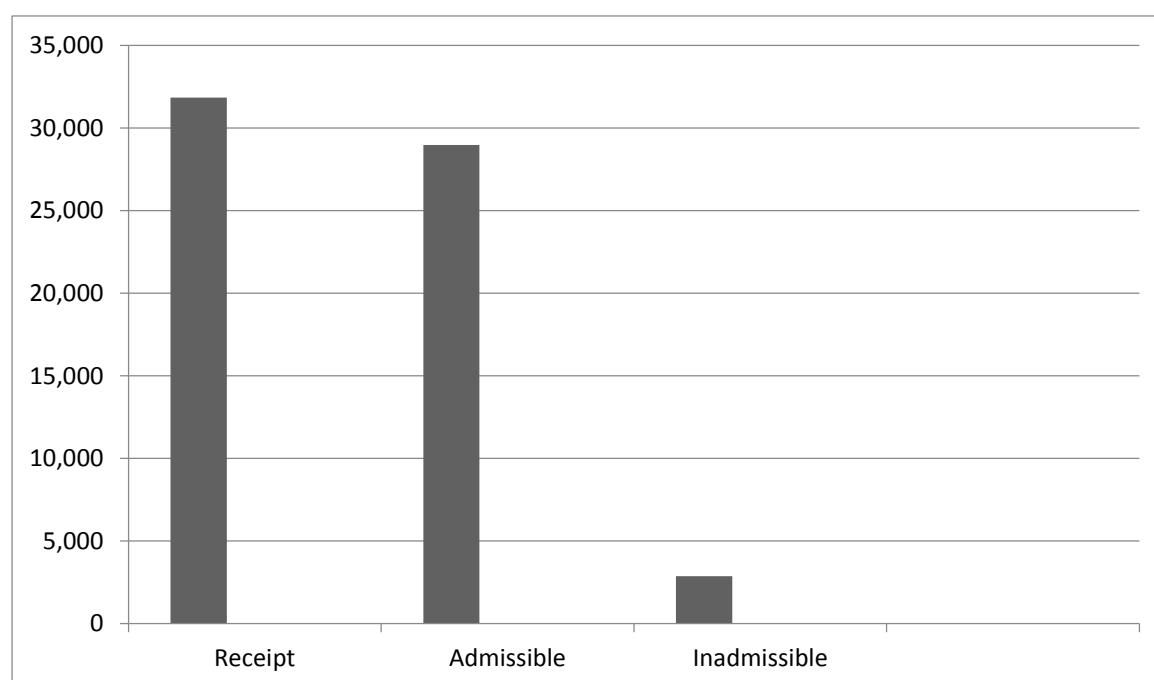
Details of the number of complaints received in the year under review are as contained in the table 4.2.1.

Table 4.2.1: RECEIPT OF COMPLAINTS 2014.

Year	Receipt	Admissibility	Inadmissibility
2014	31,847	28,974	2,868
%		91	9%

The percentage of the admissible and inadmissible complaints is 91% and 9% respectively. This is further illustrated in the bar chart.

4.2.2



The graph clearly shows that the admissible complaints were more than the inadmissible ones. The total number of complaints received in 2014 was more than that of last year (2013). In the same trend the numbers of admissible and inadmissible complaints were also higher in 2014 than in

2013. There was an increase of 5780 in the number of complaints in 2014 compared to that of the preceding year (2013). The increase could be due to the consistent and sustained human rights activities undertaken across the nation by the Commission at the headquarters and state/zonal offices.

The admissible complaints were treated in line with the guidelines contained in the 'STORP' of the Commission for the treatment of complaints. Some of these complaints were investigated and concluded within the same year (2014). However, those that could not be concluded within the year were carried over to the following year (2015).

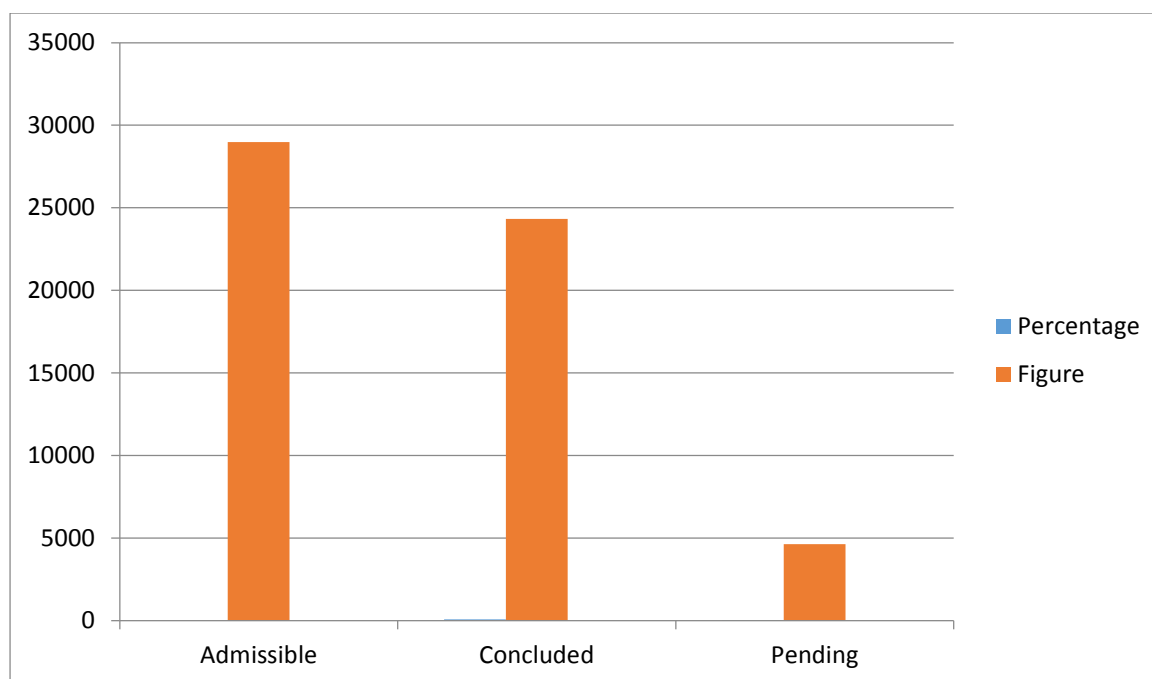
4.3 COMPLAINTS STATUS 2014

The Commission in line with its guidelines on complaints treatment investigated the admissible complaints. Some of these complaints were investigated and closed but others could not be concluded before the end of the year. These unconcluded complaints were at different stages of investigation before the end of the year. Details of the status of complaints for the year, 2014 are highlighted in the table 4.3.1 below.

Table 4.3.1: COMPLAINTS STATUS 2014

Admissible	Concluded	Pending
28974	24339	4635
%	86.00	14

A graphical illustration of the complaints status in 2014 is reflected in the graph 4.3.2 below.



The total number of complaint investigated and concluded was Twenty-four thousand, three hundred and thirty-nine (24,339) out of the total number of admissible complaints (28,974) in 2014. The number of pending complaints was Four thousand, six hundred and thirty-five (4,635). These cases were carried over to the following year, (2015). It was expected that all pending complaints would be concluded in the first half of the following year, 2015. The percentage of the pending complaints was 16% while that of the concluded complaints was 84%.

4.4 CLASSIFICATION OF COMPLAINTS 2014

Table 4.4.1: CLASSIFICATION OF COMPLAINTS 2014

THEMATIC AREAS	NATURE OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED	TOTAL
WOMEN/GENDER RIGHTS	Abandonment	1944
	Sexual Violence	599
	Domestic Violence	2340
	Reproductive Rights	51
	Harmful Cultural Practices	32

	Gender based Discrimination	188
	Women Trafficking	708
	Inheritance	2677
	Forced Marriage	61
	Denial of Access to children	2625
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD	Right to Education	199
	Rights to survival and development	3015
	Child Labour{Commercial/Formal Sector}	75
	Child Marriage	9
	Child Trafficking	8
	Sexual Abuse	254
	Child Abandonment	182
	Child Custody	1820
	Other Child Abuses	1899
CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS	Unlawful Arrest and Detention	562
	Cruel Inhuman and Degrading Treatment	398
	Torture	192
	Extra –Judicial Killing	301
	Access to Justice	190
	Appeal for Prerogative of Mercy	19
	Enforced Disappearance	17
	Participation in Political Affairs	49
	Rights to Freedom of Religion, Thought and conscience	97
	Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly/Association	72

	Threat to Life	1720
	Unfair Hearing	19
	Disobedience to Court Order	17
	Delay in Hearing of Cases	5
ECONOMIC SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ISSUES	Land and Landed Properties	878
	Right of Education	47
	Right to Health	51
	Right of Food	5
	Right of shelter	41
	Right to Private and Family Life	48
	Labour Rights	685
	Wrongful Termination and dismissal from employment	1920
	Non-payment of benefits and entitlement	1200
DISCRIMINATION	Ethnic Discrimination	4
	Religious Discrimination	9
	Medical Condition	29
	Disability	32
	Others	1321
ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS		17
ETHNIC RELIGIOUS COMMUNAL CRISES		10
PROTECTION OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPs)		5
INTERNATIONAL MATTERS		17
OTHERS		620
Complainant Related		2609

Calls		
TOTAL		31,847

4.5 RECEIPTS OF COMPLAINTS 1996-2014

Although the Commission was established in 1995, it commenced operations in 1996. Then the Commission recorded only 41 complaints of rights violation in the first year of its operations. The Commission embarked on enlightenment programs to enlighten the populace on its mandate and create awareness amongst the people on their rights and how and where to seek redress when such rights are abuses violated.

The trend of complaints since the inception of the Commission has been a steady rise in the number of complaints received yearly. However, there were a few years that the Commission witnessed a slight drop in the number of complaints received. In this year (2014) the total number of complaints received was Thirty-one thousand, eight hundred and forty seven (31,847). With this number of complaints, the Commission had received a total number of One hundred and thirteen thousand, six hundred and eight complaints (113,608). Details of the number of complaints as well as their classifications according to the present thematic areas are discussed and presented in tabular and graphical forms in this section of the report.

Table 4.5.1: RECEIPT OF COMPLAINTS 1996-2014

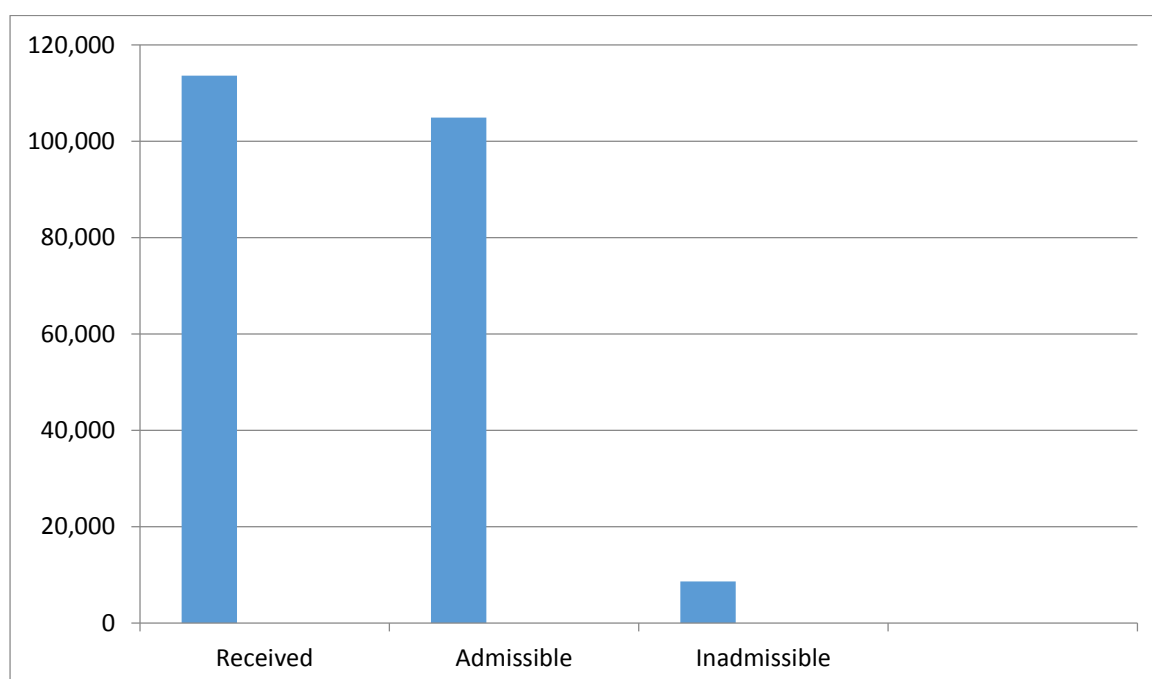
Received	Admissible	Inadmissible
113,608	104,955	8,648
%	92	8

Although the Commission received a total number of One hundred and thirteen thousand six hundred and eight (113,608) complaints since its inception, only 104,955 complaints satisfied the rules of admissibility as at that period and so were admissible. The total number of inadmissible

complaints since the inception of the Commission up to the end of 2014 was Eight thousand, six hundred and forty eight (8,648). These complaints were inadmissible because they did not satisfy the conditions stipulated in the rules of admissibility that was applicable within that period.

The trend of admissibility of complaints from 1996 -2014 is further illustrated in the graph 4.5.2.

4.5.2 Admissibility of complaints 1996-2014



The graph shows that the bar for admissible complaints is higher than the inadmissible one. This represents 92% and 8% of admissible and inadmissible complaints respectively. There has been a general upward trend in the receipt of complaints since the inception of the Commission. This is reflected in the number of complaints which has steadily risen from 41 in 1996 to 31,847 in 2014.

4.6 TREATMENT OF COMPLAINTS 1996-2013

The Commission had admitted and treated one hundred and four thousand, nine hundred and fifty five complaints (104,955) from 1996-2014. These

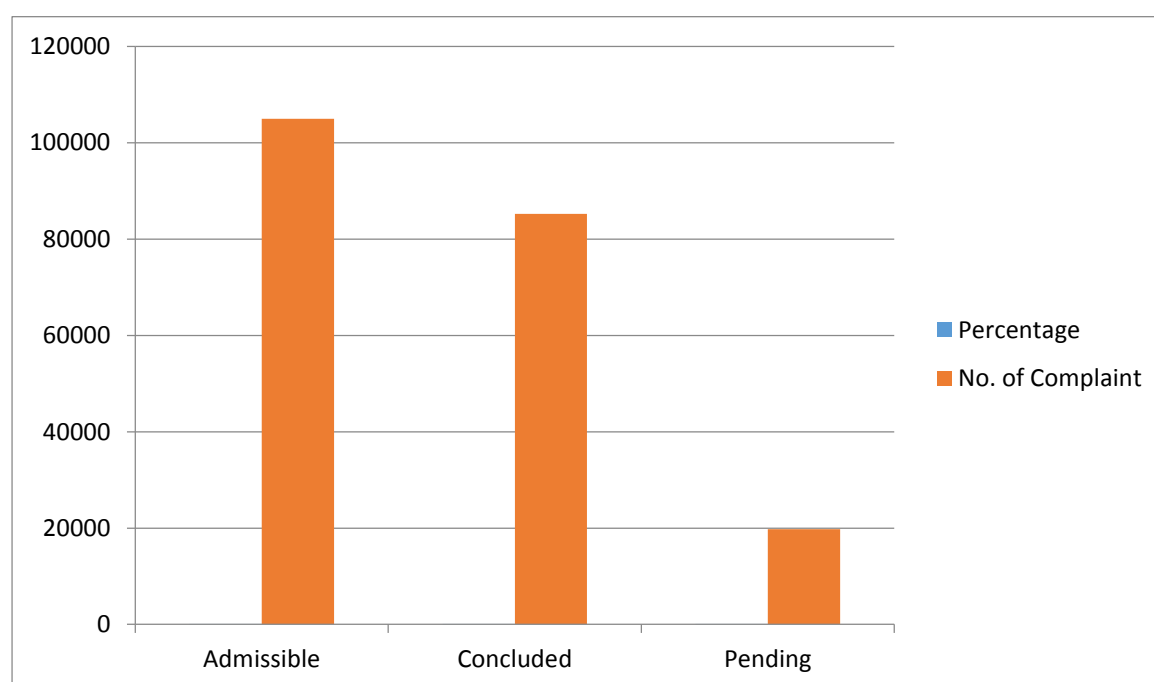
were the complaints that satisfied the various rules of admissibility at different times over this period of time. However only Eighty-five thousand, two hundred and three (85,203) of such complaints were treated and concluded within the year they were reported. A total number of Nineteen thousand, seven hundred and fifty two (19,752) complaints could not be treated and concluded but were carried over to the immediate following year. Such complaints were concluded within the first half of that year. The details of the number of complaints treated within this period are shown in the table 3.6.1.

Table 4.6.1: TREATMENT OF COMPLAINTS

Admissible	Concluded	Pending
104,955	85,203	19,752
%	81	19

A graphical illustration of the treatment of complaints from 1996-2014 is presented in 4.6.2 below.

4.6.2 Complaints Management 1996 – 2014



4.7 SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS 1996-2014

Over the years the Commission adopted different guidelines for the treatment of complaints at different times. Each guideline had taken into consideration the lapses of the previous ones. Thus every reviewed guideline had been an improvement over the previous ones. The guidelines for treatment of complaints as contained in the Standing Order and a Rule of Procedure (STORP) adopted in 2013 by the Council is the most current in use. The development of these guidelines at different times were aimed at adopting the best approaches for the treatment of complaints; make appropriate recommendations and providing remedies. These guide the Commission in the various processes (receipts, admissibility, investigation, procedure, classification etc.) involved in the process of treatment of complaints. Details of the complaints treatment from 1996-2014 is as presented in the table 3.7.1.

TABLE 4.7.1 SUMMARY OF TREATMENT OF COMPLAINTS 1996-2014

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	1300	1423	185	1133	290

2009	1061	1040	21	750	290
2010	6967	6700	267	4000	2700
2011	19210	18060	1150	15403	2657
2012	22542	21373	3187	18188	3185
2013	26,067	24,198	1869	19,806	4392
2014	31,847	28,974	2,686	24,339	4,635
TOTAL	113608	104955	8648	85203	19752

4.8 TRENDS OF COMPLAINTS 1996-2014

Table 4.8.1 in the preceding section shows that the trend of complaints received from 1996-2014 had risen from year to year while in some years the no rose significantly, there were some years where there were drops in the receipt of the complaints compared to the preceding year. However there had been a general increase in the number of the complaints received over the years. The fluctuation in the receipt of complaints could be attributed to a number of reasons which include enlightenment and awareness creation, accessibility, collaboration with other stakeholders. Establishment of additional office in more states in Nigeria will provide the number of people greater access to the activities of the Commission. The table 4.8.1 shows the number of complaints received over the period of 20years (1996-2014).

