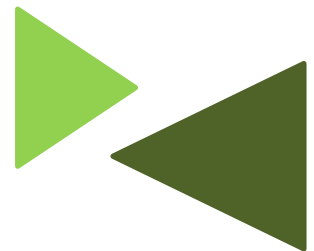




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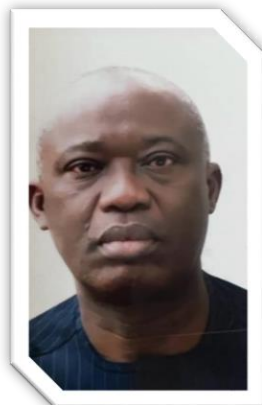
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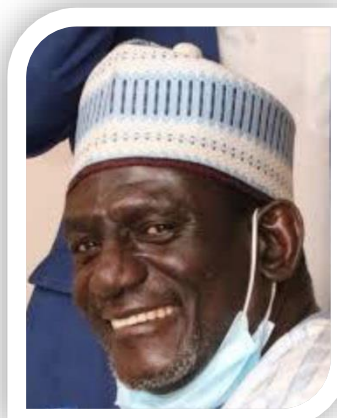
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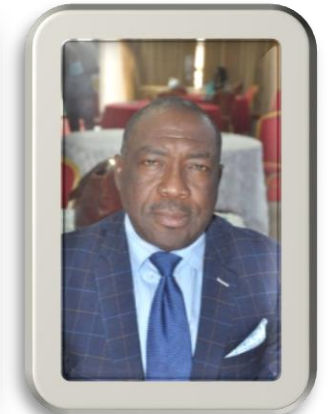
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### FORWARD

The National Human Rights Commission witnessed yet another year of success in line with its Mandate and Strategic Plan. The 2022 year posed a number of challenges as Nigerians are still grappling with economic, social and political conditions that constrain the enjoyment of human rights by the citizenry. I therefore wish to appreciate and congratulate the Governing Council members, Management, Staff and all stakeholders who contributed in various ways towards the successes recorded in this Report.

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

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

Nonetheless, the Commission recorded much achievement in the areas of institutional strengthening; capacity building for staff; enhanced communication; robust collaboration and engagements with stakeholders, as well as proactive interventions in the polity to engender a culture of respect for constituted institutions and national values – freedom, equality, transparency, rule of law and the dignity of the human person. These were manifested in progress made by the Commission in the areas of submission of the National Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights to the Federal Executive Council for consideration and approval; submission and advocacy for approval and assent, of the legislature and the president, on the National Human Rights Commission Act (Repeal and Re-enactment Bill 2021); continuation of the Panel of Investigation on human rights abuses; and facilitation of payment of compensation for human rights abuses.

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

**Dr. Salamatu Hussaini Suleiman, FICMC**

### PREFACE

The 2022 Annual Report chronicled the various human rights and humanitarian interventions by the National Human Rights Commission of Nigeria towards mitigating the effects of security, social and economic challenges on the citizenry. To do so effectively, it collaborated with and received the support of government and non-governmental organizations in the country; the United Nations (UN) System; as well as other international, regional and sub-regional organizations.

Hallmarks of these collaborations were:

- a. The receipt of Two Million, Three Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty (2,314,440) complaints out of which 1,643,018 were successfully investigated and concluded.
- b. The payment of compensation totaling N281,454,093.73 (Two Hundred and Eighty One Million, Four Hundred and Fifty Four Thousand, Ninety Three Naira, Seventy Three Kobo) only to additional 70 (Seventy) victims or next of kins of deceased victims of the defunct SARS from across the country.
- c. The launch of the NHRC GBV Toll – Free Help Line/Short Code - **6472**. The short code would serve to improve service delivery in reporting and responding to complaints of human rights violations, especially on Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV).
- d. Monitoring and combating Human Trafficking in the North-East (Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states). The project started in 2020 and was concluded in 2022.
- e. Colloquium on Human Rights in Counter-Insurgency Operations.
- f. Monitoring of the human rights and humanitarian conditions of some communities in the North East region of the country that have been affected by the Boko Haram insurgency.
- g. The provision of basic amenities such as potable water, food and non-food items for the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) living in various camps and communities.
- h. Workshop on Operationalizing a Human Rights-Based Approach to Data and Indicator for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Human Rights Reporting.
- i. The project on Improving Police Accountability through Police Reforms in Nigeria. The deliverables of the project included visits to selected police stations in the six geo-political zones; development of Training Manual and Trainer’s Guide on Mainstreaming Human Rights into Policing in Nigeria; and the training of selected police officers from all the six geo-political zones of the country.
- j. The “Mobilizing Voters for Election (MOVE)” project. The essence of the project was to increase citizens’ participation in elections as well as integrate human rights principles into the electoral process in order to reduce voters’ apathy and violence during election. The MOVE project was launched on 17 October, 2022.
- k. Training for Regulatory Agencies on “Access to Remedy for Business-Related Human Rights Abuses”. Participants were drawn from Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), NCC and National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA).



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The Commission is highly indebted to the Office of the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the UN System (especially UNHCR and UNDP), the EU, MacArthur Foundation, CLEEN Foundation, NOPRIN, Heartland Foundation, RULAAC, OSIWA, LEDAP, the Nigeria Police, other security agencies, Ministries, Departments and Agencies at both the federal and state levels for the success recorded in the year 2022.

The Commission is also especially grateful to the President and Commander in Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR for his unflinching commitment to human rights in general, and support for the National Human Rights Commission, which has ensured regular budgetary funding.

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Similarly, we recognise the Office of the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and the support of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, as well as the House Committee on Human Rights. The cooperation and assistance of other Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of government at both Federal and State levels is also hereby acknowledged.

Our sincere appreciation goes to our partners and supporters in driving the mandate of the Commission: the United Nations and its agencies, the EU, the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI), the Ford Foundation, Mac-Arthur Foundation, CLEEN Foundation, and the Network of Police Reforms (NOPRIN), Rule of Law and Accountability (RULAAC), CODE, OXFAM, Sharing Education and Learning for Life Foundation (SELL), Shell Development Company of Nigeria and the Danish Institute for Human Rights. Others are Centre for Population Initiative (CPHI), International Organisation for Migration, Open Society Initiative of West Africa (OSIWA), Heartland Alliance International (HAI), Centre for Population Initiative (CPHI), International Organisation for Migration (IOM), among others.

We cannot fail to mention the valuable contributions of the Media (print and electronic) for their consistent reportage of the activities of the Commission. Particular mention must be made of the National Television Authority, the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria and the African Independent Television.

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Nigeria was faced with myriad of human rights challenges in the year 2022. The Commission as the national human rights institution embarked on a lot of activities geared towards ensuring the promotion and protection of the rights of the citizenry.

These activities were successfully implemented with the support of the Federal Government of Nigeria and some funding Agencies. The Commission also collaborated with local and international organisations: MDAs, CSOs, NGOs, security agencies, and the Media. Various means were utilized in strengthening its campaign towards the promotion and protection of human rights. These include the use of electronic and print media, press statements and releases, courtesy visits and advocacy calls, training, workshops, and seminars.

In the year under review, the wave of kidnapping and banditry across the country further exacerbated the security challenges that have been confronting the country and raised human rights concerns. In carrying out its protection mandate, the Commission received and investigated complaints on all facets of human rights, as well as assisted victims in seeking redress. Cumulatively, the Commission received ***Two Million, Three Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty (2,314,440)*** complaints.

In addition to its routine activities, the Commission carried out a special project for the protection of the rights of persons of concern in the three North Eastern states of the country through human rights monitoring. This project aimed at improving the protection of the affected Persons of Concern (PoCs); restore human dignity and wellbeing in the returned communities, IDP camps/settlement and host communities in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY). The Commission also implemented a project called "Promoting Reconciliation, Reintegration, and Transitional Justice in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States." The project sought to mobilise state and community stakeholders towards reconciliation and building capacity and partnerships for transitional and restorative justice in the affected communities and beyond.

Mainstreaming Human Rights into Law Enforcement in Nigeria is a key area of focus for the Commission. In 2022, the Commission developed a Training Manual and Trainers' Guide for Mainstreaming Human Rights into Law Enforcement in Nigeria. Through this intervention, the Commission trained over 146 police officers across the 36 states of the federation, including the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), on the importance of human rights-based approaches in the discharge of their duties as well as the need to maintain international standards in policing in Nigeria. In the same vein, the Commission carried out an audit of Correctional Centres and other Detention facilities to evaluate the conditions of the inmates, including personnel welfare, and to assess the level of compliance with human rights standards in the Centres.