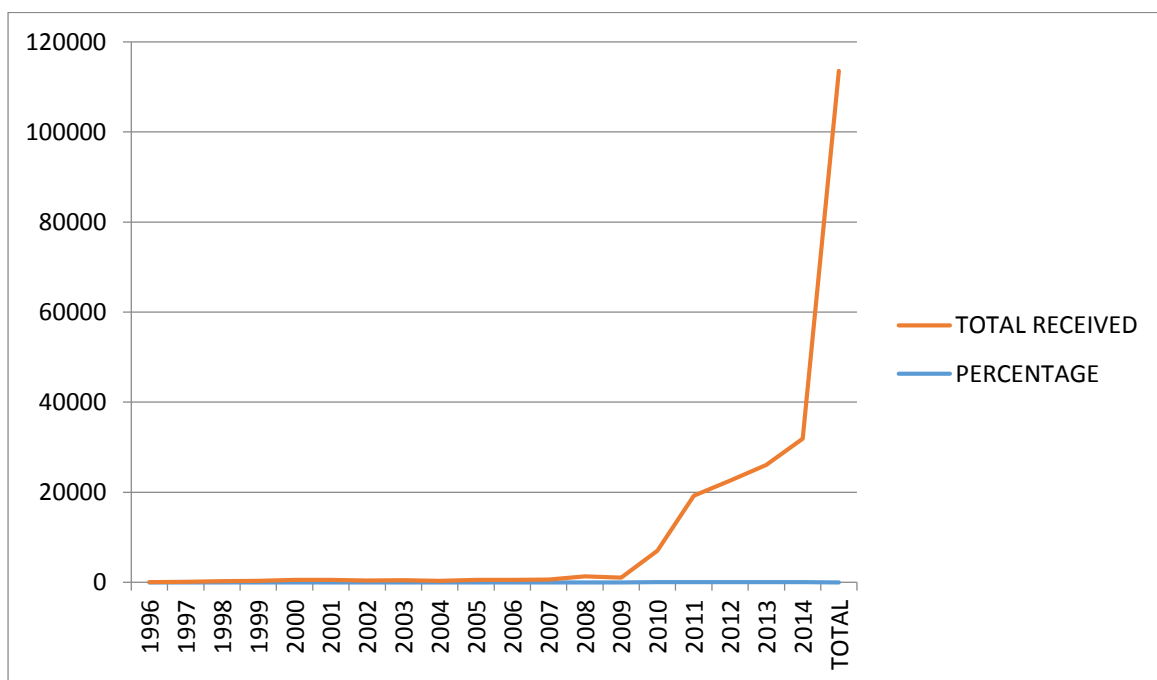
4.8.1: Trend of Complaints 1996 -2014

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	PERCENTAGE
1996	41	0.03
1997	114	0.10
1998	221	0.19
1999	343	0.30
2000	559	0.50
2001	557	0.50
2002	421	0.40

2003	432	0.40
2004	287	0.25
2005	551	0.50
2006	514	0.50
2007	574	0.51
2008	1300	1.14
2009	1061	1.00
2010	6967	6.1
2011	19210	17.00
2012	22542	19.84
2013	26067	22.94
2014	31847	28.03
TOTAL	113,608.06	

The trend of complaints from 1996 – 2014 is further illustrated in the graph 4.8.2 below.

Graph 4.8.2 TREND OF COMPLAINTS 1996 -2014



4.9 CLASSIFICATION OF COMPLAINTS 1996 - 2014

The classification of complaints over this period of time has been based on different focal areas or thematic areas of focus at different times. Presently complaints are classified on the basis of thematic areas.

The table 4.9.1 presents a summary of the nature of complaints and their frequencies of occurrence. The rate of occurrence has followed the same pattern over the years with dismissal/termination of appointment being most frequent.

YEAR	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	TOTAL
Sexual Violence																		498	599	1097
Domestic Violence			4	3	9	11	11	32	32	58	27	62	100	30	325	2560	2656	2240	2340	4580
Reproductive Rights																		45	51	96
Harmful Cultural																		23	32	55
Gender Based																		122	188	310
Women Trafficking																		42	708	750
Inheritance																		2017	2677	4694
Forceful Marriage																		52	61	113
Denial of Access to Children																		2416	2625	5041
Right to survival and																		2926	3015	5941
Child Labour																		75	75	150
Child Marriage																		4	9	13
Child Trafficking																		6	8	14
Sexual Abuse																		238	254	492
Other Child Abuses																		1832	1899	3731
Child Custody																		1605	1820	3425
Unlawful Arrest and Detention	12	30	47	42	82	71	62	51	43	10 2	81	47	125	71	479	2560	3462	404	562	8333
Cruel, inhuman and	3	20	39	24	53	68	20	25	36	42	49	23	111	62	724	1350	1920	348	398	5305

Torture														32	679	28	310	178	192	1419
Extra-Judicial Killing		6	6	8	17	20	11	6	5	13	7	7	22	9	200	6	27	297	301	968
Access to Justice																		188	190	378
Appeal for Prerogative of Mercy	3	9	9	5	8	8	10	11	4	2	2	2	0	4	5	350	300	15	19	766
Enforced Disappearance																		16	17	33
Participation in Political Affairs																		35	49	84
Rights to Freedom of											66					222	85	81	97	178
Rights to Freedom of																		53	72	125
Land and Landed				14	0	26	19	27	4	11	20	30	59	50	102	430	610	746	878	3026
Threat to life							82	48	21	35	33	48	107	123	365	86	103	1461	1720	4232
Unfair Hearing	3	8	18	2	8	4	2	7	2	10	4	4	10	21	71	12	15	16	19	236
Women /Gender																		1088	1944	3032
Child Abandonment				1	10	16	20	3	15	30	67	43	109	76	850	2300	2250	154	182	6126
Dismissal/Wrongful	7	18	53	17	22	19	81	89	43	73	48	31	103	93	1321	3200	3323	1687	1920	12685
Non Payment of Benefit	2	6	15	24	61	66	64	56	61	76	94	67	238	192	818	1780	2313	1079	1200	8212
Delay in Hearing of	3	8	18	2	8	4	2	7	2	10	4	4	10	21	71	12	15	2	5	308
Disobedience to Court	2	3	7	14	13	15	10	4	3	4	2	2	8	13	7	7	8	19	17	158
Labour Rights														15	23	1200	2010	427	685	4360
Right to Education																		161	47	208
Right to Health																		16	51	67
Right to Food																		0	5	5
Right to Shelter																		37	41	78
Right to Private and Family Life																		37	48	85

Ethnic Discrimination																		0	4	4
Religious Discrimination																		6	9	15
Medical Condition																		21	29	50
Disability																		24	32	56
Environmental rights	2	3	6	0	8	3	16	7	0	1	2	1	31	12	9	780	804	13	17	1715
Ethnic/religious/comm unal crises				1	4	6	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	12	2	1200	1255	5	10	2501
Protection of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)																		0	5	5
International matters	2	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	9	2	5	7	5	7	11	17	76
Complaint Related Calls																		1616	2609	4225
Others	5	11	14	27	62	48	9	66	28	93	73	198	275	1408	980	1356	0	1685	620	6958
Total	41	11	22	34	55	55	42	43	28	55	51	574	1300	2228	6967	19,2	21,3	26,0	31,847	113,60
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***A Two Day Public Hearing on Electoral Accountability at NHRC Auditorium, Abuja.
23rd - 24th July, 2014***



NHRC Chairman Prof. Chidi Odinkalu, the Executive Secretary, Prof. Ben Angwe, and Mrs. Ranti Daudu at the meeting of the Panel on Public Hearing on Demolitions and Evictions.

4th April, 2014

***Participants at a one day stakeholders forum on Adopting Appropriate/Urgent strategies to prevent the outbreak of Ebola virus disease (EVD) in Nigerian prisons.
26th August, 2014.***



Meeting of Civil Society Groups with The Regional representative for West African Office of the United Nations High Commission visit to NHRC.

24th Sept., 2014.



The NHRC in collaboration with Next to None Support Initiative organized a Novelty Football Match at the Stadium in Abuja.

28th March, 2014.



One day stakeholders forum on adopting appropriate/ urgent strategies to prevent the outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in Nigerian prisons.

26th August 2014.



PHOTO NEWS

Common wealth Sec. Gen., His Excellency, Kamalesh Sharma, on a courtesy visit to the Commission.

31st July, 2014.



Mr Tony Ojukwu addressing Participants at a public awareness programme on the Rights of people living with HIV/AIDS.

3rd Sept., 2014.

Courtesy visit by the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights, Mrs. Navi Pillay to the Commission.

12th March, 2014.



PHOTO NEWS

Educational Visit by the Children from Harmony Trends School to the Commission.

29th August, 2014.



NHRC / EU Forum in Commemoration of the 2014 International Human Rights Day themed 'Human Rights 365'.

10th Dec., 2014.



Flag off of the 2014 Prisons Audit , North West Zone in Sokoto and Kebbi States Prison

28th and 29th April, 2014.



PHOTO NEWS

Presentation of the Commission's Report on Public Inquiry into alleged Killing and Maiming of some Squatters in an uncompleted building in Apo/Gudu district by security operatives

6th April, 2014



NHRC Public Awareness Programme on the Right of Persons Living with HIV/Aids.

3rd September 2014.

NHRC Executive Secretary, Prof. Bem Angwe and Human Rights Ambassadors on a courtesy visit to the FCT Minister, Senator Bala Mohammed,

25th March, 2014.



PHOTO NEWS

***Flag off of the 2014 Prisons Audit in Kuje Prison, Abuja.
8th April, 2014.***



Meeting of Civil Society Groups in Nigeria with the Regional Representative for West Africa in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to the Commission.

24th Sept., 2014.

Chair, TWG on 'End Electoral Impunity project', Prof. N. Udombana and Participants at a Two day Public Hearing on Electoral Accountability at the NHRC Auditorium. Abuja.

23rd - 24th July, 2014.



PHOTO NEWS

A One Day Training of Police Officers on Human Rights Standards at the Lagos State Police Command, Ikeja. NHRC's Oti Ovwah, Ngozi Okore, Lucas Soyajo & Ibe with some Police participants.
25th September, 2014.



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CHAPTER FIVE

CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

5.0 INTRODUCTION

One of the functions of the Commission in section 5 (g) of the National Human Rights Commission Act, as amended is to liaise and cooperate with local and international organizations on human rights for the purpose of advancing the promotion and protection of human rights.

To realize the above mandate, the Commission in partnership with various Non- Governmental Organizations, Development Agencies, Embassies and MDAs amongst others carried out the following human rights programmes/ activities in the year under review.

5:1 PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES HELD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER AGENCIES

➤ **February 20th, 2014: Launch of Initial Report & Project Website of the Electoral Accountability Project.**

Elections in Nigeria have always been characterized and marred with different forms of electoral malpractices which are usually condoned by majority of the populace and these electoral violators usually go unpunished. To address electoral impunity in Nigeria, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) with support from Ford Foundation, Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) and Network of National Human Rights Institutions in West Africa (NNHRI-WA) launched a project on” *Fair Trial and the Right to Effective Participation in Government: An Independent Review of Evidence of Violations of the Rights to Participation in Government and Fair Trial Through the Election Petition Process in Nigeria* “

The project focused on finding out, through a review of the records of the courts and tribunals adjudicating election disputes, evidence of persons indicted by the courts in election – related misconduct or crimes, including any evidence of judicial misconduct event from the records. The review concentrated on the period 2003 – 2011 with an initial focus on the five – year period between 2007 – 2011.

The Initial Report for the project was launched on February 20th, 2014. The Report revealed evidence of the extensive pattern of judicially sanctioned criminality in the 2007 election cycle as part of the continuing narrative of the long history of elections as organized crime in Nigeria. The crimes committed are as diverse as the individuals and institutions implicated. Cases of unlawful substitution of candidates by political parties and INEC, inflation of the numbers of ballots cast, forgery of election returns and intimidation of voters and election officials at polls are among some of the common crimes. From the Initial Report, preliminary list of names of indicted persons and institutions has been made available to the Attorney General of the Federation and State Attorneys General for further investigation and possible prosecution of electoral crimes. A website for the project www.endelectoralimpunity.org was also designed for easy access by the public.

➤ **March 18th, 2014: Practical Workshop for Judicial Stakeholders**

The Commission in partnership with Advocate Sans Frontieres France (ASF) held a practical workshop for judicial stakeholders – police, prisons, Ministry of Justice amongst others in Edo State, which aimed at debunking pervading but erroneous beliefs about capital punishment. The pervasion of several myths about capital punishment has led to a weakening of the fabric of justice in Nigeria. Such myths include the belief that only persons who are truly guilty are sentenced to death or that the death sentence serves as a deterrent to potential criminals. The ultimate goal therefore was to encourage judicial stakeholders to work

towards a more restrictive pronouncement of death penalty. The event highlighted the need to enforce the rights of detainees in Nigerian prisons especially in view of the recent ECOWAS court ruling in favour of ASF France on behalf of a death row detainee in Benin prison.

The workshop which was held on 18th of March, 2014 brought together stakeholders from the criminal justice sector including members of the Prisons, Police, Ministry of Justice, NBA, Legal Aid Council of Nigeria and NHRC to reinforce the principles of justice and human rights.

➤ **March 28th, 2014: Novelty Match between Former Super Eagles Stars and Nollywood Stars.**

The National Human Rights Commission in partnership with some Nollywood actors collaborated to promote and protect human rights. These actors, designated Human Rights Ambassadors, organized a novelty match. The novelty match was part of the activities unveiled by the Human Rights Ambassadors in collaboration with the Commission in order to create awareness on human rights using the slogan “Know Your Rights, Live Your Rights”, the former Eagles players played a novelty match with Nollywood stars as their contribution towards promoting human rights in the country through sporting events. The match was played at the FIFA Goal Project Stadium, Abuja on Friday, March, 28, and 2014. There were spectators from MDAs and NGOs in Abuja.

➤ **April 13th – 15th, 2014: Training of Human Rights Monitors in the North East.**

As a result of the security challenges in various parts of the country especially the North East Nigeria where a state of emergency was declared, the National Human Rights Commission in collaboration with UNDP initiated a project to establish a mechanism and frame work for a structured monitoring and reporting of human rights situations in the states under state of emergency namely Adamawa, Borno and Yobe. The

first activity under the project was the recruitment of monitors for the project. The recruitment was carried out at a training held in Jos on the 13th – 15th April, 2014. The Monitors were selected on merit based on their performance in the evaluation test conducted at the end of the training programme.

Following the selection of the 30 monitors, they were deployed for a period of 6 months as follows: Adamawa – 9 monitors, Borno – 11 monitors and Yobe – 9 monitors. The Commission and UNDP follow up on the monitors' activities monthly.

➤ **April 29th, 2014: Interactive Session to Discuss and Collate Views on the Rights and Welfare of Senior Citizens in Nigeria.**

As part of the process to actualize the mandate of the Commission, the Commission collaborated with Senior Citizen Advocacy Network of Nigeria (SCANON) and organized an interactive session in order to collate views and information from all relevant stakeholders such as NGOs, Agencies and individuals in the field of ageing. The information collated was used to make contributions as well as proffer solutions on ageing issues at the National Conference. A total number of seventy (75) persons participated at the forum.

➤ **26th – 28th May, 2014: Training on the Convention Against Torture and Inhuman Degrading Treatment (CAT) and Protocol on Convention Against Torture (OPCAT).**

The Commission partnered with ASF France and Access to Justice (AJ) to organize a training programme for relevant stakeholders on the Convention Against Torture and Inhuman Degrading Treatment and Protocol on Convention Against Torture in Abuja. The objective of the training was to expose lawyers to the United Nations Convention Against Torture, Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment with the purpose of

applying same in the protection, promotion and enforcement of human rights. Some staff of the Commission attended the training workshop.

➤ **June 18th, 2014: One Day Stakeholders Meeting of Political Parties on Electoral Accountability Project.**

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) with support from Ford Foundation, Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) and Network of National Human Rights Institutions in West Africa (NNHRI-WA) launched the project on” ***Fair Trial and the Right to Effective Participation in Government: An Independent Review of Evidence of Violations of the Rights to Participation in Government and Fair Trial Through the Election Petition Process in Nigeria***”. In June, 2013 the project was launched with the main objectives as follows:

- To compile and examine evidence available from the judicial records on Elections Petitions and making this evidence available in coherent form.
- To publish and disseminate findings. Subsequently, an Initial Report was produced and launched on Thursday, 20th February, 2014.
- To mobilize the public consciousness against electoral impunity.

The One Day Political Parties meeting was one of the follow up activities of the project particularly due to the importance of political parties to credible elections. The meeting was held on the 18th June, 2014 at the National Human Rights Commission’s Auditorium, Abuja.

The One Day stakeholders’ meeting had 40 participants drawn from various Political parties, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Police Service Commission, Inter Part Advisory Council (IPAC), Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC) amongst others.

➤ **July 2nd& 3rd, & 23rd& 24th, 2014: 2 Day Public Hearing on the Electoral Accountability Project (Port Harcourt and Abuja).**

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) with support from Ford Foundation, Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) and Network of National Human Rights Institutions in West Africa (NNHRI-WA) launched the Electoral Accountability project titled “Fair Trial and the Right to Effective Participation in Government: An Independent Review of Evidence of Violations of the Rights to Participation in Government and Fair Trial Through the Election Petition Process in Nigeria” in 2013. The project has the following objectives:

- To compile and examine evidence of infractions available from the judicial records on Elections Petitions and making this evidence available in a coherent form.
- To publish and disseminate findings.
- To mobilize public consciousness against electoral impunity in Nigeria.

The project was launched in June, 2013 and the initial report was later released on the 20th of February, 2014. A Public Hearing was held in Port-Harcourt and Abuja on the 2nd& 3rd July 2014 and 23rd& 24th July, 2014 respectively to interact with a cross section of stakeholders before the release of the final report.

The focus of the Public Hearing included the following:

- To identify & review issues perpetrating election crimes in Nigeria.
- To stimulate debate on the findings and recommendations in the Electoral Accountability Project Initial Report and
- To enhance the ability of individual voters to challenge election results that has been obtained through fraud or corrupt/illegal practices.

Participants were drawn from various sectors of the society including Political parties, Nigeria Bar Association (NBA), Nigeria Prisons Service, Inter Party Advisory Council (IPAC), Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Civil Society Organizations, the Media, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) and various Law Offices shared their experiences on electoral matters.

➤ **June 25th - 26th, 2014: Meeting on Sensitization, Evaluation and Validation of ECOWAS Human Rights Reporting Manual & Executive Committee/General Assembly Meeting.**

The Assembly Meeting of the Network of National Human Rights Institutions in West Africa (NNHRI-WA) was held from 25th – 26th June 2014 in Abuja, Nigeria. The Executive Committee/General Assembly Meeting which was hosted by the Commission centered on the review of the report on the operational activities of the NNHRI Secretariat and the review of major occurrence in human rights and rule of law as monitored by the NNHRI-WA Secretariat from 2013 to date.

➤ **August 14th – 15th, 2014: Validation Workshop on Complaints Treatment Procedure Manual**

The workshop was part of the Swiss Government supported project that engaged a consultant to produce a standardized complaint treatment manual for the National Human Rights Commission. This project expected to produce a framework for the establishment of a Multi-Door Dispute Resolution System. The consultant developed a draft manual which was subjected to a validation process by the staff of Commission who were directly involved in the handling of complaints. They reviewed the draft manual and made inputs towards its finalization. The programme was held from 14th to 15th August, 2014 in Keffi, Nasarawa State.

➤ **September 5th, 2014: Meeting on Formal Presentation of the Draft Complaints Treatment Procedure Manual (CTPM) To NHRC.**

A meeting was held between the Executive Secretary, Pascal Hollinger of the Embassy of Switzerland & Mr Kehinde Aina of Negotiation & Complaints Management Group (NCMG). At the meeting there were discussions on the next steps towards the implementation of the manual. A stakeholder mapping was done and implementation strategies discussed as well as plans for the launching of the final document, after ratification by the Governing Council.