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The Commission's major funding source is the Federal Government of Nigeria. However, it received financial support from development partners who provided support for specific activities of the Commission. The development partners that supported the Commission in 2022 included UNHCR, Mac Arthur Foundation, Ford Foundation, OSIWA, UNDP, the Danish Institute on Human Rights, and the EU.



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**CHAPTER ONE****STRATEGIC OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION****1.1 Preamble**

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

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

**Vision**

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

**Mission**

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

**Core Values**

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

**1.2 Structure**

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

### **1.2.1 The Governing Council**

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

### **1.2.2 Management**

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

#### **Departments**

- i. Civil and Political Rights
- ii. Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- iii. Women and Children
- iv. Vulnerable Groups
- v. Legal Services and Enforcement
- vi. Human Resource Management
- vii. Human Rights Institute
- viii. Monitoring
- ix. Finance and Accounts
- x. Human Rights Education and Promotion
- xi. Corporate Affairs and External Linkages
- xii. Procurement

#### **Units**

1. Special Duties
2. Council Secretariat
3. ICT
4. Complaints Registry
5. Internal Audit
6. Freedom of Information
7. Anti-Corruption

### **1.3 Thematic Areas**

Section 5(a) of the NHRC Act, 1995 (As Amended), mandates the Commission to deal with all matters relating to the promotion and protection of human rights guaranteed by the

Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration on Human Rights (UDHR), the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the international Convention on the Right of the Child, the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Right and other International and Regional Instruments on human rights that Nigeria is a party.

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

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

## CHAPTER TWO

## **STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

### **2.1 Preamble**

Forward looking organisations always take interest in staff development. They use lessons of the past to project into the future regarding their growth and development in terms of staff performance. The vehicle for driving into the future is usually anchored on training and retraining of the workforce. As such, the Commission gives primary consideration to staff training and development.

In the year under review, the Commission organised several trainings and participated in others, in a bid to build a skilled workforce. The trainings were: in-house and external conducted physically and virtually.

On the 07 May 2022, some staff of the Commission participated in a virtual training on the technical cooperation between the NHRC and Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights, aimed at enlightening participants on the benefits of such partnership to the Commission. Similarly, there was a virtual colloquium on human rights in counter insurgency operations in Nigeria, meant to equip staff on the human rights dimension of counter terrorism operations. On the 06 October 2022, there was another virtual capacity building programme on the review of a Training Manual for Border Management Agencies organised by the International Organization for Migration, to build their capacity on the rights of migrants as well as improve synergy among relevant agencies.

Furthermore, there was 4-day hybrid training for all investigation and Monitoring staff of the Commission on Investigation, Monitoring and Documentation of Complaints of Human Rights Violation on the 09 to 12 May 2022. In that training, State Offices participated via zoom, while the Headquarters and AMO had physical participation. The objective of the training was to strengthen the capacity of staff to provide effective response to complaints of human rights violations as well as scale them up on the NHRC Rules of Procedure and complaint treatment skills/techniques. Also on the 08 June 2022, some staff participated in a virtual training programme on Protecting Human Rights in the age of Artificial Intelligence (AI), organised by Catholic Forum on Human Rights Initiative (CFHRI) and Equinet Human Rights Committee (EHRC), with the aim to highlight the impact of Artificial Intelligence on Human Rights.

On 16 February 2022, the Commission in partnership with Mac-Arthur Foundation and collaboration with CLEEN Foundation, Office of the Vice President, Network for Police Reforms in Nigeria (NOPRIN) and Rule of Law and Accountability Advocacy Centre (RULAAC) trained participants on the Checklist for the Police Stations Visitation Week (PSVW) to enable staff carry out a seamless police station visitation exercise slated for the 21 to 25 February 2022. Some State Offices also participated in Capacity building on Human Rights Documentation and Management for Oversight Agencies in Nigeria organised by CLEEN Foundation.

Also, the Commission held many in-house staff capacity building programmes and refresher trainings both at the Head Office and State Offices for optimum job performance. The trainings include: monthly seminars on varied themes relating to human rights; the training on the Error of Torture being Deployed as a Tool for Investigation by Security Agents in Nigeria, held on the 06 July 2022; training on Identifying Traumatized Clients, and skills for Interviewing trauma victims, and another two-day training on Research, Report Writing and Human Rights Advocacy.

On the 22 June 2022, Secretaries and Data Processing Officers were trained on Secretarial Duties and Data Management to improve their capacity. The Commission also participated in trainings on issues of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV). This has been a very topical issue in recent times, and as such many capacity building programmes were organised around it, which include:

- a. A 3-day training on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & Expression of Sexual Characteristics (SOGIESC) Rights to enlighten participants on the rights and protection of SOGIESC organised by the Commission in Collaboration with NANHRI on the 01 August, 2022. Just as another Workshop was organised by The Initiative for Equal Rights (TIERS) on Sexual Orientation Gender Identity/Expression and Sexual Characteristics (SOGIESC)
- b. A 2-day training programme to educate stakeholders on identifying and reporting Gender Based Violence (types, causes and human rights issues).
- c. A training on Strengthening Community Level Committee on strategies to prevent and protect women and girls from harmful cultural practices, and another 5-day capacity building on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Harassment and Abuse organized by International Organization for Migrants (IOM).
- d. on the 28 April and 18 August 2022, training was organized by the State Ministry of Women & Children Affairs and Social Development to introduce participant to SGBV Incidence Form and give them an overview of the National GBV Dashboard.
- e. Training to update participants on the National Gender Policy organized by International Women Communication Center (IWCC) on the 05 September 2022.
- f. Also, training was organized by FIDA in partnership with the Commission, on the management and prosecution of SGBV for lawyers, prosecutors and other stakeholders on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2022.

Other trainings which benefitted the staff were:

- a. Training on Strengthening the Effective Implementation of Administration of Criminal Justice Law, on the 14 March 2022.
- b. A stakeholders Workshop organised by National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), on stopping human trafficking.



- c. Training organized by Budget and National Planning for MDAs to build the capacity of participants on Public Sector Reforms in Nigeria: Challenges to Optimum Performance and how the Public Sector Contributes to Economic Developments etc.

**CHAPTER THREE****PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES: ENTRENCHING THE CULTURE OF HUMAN RIGHTS****3.1 Preamble**

Promotional activities are integral parts of the Commission's programmes targeted at increasing human rights awareness and visibility of its work. These activities are drawn from the various interventions undertaken in the discharge of the Commission's mandate of promoting and protecting human rights.

As a means of fulfilling this mandate the Commission partners with local and international organisations, MDAs, CSOs, NGOs, Security Agencies, Public and Private Media Organizations. The succeeding paragraphs detail the accomplishments of the Commission in this regards for the year under review.

**3.2 Media Engagements**

The Media, being a strategic partner of the Commission in awareness creation and advancing of human rights actively, promoted the work of the Commission. This includes press conferences, press statements and releases, radio and television appearances.

**3.2.1 Press Conferences**

The Commission in liaison with the Media organized various press conferences in order to address particular emerging human rights concerns. Some of the conferences are as indicated below:

- a. On August 30, 2022, the Commission organized a press conference to draw attention to the increasing cases of missing persons, in commemoration of the International Day of the Disappeared, held at the Bukhari Bello Auditorium, Abuja.
- b. On October 17, 2022, NHRC held a press conference to launch the Mobilizing Voters for Election (MOVE) Project. The Conference was aimed at sensitizing and mobilizing political parties and voters ahead of 2023 general elections.
- c. On December 9, 2022 the Commission expressed readiness to set up a panel of inquiry to investigate the alleged forceful abortion of pregnancies in the North-East by the military. This decision was made after a foreign media organization, *Reuters* reported the alleged forceful abortion of pregnancies of women who were in Boko Haram captivity, before their rescue by the military.

**3.2.2 Press Statements and Releases**

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Title of Story</b>	<b>Date</b>
1.	<i>The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has condemned in totality the attack on Jubril Sadi Mato (Ramadan), an 11-year-old Pre-Junior Student of Elkanemi College of Islamic Theology Maiduguri</i>	<i>Jan 16, 2022</i>
2.	<i>ES calls for provision of more healthcare services for children</i>	<i>Jan 17, 2022</i>
3.	<i>NHRC expresses concern over the spike in SGBV in Nigeria</i>	<i>March 1, 2022</i>
4.	<i>NHRC expresses concern over incessant ASUU strikes, says effect is devastating on right to education of students</i>	<i>March 21, 2022</i>
5.	<i>Poverty negates human dignity – says Ojukwu SAN</i>	<i>March 25, 2022</i>
6.	<i>Ojukwu urges lawmakers to make socio-economic rights justiciable</i>	<i>March 28, 2022</i>
7.	<i>World Health Day: NHRC reminisces implications of SGBV, raises concerns over mental health</i>	<i>April 7, 2022</i>
8.	<i>Ojukwu expresses optimism over presidential assent to the new NHRC Bill</i>	<i>April 13, 2022</i>
9.	<i>Ojukwu says undue exposure of alleged child victim of sex video tape at Chrisland School is a violation of the rights of the child to privacy</i>	<i>April 21, 2022</i>
10.	<i>Labour rights critical to inclusive development – NHRC</i>	<i>May 1, 2022</i>
11.	<i>NHRC condemns killing of female student of Shehu Shagari College of Education, Sokoto, Deborah Samuel, for alleged blasphemy. Calls for immediate prosecution of culprits</i>	<i>May 16, 2022</i>
12.	<i>NHRC condemns the killing of Fatima, and her four children in Anambra State by unknown gunmen</i>	<i>May 26, 2022</i>
13.	<i>2022 Children’s Day: Nigerian children face increased vulnerabilities, deserve more care &amp; support, Ojukwu SAN insists</i>	<i>May 27, 2022</i>
14.	<i>Governing Council issued a statement on the spate of killings in Nigeria, the Kaduna train attack and St. Francis Catholic Church, Owo Ondo state</i>	<i>June 9, 2022</i>
15.	<i>World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: NHRC tasks citizens on the care of the elderly</i>	<i>June 16, 2022</i>
16.	<i>Strong national accountability mechanisms necessary to deter harmful practices against children – Ojukwu</i>	<i>June 16, 2022</i>

17.	<i>2022 Day of African Child: Stop all harmful practices against children - Ojukwu charges stakeholders</i>	<i>June 16, 2022</i>
18.	<i>NHRC calls on law enforcement and security agencies to stamp out torture in all ramifications</i>	<i>June 27, 2022</i>
19.	<i>Victims of torture deserve more than monetary compensation – Ojukwu</i>	<i>July 1, 2022</i>
20.	<i>Transitional justice will address emotional, psychological losses in North-East – Ojukwu</i>	<i>Aug 16, 2022</i>
21.	<i>Peace is critical for enjoyment of human rights and development – Tony Ojukwu</i>	<i>Sept 20, 2022</i>
22.	<i>Alleged assault on police officer, affront to human dignity – NHRC Boss</i>	<i>Sept 23, 2022</i>
23.	<i>NHRC condemns Assault on Police Personnel, as an affront to Human Dignity</i>	<i>Sept 25, 2022</i>
24.	<i>IIPS-SARS present final report to NHRC, Executive Secretary, optimistic on implementation</i>	<i>Sept 27, 2022</i>
25.	<i>Nigeria at 62: We will continue to put smiles on the faces of victims of human rights violation – Ojukwu</i>	<i>Oct 1, 2022</i>
26.	<i>NHRC remains committed to protecting the rights of older persons</i>	<i>Oct 7, 2022</i>
27.	<i>FGN confers the ES, NHRC with National Honours, Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (OFR)</i>	<i>Oct 11, 2022</i>
28.	<i>Tony Ojukwu (SAN) tasks NASS on Human Rights Fund, increased budget</i>	<i>Oct 14, 2022</i>
29.	<i>2022 World Food Day: Ojukwu tasks FG on food security</i>	<i>Oct 16, 2022</i>
30.	<i>2023 General Elections: NHRC charges political parties on human rights agenda</i>	<i>Oct 18, 2022</i>
31.	<i>World Habitat Day: Ojukwu charges government, duty bearers on adequate housing for citizens</i>	<i>Oct 20, 2022</i>
32.	<i>Nigeria Governors’ Forum (NGF) pledges support for operationalisation of Human Rights Fund</i>	<i>Oct 24, 2022</i>
33.	<i>Justice Mary Odili extols NHRC as an outstanding institution on human rights protection</i>	<i>Nov 16, 2022</i>
34.	<i>ES inaugurates NHRC Journal Editorial Board</i>	<i>Nov 16, 2022</i>
35.	<i>NHRC seeks UN support on Police Reform, for continuous inquiry into police brutality</i>	<i>Nov 18, 2022</i>
36.	<i>NHRC condemns killings of Aid workers in Damboa, Borno State</i>	<i>Nov 19, 2022</i>

37.	<i>NHRC condemns starving, death of Yobe woman, Sadiya Salihu, by husband</i>	<i>Nov 22, 2022</i>
38.	<i>ES, UN Resident Coordinator unveils NHRC toll-free number – 6472, UDHR 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo</i>	<i>Dec 3, 2022</i>
39.	<i>Minister lauds NHRC/CSOs forum, says it will deepen human rights protection</i>	<i>Dec 8, 2022</i>
40.	<i>NHRC tasks religious/traditional leaders on citizens' full participation in 2023 elections</i>	<i>Dec 16, 2022</i>
41.	<i>NHRC charges political parties to focus on issue-based campaigns</i>	<i>Dec 16, 2022</i>
42.	<i>NHRC mourns the killing of Lagos lawyer, Bolanle Raheem</i>	<i>Dec 27, 2022</i>

### **3.2.3 Radio and Television Appearances**

Towards advancing the course of human rights, the Commission made several appearances on radio and television programmes. One of such major appearances was the Executive Secretary's weekly Wednesday programme on AIT, tagged *the State of Human Rights in Nigeria*. In the same vein, some Directors and State Coordinators used the platform to update the citizens on the state of human rights in the various states of the nation.

### **3.3 Courtesy Visits**

The Commission hosted a number of stakeholders, as well as paid courtesy visits to relevant organizations working with the Commission in the area of human rights. Such visits were aimed at creating and consolidating partnerships with stakeholders towards advancing the promotion and protection of human rights. Some of such visits are highlighted below.

#### **3.3.1 Courtesy Visits to Headquarters**

On January 17, 2022, Mr. Daniel Bertrand, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium paid a courtesy visit to the Commission. The visit was to strengthen partnership with the NHRC on human rights issues. Likewise, Shell Development Company of Nigeria visited the Commission on January 24, 2022 to collaborate with NHRC on Business and Human Rights. On 22 February 2022, Africa Polling Institute (API) visited the Commission to formally present the 2021 Nigeria Social Cohesion Survey Report.

Furthermore, on March 8, 2022, Thriller Africa visited the Commission for collaboration on a Television Show on human rights issues. The Federal Ministry of Women Affairs also visited the Commission on April 21, 2022 to strengthen partnership, and to create awareness on women issues, such as FGM and SGBV.

CODE and OXFAM paid a visit to the Commission on August 31, 2022 with the aim to implement a joint project on Business and Human Rights, as well as a means to fulfill its corporate social responsibility.

Delegates from the United Nations Counter Terrorism Executive Directorate visited the Commission on October 17, 2022. According to the leader of the delegation, Ms. Kelly Low, the aim of the visit was to assess Nigeria’s progress, strength and challenges in the implementation of the Security Council Resolution to enable them make adequate recommendations on steps to be taken in order to fully implement the resolution.

UN Resident Coordinator, H.E. Matthias Schmale paid a working visit to the Commission on November 18, 2022 to partner on accountability among law enforcement agencies, especially the on-going reforms in the Nigeria Police. Similarly, a delegation of AU Monitoring Team led by Senior Chief Magistrate, Ameen Kembo, visited the Commission for collaboration on Ending Child Marriage and other Harmful Practices against Children. This activity was held on November 19, 2022.



**Awude Courtesy Visit to the Executive Secretary**



**Independent Expert Visit to the Executive Secretary**



**Global Hope for Justice Visit to the Executive Secretary**



**Claudia Mahier UN Independent Expert Visit to the Executive Secretary**

### 3.3.2 Courtesy Visits to State Offices

On February 2, 2022, the Society for Family Health paid the Niger State Office of the Commission a courtesy visit to strengthen partnership with the Commission in the area of right to health. Likewise, on March 17, 2022, the Enugu State Office received the Centre for

Population Health Initiatives on courtesy visit on the advancement of human rights in the area of health and population related issues. To seek collaboration with the Commission, the Imo state Office hosted Wings of Mercy Foundation, Chicago USA and Golden Hope Foundation (GHF) Nigeria, on June 16, 2022.