➤ **5th – 6th December, 2014: Midterm Review of Reports Received From Monitors in North East Nigeria.**

The monitors engaged by the Commission with support of UNDP began to send in their reports in July 2014, based on issues that arose from their monitoring issues in the North East. A midterm review was held in Jos Plateau State on 5th – 6th December, 2014. The aim of the review was to streamline the reporting methodology of the monitors to enable the Commission produce a uniform report from all the states involved.

CHAPTER SIX
ACTIVITIES OF ZONAL OFFICES, ABUJA METROPOLITAN OFFICE
(AMO) AND STATE OFFICES

6.0 INTRODUCTION

In line with the commission's mandate to promote, protect and enforce human rights in Nigeria, the Commission established six zonal offices in each geopolitical zone of Nigeria, an Abuja Metropolitan Office at Karu, Nassarawa State, and some State Offices across the country. The establishment of these offices is aimed at increasing visibility of the commission and to make its services more reachable and accessible to the public. Here are some activities of these offices in the year under review.

6.1 ABUJA METROPOLITAN OFFICE {AMO} -KARU

2ND JULY 2014- Courtesy Visit to the Palace of the Chief of the Karu.

Following the relocation of the National Human Rights Commission, Abuja Metropolitan Office (AMO) from Mararaba to Karu, it became imperative for AMO to familiarize itself with stake holders of the community. Staff from the commission visited the Chief of Karu, his Council of Chiefs and other district heads. The aim of this visit was to inform the relevant stakeholders of the presence of the NHRC in Karu and enlighten them on the power, functions and general mandate of the commission, also to solicit cooperation assistance in the promotion and protection of Human Rights in Karu.

➤ **8TH JULY 2014- SENSITIZATION VISIT TO JIKWOYI POLICE DIVISION.**

The Coordinator, Mrs. Yetunde Haastrup and some officers of National Human Rights Commission, AMO Office, paid a courtesy call to the Nigerian Police Division Jikwoyi. They were received by the DPO, CSP Maiyaki Mohammed Baba and his second in command SP Yusuf

Suleiman. The visit was aimed at reminding the police of its partnership with the Commission towards the observance and enthronelement of human rights values in the society. Mrs. Haastrup encouraged the police to look into every matter brought before them, not considering any as trivial. According to the DPO, it was a remarkable visit, having headed police division in Lagos and Abuja, this was the first visit that is geared towards collaborating with the Commission is being witnessed by him, therefore it was highly appreciated.

6.2 ADAMAWA STATE OFFICE - YOLA.

- **March 3rd 2014 - Awareness Campaign on Human Rights**

The NHRC Adamawa State office conducted awareness/sensitization campaign to let people know more about the Commission as well as their rights by distributing handbills to the general public on the streets of Yola from Mudi-roundabout to the Yola Central market.

- **April 4th 2014 - Visit to Prison by NHRC Staff in Adamawa State**

NHRC staff in Adamawa State organized one day prison visit to Jimeta Yola Prison to ascertain the prison conditions. The following were some of their findings:

- Congested Cells as a result of many awaiting trial inmates (ATMs)
- Inadequate drugs in the Prison Clinic
- Non-availability of Ambulance in the clinic for emergencies and related needs
- Insufficient uniforms for convicts
- Insufficient cooking and eating utensils.
- Inadequate intervention for those living with HIV (PLWHAs)

As a follow up on their findings, in respect of inadequate medication for the HIV positive inmates, the Adamawa State office of the Commission solicited for support and an NGO Spring of Hope, assured the Commission of its willingness to assist in meeting the needs of the HIV infected inmates (PLWHAs)

6. 3 AKWA IBOM STATE OFFICE -UYO

- **February 19th, 2014-One-Day Human Rights Violations and Armed Violence Reporting Training for Journalists**

Community Policing Partners in collaboration with NHRC Uyo office organized training for journalists on reporting human rights violations and armed violence. This was organized to ensure compliance with Human Rights best practices by all. It also increased the capacity of journalists in the state on Human Rights issues and its reportage. 68 persons participated in the training amongst which were 3 NHRC staff. The training took place at Conference Hall, Federal Secretariat Complex Uyo.

- **March 12th, 2014- Sensitization programme on The Mandate of NHRC and Basic Human Rights**

The NHRC Uyo office organized a sensitization programme to enlighten the public on the mandate of NHRC, and Basic Human Rights. The activity took place at the Mini Studio Atlantic FM, Uyo.

- **April 24th, 2014- Sensitization Programme on NHRC's Complaint Treatment Mechanism**

A sensitization programme was organized by Uyo staff on the NHRC's Complaint Treatment Mechanism. It was aimed at sensitizing the residents on how the Commission handles complaints, procedures involved and to urge them to take

advantage of the Commission's free services. The activity took place at the Mini Studio of Atlantic FM, Uyo.

- **May 30th, 2014-Media Parley with Journalists on the Mandate of the NHRC/Human Rights Issues**

Journalists in the Akwa Ibom State were enlightened on the mandate of Commission. Various human rights issues were discussed at the forum which held at the Uyo NHRC office premises.

- **July 14th, 2014-Sensitization Programme (Newspaper Publication on Human Rights Issues)**

Sensor Newspaper, a Private Newspaper Publishing Company based in Akwa-Ibom State, signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with NHRC Akwa-Ibom Staff Office to publish Human Rights issues and Human Rights Violation cases pro-bono. Akwa-Ibom State Office with the partner, Sensor Newspaper, carried out Human Rights Enlightenment on the mandate of the Commission, the Complaint Treatment Mechanism and relevant information on human rights issue.

Sensor Newspaper is published every Tuesday. The Commission and Human Rights Issues are featured on the front page and inside column. These are some of the human rights issues captured in some publications so far:

- Poor Parenting, Causes of Child -Sexual Abuse
- Passage of the Child Rights Act : Freedom for Akwa-Ibom Children
- Mandate of the National Human Rights Commission of Nigeria
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

- Protect The Nigerian Child
- Citizens actions can help win Rights Abuse War

- **July 24th, 2014- Skill- Enhancement Training on Human Rights and Community Policing**

The Akwa-Ibom State Office of the Commission, in collaboration with the Nigerian Union of Journalists held Skills -Enhancement programme on Human Rights issues in Community Policing at Conference Hall of Federal Secretariat Complex Uyo. It was organized to build the capacity of journalists in the state on Human Rights Reporting.

- **August 25th, 2014 –Sensitization Programme on Mandate/Complaint Treatment Mechanism**

Akwa-Ibom State Office Coordinator (Tony Igi) was interviewed by Radio Nigeria (Atlantic FM), Uyo on NHRC Mandate/Complaint – Treatment-Mechanism. The NHRC Akwa-Ibom state office organized the programme which was held at the office premises. It was to sensitize the general public on the operations and functions of the Commission, especially in Complaint-Handling.

- **October 16th, 2014-Workshop:’Enhancing Professionalism in the Investigation and Prosecution of Cases’**

Nigerian Police Force organized a workshop on ‘Enhancing Professionalism in the Investigation and Prosecution of Cases’ and NHRC Akwa-Ibom staff participated in the workshop.

The Coordinator of the Akwa-Ibom State office presented a paper on ‘the Rights of Suspects’ at the Workshop. It was organized to build the capacity of Nigerian Police Force Akwa Ibom State Command on investigation and prosecution of cases. The workshop was held at Town Hall, Ikot Ekpene Local Government Council.

Participants were drawn from Investigating Police Officers and Prosecutors across various Police Formations within the Command. All Investigations staff and Complaints Secretariat staff of NHRC were in attendance.

- **November 11th, 2014 - Stakeholders meeting on Violence Free Election in 2015**

Akwa-Ibom State office staff participated in the meeting organized by Akwa-Ibom State Police Command on need for Violence free Elections in 2015. Those in attendance were about eighty participants drawn from Independent National Electoral Commission, NHRC, Nigerian Bar Association, Akwa-Ibom State Branch and other stakeholders. The objective of the meeting was to sensitize the public on the importance of violence free Elections. The meeting was held at Officers Mess Eket Local Government Council.

- **November 20th, 2014 - Police Community Relations Committee Meeting**

Nigerian Police Force, Akwa-Ibom State, command organized a programme at Town hall Ikot-Ekpene Local Government Area Council. The Coordinator, NHRC Akwa-Ibom State Office made a presentation on the mandate of the Commission and its complaint treatment mechanism to members of Police Community Relations Committee and a cross-section of village heads. Members of Police Public Relations Committee, Police Officers from the Area and Divisional Command, Media and staff of the Commission were in attendance and participated at the meeting.

- **December 10th, 2014-Human Rights Day Celebration**

Akwa-Ibom State office joined the world in marking the International Human Rights Day with the theme: 'Human Rights

365'at the NHRC Office premises. Civil Society Organizations, the Police, Non -Governmental Organizations, Labour Unions and National Youth Service Corps members also joined the NHRC Akwa-Ibom staff in the celebration of 2014 Human Rights Day. An Interactive Forum to interface with the public on mandate of the Commission, its complaint treatment mechanism and other Human Rights issues through media was part of activities carried out in commemoration of the day. There were also goodwill messages from the following:

- The State Commissioner of Police-CP Gabriel Achong
- The State Chairman, Nigeria labour Congress (NLC)
- The Executive Director, Community Policing partners(COMPART) Comrade Savior Akpan
- The President, Akwa-Ibom State Association of Widows

6.4 ANAMBRA STATE OFFICE - AWKA

- **17th, 18th, 19th February 2014 – Training on Human Rights Monitoring, Investigation and Reporting**

The Staff of the NHRC Anambra office were trained on Human Rights monitoring, Investigation and Reporting. It was held at Bridge waters Hotels, Enugu. The aim of the training was to improve capacities of the staff on Human Rights Monitoring, Investigation and Reporting; in order to discharge the mandate of the Commission better.

- **9th March, 2014 – Human Rights Radio Sensitization at Radio Sapiensa**

The Radio sensitization activity was held at the F.M station Onitsha, supported by Justice Development and Peace Commission (JDPC). The aim of the program was to sensitize the general

public, the police and law enforcement agencies on human rights principles and processes. Similarly, on 24th March, the NHRC Awka Office and Human Rights Volunteer Corp- an NGO organized a 30 minutes radio-sensitization program also to sensitize the public on human rights and the mandate of NHRC.

- **26th May, 2014 – Advocacy and Awareness Campaign on Human Rights**

The awareness campaign was organized by the Human Rights Volunteer Corp. The advocacy and awareness campaign was held at St. Mark Catholic Church Abagana. In attendance were the police and other law Enforcement Agencies. The role of the NHRC involved utilizing the medium to create awareness to the general public about activities and mandate of the Commission.

- **18th July, 2014 – Human Rights Sensitization Seminar**

The NHRC Anambra state office, with support from United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGS), organized a Human Rights Sensitization Seminar at Chika Okoli Center for Entrepreneur Studies. Staff of the NHRC, MDAs and CSOs were in attendance. The aim of the seminar was to establish the Millennium Development Goals Club, at Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka to promote human Rights in the university environment.

- **12th - 14th August, 2014 – UNICEF Emergency Preparedness, Response Coordination, and Contingency Planning Meeting**

The Commission participated in the UNICEF and NEMA supported program. The program was held at Cripsan Hotel, Abagana. The aim of the program was to build capacities of institutions on emergency preparedness and response coordination whenever the need arises.

- **3rd September, 2014 – Training for Anambra State Police Command**

The Anambra State Office supported the headquarters in organizing the training for the Anambra State Police Command. The aim of the training was to mainstream human rights standards in policing operations in the command. Over 100 police personnel participated at the training.

- **23rd & 25th September, 2014 – Development of an Action Plan for Justice Sector Reform in Anambra.**

The NHRC Anambra State Office participated in the development of an Action Plan for Justice Sector Reform in Anambra State which was held between 23rd – 25th September, 2014 at Marble Arch Hotel, Awka, Anambra State. The aim of the forum was to share ideas with key stakeholders in the justice delivery sector in the state. Representatives of the Police, Nigerian Prisons and Judiciary were in attendance.

- **25th November, 2014 – Violence against Women (VAW) Day Celebration.**

In collaboration with Nigerian Women Unite Campaign Team, the NHRC organized a sensitization forum to mark the International Day on Violence against Women. Participants were from the various communities in Anambra State. The overall aim of the forum was to provide information on rights of women and redress seeking channels when infringements occur.

6.5 BENUE STATE OFFICE -MAKURDI.

- **10th - 11th April, 2014 - Assessment of Internally Displaced Persons Camps in Benue State.**

As a follow up of previous assessment of the state of Internal Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Makurdi by the Executive Secretary,

National Human Rights Commission, Professor Bem Angwe and some of the Commission's staff ; The Protection Sector Working Group (PSWG) organized another assessment visit to the various sites where the internally displaced persons were residing to review the protection level and other human rights issues arising as a result of the recent Fulani crisis in Benue state.

The program was basically aimed at assessing the sites where the IDPs reside, and to conduct a review of the recent security protection challenges of the state as well as analysing the extent of damage of lives and properties and any other human rights issues that have been neglected by the Benue state government concerning the Internally Displaced Persons in the state.

- **1st July, 2014- Assessment Visit to Benue Cement Company**

In response to complaint by community members concerning parking of trucks on both sides of the road by Benue Cement Company, thereby obstructing free movement of vehicles; NHRC Benue office carried out a fact-finding visit to Benue Cement Company site so as to assess, monitor and observe the situation to ascertain the extent of the menace caused by the cement trucks to the community and the environment. A report was sent to the headquarters on the findings.

- **8th & 15th November, 2014- School sensitization in Benue State**

National Human Rights Commission Benue office organized sensitization programs at Hearts and Mind Nursery / Primary School, Government Girls Secondary School, Makurdi, and Padopas Harmony Secondary School, respectively. The aim of the enlightenment sessions was to educate the children on the role of children in promoting human rights. They were also taught what

child rights are and the role of government and society in promoting the rights of the child.

6.6 CROSS-RIVER OFFICE - CALABAR.

- **17th June, 2014 – Seminar on Promoting Girl-Child Education and Hazards of Female Genital Mutilation**

The seminar was organized by CIRDDOC/UNFPA, held at Tinapa Lakeside Hotel, Calabar. Staff from NHRC and Ministry of Education attended. The aim of the seminar was to enhance access to reproductive rights through effective implementation of existing laws, such as Child Rights Law, which prohibits harmful traditional practices against the female gender with particular emphasis on girl- child marriage and female genital mutilation (FGM).

- **18th June, 2014- Visit to Cross River State Police Headquarters:**

Representatives of the Commission paid a follow up visit on the 3rd of June 2014, to the Cross River State Police Headquarters (CID), to access the conditions of the cells. It was observed that the cells were not in habitable condition as they were crowded or congested. It was observed that the State CID did not have enough facilities to accommodate all the suspects, and the delegation from the commission was informed that it was very necessary to detain them, as most of them were alleged to have committed capital offences. The office thereafter sent a report on its findings to NHRC Headquarters for follow up with the Police High Command.

- **31th July, 2014- One Day Stakeholders Forum on Peaceful Elections**

The commission attended a one day stakeholder's forum organized by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC). The aim of the forum was to interact on electoral best practices with a view to holding a successful 2015 elections. The NHRC and the participants shared ideas on the best way of conducting the electoral exercise successfully.

- **19th September, 2014- Workshop for Customary Court Officers**

Staff of the NHRC attended a two day workshop for Customary Court Officers organised by the Judiciary; which held at the College of Health Technology Auditorium, Calabar. The aim of the workshop was to enhance effective service delivery through resource management. Hon. Justice Elias Abua of the Cross- River State High Court presented a paper on the Nigerian Legal System & Judicial Ethics. He emphasized the Independence of the Judiciary and observed that the judiciary was always suppressed by the other arms of government- the legislative and executive - thus affecting its independence, particularly financial autonomy. He looked forward to a more vibrant and effective judiciary for prompt justice delivery

- **10th December, 2014 - International Human Rights Day Celebration**

The Cross River state office of NHRC organized a Road Walk in Calabar to mark the 2014 International Human Rights Day. Various civil society organizations, Ministries, Departments and Agencies of government as well as members of the public participated in the walk. Information, Education and Communication materials of the Commission were distributed during the exercise. The theme of the year's celebration was 'Human Rights, 365 days' meaning that the course of human rights must be advanced all through the year.

6.7 EDO STATE OFFICE - BENIN -CITY

- **January 26th, 2014- Police Training on Basics of Human Rights**

NHRC Edo Office participated in the training on Human Rights for Police Officers drawn from different Area Commands and Divisions of the State. It was to educate Police officers on Human Rights principles. The objective of the training exercise was to educate Police Officers on basics of human rights for better policing, considering their roles as protectors of lives in the society. The training was held at the Police Headquarters Benin. There were 160 Police Officers at the training.

- **March 12th and 19th, 2014-Sensitization Visit to DPO Adesuwa Police Station and Commissioner of Police-Edo State**

Against the background of complaints about torture received over time against police officers at Adesuwa Divisional Police Headquarters, NHRC Staff of Edo State Office went on an Advocacy Visit to the Divisional Police Officer, Adesuwa, Benin; on the need to discontinue torture at the Divisional Police Headquarters. The delegation from the Commission was received by the Divisional Police Officer and other officers and men on ground during the visit. Similar advocacy visit was also embarked on to the Commissioner of Police, Edo State.

- **October 18th, 2014-Workshop on Saving Lives (Sali)**

The Edo State Office carried out Public Enlightenment as a follow up to the workshop carried out by Saving Lives, an NGO, on Abolition of Death Penalty as a form of Punishment in Nigeria. The venue was Vichi Gate Hotel, GRA, Benin City. Those in attendance were staff from NHRC, representatives of the Judiciary, the Nigeria Police and Civil Society Organizations.

- **October 20th, 2014-Programme on Child Protection**

Advocate Sans Frontiers, NHRC Edo Office and Capacity Plus organized a programme on Child Protection at the Ministry of Women Affairs Office in Edo State. It was aimed at sensitizing the public on rights and welfare of the child. Eighty participants were in attendance

6.8 SOUTH EAST ZONAL OFFICE- ENUGU

- **January 25th, 2014-Town-Hall Meeting – South East Zone Office Enugu (SEZ)**

The Enugu Zonal Office organized a Town -Hall meeting with the traditional ruler, elders and leaders of Mbogu Kingdom in Enugu state. The town – hall meeting was aimed at addressing the Customary Law / Practices in the community which affect women’s’ human rights such as widow inheritance, wherein widows are compelled against their will to be inherited by their late husband’s brother or relations. This and similar traditions were shown to violate human rights and the community was urged to desist from such obnoxious practices.

- **January 31st, 2014 – Ozalla Community Town Hall Meeting**

In partnership with Ozalla Community, the Commission organized a Town Hall meeting at the Central School premises Ozalla, Nkanu East, Enugu state on the issue the Osu Cast System which has been an issue of conflict in the community. Indigenes that are regarded as Osu in the community are denied the right to own landed property and inter-marry. This cultural practice has been a cause of tension and conflict in the community. In the course of the sensitization-session, such a tradition was shown to infringe on their right to freedom of association and right to non-discrimination among others. The community leaders were

therefore urged to ensure that such discriminatory practice were no longer carried out in Ozala Community. Victims of the tradition were also encouraged to report to the Commission whenever such incidents arise, for appropriate intervention.

- **17th - 19th February, 2014- UNDP Supported Training on Human Rights Monitoring, Investigation and Reporting**

South East Zonal office staff of the NHRC were trained by UNDP to strengthen the capacity of staff to identify, analyze, investigate, monitor and report on general human rights situations, events or incidents, and cases involving violations with a view to taking appropriate steps. Some of discussions include International human rights law in historical and political context, the main elements of the UN Human Rights System and Overview of principles and guidelines relating to effective investigation and fact – finding of human rights situations events and cases.

- **February 20th - 21st, 2014- Prison Audit to Enugu State Prison (SEZ)**

Prompted by the Prison conditions in the country, the South – East Zonal Office (SEZ) of the Commission being a member of the Enugu State Justice Reform System (ENSJRS) visited Enugu State Prison to ascertain its conditions and level of compliance with human rights standards. As follow up of this exercise, through the recommendations of the office of the Attorney General of Enugu State, the Commission secured the release of seven prisoners who had been on Awaiting trial for over five years. This activity was carried out to address prison congestion as well as reduce the awaiting trial syndrome in Prisons.

- **11th April, 2014- A Sensitization Seminar on Healthcare**

NHRC Enugu Staff attended a sensitization seminar organized by United Healthcare International Limited. United Healthcare International Limited is one of the Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO) to the Commission. The aim was to interact and intimate staff on the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS).

- **11th May, 2014- The Graduation Ceremony of Paralegal Officers of Human Rights Volunteer Corps in Onitsha (HRVC).**

The NHRC South East Zone participated in the above activity where the Zonal Coordinator, Mrs Uche Nwokocha enlightened the paralegals about the activities of the Commission. She urged the Volunteers to contribute in promoting and protecting human rights in their various communities.

- **25th May, 2014- The 19th Anniversary of the Young Catholic Students of Nigeria Enugu Diocese.**

The NHRC, South East Zonal Office, attended the 19th Anniversary of the Young Catholic Students of Nigeria, Enugu Diocese, The occasion served as an avenue to the NHRC to sensitize the students on basic Human Rights Standards.

- **30th May, 2014- Rape Intervention Programme :**

The NHRC South East Zonal office attended the TAMAR Sexual Assault Referral Centre Programme organized by Department for International Development / J4A .The programme known as TAMAR SARC was to improve capacity of the organizations to handle cases of rape. Enugu was being used as a pilot state for the program. DFID used the forum to ascertain the strengthened experience of NHRC and other stakeholders in the program such as WACOL, Ministry of Health and Gender Affairs and Social

Development so far in terms of intervening in rape cases and to strengthen collaboration with DFID.

6.9 EKITI STATE OFFICE - ADO-EKITI

- **20THFebruary, 2014-Steering Committee Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights**

The Commission held a Steering Committee Meeting to develop an Action Plan for the promotion and protection of human rights at Ekiti State Ministry of Justice, Ado-Ekiti. The aim of the meeting was to facilitate the steering committee to oversee the collective process for developing the Ekiti State Action Plan (ESAP). The meeting was aimed at:

- Assessing the current measures in place to protect and promote human rights
 - Identifying areas that need improvement
 - Committing to improving the protection and promotion of human rights
- **11TH March, 2014-Stake- Holders Meeting On the Monitoring Of the Ekiti State Gubernatorial Election**

The NHRC Ekiti Office held a stake- holders meeting on the monitoring of the Ekiti State Gubernatorial election at the NHRC office, Ado-Ekiti. The objectives of the meeting include the following:

- To ensure that the rights and privileges of the candidates and the electorate are not infringed upon
- To map out modalities for monitoring the conduct of Law Enforcement Agents, INEC Officials and other relevant groups or persons during the election

- To ensure that election malpractices were reported to appropriate quarters

Representatives of the Police, Nigerian Security and Civil Defence corps (NSCDC), Federal Road Safety Corps and Immigration were in attendance, among others.

- **29th - 30th April, 2014-A Two Day Meeting of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Technical Working/Group (TWG)**

Staff of the Commission's Ekiti office attended a two day meeting organized by Ekiti State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development to strengthen advocacy, collaboration and resource mobilization for the sustainability of the Ekiti State OVC project.

- **19th - 21th May, 2014- Adaptation of the National Priority Agenda (NPA) On Vulnerable Children of Ekiti State**

The Commission participated in a 3 day meeting organized by the Ekiti State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development at INEC office, Ado Ekiti. The meeting aimed at adapting the National Priority Agenda (NPA) on vulnerable children into Ekiti State long term Action Plan. A staff from NHRC Ekiti office made a presentation on the need and priorities of vulnerable children and proffered mechanisms for responding to the crisis.

- **5th June, 2014-Validation of Ekiti State Priority Agenda (SPA) On Vulnerable Children**

The Commission attended a one day program on validation of Ekiti State Priority Agenda on Vulnerable Children organized by Ekiti State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development held at Hilmalt Hotel, Ado-Ekiti. The objective of the program was to draft an SPA so as to serve as legal institutional framework for the implementation of the Vulnerable Children Program by stake holders. The program provides a guide for policy makers or

programme planners in order to facilitate its implementation at all levels. It is aimed at designing and carrying out interventions to mitigate the impact of being orphans as well as to ensure access to care and support for every orphan or vulnerable child

- **21st June, 2014-Ekiti State Election Training and Monitoring**

The training was organized by NHRC Ekiti office with the aim of educating identified stakeholders such as National Youth Service Corps, INEC, Police, NSCDC, and Immigration staff on the need to ensure that the rights and privileges of the electorate and various Party candidates are not infringed upon.

- **22nd July, 2014- Annual Global Conference for Women Lawyers**

The NHRC Ekiti State Office participated in the Annual Global Conference for Women Lawyers which took place at the Afe-Babalola hall, Ekiti State High Court. The objective of the program was to enhance access to justice for women in Ekiti State

6.10 GOMBE STATE OFFICE- GOMBE

- **January 17th & 24th, 2014-Awareness Campaign To Local Government Areas (L.G.A)**

Staff of Gombe State office carried out human rights awareness campaign on the activities of the Commission by distributing the commission's materials/publications to two LGA Councils, and avillage in Gombe State namely Billiri-L.G.A on 17/01/2014, Katunga L.G.A on 24/01/2014 and Difa Village on 22/02/2014.

They staff met with Chairmen of the Local Government Areas respectively and the Traditional Ruler of Difa Village and enlightened them on the commission's mandate and how to access the free services of the NHRC. They appreciated the Commission's efforts and promised to make use of the services when needed.

- **February 5th & 18th, 2014- Public Enlightenment Campaign on Commission's Mandate, Functions, and Fundamental Human Rights**

Gombe State Office conducted public enlightenment activities on commission's functions, mandate, and fundamental human rights in the constitution and how to access commission's service to the general public. The campaign began from the Emir's palace through Gombe University and Arewa village. The overall goal was to improve the visibility and accessibility of the Commission.

- **February 6th& 7th, 2014- In-House Training on Monitoring and Fact Finding**

NHRC Staff, Gombe State Office organized an In-house training at the Commission's office on Monitoring and Fact Finding. It was conducted to enhance staff capacity in discharging their duties.

- **February 27th, 2014- Monitoring Visit and Sensitization on Commission's Mandate**

NHRC Gombe State Office staff went for monitoring visits to Difa village after the killing of two police officers by some youth. The fact finding visit aimed at ascertaining the facts and circumstances surrounding the crisis. The staff also sensitized the community on human rights and they were enjoined to co-exist harmoniously with the police.

- **March 7th 2014 - In-House Training on Contact Building, Interviewing, Documentation of Human Rights Violations**

NHRC Gombe State Office embarked on series of in-house training sessions in the month of March aimed at enhancing staff capacity to discharge their functions. The training focused particularly on networking with relevant agencies for ease of

referrals, improving interviewing skills and documenting human rights violations.

- **March 13th& 14th – Distribution of Commission’s Information, Education and Communication Materials (IEC)**

NHRC Gombe State Office distributed the Commission’s IEC materials, such as NHRC 2010 Amendment Act to the following: the Nigerian Police Force, Nigerian Prison Service, National Orientation Agency, Ministry of Justice, Media Houses, Nigerian Army, Public Complaints Commission and Federal Road Safety Corps .This was done to create awareness & establish a relationship with these government institutions in Gombe State.

- **March 18th& 19th, 2014 – Visit to Prisons and Police Stations**

Staff of the Commission in Gombe State visited the Gombe Medium Prison, New GRA Police Station, Gombe Divisional Police Station and Pantami Divisional Police Station. The aim of the visit was to assess the state of the detention facilities, whether they met international standards.

- **April 16th, 2014 – Stakeholders Meeting on Policy and Guidelines on Safety of Deported Nigerians.**

Staff of Gombe State Office participated in a stakeholders meeting with Gombe State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) on development of national and international camps for the Nigerians deported from Central African Republic and Cameroun. NHRC Gombe Office attended the meeting and made a presentation on Rights of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and the role of local and state governments in protecting those rights.

- **May 12th, 2014 – United Nations Inter-Agency Multi-Sectoral Needs Assessment Meeting**

Gombe State Office participated in a meeting organized by SEMA on Inter-Agency Multi Sectoral needs assessment meeting. The aim was to assess the challenges posed by the increasing number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and to strategize on how to meet their needs and protect their rights.

- **May 14th – 16th, 2014 -Workshop to Develop a 3 year State Priority Plan for Orphans and Vulnerable Children(OVCs) in Gombe State**

Staff of Gombe State Office of the Commission participated in a workshop organized by Gombe state government aimed at ensuring that rights of OVCs in Gombe state are protected. NHRC Gombe Office elaborated the need for state governments to pass the Child Rights Act to enable protection and promotion of rights of children in the state. The workshop was held at the Ministry of Women Affairs in Gombe State.

- **May 20th, 2014 – NHRC Interview with A.I.T, Gombe**

Gombe state office staff featured in an interview on AIT Gombe. The objective was to highlight activities of the NHRC as well as discuss the state of human rights in Gombe.

- **June 29th, 2014 – Human Rights Awareness Campaign**

NHRC Gombe State Office carried out faith based enlightenment session at ECWA Church Nazareth (Nayinawa). During the occasion, the state coordinator, Yakubu Garfa, sensitized them on meaning and the mandate of the Commission. Participants were mainly the church congregation. The enlightenment session was followed up with a questions and answers forum which was aimed

at appraising the understanding of human rights by those in attendance.

- **August 11th 2014 – Partnership with Civil Society Partners Development in Nigeria(CSPDN)**

In partnership with Civil Society Partners Development in Nigeria, the Commission convened a meeting to evaluate Nigeria's effectiveness in implementing human rights and social protection. Many Gombe State based civil society organizations were in attendance. The meeting reached a consensus that even though there was improvement in human rights and social protection in Nigeria, there was still a lot to be done

6.11 IMO STATE OFFICE -OWERRI

- **February 17th -19th, 2014 -Training on Human Rights Violations Reporting.**

Staff from Imo state office of NHRC participated in the staff - training on reporting human rights violations held at Bridge Waters Hotel Enugu. It was supported by the Nigerian office of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).It equipped officers with more knowledge on the perspectives of monitoring; investigation and reporting of human rights violations or abuses. Participants were drawn from NHRC offices in Enugu, Anambra and Rivers States.

- **February 27th, 2014- Workshop on Monitoring of National Action Plan Implementation.**

NHRC headquarters office organized a workshop on monitoring of National Action Plan Implementation for the South Eastern States of Nigeria at Link Hotels, Owerri. All senior officers from Imo office were in attendance. The meeting was aimed at knowing how far the

south eastern states had gone in the Implementation of the National Action Plan on promotion and protection of human rights.

- **March 12th -21st, 2014- Institutional Capacity Assessment Meeting.**

The Chief Judge of Imo State Hon. Justice B. A. Njemanze invited NHRC for the meeting of major justice sector institutions. Institutions in attendance included Legal Aid Council, International Federation of Female Lawyers (FIDA) Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Public Complaints Commission (PCC), Nigerian Police Force (NPF), Nigerian Prison Service (NPS), Ministry of Women Affairs and Gender Matters, Ministry of Justice, United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC), United Nations International Cultural and Education Fund (UNICEF) Consultants and Women Aid Collective (WACOL).The meeting was held at Bar Centre within the premises of the state High court Owerri, Imo State. The objective was to carry out institutional assessment of major justice sector institutions in Imo State; their capacities, functions and challenges.

- **April 14th, 2014-In-House Training on How to Conduct Investigations, Mediation and Report Writing**

NHRC Imo Office organized a one-day in-house training on how to conduct investigations, mediations and write reports. It was conducted at the office premises. All fifteen staff in the office participated. It enabled the staff to acquire more knowledge on ways to enhance their work.

- **April 23rd, 2014- Human Rights Violations -Causes, Consequence and Remedy**

Ngor Okpala Youth Development Foundation (NOYODEF) organized a seminar on “Human Rights Violations’ at NgorOkpala Secondary

School, Umuneke Ngor Okpala L.G.A, Imo State. The aim of the seminar was to educate the youth of the area on how to actualize human rights protection. NHRC staff from Imo state office were present and a keynote address was delivered by the State Coordinator. It centered on the importance of good behaviour and the negative consequences of anti-social conduct which may lead to conflict with the law.

- **APRIL 30TH, 2014-NHRC MEETING WITH Civil Society Organizations**

NHRC, Imo office organized a meeting with CSOs and activists operating in Imo state. It was hoped that such meetings would be on a regular basis in order to strengthen partnerships. The overall objective of the meeting was to forge closer ties with all stakeholders so as to strengthen the promotion and protection of human rights in Imo State.

- **May 21st, 2014- Meeting on Assessment of the Institutional Capacity of Juvenile Justice Institutions.**

The Administration of Justice Committee in Imo State held a meeting at the conference hall of the Judiciary on assessment of institutional capacity on Juvenile Justice Administration. The purpose of the meeting was to solicit support from relevant stakeholders and institutions, to make necessary arrangements that would afford UNICEF the opportunity to carry out the necessary assessments with the view to giving support to the improvement of Nigeria's Juvenile Justice Institutions. Participants included the NHRC, Legal Aid Council, FIDA, NBA, PCC, NPF, Ministry of Women Affairs, and Gender Matters, Ministry of Justice and a team from UNICEF.

- **May 21st,2014- Public Presentation on Findings from Police Station Visitation week 2013,Imo State Command**

The Imo State Coordinator, Valentine Madubuko represented the Executive Secretary of NHRC at the event organized by CLEEN Foundation at Rock view Conference and Seminar Ltd, Owerri. The event was to present Certificates and give awards to the police stations and individual Police Officers that performed very well in terms of job delivery, human relations, knowledge of the job and dedication to duty. At the end of the event, Umuaka Police Station in Njemba Local Government Area (L.G.A) in Imo State received the best award. Also, the Divisional Police Officer of Umuaka Police Station in Njemba L.G.A. was the best police officer in the state.

- **June 5th, 2014-Civil Society Consultative Meeting**

Staff from Imo State Office of NHRC participated at a meeting organized by an NGO-Centre for Consultative Governance which was supported by National Endowment for Democracy, at Links Hotels, Owerri. NHRC Imo State Office made a presentation on the mandate and activities of the Commission as well as the need to explore partnerships with relevant organizations in the state in order to advance human rights.

The meeting focused on the following:

- To foster understanding on the need for strategic planning that will ensure the aligning of the local agenda with the state agenda for more effective development plan
- To engage the citizens more in governance to ensure effective checks and balances that was necessary to put the government on its toes.

- **September 3rd, 2014: Workshop on the Dissemination of Fiscal Allocation and Statutory Audit Report Disbursement, 2007-2011.**

The Commission participated in the workshop on the dissemination of fiscal allocation and statutory disbursement audit report of 2007-2011, which was organized by the Centre for Gender and Development Initiatives and supported by KoyenumImmalah Foundation. It was held at villa Maria Guest House, Owerri, Imo State. The workshop was in furtherance of initiatives and continuous advocacy actions by CSOs and human rights group that government and its agencies should keep proper accounts of their activities.

- **November 11th, 2014-Seminar on Corruption & Good Governance**

Staff of the Commission participated at the seminar organized by Ngor Okpala Youth Development Foundation (NOYODEF) at Ngor Okpala Secondary School, Umuneke -Ngor,Ngor Okpala Local Government Area, Imo State. The seminar was geared towards consolidating on the gains already made through awareness creation amongst the youth of Ngor Okpala. The Youth were urged to avoid being used as political thugs by politicians.

- **November 12th, 2014-Review of 2014 Annual Work plan and Planning for 2015-2016 Rolling Work Plan For UNICEF-Assisted programmes**

The NHRC Imo State Coordinator, Valentine Madubuko participated in the on-going Annual Work Plan Review that was held at Double K Resort, Otukpo, Benue State. The organizations that participated included Legal Aid Council, National Population Commission, National Human Rights Commission, Child Protection

Network and Independent National Electoral Commission. The aims of the activity were as follows:

- To review the achievements, constraints and lessons learnt vis-à-vis outcomes/ set targets on children and women at the programme component and intermediate result levels.
- To identify unique experiences, good practices and lessons, and examine how the experiences have affected programme implementation.
- To identify strategies to improve in the programme interventions for 2015-2016 Rolling Work Plans.

- **November 12th, 2014- Inauguration of Family Court in Imo State**

The NHRC Imo State Office participated at the Inauguration ceremony of the Family Court System in Imo State to handle children/family matters in compliance with provisions of the Child Rights Act, 2003. The Inauguration was performed by the Chief Judge of Imo State before his retirement on 14th November, 2014.

6.12 NORTH CENTRAL ZONAL OFFICE (NCZ) JOS

- **January 3rd, 2014 – Sensitization/Awareness Campaign on the Rights of Persons Living With Disabilities**

The North Central Zone office of NHRC carried out sensitization / awareness campaign on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in seventeen Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Plateau State to sensitize the general public about rights of persons with disabilities. The delegation of the Commission was received by the LGA representatives and Community Leaders in those Local Governments.

- **January 8th, 2014 Forum Discussion on the Jos Crisis**

Search for Common Ground (SFCG) organized a programme at Vitafoam Warehouse opposite; Crest Hotel Jos. Stakeholders in attendance at the forum included NHRC, Ministries, Departments and Agencies and Civil Society Organizations. The objective was to discuss the likely causes of the recurrent Jos crises and suggestions to prevent future occurrences.

- **January 21st, 2014 -Seminar on Stop Rape Campaign**

A seminar on Stop Rape Campaign was organized by the Jos office of NHRC at the office premises. It was aimed at emphasizing the need to take adequate legal and judicial measures to stop the menace of rape as well as to bring to public attention the prevalent rate of rape cases reported to the zonal office of the Commission. Participants at the event included representatives of the Police, the Judiciary, Health Workers, Federation of Muslim Women, Christian Women Association, Civil Society Organizations and parents of Victims of Rape.

- **February 4th-6th 2014- Workshop on Monitoring, Investigation and Reporting of Violations of International Humanitarian law and International Criminal Law.**

United Nations Development Program (UNDP) conducted a workshop on monitoring and reporting human rights violations for staff of the Commission especially legal and investigation officers at Crest Hotel Jos. The meeting aimed at facilitating learning and knowledge sharing on the proper conduct of human rights related issues and officers were expected to use resource materials provided to enhance their work.

February 19th and March 12th, 2014 - CSO and Security Meetings

Search for Common Ground (SFCG) an NGO; organized a series of meetings for key security agencies and CSO's at National Union of Journalists Secretariat. NHRC staff at the Jos Office participated in the meeting. It was aimed at assessing the current security situation in Plateau State.