On July 1, 2022, the Plateau State Office was visited by Network Against Child Trafficking and Labor (NACTAL) for collaboration on child right issues. In the same vein, on July 20, 2022, the Kwara State Office received the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) with the aim to partner and address the menace of human trafficking in the country. On July 22, 2022, the Plateau State Office received Civil Military Legal Officers on courtesy visit to further strengthen partnership with the Commission.

### 3.3.3 Courtesy Visits by the Headquarters

On May 13, 2022, the Chairperson, NHRC Governing Council, Dr. Salamatu Suleman, led a delegation of NHRC Council Members to the Comptroller General of Nigerian Correctional Services, to sensitize the agency of the Commission’s 2022 Nationwide Prison Audit and donation of drugs and other medical consumables to inmates.

The Executive Secretary of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Comptroller General, Nigeria Immigration Service, Idris Isah Jere on November 15, 2022 to strengthen partnership on the management of migration issues in accordance with provision of the Global Compact on Migration.

The Commission also paid a courtesy visit to the Hon. Administrator, National Judicial Institute, Justice Salisu Garba Abdullahi on November 24, 2022 to seek collaborations with the Institute in advocating for the activation of the Human Rights Fund as well as to build the capacity of lawyers in the promotion of human rights.

**Visit of the Executive Secretary with staff of VGD to the Comptroller General of Immigration**



Similarly, on December 15, 2022, the Executive Secretary of the Commission paid a courtesy visit to the headquarters of the National Judicial Institute, Justice Salisu Garba Abdullahi, to seek collaborations with the Institute in advocating for the activation of the Human Rights Fund as well as to build the capacity of lawyers in the promotion, protection and enforcement of human rights.

### 3.3.4 Courtesy Visits by State Offices

On January 27, 2022, the Edo State Office visited the Global Women for Quality and Sustainable Development Initiative (GWSD) to advocate for intervention on the prevention and protection of victims of SGBV and survivors. Plateau State Office paid a courtesy visit to the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) on March 22, 2022, to ensure continuous collaboration, including training for Officers of NDLEA.

Imo State Office paid a Courtesy visit to the Executive Secretary of the State Primary Health Care, Perry Njoku, on July 6, 2022, to strengthen collaboration with the health institution on issues of human rights, especially the right to health, and to discuss medical outreach in collaboration with Gift Health Plus.

### **3.4 Meetings**

The Commission participated in various meetings during the reporting year:

On January 28, 2022, the Adamawa State Office attended a peace building meeting for Young Adults and Vulnerable Groups. This was organised by Sharing Education and Learning for Life Foundation (SELL), on safeguarding children, to recognize and uphold the dignity and rights of children. Also, on January 22, 2022, the Kwara State Ministry of Women Affairs held a meeting with a 21- Man Committee on Sexual and Gender Based Violence, with the staff of Kwara State Office of the Commission in attendance. The aim of the meeting was to eliminate the menace of Sexual and Gender Based Violence in the state.

On January 27, 2022, a Validation Meeting of Police Stations Visitation Week (PSVW) was held at the Commission in Collaboration with CLEEN Foundation and NOPRIN. Likewise, on 17 March 2022, the Imo State Office and Communal Care Centre organised an Interactive Session to educate women on cultural norms that aggravate violence against women and girls, and to chart the way forward.

On April 6, 2022 the Commission organized a Two-Day Stakeholders' Validation Meeting on Education for Sustainable Development, to mobilize for stakeholders' inputs to enable Nigeria select a country project with implementing activities on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), in relation to national activities on SDGs. On June 23, 2022, the Imo State Office participated in the Inaugural Meeting of the Gender Based Violence Technical Working Group (TWG) organized by the Ministry of Women Affairs and Vulnerable Groups (SMWAVG) with support from UNFPA towards eradicating domestic violence.

On August 27, 2022, the Commission participated in a virtual meeting, a Validation Workshop on Prompting Survival-Centered Policing in West Africa, organised by PWAN to enhance the capacity of the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) and Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC). On October 11, 2022, the Imo State Office participated in a programme tagged "Safeguarding the Civic Space and Human Rights in Energy Transition", supported by Africa Centre for Energy Policy and sponsored by Space4Change.

NHRC signed MoU with Bolivia Ombudsman of the Republic of Venezuela to raise the bar of human rights protection in Nigeria and the South American country, held October 27, 2022.

Meeting of the newly reconstituted Editorial Board of the Nigerian National Human Rights Commission Journal took place on November 10, 2022. The meeting was meant to serve as a platform for the inauguration of the Board and presentation of draft of NHRC Mega Journal 2018 - 2022.

A Strategic Forum on Integrating Human Rights into the 2023 Election towards an inclusive and credible election was held on December 1, 2022. Similarly, on December 7, 2022, CSOs Forum on Civil Liberties and Rule of Law was held in commemoration of the 2022 International Human Rights Day. On December 9, 2022, the Commission organized a UN/NHRC forum on Business and Human Rights.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> United Nations/Government of Nigeria and Partners Dialogue on Human Rights Priorities was held on December 9, 2022. Also, a Two-Day Consultative Workshop on Assessment of Implementation of the Supported Recommendations made to Nigeria at the 3<sup>rd</sup> UN Universal Periodic Review held in Abuja on December 14, 2022.

### 3.5 Commemorations

The Commission joined the rest of the world to celebrate International Women's Day on March 8, 2022. The theme for the year was "Gender Equality Today for Sustainable Tomorrow". On June 16, 2022, the Commission observed the Day of the African Child with the theme: Eliminating Harmful Practices Affecting Children; Progress on Policy and Practice since 2013. The Commission also celebrated the International Day of Countering Hate Speech. The event took place on June 18, 2022. The theme was "Together We Are Stronger".

NHRC joined the Chinese Embassy in Nigeria in the commemoration of the 2022 Beijing Human Rights Forum held on August 9, 2022, with the theme "Democracy and Human Rights". In the same vein, on August 19, 2022, the Commission observed the International Humanitarian Day, to honour and pay tribute to humanitarian workers killed and injured in the course of duty. The Commission joined the world to mark 2022 International Day of Older Persons. The event took place on October 7, 2022. The theme for the year was "Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World".

The Commission Commemorated the International Human Rights Day on the December 10, 2022. As part of activities marking 2022 International Human Rights Day, the Commission organized a road walk; an Award Night; and a Presidential Town Hall Meeting on human rights and 2023 general election among others.



### **3.6 Sensitization and Advocacy Visits**

The Commission undertook sensitization and advocacy visits to traditional rulers, markets, radio stations, parks, schools, FBOs, CBOs among others in a bid to promote the culture of human rights.

Schools visited by the Commission for sensitization are:

- a. Glowing Age Academy, Kaura District, Abuja
- b. Capital Science, Kuje, Abuja
- c. Gray Child Foundation, Abuja
- d. Prime Scholar's School, Karu, Abuja
- e. Federal Government Boys' College, Apo, Abuja
- f. Junior Secondary School, Area II, Garki, Abuja
- g. Funtaj International School Limited, Asokoro, Abuja
- h. Government Secondary School, Apo, Abuja
- i. Madonna Secondary School, Area 3, Abuja
- j. Madonna Primary School, Area 3, Abuja
- k. LEA Primary School, Life Camp, Abuja
- l. LEA Primary School, Jabi, Abuja
- m. Junior Secondary School, Apo Resettlement, Abuja
- n. LEA Primary School, Zone 4, Wuse, Abuja
- o. Complete-Man International School, Gauraka, Niger State
- p. Central School Avutu, Obowo, Imo State
- q. Cherubim and Seraphim College, Sabo Oke, Ilorin, Kwara State
- r. Brilliant Model Primary School, Ahiazu Mbaise, Imo State
- s. Pen Ark Schools, Shogunle, Lagos State
- t. Eclos College, Ogba, Lagos State
- u. Dabitos College, Ilasamaja, Lagos State
- v. St, Joseph Secondary School, Ogba, Lagos State
- w. Blessed Martin's International School, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State

The Commission also organised a one-day human rights capacity building programme for principals of public and private schools; primary and secondary in Abuja, with the aim to integrate human rights in the school curriculum.

On January 22 and 27, 2022, the Adamawa State Office was on NTA Yola and other broadcasting stations to enlighten the general public on the activities of the Commission.