- **March 14th 2014- International Day Against Discrimination:**

Staff of NHRC Jos office had an in- house interactive session at the office premises to mark the International Day against Discrimination and its implications for human rights violations. Representatives of media houses were in attendance.

- **March 20th, 2014- Visit to the Plateau State Specialist Hospital**

Officers of NHRC Jos office visited Plateau State hospital to create awareness on human rights, and to solicit their support in encouraging victims to report rape cases. The hospital was also urged to offer free or subsidized services to indigent victims of rape.

May 5th, 2014- Practical Workshop for Judicial Stakeholders

The NHRC Jos Office participated in the practical workshop organized by Ministry of Justice Plateau State at the Ministry of Justice Office. The aim was to discuss challenges and recommend solutions to issues of due process in criminal trials and protect the rights of convicted inmates. There were participants from the Judiciary, the NHRC, other Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government, as well as Civil Society Organizations.

- **May 13th 2014 : ‘Talking Human Rights’**

Search for Common Ground (SFCG) an NGO sponsored a radio program on Plateau Radio Television Corporation (PRTVC) titled “Talking on Human rights” it was a platform to sensitize the general public on human rights, citizen rights, minority rights and accompanying responsibilities.

- **May 28th - 29th, 2014 - Workshop on Regional NHRC/CSO Strategy Development.**

Staff of NHRC Jos office participated at the workshop organized by Search for Common Ground (SFCG) at Crest Hotel, Jos. The workshop focused on the roles that national bodies ensuring protection/ promotion citizen’s rights like NHRC and local bodies like Civil Society Organizations, Non-governmental Organization, and Faith Based Organizations can play to connect various stakeholders and maximize each other’s strength. Issues discussed included strategies for coordinating action in the security sector and human rights.

- **June 18th, 2014 – Legislative Advocacy Training**

The Center for the Advocacy and Justice Rights (CAJR) organized training on Legislative Advocacy at Crest Hotel, Jos. Staff of the zonal office in Jos participated in the training. The aim of the training was to equip participants with the understanding of legislative processes and procedures. It was also to equip law makers with necessary skills for enactment of society- friendly laws.

- **July 14th, 2014 : Visit to Detention Centers in Plateau State**

The NHRC Executive Secretary Prof Bem Angwe, staff from Headquarters and NHRC Jos office visited the Plateau State Command of Nigerian Police Force, Nigerian Prisons Service,

Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps and the Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency. The visit was aimed at inspecting detention facilities of these Law Enforcement Agencies in order to ensure that detention facilities are in compliance with human rights standards.

- **August 11th - 13th, 2014 : Police Staff College Graduation**

The Zonal Coordinator, North Central Zone, Grace Pam, presented a paper at the Police Staff College Jos on fundamental human rights and the need for law enforcement officers to uphold the values of democracy. The Zonal Coordinator and some staff members were present at the graduation ceremony of Senior Police Officers at Police College.

- **August 20th, 2014- Training on Transformational Leadership for Women Leaders**

NHRC North Central Zone, Jos Office organized a training programme for women leaders across all the LGAs in Plateau State at the office premises. The aim was to train them on leadership models and to also enable them promote peace and dialogue in the communities. Ten staff of NHRC were trained along with fifty-five women on Transformational Leadership.

- **September 2nd 2014 –Awareness Campaign on Impact of Activities of National Human Rights Commission**

The Law Student's Society (LSS) University of Jos chapter organized its Annual Law Student's week 2014. Staff of NHRC North Central Zonal office participated and carried out awareness creation on the Commission's mandate and activities. The program took place at the University of Jos.

- **September 29th, 2014 –Meeting of National Human Rights Commission/ Civil Society Organizations**

NHRC North Central Zone, Jos Office organized a meeting with CSOs at the Jos zonal office. The aim of the meeting was to enhance the capacity of CSOs on human rights issues and programming. In attendance were NHRC staff, representatives of Search for Common Ground and Civil Society Organizations from Plateau, Niger, Borno, FCT and Bauchi States offices.

- **October 22nd, 2014 –Validation Workshop on Research Study: “Ending Violence against Women with Disabilities”**

The Special Adviser of Plateau State Government on Persons with Disabilities in partnership with NHRC, Jos zonal office organized a workshop on “Ending Violence against Women”. Staff of the NHRC North Central Zone attended the workshop at Jos office premises. NHRC advocated for the rights of vulnerable groups like Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and albinos. The workshop was aimed at inclusion of PWDs in employment in the seventeen LGAs of Plateau state and in other spheres of social life.

- **October 27th, 2014 –Meeting on inclusion of PWDs in Employment in the 17 LGAs of Plateau state and in the main stream educational sector**

Community Based Development (CBD) a non-governmental organization based in Plateau State, organized an activity on the research conducted to understand the extent, prevalence and consequences of abuses against women and girls with disabilities in Plateau state. NHRC staff from Jos office participated in the meeting which took place at the respective L.G.A’s secretariat.

- **October 30th,2014- Mapping and assessment of the Child Protection System in Plateau State**

This was an activity organized by Child Protection Network (CPN) on mapping and assessing Child Protection Systems in Plateau State. Staff of NHRC North Central Zonal Office participated in the programme together with other stakeholders. The meeting brought to bear some of the challenges impeding stakeholders from effective child protection. The overall goal of the activity was to identify the gaps in child protection systems which prevent stakeholders from making desirable impact, and to provide recommendations on how the solutions would be implemented.

- **November 2013-October 2014- Tactical Leadership and Command Course (TLCC)**

NHRC North Central Zonal Office of NHRC participated in the training program for police officers at Police Staff College, Bukuru Jos. The NHRC made a presentation on 'Human Rights, Extrajudicial Killings and Other Related Actions and sensitised the police officers at the event.

November 1st, 2014- Networking Communities, Influencing Changes in support of Millennium Development Goals (MDG's)

Berom Human Rights Actors, (BHRA), had an activity in NHRC Jos office premises to connect to communities; influencing changes in support of MDGs. Staff of the zone were present in the program to highlight the damages associated with gender based violence. Victims were also urged to come forward to NHRC and make formal report or report to nearest Police stations whenever there was need to do so. The need to stem the tide of human trafficking and gender based violence vis-a-vis implication for human rights was underscored.

- **November 18th, 2014- Workshop on Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV)**

An NGO, Community Based Development, CBD, organized a one day sensitization workshop on sexual /gender based violence at NHRC North Central Zonal office. Staff of the zone participated in the workshop. It was aimed at helping to amplify the voices of women and ensuring state of accountability for sexual/gender based violence before, during and after conflict through strengthened access to justice for women. It was also to increase participation of women in decision making.

- **November 20th, 2014 – Peace Parley 2014: Consolidating Peace and Security in Jos.**

Berom Human Rights Actors (BIHA) organized a forum on consolidating peace and security in Jos with stakeholders on peace building at Mee's Palace; Rayfield Jos. Staff of NHRC, North Central Zonal Office participated in the program. It was aimed at exploring possibilities for sustainable peace in the society and dealing with challenges hampering peace and security.

6.13 KADUNA STATE OFFICE –KADUNA

- **4th February, 29th May, -3rd June, 30th September -9th October 2014: Training of Police Officers on Human Rights**

NHRC held 5 human rights training sessions at the Police College Kaduna. The objective was to mainstream human rights principles into police operations. Police Personnel in attendance were mainly Investigating Police Officers (IPOs) and Charge Room Officers (CROs) . The need to strengthen relationship between the NHRC and the Police in order to advance human rights culture was underscored during the training.

- **21st February, 2014-Inspection of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) at Mando**

NHRC Kaduna office and UNHCR delegation carried out an on the spot assessment of the IDP camp at Mando, Kaduna state. The aim of the inspection visit was to ascertain the state or conditions of living of Internally Displaced Persons in the Camp.

- **9th June, 2014-Meeting with the European Union Delegation**

The meeting was held at the NHRC Kaduna State office. The main objective was to develop a work plan on protection and promotion of Human Rights as well as explore other partnership possibilities.

- **25th June, 2014- Workshop on the Rights and Responsibilities of Media Practitioners**

The program was organized by African Ethics and Theatre Initiative in collaboration with NHRC Kaduna State. The workshop was held at Women Multipurpose Center Kaduna. The workshop was aimed at educating media practitioners on their rights and on the mandate of the National Human Rights Commission. The limits of right to freedom of expression were also discussed, such as slander, libel, amongst others. The need to take advantage of the Freedom of Information Act to improve good-governance was also deliberated on.

- **28th – 30th October, 2014 – Meeting with Advocates Sans Frontiers**

The meeting with Advocates Sans Frontiers was held at National Human Rights Commission Kaduna State Office and the main agenda discussed was on promoting the principles of United Nations Convention against Torture.

- **19th November, 2014 – Sensitization Workshop for Students and Teachers on Addressing Violence**

The workshop was organized by African Ethics and Theatre Initiative in collaboration with NHRC, Kaduna. The workshop was held at Women Multipurpose Center Kaduna and was aimed at educating students and teachers on violence prevention and harmonious co-existence.

6.14 KWARA STATE OFFICE- ILORIN

- **12th August, 2014 - Workshop Sensitization on Child Rights and Protection for School Pupils**

In line with the Commission's functions, NHRC Kwara State office organized a one day workshop/sensitization program by assembling 100 school pupils duly selected from various schools during the summer holidays. The aim was to educate students on their human rights and how they can be protected and promoted by them. The provisions of the Child Rights Act, 2003 were clarified to the pupils.

6.15 SOUTH- WEST ZONAL OFFICE- LAGOS

- **15th October, 2014- Visit to Kiri- Kiri Medium Prison, Lagos**

The Executive Secretary of the National Human Rights Commission, Prof. Bem Angwe led a team of NHRC staff to meet with inmates at Kirikiri Medium prison. The aim of the visit was to assess and investigate the cause of the jail break that took place at the facility.

6.16 NORTH EAST ZONAL OFFICE - MAIDUGURI

- **January 2nd, 2014-Establishment of Child Friendly Spaces (CFSs).**

NHRC North East Zone in conjunction with UNICEF D field office, Bauchi established three Child Friendly Spaces at the door steps of

respective ward/district heads in Umarari, Maiduri and Mafoni. The exercise was carried out to assist children who were traumatized as a result of the insurgency in the state. UNICEF provided the children with recreational items.

July 3rd - 8th, 14th -18th, - 2014-Training on Psychosocial Support (PSS)

Staff of North East Zonal office participated in the opening ceremony of the Psychosocial Support training that took place at Barwee and Pinnacle Luxury Suite Hotel, Maiduguri. Those in attendance were NHRC, Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, UNICEF and Representatives from twelve selected Local Government Areas. The representatives of the Commission also participated in follow up Psychosocial Support Training organized by the UNICEF D Field Bauchi. Fifty-four Master Trainers/ Persons were trained on psychosocial support in Bauchi to further train community volunteers (CV).The aim of the training was to arm participants with knowledge and skills to moderate the distress and traumatic life of people caused by the insurgency in twelve affected selected local government areas of Borno State.

- **August 3rd - 8th,2014-Training of Fifty-four Community Volunteers from three selected Local Government Areas(LGAs) to Support the Internally Displaced Persons(IDPs)**

NHRC North East Zonal office organized a training for community volunteers from three LGAs at Biu Luxury Hotel, Biu and Barwee and Pinnacle Luxury Hotel, Maiduguri. Trainees were drawn from Hawul, Biu and Jere LGAs to support IDPs from attacked towns of Damboa that moved to Biu and Maiduguri.

- **NOVEMBER 17th - 21st ,2014-Training of Twenty Master Trainers on Psychosocial Support(PSS)**

North East Zonal Office participated in the Training of Trainers on Psycho-social Support in Potiskum and Damaturu LGAs of Yobe State at ZadiaHotel, Damaturu. The training was supported by UNICEF D Field Office, Bauchi. Other participants were: Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Nigeria Red Cross, Juma'atul Islam (JNI) Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) and traditional leaders. It was aimed at building the coping skills and capacities of the distressed population in the face of the violence in the region.

6.17 OSUN STATE OFFICE-OSHOGBO

- **May 7th,2014-Stakeholders Roundtable Discussion on the mandate of Police External Oversight Agencies**

This was a stakeholders' consultative forum organized by Justice For All (J4A) in collaboration with CLEEN Foundation at White Plan Suites and Towers, Osogbo Osun State. The aim of the forum was to assess the effectiveness of the Police External Oversight Agencies viz NHRC, PCC, PSC and Ministry of Police Affairs; and how these agencies have been faring in their oversight functions to curtail the excesses of the police as well as explore ways of improving relationships amongst these agencies and the police. Two representatives each of the over-sight agencies such as National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Police Service Commission (PSC), Public Complaints Commission (PCC) and Ministry of Police Affairs) made presentations on the mandate and Act establishing their respective agencies.

- **August 4th,2014- Workshop on Credibility of Elections and Electoral Security: Role of Civil Society Organizations**

The coordinator, Osun state office of NHRC represented the Commission at the workshop on Credibility of Election and Electoral Security: Role of Civil Society Organizations organized by

Jam'at Ta'awunil Muslimeen in collaboration with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation. Objectives of the workshop were as follows:

- To determine factors responsible for electoral violence
- To identify the Role of Civil Society in electoral violence
- To educate the electorates
- To inform the stakeholders on the mandate of the NHRC which its office is newly established in Osun state.

The workshop took place at Iwo City Hall, Iwo, Osun State. Participants included representatives of NHRC, Public Complaints Commission, and Nigerian Police Force among others.

6.18 SOUTH-SOUTH ZONAL OFFICE - PORT-HARCOURT

- **19th - 21st May, 2014- Public Hearing on Demolition and Forced Evictions**

The Commission organized a public hearing on Demolition and Forced Eviction at Port-Harcourt Federal High Court 1. The objective of the public hearing was to deal with matters of demolition of Bundu, Abonema, Eagle Island and Agip water front Communities and to create a forum for the aggrieved Ogoni Communities to be heard over the matter of alleged forceful acquisition of their land by Rivers State Government.

- **23rd June, 2014- International Widow's and Refugees Day**

The South- South Zonal Office joined the world in marking the Widows and Refugee day at the Rivers State Ministry of Women Affairs, Port-Harcourt. The aim of the program was to sensitize the populace on the rights of women (widows inclusive) and to inform them about the Commission's Amendment Act and expanded mandate.

- **24th June, 2014- School Sensitization in Port-Harcourt**

The Commission organized school sensitization to educate pupils on the mandate and powers of NHRC and the NHRC (Amendment Act) 2010. The objective of the sensitization was to enlighten them on human rights, particularly the rights of the child as contained in the 2003 Child's Rights Act. Some of the schools where the sensitization took place include Army Children School, Rumuokuta Girls, Redeemers International School, Janice International Nursery and Primary School, Rummukrushu Secondary School and the Play Pen Montessori Nursery and Primary school.

- **26th June, 2014- Launching of Niger Delta Anti-Corruption Network**

The South South Zonal office participated in a program organized by the Niger Delta Anti-Corruption Network in collaboration with major NGOs in the Niger Delta region. Therein, the Niger Delta Anti-Corruption Network was launched. The objectives of the event were to train the people on using their franchise rights as tool to prevent and combat corruption as well as to emphasize the importance of integrity and accountability in good governance.

- **3rd July, 2014- Media Sensitization**

The South South Office in Port-Harcourt featured in a phone in Radio program on Nigerian Information Radio Station. The medium was utilised to sensitize the public about the Commission and its functions, as well as on how to access its services to remedy human rights infringements.

- **17th September, 2014- Sensitization of Non-Governmental Organizations on the NHRC Act**

The sensitization of Bayelsa Non-Governmental Organizations Forum was organized by South-South Zonal office and was held at

Bangof office Yenegoa, Bayelsa State. The program was to sensitize the NGOs on the amended NHRC Act and the expanded mandate of the Commission as well as to strengthen collaboration between the NGOs operating in Bayelsa State and the Commission.

6.19 SOKOTO STATE OFFICE -SOKOTO

- **27TH June, 2014-Human Rights Protection in the Prevailing Security Situation in Nigeria: The Challenges for the Judiciary**

The public lecture organized by the Law Students Association of Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto Chapter held at the University Auditorium. Mr. Coomassie, Coordinator NHRC Sokoto State office delivered a keynote address on Human Rights and the NHRC Amendment Act on behalf of the Executive Secretary. The guest speaker was Hon Justice Balkisu Bello Aliyu, of the Federal High Court, Yola Division.

- **10TH September, 2014 - Training of Police Officers on Human Rights**

This was organized by the Commission in line with its Training Project for various police commands in Nigeria. The training took place at Police Training School (PTS) Farfaru, where over 100 Police Personnel participated at the training .The objective of the training was to improve the knowledge of the Nigerian Police on human rights standards in order to mainstream such training in their operations.

CHAPTER SEVEN

2014 PRISON AUDIT EXERCISE

7.0 INTRODUCTION:

As part of routine activities pursuant to its mandate; the Commission carried out Prison Visits in 2014 aimed at monitoring the level of compliance with International Human Rights Standards. The Commission led by the Executive Secretary, Prof. Bem Angwe, flagged off the 2014 Prison Audit on the 8th April 2014 at the Kuje Medium Security Prison, Kuje, Abuja, on the 28 and 29. A similar exercise was held at Sokoto and Kebbi States respectively. After the flag off, an audit of the prison was conducted, with a view to identifying the challenges affecting inmate's welfare, access to justice and the general condition of the prison facility. The audit was therefore focused on the following:

- a. The structure of the prisons
- b. Facilities at the prisons
- c. Access to Justice
- d. Welfare of detainees
- e. Welfare of Officers
- f. General information

Besides focusing on above sub heads, the aim was to have a one on one interview with inmates to hear from them if there are special situations that need to be addressed.

Below are reports from the specific prisons audited:

7.1 KUJE MEDIUM PRISON, FCT

a. Structure of the facility:

- i. **Year the prison was built:** The prison was built in 1984 but new cells were added in 2005
- ii. **Capacity:** the prison has a capacity of 560 inmates but at the time of the audit exercise, the prison was holding 745 inmates, 207 convicts and 547 awaiting trial detainees
- iii. The cells are congested, especially the old cells. The hygiene in the old cells is poor and needs maintenance. Some inmates were seen bathing outside the cells.
- iv. **Sanitation:** The prison environment was clean and tidy.
- v. **Toilets:** The toilets in the prison are the pour and flush type and water cistern. While the ones in the new cells are in good condition, the ones in the old cells needs repairs
- vi. **Ventilations:** While the new cells are properly ventilated, the old ones are not

b. Facilities at the Prison:

- i. **Vocational Facilities:** The prison has carpentry workshop, shoe mending, barbing and tailoring. However, these facilities are inadequate, compared to the number of inmates. For instance, there are only two functional sewing machines.

- ii. **Recreational Facilities:** The following recreational facilities were available at the time of the visit – volley ball court and ball, table tennis, football and badminton court. However, the badminton balls and rackets were lacking.
- iii. **Health Facility:** The prison has a clinic that is manned by 3 medical doctors, 19 nurses, 3 health attendants, 4 public health officers, 3 laboratory technologists, 2 pharmacists and 1 psychologist. The clinic has 5 beds and has an equipped laboratory and pharmacy. However, there is no alternative power supply at the Clinic. Though there is a laboratory, it was observed by the technician that the laboratory lacks re-agents for conducting test. There is an X-ray machine that is not in use, not because it is not working but because there is no qualified personnel to man it. According to the health personnel, there are drugs for all ailments and most of the inmates are taken care of by the clinic but where the cases needs referral, they are referred to either the General or National Hospital. There are no scheduled vaccinations for the inmates, even though there are some communicable diseases like chicken pox. Upon admission, inmates are not vaccinated.
- iv. **Transport Facilities:** The prison has 4 green marias which covers covering all the courts within the Federal Capital Territory ranging from Kuje, Gwagwalada, Abaji, Kubwa, Jabi, Maitama, Lugbe, Kwali, etc.
- v. **Source of water:** the prison has 3 bore holes and gets its water from them.
- vi. **Source of Energy:** The prison is supplied energy from the national grid and has a standby generator which is turned on only at night. However, it is not connected to the clinic.

- vii. **Kitchen and food:** the prison has a kitchen, which is a make shift, just a roof over some pillars. When it rains, it may be difficult to keep the rains from disturbing the cooking. Inmates are fed on N200 a day per inmate. The food comprises of eba (cassava flakes), rice, beans, soya bean and dry okro. Due to the poor feeding and lack of balanced diet, most inmates are on self-feeding. During the audit exercise, an inmate was seen selling food and upon inquiry he stated that he cooks the food from what is supplied him by his family.
- viii. **Educational Facilities:** The prison has a fully equipped ICT lab that was donated by the management of Open University. It is used for the training of inmates by the Open University. However, the use of the facility is hampered by inadequate supply of electricity during the day.
- ix. **Uniforms:** The inmates had no uniforms. They were seen wearing their personal clothing.
- x. **Beds/Beddings:** While the new cells have adequate beds and beddings, the old cells do not have. Some mattresses are seen in the floor in the old cells and are very thin.
- c. **Access to Justice:** In the course of the audit, it was observed that 86 detainees have been awaiting trial between 3years and above and that most of the inmates had legal representations either private or by the Legal Aid Counsel. However, 20 inmates were said to have no legal representation; 41 inmates are on bail but are unable to post bail. Furthermore, 23 inmates are affected by unavailability of witnesses; 4 by unavailability of IPOs and 1 with issue of missing case file. The prison could not supply information on the number of persons on

holding charges and those whose cases have stalled as a result of unavailability of Director for Public Prosecutor's advice. Additionally, 20 inmates had options of fine but are unable to pay. For instance, Ibrahim AuduBala was sentenced to 3 months imprisonment or an option of N3, 000. He could not pay the fine.

- d. **General Information:** During the audit exercise, it was observed that they were 3 mentally ill persons in prison; 16 inmates are infected with HIV/AIDS; 10 with TB and 2 with diabetics. While all the inmates were on drugs supplied by the prison authority, one of the TB patients was yet to commence treatment as at the time of the audit, because he was just diagnosed with the ailment. It is however noted that the inmates with communicable diseases are not separated from the others.

e. **Welfare of the Prison Officials:**

- i. **Office Accommodation:** The office accommodation though fair, needs to be improved upon.
- ii. **Office furniture and equipment:** There are computers Copiers and printers. Some offices do not have air conditioners or fans, thus making the office not conducive to work in during the hot season.
- iii. **Uniforms:** While the senior officers buy their uniforms, the junior ones are supplied full uniforms.
- iv. **Residential Accommodation:** The residential accommodation though available, is dilapidated and needs repairs. It is however, not adequate for the officers.

f. **Observations:** At the time of the audit exercise, the following were observed :

- i. The awaiting trial detainees are locked up in the same cells with convicts.
- ii. The prison has a cell where it punishes detainees that go against the rules in prison. They are said to be hand and leg cuffed and left in seclusion for one or two days.
- iii. There were 3 mentally ill detainees in the prison, though the prison does not have Psychiatrists doctors or nurses.
- iv. There was a blind man, Yakubu Madaki, who before his transfer to the prison in March 2014, spent eight months at SARS. He is being charged for culpable homicide.
- v. The security around the prison, given the security situation and the frequent jail break in recent times is poor and needs improvement. For instance, the prison does not have a watch tower that can view security situations from afar. It has one, which sees only within the prison yard. There are no Close Circuit Cameras (CCTV)

7.2 INTERACTION WITH SOME OF THE INMATES

Dr Shaibu Sani Teidi: Has been awaiting trial for about 11 months. He stated that he was charged along with others by EFCC in 2011 before the Federal High Court 3 Abuja, presided over by Justice Adamu Bello now retired. They were granted bail in the sum of Ten Million Naira and one surety in like sum. A condition they perfected. However, during trial, the

matter suffered several adjournments and was subsequently struck out due to lack of diligent prosecution.

According to Dr. Sani, after the matter was struck out, the Complainant, EFCC filed fresh charges, and the accused persons were split, each charge sheet having two accused persons each. He was charged on the same charge sheet with one Udusegbe Omoefe and they were brought before Justice Adeniyi Ademola of Federal High Court 6. Meanwhile, while the other accused persons before other courts were granted bail on the fresh charges based on the existing bail granted by Justice Adamu Bello, Justice Ademola gave the accused before his court fresh bail conditions of 500,000 Million Naira and two sureties in like sum. An application for variation of the bail terms was refused and the matter adjourned sine die. Dr. Sani stated that though he has been able to meet the bail terms, the Judge has refused to sign the warrant letting him out on bail.

Mr. Udusegbe Eric Omoefe: He is awaiting trial for fraud and is the 2nd accused person in the case of FRN v Dr. Sani Shuaibu & Another. He corroborated the statement of Dr. Shuaibu and stated that while Dr. Shuaibu has been able to perfect his bail, he had not and had appealed to the Court Appeal for variation of the bail terms. He further stated that the judge has refused to give approval for the compilation and release of the record of proceedings by the Court Registrar. In order therefore to facilitate his appeal, his counsel has compiled and filed an appeal at the Court of Appeal for variation of the bail terms.

Omoefe stated that on the 12th day of May, 2013, he was served with a charge sheet by the EFCC at their office. On the 14th of May, 2013, he appeared voluntarily in court and the court ordered his detention at Kuje prison, despite the fact that his plea was not taken and the Court's refusal to hear his application for bail, even when the Prosecution did not oppose. The matter was adjourned to 28th May, 2013 but the court did not sit. It was

further adjourned to 4th June, 2013; the application was not taken because the accused persons did not arrive at the court early. The application was again adjourned to 7th June, 2013. On that day, the Judge refused to hear the application, stating that rain fell on the file. The application for bail was eventually heard on the 18th day of June, 2013 and ruling delivered on July 12, 2013 on the following condition – N500Million each and two sureties in like sum. They made an application for variation but the application was not granted.

Yakubu Madaki 39, stated that he was arrested for culpable homicide sometime in August, 2013 and that he spent about 8 months at SARS Abuja before being transferred to Kuje prison at the orders of the Court in February, 2014. Madaki is blind and is been helped around the prison by his case mate. He has no legal representative.

Ejike Onyema is said to have spent 11 years awaiting trial for armed robbery. He was arrested in 2003 and charged before the Chief Magistrate Court, Wuse, Abuja. In 2005, he was transferred to FCT high court 2, Maitama and the case has suffered several adjournments. There is no IPO or witness. The next adjourned date as at the time of the visit was 31st April, 2014. He has a legal representative.

Kabiru Yahaya is said to have been awaiting trial for 9 years for armed robbery. The case has suffered several adjournments and the IPO is said to have died in the course of the trial. At present, there is no IPO, no witness and the prosecutor is often absent from court. He has a legal representative and the next adjourned date is 14th May, 2014.

Monday Oyalatan and Sunday Momoh were charged together for armed robbery and are standing trial before FCT High Court 16 and were granted bail in the following terms – surety with landed property in Abuja, International passport or a bail bond of 2million Naira. They stated that they

were able to get a surety with landed property but the court rejected the surety on the ground that the land was not covered by a certificate of occupancy.

Charles Osu was said to have been charged for armed robbery and is standing trial before FCT High Court 10, Gwagwalada and was last in court on the 22nd of May, 2013. His case is affected by unavailability of witnesses and IPO. He has no legal representative.

David OdeyAgi stated that he was arrested on 28th May, 2006 for armed robbery along with four others and taken to Utako Police Station where they were tortured during interrogation. In the course of interrogation, he alleged that they were tortured by the police led by one Inspector David. He claimed the Police used machete **and plucked out one of his eyes and gave** him a cut across the face. He also stated that he was arrested along with one Chinedu Michael, who died in August 2007 due to the torture he received from the police. He was convicted on 4th November 2013 to life imprisonment.

The NHRC noted this allegation to be brought to the attention of the National Committee on Torture.

John Iyage Austin alleged that he was arrested on 31st August, 2013 and taken to SARS where he spent 3months before been charged to court and transferred to Kuje on 30th December, 2013. While at SARS, he was tortured, his eyes were taped and he was coerced to reveal his ATM pin number which he did. While he was still in detention, the sum of 250 thousand naira was withdrawn from his account by two SARS Police officers, Sgt Austin Oche and Insp. Buba. Upon report to the authority about 137 thousand naira was returned. He also stated that he was granted bail in the 9th April, 2014 on the following terms: a civil servant on grade

level 10, a traditional ruler or a bail bond of N500,000. But he has not been able to perfect the bail condition.

Mr. Tumbu Formanka Bartholomew, a citizen of Cameroun alleged that he was arrested 1st August, 2013 by ICPC in Lagos and taken to Abuja on the 2nd August 2013, and was remanded at the Civil Defense Headquarter detention center, where he was made to sleep on the floor for 47 days without charge. He was not allowed to communicate with his family, lawyer or friends. He was thereafter transferred to the ICPC detention center where he spent another 14 days before he was granted administrative bail on 25th September, 2013. On the 6th of October 2013, he was charged to court and was released on bail, only to be rearrested on 19th November, 2013 and charged for false information before Justice Adamu Bello (now retired), and the Court ordered his remand at Kuje prison. His case was transferred to Justice Shenchi's court. An application for bail was brought before him but he refused to rule on the application and has proceeded into hearing the substantive matter. The case was adjourned to 27th May, 2014 for motion on jurisdiction.

Dr Mohammed N Yunus stated that he is a lecturer at Kogi State University, Ayangba, that he was arrested in Jos in connection and charged for terrorism. He alleged that he was arrested by DSS in July, 2013 and kept at their detention facility for 3 months. He claimed that while at the DSS detention facility and in the course of interrogation, he was tortured to confess to the allegation that he had connections and was a member of the terrorist sect, Boko Haram. His torturers used electric shock, blind folds, mortar and pestle, choked him by putting his head in bucket of water and pouring alcoholic wine on his face. To stop the torture, he confessed to being a member of the sect. The detainee showed the monitors scars of wounds on his body, indicating that he was tortured. He has a team of lawyers defending him and his co-accused.

Alhaji Salami Abdullahi is charged with Dr Mohammed N Yunus. He alleged that he was arrested by the DSS in Ayangba, Kogi State on allegation that he was a member of the Boko Haram sect. He stated that though he was not physically tortured, he was detained in a dark cell and in seclusion for 3 months and forced to make a confessional statement, stating that he was a member of the Boko Haram sect.

MUSA UMAR, Co-accused with Dr. Yunus, stated that he was arrested in Kano by DSS and taken to Abuja and kept in detention for about three months. At the DSS detention facility, he was tortured – blind folded, beaten, his head soaked in a bucket full of water, and made to confess to being a member of book Haram.

UsmanSani, Abdulraman Musa, Abdullahi Lawal, Mahmud Mohammed, Ibrahim Musa Abba, are charged before Federal High Court 6 for alleged terrorism. According to them, they have no legal representation. Their next adjourned date is 22nd May, 2014.

Jimmy Abba, Micheal Manu, Mark Iliah, Abimellbidum, Sadik Ali Amadiya, Dang Winifred, Yambali Umaru, Isah Kano, are all standing trial for alleged terrorism. They have legal representation.

PTE Kabiru Abdullahi was a private in the Nigerian Army. He stated that while serving in the Army in Kaduna State, he obtained a permission to travel to Auchi, Edo State and visit his family and the request was approved. On his way, he was attacked by some persons and in self defense, he killed one of them. He was subsequently tried and sentenced to death in November 2013. He is yet to appeal the sentence because he has no resources to engage the services of a lawyer for the appeal.

7.3 SOKOTO PRISON

a. Structure of the Facility:

- i. **Year the prison was built:** The Sokoto prison was established in 1908.
- ii. **Capacity:** The prison has a capacity of 576 with 663 inmates comprising 652 males and 10 females. 16 condemned; 16 lifers and 413 ATM and 249 convicted inmates. The prison has staff strength of 180 officers.
- iii. The prison cells were congested except for the female cells and poorly ventilated.
- iv. **Sanitation:** The prison environment was neat but the drainage system was bad, with smelly gutters.
- v. **Toilet:** The toilets are the pour and flush type while some are pit toilets.

b. Facilities at Prison:

- i. **Vocational Facilities:** The prison has various vocational activities like welding, carpentry and tailoring. There are nine (9) inmates who are attached to the welding workshop; fifteen (15) inmates are attached to carpentry while eight (8) inmates are in tailoring workshop. The workshops lack adequate working tools such as jigsaw, spray machines and square for the carpentry workshop. The tailoring workshop has only two sewing machines that function while others are bad.
- ii. **Recreational Facilities:** The following recreational facilities were available at the time of the audit - football, table tennis, card and ludo.

- iii. **Health Facilities:** The prison had a dispensary, with 2 nurses, 3 Health attendants and 2 public health officers. Though it had some drugs, its preservation was poor as the room where the drugs were kept had no light. Inmates with serious medical conditions are usually transferred to the Usman Dan Fodio University Teaching hospital or the General Hospital for medical attention. As at the time of audit four inmates with various medical conditions had been transferred to the Usman Dan Fodio University Teaching hospital. The prison has 22 mentally ill inmates and the dispensary does not have adequate drugs to take care of their health challenges.
- iv. **Transport Facilities:** At the time of audit the prison had only 2 functional green Maria buses and no ambulance. The Mini buses serve all the courts in the State. There was no ambulance.
- v. **Source of water:** The prison is supplied water from a water tanker once or twice a day but it is inadequate for the need of the prison. There is a pumping machine to pump water to the overhead tank when the public water supply is on but that is a rare situation.
- vi. **Source of Energy:** The prison gets their electricity supply from the national grid but it is hardly ever constant. There is also no stand by generator in the prison. It uses lanterns as alternative source of energy.
- vii. **Kitchen Facility:** The prison has a kitchen, which is a make shift, just a roof over some pillars.
- viii. **Educational Facility:** The prison has a functioning ICT lab with a total of nine (9) computers but three (3) computers

were not functional. Some prison officials assist in teaching the inmates various subjects to prepare for National Examination Council (NECO) exams. 76 inmates were reported to have written the NECO exams and were awaiting results to proceed to gain admission at the National Open University. Meanwhile, 30 inmates are also acquiring some industrial skills in making soap, Vaseline, balm, bleach and air freshener.

ix. **Uniforms:** Most of the inmates had no uniforms.

x. **Beds/Beddings:** Most of the cells did not have beds or mattresses so inmates either sleep on the bare floor or on mats.

c. **Access to Justice:** The Sokoto State comptroller of prison mentioned that she was working closely with the Chief Judge of Sokoto State to fast track trials of inmates and significant progress has been recorded. Despite that, the following issues were observed under the access to justice:

i. **Inmates on Holding Charge:** 77 inmates were found to be on holding charge.

ii. **Number of inmates without DPP's legal advice:** 100
inmates' cases were affected by non-availability of DPP's advice

iii. **Number of inmates who cannot pay fines:** 21 inmates
were unable to pay fines. For instance, Abdulrashid Yakubu, Ahmed Bello and Auwal Mohammed were sentenced to 1 month imprisonment with an option of N3000 fine which they were unable to pay.

iv. **Inmates who could not post Bail:** 22 Inmates were granted bail but were still imprisoned because they could not post bail.

v. **Inmates that have spent 3 years and above awaiting trial:** 10
inmates have spent 3 years and above awaiting trial.

d. Welfare of Inmates

- i. The cells are congested and poorly ventilated
- ii. **Feeding:** Inmates are fed on N200 a day per inmate. The food comprises of eba, rice, beans, soya bean and dry okro. The quality is very poor.
- iii. **Toilet System:** Inmates use pour and flush system and pit toilets.
- iv. **Classification of male and female cells:** the cells are properly demarcated between the male and female inmates. The female cells are manned by female warders.

e. Welfare of Prison officials:

- i. **Office Accommodation:** The office accommodation inadequate and poorly ventilated. It is not enough for the officers.
- ii. **Office furniture and equipment:** The offices are poorly equipped. The file cabinets are broken; there are no functional computers, printers or copiers. The offices do not have functioning air conditioners and the fans are old.
- iii. Barracks/Residential Accommodation is not available.

f. General Information

- i. **Pre/Post Natal Facilities:** There are no pre or post natal facilities in the prison, despite the fact that it holds female inmates. As at the time of the audit, there were 2 pregnant women in prison. One was sentenced to 22 months for mischief in burning. She was 7 months pregnant, transferred from Kongagora prison in Niger State and had not visited the hospital for ante-natal

- ii. **Number of Minors in Prison:** At the time of the audit, a girl of 14 years was found in prison.
- iii. **Number of Mentally Ill inmates:** 21 Inmates were said to be mentally ill at the time of the visit. However, they were said to be on drugs dispensed by a nurse
- iv. **Number of Lifers:** There were 16 lifers
- v. **Inmates with Life Threatening Ailments:** At the time of the audit, there were 10 HIV; 4 diabetics; 2 tuberculosis and 21 mentally ill inmates. There were said to be on drugs. However, it was reported that there is no special diet for the diabetic inmates.

Observations: As at the time of the audit exercise the following was observed

- i. The cells were congested, poorly ventilated and unkempt.
- ii. There are 22 mentally ill inmates in the prison but no psychiatrist to take care of their ill health. The drugs for them was said to be inadequate.
- iii. At the time of the audit exercise, there was a 14 year old girl sentenced to 3 months imprisonment by an Upper Sharia Court. She was kept with female adult inmates
- iv. A female inmate was found in the prison with her 16months old baby.
- v. The prison has no proper place of worship for Christian inmates.

The Commission brought the issue of Children-in-Prison to the attention of the Chief Judge and is following up to reverse the trend.

7.4 INTERACTION WITH THE INMATES

S/N	NAME	CHARGE	COMMENT
1.	Zula Yakubu(F)		ZulaYakubu was said to have been detained at the order of Magistrate Court Isah along with her husband. Her husband, LawalYakubu was said to have fought with a neighbour. At the time of the audit, she had spent 6 weeks in prison with her 16 months old baby and her husband, leaving four (4) of her other young children at home unattended and with no one to look after them. The Commission took up the matter with the State Chief Judge and also recommended that Judicial Officers should consider rights of the child while making custodial orders especially in cases of this nature.
2.	Aisha Shehu		Aisha Shehu, 14 year old was sentenced to 3 month imprisonment by an Upper Sharia Court for deserting her marriage and marrying another person. According to Aisha, she was married to her first husband and

			three months into the marriage, she was divorced. Thereafter, she got married to another person but her first husband took her before the court, claiming that he did not divorce her. The Upper Sharia Court therefore ordered that she be remanded in prison for 3 months. ACTION TAKEN: The matter was reported to the Chief Judge of the State who promised to intervene. Upon investigation, it was discovered that Aisha Shehu has been discharged.
3	James Audu		Was said to have been convicted in 2013 by the High Court Sokoto for attempted robbery but he cannot appeal because he has no funds to appeal. Meanwhile cumulatively, he has spent 8 years in Sokoto prison. The Commission wrote to Legal Aid Council, Sokoto State to provide legal services to the indigent inmate and recommends that where LAC is providing services to indigent persons; the Courts should give waiver to processing fees.