Likewise, on January 29, 2022, the Imo State Office was on ZANDERS 105.7 FM Owerri, to discuss the mandate of the Commission and its enforcement procedures; the unrestrained behaviour of security personnel; human rights abuses in Imo State; the VAPP law; general insecurity and how this affects human rights.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2022, the Plateau State Office was on PRTVC 90.5 FM to create awareness on International Day of Truth. On May 26, 2022, the Enugu State Office was on Solid FM to sensitize and enlighten the public on zero tolerance for torture by the Police and other law enforcement agencies to mark United Nations International Day in support of victims of torture.

The Imo State Office organized a one-day Sensitization Programme/Town Hall Meeting to sensitize the public on the responsibilities of the police in fighting crimes. Also, staff of the Ebonyi State Office was at Ebonyi State Broadcasting Corporation to sensitize the general public on human rights and how to file complaint at the Commission in case of any human rights violation. On February 28, 2022, the Ogun State Office embarked on a road walk to sensitize the people on social vices, kidnapping, ritual killings and cybercrimes among others in the state.

On June 17, 2022, the Bayelsa State Office organised a sensitization programme for the women of Divine Favour Group, Yenagoa on domestic violence. On June 24, and July 1, 2022, the Commission visited Area 1 Motor Park and Karmo Motor Park Abuja respectively, on drug abuse and domestic violence. The Etsu of Dutse-Alhaji in Bwari Area Council was also visited to advocate against human rights violations.



**Human Rights Sensitization visit to Funtaj Primary School, Asokoro**



**Sensitization visit to Community Secondary**



**Commissioning of AMAC Primary Health Care,  
Karu Ma Jiji**



**The Committee that worked on the document to  
push for the signing of the Protocol. Think Tank**

**CHAPTER FOUR****COLLABORATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS****4.1 Preamble**

Section 5(g) of the NHRC Act, 1995 (As Amended) empowers the Commission “to 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”. Pursuant to the above mandate, the Commission in 2022 collaborated with local, regional and international stakeholders as indicated in the subsequent paragraphs.

**4.2 Collaborations with Ministries, Departments and Agencies**

The Commission collaborated with the National Senior Citizens Centre to organize a sensitization programme for its staff on the Rights of Older Persons. The objectives of the training were to understand the epidemiology, process of ageing, challenges and care of older persons in rural and hard-to-reach settings. The event was held on 14 April, 2022 at the Council Chambers of the Commission.

The Commission collaborated with the National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) and the Network of People living with HIV and AIDS in Nigeria (NEPWHAN) to organise a workshop on HIV Anti-Discrimination Act, 2014. Participants were drawn from NHRC, Law Enforcement Agencies and Healthcare Service providers. The workshop was funded by US President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). The workshop took place at Denis Hotel, Abuja on 12 to 13 December, 2022. The objectives of the workshop were:

- a. To enhance the participants knowledge on human rights and HIV.
- b. To curb HIV related stigma and discrimination in the healthcare setting.

**4.3 Collaborations with Non- Governmental Organizations**

The Commission collaborated with Centre for Population Initiatives (CPHI) in training law enforcement officers on Enhancing Protection for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersexual (LGBTQI) + Communities: sensitizing State and Local security outfits on vulnerable population and ensuring that their rights are protected. It was held at Enugu on 16 to 19 March, 2022. There was a follow-up training on 16 June, 2022 in Abuja. The objectives of the training are as follows:

- a. To improve LGBTQI+ individual understanding of their human rights and availability of services that protects such rights.
- b. To reduce human rights violations such as arbitrary arrest, unlawful detention, ill-treatment and extortion.

Also the Commission collaborated with The Leprosy Mission (TLM) to carry out Medical Outreach for persons with disabilities at Karamajiji in Federal Capital Territory, Abuja on 19 November, 2022.

The Commission in line with its mandate partnered with Dave Omokaro Foundation to train the staff on Legislations, Ageing Policy Framework and Older Persons' Inclusion in Development Agenda. The aim of the training was to strengthen their capacity to promote and advocate for legislation and legal reforms that would compel state actors to establish sustainable mechanism for social inclusion of older persons in development agenda.

As part of the activities to mark the "International Humanitarian Day" the Commission presented items such as foodstuff, books, mosquito nets etc. to Dorothy Njemanze Foundation (DNF) to assist the survivors of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) kept in its shelter in Abuja.

On the 17 March 2022, the Commission, in collaboration with Communal Care Centre Owerri, organised an interactive session to educate the women on cultural norms that exacerbate Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) with emphasis on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), as well as to sensitize the participants on women's rights, types of violence against women and girls.

#### **4.4 Collaborations with the United Nations**

The EU – UN Spotlight Initiative on 03 December 2022 supported the Commission to launch NHRC GBV Toll – Free Help Line **6472** in order to report any case of Gender Based Violence (GBV). The short code serves as easy access to improve service delivery in reporting complaints of human rights violations especially on Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV). The partners for the realization of the access code are Nigerian Communication Commission (NCC), Office of the Vice President and UNDP.

The Commission in collaboration with the UNDP and EU carried out a project on Promoting Reconciliation, Reintegration and Transitional Justice in seven communities in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States. The project aimed to reconcile and make peace in the communities after the gross human rights violations and criminalities that were inflicted on the people as a result of insurgency and counter insurgency operations.

In the same vein, the Commission collaborated with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugee (UNHCR), UNDP and EU to cushion the human rights and humanitarian conditions of some communities in the North East region of the country that have been affected by the Boko Haram insurgency. The exercise also served as an avenue for the provision of basic amenities such as potable water, food and non-food items for the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) living in various camps and communities.

The Commission with the support of United Nation Resident Coordinator's Office partnered with the Office of High Commissioner on Human Rights: Indicators and Data Units (METs);

Regional Mechanisms Section and Sustainable Development section; organized Workshop on Operationalizing a Human Rights-Based Approach to Data and Indicator for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Human Rights Reporting. The workshop, held at Abuja on 12 -14 October 2022, had these objectives:

- a. To strengthen the participants on human rights monitoring and SDGs analytical and reporting capacity.
- b. To identify key entry points for the operationalization of human rights and SDGs indicators and human rights-based approach to data (HRBAD) in the context of Nigeria.
- c. To describe the value and applicability of internationally accepted methodology and guidance on HRBAD and explain the links between the human rights and SDGs indicator frameworks.

#### **4.5 Collaborations with other International Organizations**

The Commission in partnership with CLEEN Foundation, RULAAC, NOPRIN, Office of the Vice President on Rule of Law and Police Reforms, with support from MacArthur Foundation, executed a project on improving police accountability through Police Reforms in Nigeria. The purpose of the project was to address the persistent problem of police brutality and human rights violations by the Police as well as entrench a right-respecting policing atmosphere in Nigeria with regards to democratic values through government implementation of the various police reform recommendations in Nigeria.

Furthermore, the Commission in collaboration with the Ford Foundation and LEDAP launched a project titled "Mobilizing Voters for Election (MOVE)". The essence of the project was to increase citizens' participation in elections as well as integrate human rights principles into the electoral process in order to reduce voter's apathy and violence during election. The MOVE project was launched on 17 October, 2022.

In addition, the Danish Institute for Human Rights and Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI) supported the Commission to train Regulatory Agencies on "Access to Remedy for Business-Related Human Rights Abuses". Participants were drawn from Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), NCC and National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA). The training was held at Commission's Auditorium on 27 September, 2022.

Heartland Alliance International (HAI) funded the Commission to monitor and combat Human Trafficking in the North-East (Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states). The project started in 2020 and was concluded in 2022.

Furthermore, the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) supported the Commission in partnership with the Center for Democracy and Development (CDD) to hold Colloquium on Human Rights in Counter-Insurgency Operations. It was an opportunity for

stakeholders to brainstorm on how best to mainstream human rights principles into counter-insurgency operations.

The Commission in collaboration with NANHRI organised a three-day In-Country training on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity Expression & Sexual Characteristics (SOGIESC) for stakeholders on the rights and protection of key population on 01 August, 2022 while, the Bauchi State Office in collaboration with PLAN International inaugurated the first ASPIRE Technical Advisory Group meeting with the aim to improve sexual and reproductive health and rights for adolescent girls and women including vulnerable population on the 28 September, 2022.

**CHAPTER FIVE****HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION AND COMPLAINTS TREATMENT****5.1 Preamble**

In furtherance of its human rights protection mandate, the Commission receives and treats complaints in line with Section 5(j) of the National Human Rights Commission Act, 1995 (As Amended), which empowers it to “*receive and investigate complaints concerning violations of human rights and make appropriate determinations as may be deemed necessary in each circumstance.*” Accordingly, the Commission’s offices throughout the country, including the headquarters and the Abuja Metropolitan Office (AMO), receive and treat complaints of human rights violations/abuses from individuals, groups and corporate organizations.