7.5 INDUSTRIAL PRISON KEBBI (KEBBI NEW PRISON)

a. Structure of the Facility:

- i. **Year prison was built:** The prison was built in 1995 and has not been renovated since then.
- ii. **Capacity:** The prison was built to hold a capacity of 240 inmates. As at the time of audit there were 159 convicted inmates and 1 ATM.
- iii. It is a convict prison and properly ventilated.
- iv. **Sanitation:** The prison environment was neat but the gutters and drainages were untidy.
- v. **Toilet:** The toilets are not in good condition and need urgent attention.

b. Facilities at Prison:

- i. **Vocational Facilities:** The prison has the following vocational activities welding, tailoring and carpentry workshop. The prison also has a functioning laundry where clothes of prison officials and clothes from outside the prison are washed and ironed by inmates. A shirt cost N10 while a complete traditional wear cost N20. The money is paid into the prison funds.
- ii. **Recreational Activities:** The following recreational facilities were available at the time were football, table tennis, playing card and ludo.
- iii. **Health Facility:** The prison has a five bed clinic, manned by a doctor and nurses.
- iv. **Source of water:** The prison has borehole that was donated by the Kebbi State government.
- v. **Source of energy:** The prison is connected to the national grid.

- vi. **Kitchen and feeding:** The kitchen is out in the open with no overhead covering. The food comprises of rice, beans, eba,(cassava flakes) groundnut soup, corn food, okro.
- vii. **Uniforms:** Most of the inmates had uniforms but the uniforms were old and worn out.
- viii. **Beds/Beddings:** Some of the cells did not have beds and mattresses for inmates.
- c. **Access Justice:** In this prison all the inmates have been convicted and are serving out their sentences.
- d. **Observation:**
 - i. It was observed that most of the inmates were afraid to speak to the NHRC monitors.
 - ii. The prison has no place of worship for the Christian inmates.
 - iii. Inmates are put through punishments such as beating or being locked in dark solitary cells for a day or two.
 - iv. The inmates requested that the vocational facilities should be improved upon as most of them are ready to learn vocations but there are no facilities. One of them pointed out that the school activities which hitherto was used to teach them how to read and write was discontinued because there was no instructor
 - v. The funds generated from the vocational trade of the inmates is not saved for them but used by the prison authorities.

7.6 KEBBI OLD PRISON

a. Structure of the facility:

- i. **Year the Prison was built:** The prison was built in 1912 and renovated in 2009. It was built with a capacity to house 200 inmates. At the time of the audit, the prison had 200 lock-up, 197 males and 3 females, 21 convicts and 179 awaiting trials
- ii. The prison was congested and poorly ventilated.

- iii. **Sanitation:** The prison environment appeared clean but the drainages and gutters were untidy and smelly.
- iv. **Toilet:** The toilets are the pour and flush type while some are pit toilets. There are also no proper bathing rooms.

b. Facilities in the Prison:

- i. **Recreational or vocational facilities:** The prison has no recreation and vocational activities.
- ii. **Health facility:** There is a dispensary/observation room, manned by a nurse. Where there are serious health challenges, the inmates are taken to government general hospital for treatment.
- iii. **Source of water:** The prison's has borehole.
- iv. **Source of electricity:** The prison is connected to the national grid. It uses lantern as alternative source of energy
- v. **Kitchen Facility:** The prison has a kitchen, which is a make shift, just a roof over some pillars.
- vi. **Uniforms:** Most of the inmates had no uniforms.
- vii. **Beds/Beddings:** Except for the female cells, most of the cells lacked beds or mattresses so inmates either sleep on the bear floor or on mats.

c. Access to Justice: The Comptroller of Prison, Kebbi State stated that most of the inmates are on holding charges, as they await the legal advice from the office of the Director of Public Prosecutor (DPP). Some of them are awaiting movement to other parts of the State such as Zuru, Yauri, etc, where they would stand trial.

Ladi Danjuma, accused of Homicide has not appeared in court for over 2 years on the excuse that her case file was missing.

d. Welfare of Inmates

- i. The cells are not overcrowded but poorly ventilated
- ii. **Feeding:** Inmates are fed on N200 a day per inmate. The food comprises eba(cassava flakes), rice, beans, groundnut soup, corn food and dry okro. The quality is very poor.
- iii. **Toilet System:** Inmates use pour and flush system and pit toilets.
- iv. **Classification of male and female cells:** The cells are properly demarcated between the male and female inmates. The female cells are manned by female warders.

e. Welfare of Prison officials:

- i. Office Accommodation: The office accommodation inadequate and poorly ventilated. It is not enough for the officers.
- ii. Office furniture and equipment: The offices are poorly equipped. The file cabinets are broken; there are no functional computers, printers or copiers. The offices do not have functioning air conditioners and the fans are old.
- iv. Barracks/Residential Accommodation is not adequate.

f. General Information

- i. **Pre/Post Natal Facilities:** There are no pre or post natal facilities in the prison, despite the fact that it holds female inmates.
- ii. **Number of Minors in Prison:** At the time of the audit, there were about 10 minors in prison.
- vi. **Number of Mentally Ill inmates:** 6 Inmates were said to be mentally ill at the time of the visit.
- vii. **Number of Condemned:** 1 woman was condemned.

viii. **Inmates with Life Threatening Ailments:** At the time of the audit, there were 4 HIV; 1 diabetic; 1 tuberculosis and 6 mentally ill inmates. There were said to be on drugs. However, it was reported that there is no special diet for the diabetic inmates.

g. Observation:

- i. Except for the female cells, the male cells are congested and poorly ventilated
- ii. Many of the inmates were observed to be underage.
- iii. The prison has only a mosque for Muslim inmates but there is no proper place of worship for the Christians.
- iv. Most of the cells had no beds or mattresses.
- v. Two blind inmates were discovered, Bokolo Alhaj iGambo was said to have gone blind while in prison.

7.7 INTERACTION WITH THE INMATES

S/N	NAME	CHARGE	COMMENT
1.	Fatima Aliyu	Murder	She fought with her husband and hit him with a pestle on the head which killed him in the process. Inmate claimed that she suffers from memory loss sometimes; that at the time she hit her husband with a pestle, she thought she was being attacked by a wild animal. The Commission recommended that the inmate be subjected to psychiatric evaluation before trial.
2.	Sadatu Aliyu	Murder	She murdered her 2 year old nephew. She also claims to have a mental problem and usually has no knowledge of anything she does in that state. The Commission recommended that her psychiatric condition should be looked into before her trial.
3.	Bokolo Alhaji Gambo		Bokolo went blind while in prison and has been granted bail for over two years but no relative of his has come to take him away from prison. The Commission recommends

			that before inmates are taken into custody, their proper and detailed records should be taken to facilitate family tracing. Furthermore, the Commission stated that the prison is not a punitive facility; therefore Courts should always take into consideration the condition of the inmates before making holding orders.
4.	Ibrahim Durwa	Robbery	Ibrahim is blind and has been blind for over ten years. He is been remanded at the order of a Magistrate Court for robbery. The Commission took up the matter with the State Chief Judge.
5.	Mubarak Umaru	Murder	Mubarak is 17 years old and was said to have spent 1 year and 4 months awaiting trial for murder.
6.	Usman Umar	Fighting	Usman is 17 years old and has been awaiting trial for 4 months at the order of a Magistrate Court for fighting.
7.	Babangida Shehu	Fighting and Rape	Babangida stated that he is 17 years old. He was charged for fighting and rape. Ordered to be

			remanded by an upper Sharia Court. At the time of the audit exercise, he had spent 2 days in prison detention.
8.	Saidu Garba	Fighting	Saidu is said to be about 16 years old. He has spent 8 months in prison awaiting trial for fighting. He has a scar on his head.
9.	AmaduBashiru	Fighting	Amadu stated that he is below 17 years and have been in prison detention for over a year, charged for fighting.
10.	SanusiAliyu	Fighting	Sanusi stated that he is below 17 years and have been in prison detention for over a year, charged for fighting.
11.	Hussani Umar	Rape Alleged	Hassaini 17 years old, has been in prison for over 1 year on charges of rape.
12.	Kabiru Adamu	Rape Alleged	Kabiru stated that he was less than 17 years and has been remanded in prison for over 1 year on charges of rape.
13.	NamataDawa	Fighting and Murder	Nanata is 16 years and has been in prison custody for over 1 year on charges of fighting and murder.
14.	Yaka Bamayi	Fighting	Yaka is less than 18 years but has been in prison custody for over 1 year on charges of

			fighting.
15.	Muktar Abdullahi	Fighting and Murder	Muktar stated that he was less than 18 years but has been in prison custody for about eighteen months.
16.	Abubakar Shedieko	Fighting	He has been on remand for about three years awaiting trial.
17	Ibrahim Sarkin Fulani	Culpable Homicide	Ibrahim is less than 17 years. He is being held for murder and had wounds on his hand and head. The wound on his hand is not healed and needs medical attention. He is remanded in prison at the orders of Chief Magistrate Court 1 Kebbi. His case file is before the DPP for legal advice. Meanwhile he is detained at the prison
18	Ladi Danjuma	Homicide	Ladi has been in prison custody for over 2 years. Her case file is said to be missing and she has not been to court for over 2 years. Her last court appearance was when she was ordered to be remanded in prison custody on 3 rd of May, 2012.

The trend of Children in Prison was of serious concern to the NHRC .The Commission therefore brought its findings of children in this prison to the attention of the relevant Institutions and the Commission is following them up.

7.8 RECOMMENDATIONS

Ministry of Internal Affairs/Nigerian Prison Services

1. The Prison service should make provision for the vaccination of inmates against communicable diseases such as TB, chicken pox, meningitis, etc, upon admission into the Prison.
2. Upon admission, inmates should be immediately subjected to medical test to ascertain their health and mental status.
3. A Radiographer should be engaged by the prison services.
4. CCTV should be installed in prisons
5. Watch towers should be built around the prisons
6. Mentally ill detainees should be transferred to a mental home or psychiatrists should be engaged by the prison authority to work at the clinic
7. More vocational facilities should be provided for the prison, while existing ones should be improved upon
8. The nutritional value of food provided for inmates should be improved on
9. Prison officials should discontinue the practice of using punishment cells as a disciplinary action against detainees.
10. Awaiting trial detainees should be separated from the convicts
11. There should be ante natal provisions in prisons that hold female inmates.

Judiciary

1. Criminal cases should be tried expeditiously in order to eradicate issues of detainees spending long time awaiting trial
2. The phenomena of holding charges which is unknown to the Nigerian law should be discontinued
3. DPP should expedite actions in giving its advice when it is sought

4. The Chief Judge of both the FCT and Federal High Courts should visit the prisons and have sittings there more often so they can discharge persons affected by issues that prolong their stay in prison
5. Juveniles should not be sent to prisons but juvenile or reformatory homes

Nigeria Police Force

1. The Nigeria Police Force should bring to a halt the practice of arresting persons before carrying out investigation into alleged offences.
2. Where the police arrest alleged offenders for capital offences, they should charge them before courts that have jurisdiction to try capital offences as against taking them before courts that have no jurisdiction.
3. Police should device acceptable means of obtaining information from alleged violators instead of resorting to torture

CHAPTER EIGHT

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

8.0 INTRODUCTION

The National Human Rights Commission Amendment Act 2010 in Section 5(h) enables the Commission to participate in such manner as it considers appropriate in all international activities relating to the promotion and protection of human rights. This provision enables the Commission's participation in international trainings, workshops and conferences by staff aimed at improving the capacity of staff to discharge the mandate of the Commission.

This chapter therefore highlights the Commission's participation in international programmes.

8.1 HIGHLIGHTS OF SOME ACTIVITIES

The table below highlights the international activities in which the Commission participated in 2014

S/N	DATE	PROGRAMME	VENUE AND NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM NHRC NIGERIA	AIMS/OBJECTIVES
1	14th to 23rd February, 2014	Regional Debate on Rights of the Child	Casablanca – Morocco. One participant from NHRC Nigeria	Book fair aimed at projecting issues on Rights of a Child
2	28 th April – 12 th	55 th Ordinary	Luanda, Angola	➤ To consider and

	May, 2014	Session of the ACHPR	One Council Member and two participants from NHRC Nigeria	analyse the periodic reports of member states and its special mechanisms. ➤ To consider reports of country visits and special missions to countries experiencing political and social unrest ➤ To present a report on the role of the Commission vis-a-vis the conflicts in North East Nigeria
3	5 th to 9 th May, 2014	Training Course for National Human Rights Institutions on International Human Rights Mechanisms	Geneva, Switzerland. One participant from NHRC Nigeria	➤ To enhance capacity of Human Rights Institutions on International Human Rights Mechanism. ➤ To liaise/interact with other Human Rights Institutions on

				International Human Rights Mechanisms. ➤ To promote networking with other Human Rights Institutions as well as with the International Coordinating Committee of HRIs and the FES. ➤ To develop a plan that outlines how to make most effective use of the knowledge obtained during the course for the benefit of NHRIs
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4	12 th to 24 th May, 2014	International Visitor Leadership Programme	USA. One participant from NHRC Nigeria	➤ To cultivate lasting relationships between current and emerging professionals around the world and their American counterparts ➤ Provides opportunities for foreign opinion makers to gain firsthand knowledge about US society, culture and politics
5	13 th to 16 th May, 2014	Training Course on Introductory Certificate in Public Procurement	Washington, USA. One participant from NHRC Nigeria	➤ To provide participants with a clear understanding of the principles of effective public procurement, the generic

				procurement process and the role of corporate and transactional procurement ➤ To provide participants with the capacity to plan, implement and evaluate a sourcing process appropriate to the value/risk of the category being procured ➤ To provide participants with Knowledge of what rules and procedures govern UN and public procurement and why they exist.
6	2 nd to 6 th June, 2014	Righting Wrongs: Ombudsmen, Justice and Public Service	London, United Kingdom. One participant from NHRC Nigeria	➤ To improve capacity to manage investigations, produce effective reports, communicate with the public

				and other key stakeholders and deal with the media. ➤ To make international comparisons and identify areas for developing and improving our own ombudsman systems. ➤ Develop practical skills in managing the business of the office. ➤ To learn from the experience and expertise of UK ombudsman offices, parliamentarians, lawyers, civil servants and leading Ombudsman scholars and practitioners. ➤ To broaden knowledge on the concept and
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				institution of the Ombudsman and variations of the Ombudsman model.
7	8 th to 27 th June, 2014	35 th Annual International Human Rights Training Programme (IH RTP)	Montreal, Canada. One participant from NHRC Nigeria	➤ To use framework based on internationally accepted human rights standards and principles to analyse issues and situations encountered by participants in their various organizations ➤ Identify ways in which human rights education (HRE) can increase the effectiveness of their human rights work ➤ Integrate a participatory approach into human rights education and work

				➤ Indicate appropriate ways for putting the learning from the IH RTP into practice in the work of participating organizations ➤ Explore networking opportunities essential for furthering the course of human rights ➤ Determine strategies for promoting gender equality in human rights education work ➤ Employ a basic evaluation process for accessing the results of human rights education work
8	10 th to 12 th June, 2014	Civil Society Consultation	Gaborone, Botswana.	➤ To bring together diverse actors from multiple

			One participant from NHRC Nigeria	countries who will work together to explore new ways technology can increase their organisations 'digital literacy, growth and outreach potential.
9	11 th to 15 th August, 2014	Mediation and Negotiation Training for National Human Rights Institutions	Malaysia. Two participants from NHRC Nigeria	➤ To enhance the capacity of National Human Rights Institutions to undertake mediation and negotiation as well as to increase awareness about the use of these two core skills in overcoming challenges confronted in promoting and protecting human rights in national jurisdictions

10	25 th to 27 th August, 2014	NANHRI/RWI Thematic Training Workshop for African National Human Rights Institutions on Monitoring the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Uganda. Two participants from NHRC Nigeria	➤ To enhance the capacity, and in doing so, the role of NHRIs and their regional cooperation mechanisms to effectively fulfil their mandates of promoting human rights in Sub-Saharan Africa
11	1 st September, 2014 to 31 st January, 2015	“BUDAPEST ACADEMY OF DIPLOMACY” Research and Training Programme 2014 of the National University of Public Service	Hungary. Two participants from NHRC Nigeria	➤ To promote good governance in public administration ➤ To build capacity on intercultural awareness. ➤ To look at regional security challenges as a threat to peaceful co-existence between nations. ➤ To consider Migration as a security challenge and how this affects good governance.

12	16 th to 18 th September, 2014	African Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights	Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia. Two participants from NHRC Nigeria	➤ To promote multi stakeholder dialogue and co-operation on business and human rights and on the implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, including development of National Action Plans and access to effective remedies
13	10 th to 14 th November, 2014	NANHRI/RWI Foundation Course for African National Human Rights Institutions 2014	Tanzania. Two participants from NHRC Nigeria	➤ To explain basic human rights concepts ➤ To Identify the main international and regional instruments or sources of human rights law ➤ To create awareness on the

				monitoring mechanism for human rights (UN Treaty Bodies, Special Procedures and Universal Periodic Review) as well as regional monitoring mechanisms ➤ To understand the roles and functions of NHRIs and their co-operation and engagement with international, regional and national human rights partners
14	17 th to 19 th November, 2014	9 th Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing+20)	UN Conference Centre, Addis-Ababa. Two participants from NHRC Nigeria	➤ To review the Beijing+20 African Regional report based on the inputs received from member states ➤ To identify key areas that Africa still needs to

				address within the framework of the post 2015 development agenda and the AU agenda 2063 ➤ To highlight with key strategic messages to inform the 2015 AU Heads of States and Government Summit theme “Year of Women Empowerment and Development Towards Africa’s Agenda 2063” ➤ To define Africa’s input into the global review of the Beijing Platform For Action due to take place at the 59th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in
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				New York in March 2015
15	17 th to 18 th November, 2014	Prevention of Torture- Training of Public Official	Yaoundé Cameroon. One participant from NHRC Nigeria	➤ To Identify the Training needs of Law enforcement with regards to torture prevention. ➤ To Understand Institutional Strategies that can best allow participants to contribute to filling these needs. ➤ To understand the Principles of Adult learning, different options available to them with regards to training of Law Enforcement Personnel, including training delivery, Training of Trainers and Curriculum development or review.

				➤ Develop practical and applicable skills relating to training delivery and follow-up; the process of curriculum development; and Train-the-Trainer exercises
16	18 th to 19 th November, 2014	International Conference on Human Rights “Trust Women” London, 2014.	London, United Kingdom. Two participants from NHRC Nigeria	To find innovative solutions to boost women’s empowerment and to fight human trafficking and slavery
17	24 th to 28 th November, 2014	10 th Course on the Law of Internal Displacement	Sanremo, Italy. One Participant from NHRC Nigeria	➤ Increase the participants’ understanding of the international norms underpinning the protection of Internally Displaced Persons. ➤ Encourage the sharing of experiences

				among the participants regarding international implementation and monitoring mechanisms. ➤ Promote the use and implementation of the guiding principles of Internal Displacement. ➤ Encourage governments to establish or improve existing legislation and policies on the protection of Internally Displaced Persons.
18	28 th – 30 th November, 2014	World Human Rights Forum	Marrakech, Morocco. One Council Member and two participants	➤ To universalize new concepts, new treaties and also strengthen human rights laws. ➤ To set up new networks to

			from NHRC, Nigeria	exchange good practices and experiences ➤ To work on replacing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) with with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
19	1 st to 12 th December,2014	Training Program in France on 'Communication and Diplomacy' in the famous French National Public Administration School	France. One Participant from NHRC Nigeria	➤ To build capacity on Strategic communication and Partnership building. ➤ To explore new opportunities for diplomatic work. ➤ To build capacity on how to liaise with Journalists to balance trust
20	15 th to 20 th December,2014	International Women Master class on leadership in the 21 st century: LEADING WITH	Dubai. One participant from NHRC Nigeria	To update institutions on the new accounting standards that is being adopted globally

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CHAPTER NINE

FINANCIAL REPORT.