The Commission has opened so many channels by which the public can access its services, at no cost to them. A complaint may be lodged by a complainant in person or by a person acting on his or her behalf, instructions, request, or best interest, at either the Head Office in Abuja, AMO, or any of the State Offices in the 36 States of the Federation. Complaints can be sent to the Commission in hard and/or soft copy, or via electronic media.

Complaints can be brought before the Commission by group of individuals whose rights have been violated or threatened, or by a proxy, acting on their joint behalf. Where the Commission notices abuse or violation of human rights of individuals or groups, it may also take necessary steps to address the issues *suo moto*. The Commission carries out investigations and thereafter, seeks redress and remedies for identified violations of human rights. This chapter provides information on complaints management, with statistical illustrations, on complaints received and treated by the Commission in 2022.

**5.2 Procedures**

In the management of complaints, the Commission is guided by the NHRC Act, 1995 (As Amended), as well as the guideline for complaint management as provided in the Standard Orders and Rules of Procedures (STORP) and Complaint Treatment Procedure Manual of the National Human Rights Commission of Nigeria. These rules are applied to all complaints in different forms and nature.

The following are relevant sections of the NHRC Act and the STORP of the Commission, which guide complaints treatment:

- a. Commencement of cases and complaints: Rules 58 – 64 of STORP
- b. Admissibility: Rule 72 of STORP
- c. Investigation: Section 5 (j) of NHRC Act 1995 (As Amended) and Rules 74 & 75 of STORP
- d. Mediation: Section 5 (q) of NHRC Act 1995 (As Amended) and Rule 78 (1-14) STORP

- e. Oral Hearing: Section 6 (1) NHRC Act 1995 (As Amended) and Rule 80 (1-19) STORP
- f. Public Interest Litigation: Section 6 (1)(b) and section 5(r) of NHRC Act 1995 (As Amended) and Rule 86 (1-3) STORP
- g. Referral of human rights violation(s) requiring criminal prosecution to the Attorney – General of the Federation or States as case may be : Section 5 (p) of NHRC Act 1995 (As Amended)

### 5.3 Complaints Received in 2022

In the year under review, the Commission received a total of **Two Million, Three Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty (2,314,440)** complaints. Normally, the Commission receives complaints from the following sources:

- a. Routine complaints received by the protection departments at the Headquarters, AMO and State Offices
- b. Complaints received through Inquiries and Panel Sittings
- c. Cases adopted through human rights monitoring and survey for class action

#### 5.3.1 Routine Complaints Received by the Protection Departments at the Headquarters, AMO and State Offices

A total of **Two Million, Three Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty (2,314,440)** complaints were received by the protection departments and the state offices, whereby, complainants or their proxies walked in, or sent complaints via e-mails, phone calls or SMS/WhatsApp messages. This figure is higher than the complaints received in 2021 (which stood at **1,701,357**) by **613,083**.

The rise in number of complaints received may be attributed to several factors among which are:

- a. The complete removal of movement restrictions, earlier put in place as a result of the Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic, enabled more people to reach the Commission with their complaints.
- b. The increased use of the social media and other virtual means of communication.
- c. The wave of kidnapping and banditry continued across the country up to the third quarter of the year under review, and further compounded the security challenges that have been confronting the country and threw up human rights concerns and complaints.
- d. Increasing awareness of human rights and knowledge of avenues to claim those rights.

### **5.3.2 Complaints Received Through Inquiries and Panel Sittings**

The Commission receives complaints when it conducts inquiries into topical issues. For instance, in the aftermath of the **#EndSARS** protests, many states set up independent investigative panels with the Commission playing active roles. In the preceding year (2021), the panels concluded their sittings and 27 victims were paid compensation totaling ***N146,000,000.00 (One Hundred and Forty-Six Million Naira) Only.***

In the year under review, the payment of compensation continued. 70 (Seventy) victims or next of kins of deceased victims from across the country were paid compensation totaling N281,454,093.73 **(Two Hundred and Eighty One Million, Four Hundred and Fifty Four Thousand, Ninety Three Naira, Seventy Three Kobo)** only.

### **5.3.3 Cases Adopted Through Human Rights Monitoring and Survey for Class Action**

The Commission monitors the human rights situation in Nigeria as part of its human rights protection mandate. This it does through the mechanism of:

- a. Election monitoring
- b. Audit of detention/correctional centres
- c. Monitoring of IDP camps
- d. Monitoring of emergencies to assess human rights and humanitarian interventions
- e. Monitoring of security situations and interventions, to assess level of human rights compliance by security agencies, amongst others.

The Commission continued to monitor the IDP situation in the North East with individuals being regularly evaluated with respect to their human rights and humanitarian situations.

## **5.4 Geographical Distribution of Complaints by States**

The Commission's State Offices, the AMO and the Headquarters' protection departments receive and treat complaints. This paragraph will focus on routine complaints received by the protection departments and the State Offices, including the AMO.

As shown in **Table 5.4** below, Rivers, Kaduna, Delta, Imo, Niger, Ebonyi, Lagos and Sokoto States received the highest number of complaints, with **Rivers State** topping the list at **275,057** complaints. **Kaduna** got the second highest complaints of **242,220**, while **Delta** got **222,398** complaints, being the third.

In addition to the above, the Abuja Metropolitan Office and Osun State got less than 10,000 complaints, with Osun State also taking the rear as the state with the least number of complaints at 7,243 complaints.

**Table 5.4 Geographical Distribution of Complaints by States**

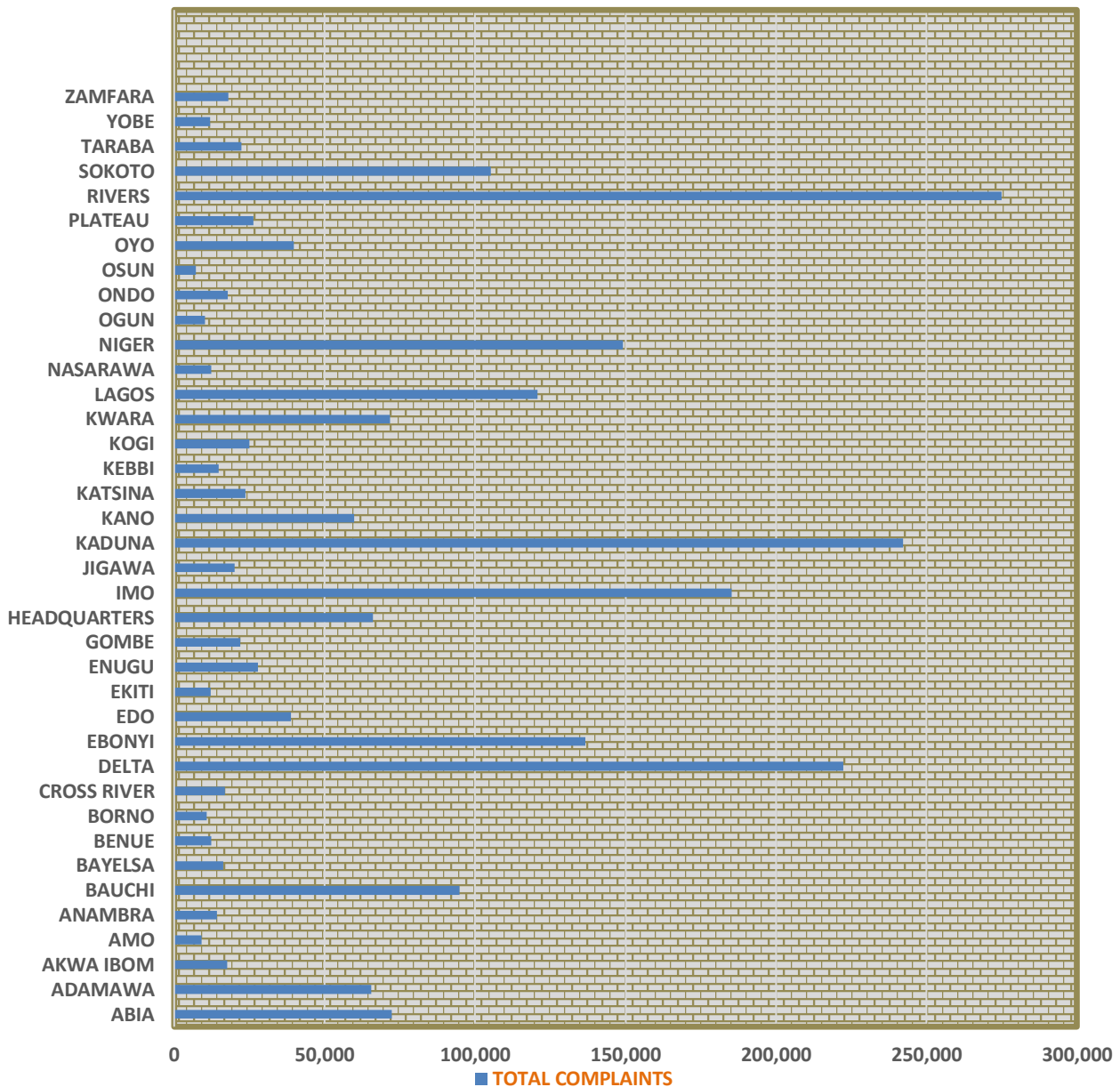
<b>S/NO</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1	ABIA	72,318
2	ADAMAWA	65,456
3	AKWA IBOM	17,698
4	AMO	9,045
5	ANAMBRA	14,267
6	BAUCHI	94,753
7	BAYELSA	16,337
8	BENUE	12,253
9	BORNO	10,837
10	CROSS RIVER	16,936
11	DELTA	222,398
12	EBONYI	136,685
13	EDO	38,827
14	EKITI	12,035
15	ENUGU	27,827
16	GOMBE	22,000
17	HEADQUARTERS	66,110
18	IMO	185,314
19	JIGAWA	20,094
20	KADUNA	242,220
21	KANO	59,738
22	KATSINA	23,688
23	KEBBI	14,866
24	KOGI	24,995
25	KWARA	71,719
26	LAGOS	120,783
27	NASARAWA	12,253
28	NIGER	149,155
29	OGUN	10,183
30	ONDO	17,753
31	OSUN	7,243
32	OYO	39,698
33	PLATEAU	26,357
34	RIVERS	275,057
35	SOKOTO	105,209
36	TARABA	22,436