9.0 INTRODUCTION

The Finance and Accounts Department is the department charged with the receipt of Budgetary and extra budgetary allocation on behalf of the Commission, as well as receipt of all funds/donations on behalf of the Commission. It also prepares the Commission's financial reports. The Commission in conjunction with the External Auditors produced the financial reports and Audited Accounts of the Commission for year ended 31st December 2013.

The Financial receipt and expenses of the Commission for the year 2014 are as summarized in the table below. It is important to note that the sources of the funds reflected below are from the Federal Government of Nigeria.

9.1 SUMMARY OF FINANCES OF THE COMMISSION, 2014

A summary of the sum budgeted, approved and released to the Commission in the year 2014 is as follows:-

S/N	EXPENDITURE HEAD	Amount Budgeted (₦)	Amount Approved (₦)	Amount Released (₦)
1.	Capital	259,758,193.00	259,758,193.00	259,758,193.00
2.	Overhead	357,401,972.00	357,401,972.00	357,401,972.00
3.	Personnel	732,839,835.00	732,839,835.00	732,839,835.00
	Total	1,350,000,000.00	1,350,000,000.00	1,350,000,000.00

The total sum of **One billion, three hundred and fifty million naira** only was duly approved and released for Personnel, Overhead and Capital costs allocations of the Commission in 2014 financial year.

SUMMARY OF THE AMOUNT RECEIVED AND EXPENDED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR 2014.

Expenditure Head	Amount Approved (₦)	Amount Released (₦)	Amount Expended (₦)	Amount Returned To Treasury (₦)	Percentage % <u>Expended</u>
Capital +(SPA)	259,758,193	259,758,193	259,198,564.63	559,628.37	99.78
Overhead	357,401,972	357,401,972	357,389,166	12,806	99.99
Personnel	732,839,835	732,839,835	732,838,205.35	1,629.65	99.99
Total	1,350,000,000	1,350,000,000	1,349,425,935.98	574,064.02	99.95%

The above analysis explains that out of ₦1,350,000,000.00 released, only ₦1,349,425,935.98 was expended leaving a total balance of ₦574,064.02, returned to Treasury. Therefore the entire budget performance for the year 2014 was 99.95%.

9.2 DONATIONS:

No financial support was received from other Donor Agencies in 2014, except the UNDP as shown in the table below:

**FUND FROM DEVELOPMENT PARTNER.
(LOCAL CURRENCY)**

DONOR	TOTAL AMOUNT	TOTAL AMOUNT	AMOUNT
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ACCOUNT	DONATED (₦)	RELEASED (₦)	EXPENDED (₦)
UNDP	9,720,000.00	9,720,000.00	2,653,570.00
TOTAL	9,720,000.00	9,720,000.00	2,653,570.00

The total amount of ₦9,720,000.00 was received in Naira as shown above, and the total sum of ₦2,653,570.00 was expended, leaving a total balance of **₦7,066,430.00** for the year 2014.

CHAPTER TEN

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

10.0 CONCLUSION

2014 had a lot of human rights challenges, especially in the North Eastern part of the Country. Despite the fact that 2014 was quite challenging for the Commission, a lot of activities were carried out as mentioned in this report. All the activities implemented during the year were in fulfilment of NHRC's mandate of promoting and protecting human rights in Nigeria. With the increase in state offices, the Commission's work has expanded and its visibility and accessibility to Nigerians has been expanded.

The Commission's partnership with various Non- Governmental Organisation, Development Agencies, Embassies and MDA's amongst others in carrying out programmes and activities in 2014 helped in facilitating the visibility of the Commission.

However, the human rights work of the Commission, being social service in nature, requires much more funding than provided. The Commission therefore hopes for more funding support in the forthcoming year in order to fully meet its objectives.

10.1 RECOMMENDATIONS

Human Rights promotion and protection business is capital intensive. Though the Commission carried out more activities in 2014, there were still challenges that needed to be addressed, thus the following recommendations

- Allocation of funds to the Commission still remains insufficient for the volume of activities undertaken by the Commission, hence the need for improved funding of the Commission.

- The Commission requires operational vehicles. The Commission is involved in field activities including undertaking investigation of complaints, researching into human rights issues, monitoring of human rights violations amongst others. The Commission requires operational vehicles for successful implementation of these activities.
- There is also need to continuously build the capacity of the staff of the Commission in order to empower them to meet up with contemporary human rights situations.
- Once there is increased budget, there will be need to set up more State offices where there are none presently, so as to bring the Commission closer to the people.

APPENDIX I

a. Powers

1. The Commission shall have power to:
 - a) Conduct its investigations and inquiries in such manner as it considers appropriate
 - b) Institute any civil action on any matter it deems fit in relation to the exercise of its functions under this Act
 - c) Appoint any person, whether or not such person is in the public service, to act as an interpreter in any matter brought before it and to translate any such book, paper or writing produced to it
 - d) Visit prisons, Police cells and other places of detention in order to ascertain the conditions thereof and make recommendations to the appropriate authorities
 - e) Make determination as to the damages or compensation payable in relation to any violation of human rights where it deems this necessary in the circumstances of the case
 - f) Cooperate with and consult with other agencies and organizations, governmental and non-governmental, as it may deem appropriate; and
 - g) Do such other things as are incidental, necessary, conducive or expedient for the performance of its functions under this Act
2. Whenever it appears to the Chairman upon information and after such inquiry as he shall think necessary, that there is reasonable cause to suspect that in any place there is an evidence of the commission of any offence under this Act, he may by written order direct an officer of the Commission to obtain a court order to:-

- a) Enter upon any land or premises or by any agent or agents duly authorized in writing for any purpose which, in the opinion of the Council is material to the functions of the Commission, and in particular, for the purpose of obtaining evidence or information or of inspecting or taking copies of any document required by, or which may be of assistance to, the Commission and for safeguarding any such document or property which in the opinion of the Council ought to be safeguarded for any purpose of its investigations or proceedings;
 - b) Summon and interrogate any person, body or authority to appear before it for the purpose of public inquiry aimed at the resolution of a complaint of human rights violations;
 - c) Issue a warrant to compel the attendance of any person who, after having been summoned to attend, fails, refuses or neglects to do so and does not excuse such failure, refusal or neglect to the satisfaction of the Commission;
 - d) Compel any person, body or authority who, in its opinion, has any information relating to any matter under its investigation to furnish it with any information or produce any document or other evidence which is in his or her custody and which relates to any matter being investigated; and
 - e) Compel the attendance of witnesses to produce evidence before it.
3. In exercising its functions and powers under this Act, the Commission shall not be subject to the direction or control of any other authority or person.

4. It is an offence for any person, body or authority to:-

- a) Refuse to provide evidence, including documentary evidence, to the Commission in response to a written request to do so;
- b) Obstruct or do anything to prevent any member of the Council or an employee of the Commission from the lawful exercise of any of the functions conferred on the Commission by this Act;
- c) Punish, intimidate, harass or discriminate against any person for cooperating with the Commission in the exercise of its functions under this Act; or
- d) Refuse to comply with lawful directives, determination, decision or finding of the Commission

5. A person who commits an offence under subsection (4) of this section is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of 6 months or to a fine of N100,000.00 or to both such imprisonment and fine.

b. Composition of the Governing Council

The Council shall consist of:-

- a) A chairperson who shall be a retired Justice of the Supreme Court, or Court of Appeal, or a retired judge of the Federal High Court or High Court of a State or a legal practitioner with 20 years' post qualification and requisite human rights experience.
- b) A representative each of the Federal Ministry of:
 - i. Justice, who shall not be below the rank of a Director.

- ii. Foreign Affairs, who shall not be below the rank of a Director.
 - iii. Internal affairs, who shall not be below the rank of a Deputy Controller of Prisons.
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- c) Three representatives of registered human rights organizations in Nigeria;
 - d) Two legal practitioners who shall not have less than 10 years post qualification experience to be appointed on the recommendation of the National Executive Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association.
 - e) Three representatives of the print and electronic media, one to represent the public and two to represent the private media.
 - f) A representative of the organized labor.
 - g) Two other persons who shall be women with sufficient experience in human rights issues; and
 - h) The Executive Secretary of the Commission

APPENDIX II

ZONAL AND STATE OFFICES E-MAIL CONTACT DETAILS

Zonal and State Offices were established in order to increase accessibility to the services of the Commission. Complainants of human rights violations in the zones and states can contact the offices close to them for redress for rights violation. However, cases that cannot be dealt with at the Zonal and State Offices are referred to the headquarters for further action.

The Email addresses of the Zonal and state offices are as listed below:-

7.14.1 ZONAL OFFICE

EMAIL ADDRESS

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| 1. South West (Lagos) | nhr-cnigeria-swz@gmail.com |
| 2. South East (Enugu) | nhr-cnigeria-sez@yahoo.com |
| 3. South South (Port Harcourt) | nhr-csszo@yahoo.com |
| 4. North East (Maiduguri) | nhr-cnez@gmail.com |
| 5. North Central (Jos) | nhr-cjos@yahoo.com |
| 6. North West (Kano) | nhr-cn-wz@gmail.com |
| 7. Abuja Metropolitan Office | amonhrc@gmail.com |

7.14.2 STATE OFFICES

EMAIL ADDRESS

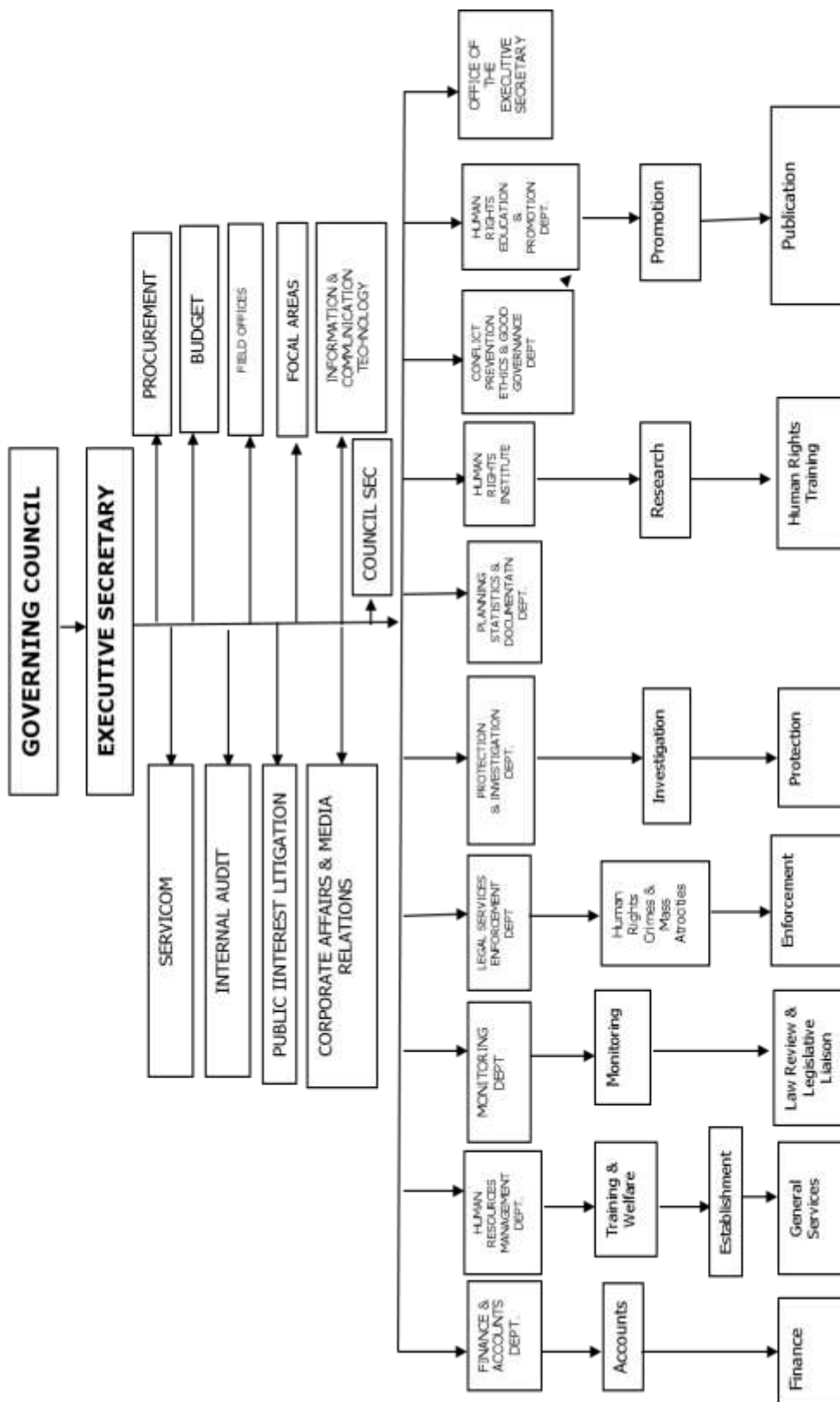
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|--------------------------|--|
| 1. Nassarawa, Lafia | nhr-clafia@yahoo.com |
| 2. Benue, Makurdi | nhr-cbenue@yahoo.com |
| 3. Anambra, Awka | nhr-cawka@yahoo.uk |
| 4. Gombe, Gombe | nhr-cgombe@gmail.com |
| 5. Edo, Benin | nhr-cedo@gmail.com |
| 6. Kaduna, Kaduna | nhr-ckaduna@gmail.com |
| 7. Niger, Minna | nhr-cminna@gmail.com |
| 8. Kastina, Kastina | nhr-ckastina@gmail.com |
| 9. Kwara, Ilorin | nhr-ckwara@gmail.com |
| 10. Cross-River, Calabar | nhr-ccalabar@yahoo.com |
| 11. Adamawa, Yola | nhr-cadamawa@gmail.com |
| 12. Ekiti, Ado Ekiti | nhr-cekiti@gmail.com |

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| 13. | Akwa Ibom, Uyo | <u>nhrcakwaibom@gmail.com</u> |
| 14. | Sokoto, Sokoto | <u>nhrCsokoto@gmail.com</u> |
| 15. | Imo, Owerri | <u>nhrcimo@gmail.com</u> |

APPENDIX III

ORGANOGRAM

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



SOURCE :- HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

APPENDIX IV

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS USED IN THE REPORT

A -	Audit
ACHPR -	African Commission of Human and People's Rights
AJ -	Access to Justice
AIDS -	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AI -	Amnesty International
AIT -	African Independent Television
AMO -	Abuja Metropolitan Office
ASF -	Advocate Sans Frontieres France
BIHA -	Berom Human Rights Actors
BOT -	Board of Trustees
BRTV -	Breakfast Television
CAJR -	Centre for the Advocacy Justice Rights
CAN -	Christian Association of Nigeria
CA&MR -	Corporate Affairs and Media Relations
CBD -	Community Based Development
CCTV -	Close Circuit Cameras
CEGG -	Conflict Prevention, Ethic and Good Governance
CFSs -	Child Friendly Spaces
CID -	Criminal Investigation Department
CIRDDOC -	Civil Resource Development and Documentation Centre
CISLAC -	Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre
CP -	Commission of Police
CSOs -	Civil Society Organisations
CSW -	Commission on the Statistics of Women
CTPN -	Complaint Treatment Procedure Manual
CV -	Community Volunteers
DFID -	Department for International Development
DPO -	Divisional Police Officer
DPP -	Director of Public Prosecution

DSS –	Department of State Security
ECOWAS –	Economic Community of West Africa State
ECWA –	Evangelical Church of West Africa
EEI –	End electoral Impurity
EFCC –	Economic and Financial Crimes Commission
ENSYRS –	Enugu State Justice Reforms System
EU –	European Union
EVD –	Ebola Virus disease
FFA –	Finance and Accounts
FA –	Focal Areas
FCT –	Federal Capital Territory
FES –	Friedrick Ebert Stiftung
FIDA –	Federation of International Female Lawyers
FIFA -	Federation of International Football Association
FRN –	Federal Republic of Nigeria
FOI –	Freedom of Information
GBU –	Gender Based Violence
HIV –	Human Immunodeficiency Syndrome
HMO –	Health maintenance Organisation
HREP –	Human Rights Education and Promotion
HRI –	Human Rights Institute
HRM -	Human resources Management
HRVC –	Human Rights Volunteer Corps
ICPC -	Independent Corrupt Practices and other related offences Commission
ICT -	Information and Communication Technology
IDPs -	Internally Displaced Persons
IEC -	Information, Education and Communication
INEC -	Independent National Electoral Commission
IPAC -	Inter – party Advisory Council
IPO -	Investigation Police Officer
JNI -	Jamaa’tu Nasiil Islam

JDPC –	Justice Development and Peace Commission
JONAPWD -	Joint National Admission of Persons with Disabilities
LGA -	Local Government Area
LS&E -	Legal Services and Enforcement
LSS -	Law Students Society
M -	Monitoring Department
MDG's -	Millennium Development Goals
NAP -	National Action Plan
NBA -	Nigeria Bar Association
NCMG -	Negotiation and Complaints Management Group
NCZ -	North Central Zonal Office
NDLEA -	Nigeria drug Law Enforcement Agency
NECO -	National Examination Council
NEMA -	National Emergency Management Agency
NGO -	Non – Government Organization
NHIS -	National Health Insurance Schema
NHRC -	National Human Rights Commission
NIALS -	Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies
NNHRI – WA -	Network of National Human Rights Institution in West Africa
NOYODEF -	Ngor – Okpala Youth Development Foundation
NPA -	National Priority Agenda
NPF -	Nigeria Police Force
NPS -	Nigeria Prison Service
NSCDC -	Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps
NSRP -	National Stability and Reconciliation Programme
NTA -	Nigeria Television Authority
OSIWA -	Open Society Initiative for West Africa
OVC's -	Orphans and Vulnerable Children
PCC -	Public Complaints Commission
PIL -	Public Interest Litigation
PROC -	Procurement

PSED -	Planning, Statistics and Documentation
PSS -	Psycho Social Support
PWD's -	Persons with Disabilities
REC -	Resident Electoral Commission
RSD -	Research Statistics and Documentation
SCANON -	Senior Citizen Advocacy Network of Nigeria
SEMA -	State Emergency Management Agency
SFCG -	Search for Common Ground
SGBV -	Sexual Gender Based Violence
SPA -	State Priority Agenda
TB -	Tuberculosis
TLCC -	Tactical Leadership and Command Course
TV -	Television
TWG -	Technical Working Group
UN -	United Nations
UNDP -	United Nations Development Programme
UNICEF -	United Nations International Cultural and Education Fund
UNDP -	United Nations Development Programme
UNODC -	United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime
UPR -	Universal Periodic Review
WACOL -	Women Aid Collective