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<b>37</b>	<b>YOBE</b>	<b>11,926</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>ZAMFARA</b>	<b>17,970</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,314,440</b>

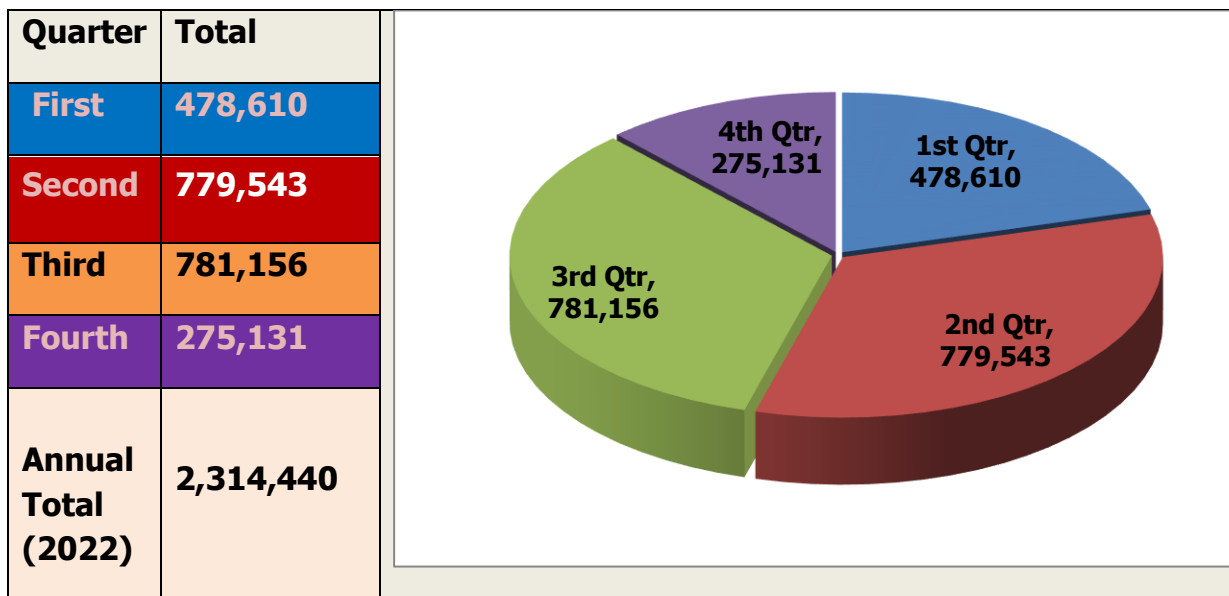
Figure 5.4: GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF COMPLAINTS



### 5.5 Quarterly Distribution of Complaints

The Commission received a total of **478,610** complaints in the first quarter (**Q1**) of 2022, while **779,543** complaints were received in the second quarter (**Q2**). In the third quarter (**Q3**), the complaints profile further rose to **781,156** complaints, but dropped by a wide margin to **275,131** complaints in the fourth quarter (**Q4**).

**Table and Chart 5.5 Quarterly Distribution of Complaints Received in 2022.**



**5.6 Admissibility of Complaints**

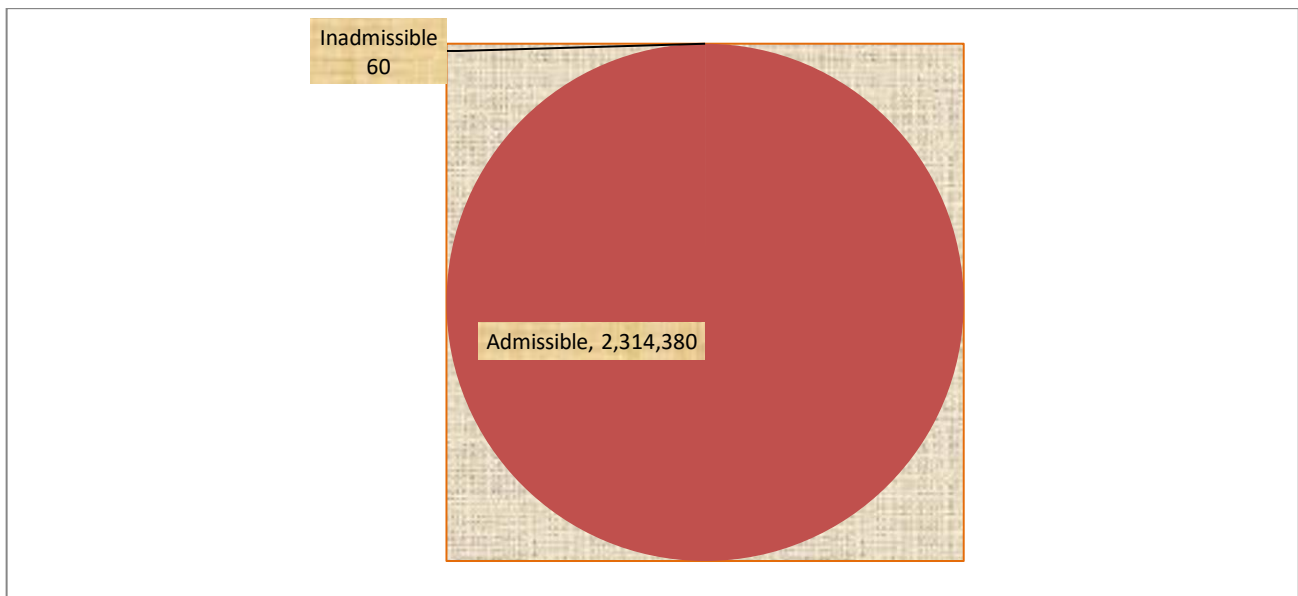
Every complaint lodged in the Commission is subjected to the rules of admissibility. Rule 72 of the Commission’s STORP provides a process for determining admissibility or eligibility of complaints. Consequently, out of the **2,314,440** complaints received in 2022, a total of **2,314,380** were found admissible, while **60** were inadmissible in line with the rules of procedure.

Table 5.6 and Figure 5.6 represent the breakdown and analysis of admissible and inadmissible complaints received by the Commission in 2022 per quarter.

**Table 5.6 Admissible and Inadmissible Complaints**

Quarter	Admissible	Inadmissible
First	478,607	3
Second	779,538	5
Third	781,106	50
Fourth	275,129	2
<b>Annual Total (2022)</b>	<b>2,314,380</b>	<b>60</b>

**Figure 5.6 Admissible and Inadmissible Complaints**



**5.7 Status of Complaints**

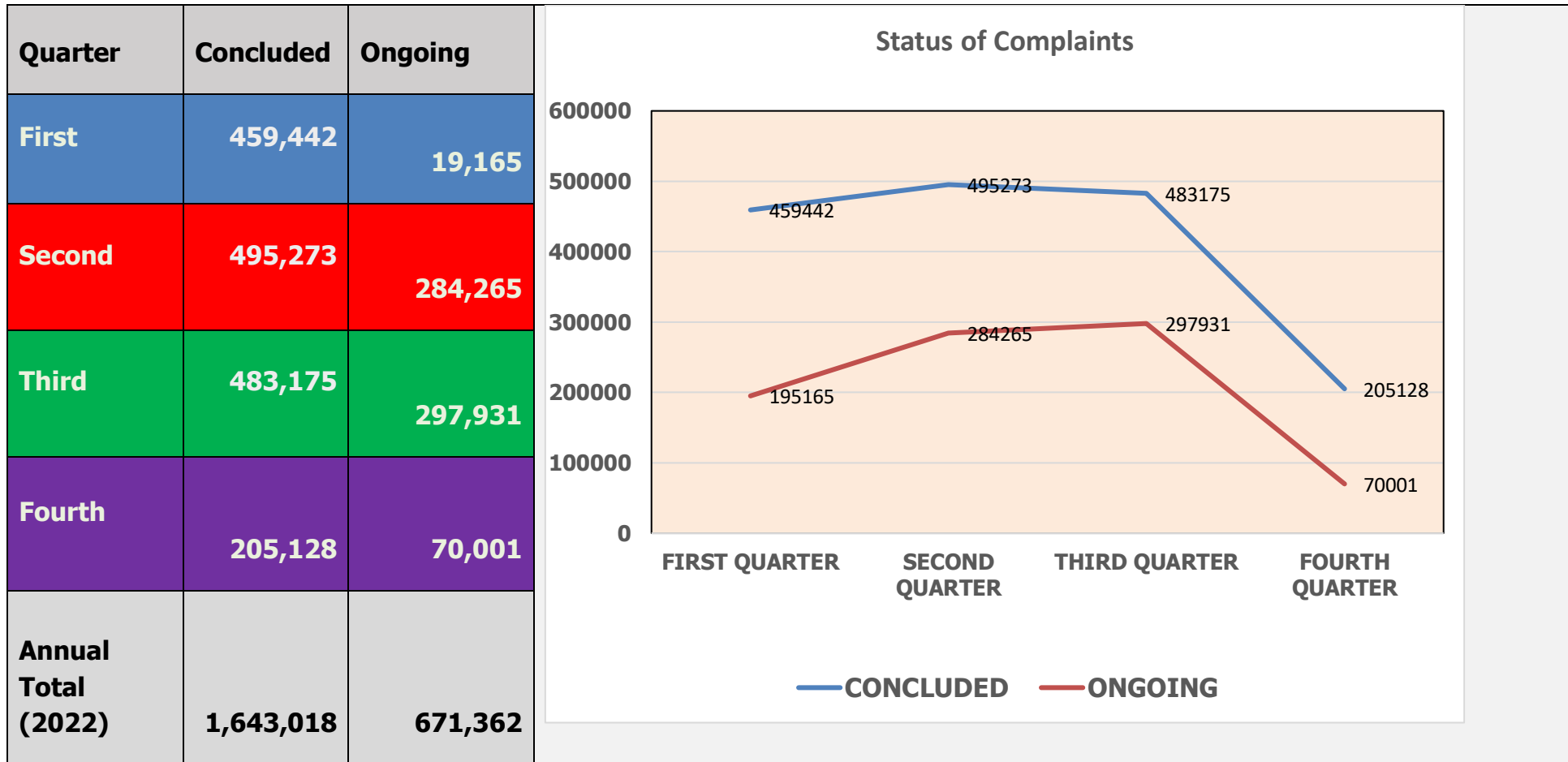
By the end of the year under review, **1,643,018** out of the **2,314,380** admissible complaints received in all the 36 states of the Federation and Abuja (Headquarters and the Abuja Metropolitan Office) representing **70.99%** had been investigated and concluded in line with the STORP of the Commission. The remaining **671,362(29.01%)** complaints, although not concluded, were ongoing and at various stages of investigation and mediation as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022. Details of the status of complaints are summarized in the table and graph below:



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## Status of Complaints

Figure 5.7 Status of Complaints



### **5.8 Disaggregation of Admissible Complaints**

For administrative convenience and efficiency, complaints received by the Commission are disaggregated according to thematic areas and assigned to relevant departments and units. Data and information on the frequency of occurrence of each type of violation and thematic grouping are critical in determining areas of programming for interventions like research, education, advocacy and monitoring.

Thematic issues that dominated the attention and focus of the Commission throughout the country in 2022 were: Sexual and Gender Based Violence (Rape and Domestic Violence); Women and Gender Rights (Child Custody, Denial of Access to Children); Child Rights (Right to Survival and Development, Child Abandonment); Labour Rights; Quality of Life; Law Enforcement and Human Dignity; and Freedom from Discrimination.

Complaints regarding Quality of Life issues topped the list with 567,160 complaints, while Child Rights issues followed with 388,700 complaints. These high figures may be attributable to rising poverty and unemployment which has impacted negatively on the quality of life, as well as made it difficult for people to cater for their families.

The lowest figures were recorded for Rights of the Aged (80 cases) followed at a far distance by Freedom of Religion (2,080 cases). The drop in complaints in the area of Rights of the Aged may be due to the coming into being of the National Senior Citizens Centre.



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**Table 5.8 Disaggregation of Complaints According To Areas Of Thematic Focus**

S/ N	STATE	SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE	WOMEN AND GENDER RIGHTS	CHILD RIGHTS	JUDICIARY, RULE OF LAW AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE	FREEDOM/LIBERTY OF PERSONS	RIGHTS OF THE AGED	RIGHT TO LIFE	FREEDOM OF RELIGION	LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HUMAN DIGNITY	QUALITY OF LIFE	LABOUR RIGHTS	FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION	NIGER DELTA AND ENVIRONMENT	OTHERS	ANNUAL TOTAL (2022)
		<b>193,360</b>	<b>198,220</b>	<b>388,700</b>	<b>96,740</b>	<b>28,120</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>94,480</b>	<b>2,080</b>	<b>109,020</b>	<b>567,160</b>	<b>157,100</b>	<b>197,180</b>	<b>3,960</b>	<b>278,180</b>	<b>2,314,380</b>
1	ABIA	6,042	6,194	12,146	3,023	879	2	2,952	65	3,407	17,722	4,909	6,161	124	8,692	<b>72,318</b>
2	ADAMAWA	5,469	5,606	10,993	2,736	795	2	2,672	59	3,083	16,041	4,443	5,577	112	7,868	<b>65,456</b>
3	AKWA IBOM	1,479	1,516	2,972	740	215	1	722	16	834	4,337	1,201	1,508	30	2,127	<b>17,698</b>
4	ABUJA MUNICIPAL OFFICE (FCT)	751	770	1,509	376	109	0	367	8	423	2,202	610	766	15	1,080	<b>8,985</b>
5	ANAMBRA	1,192	1,222	2,396	596	173	0	582	13	672	3,496	968	1,216	24	1,715	<b>14,267</b>
6	BAUCHI	7,916	8,115	15,914	3,961	1,151	3	3,868	85	4,463	23,220	6,432	8,073	162	11,389	<b>94,753</b>
7	BAYELSA	1,365	1,399	2,744	683	198	1	667	15	770	4,003	1,109	1,392	28	1,964	<b>16,337</b>
8	BENUE	1,024	1,049	2,058	512	149	0	500	11	577	3,003	832	1,044	21	1,473	<b>12,253</b>
9	BORNO	905	928	1,820	453	132	0	442	10	510	2,656	736	923	19	1,303	<b>10,837</b>
10	CROSS RIVER	1,415	1,451	2,844	708	206	1	691	15	798	4,150	1,150	1,443	29	2,036	<b>16,936</b>
11	DELTA	18,581	19,048	37,352	9,296	2,702	8	9,079	200	10,476	54,501	15,096	18,948	381	26,731	<b>222,398</b>
12	EBONYI	11,420	11,707	22,956	5,713	1,661	5	5,580	123	6,439	33,496	9,278	11,645	234	16,429	<b>136,685</b>
13	EDO	3,244	3,325	6,521	1,623	472	1	1,585	35	1,829	9,515	2,636	3,308	66	4,667	<b>38,827</b>



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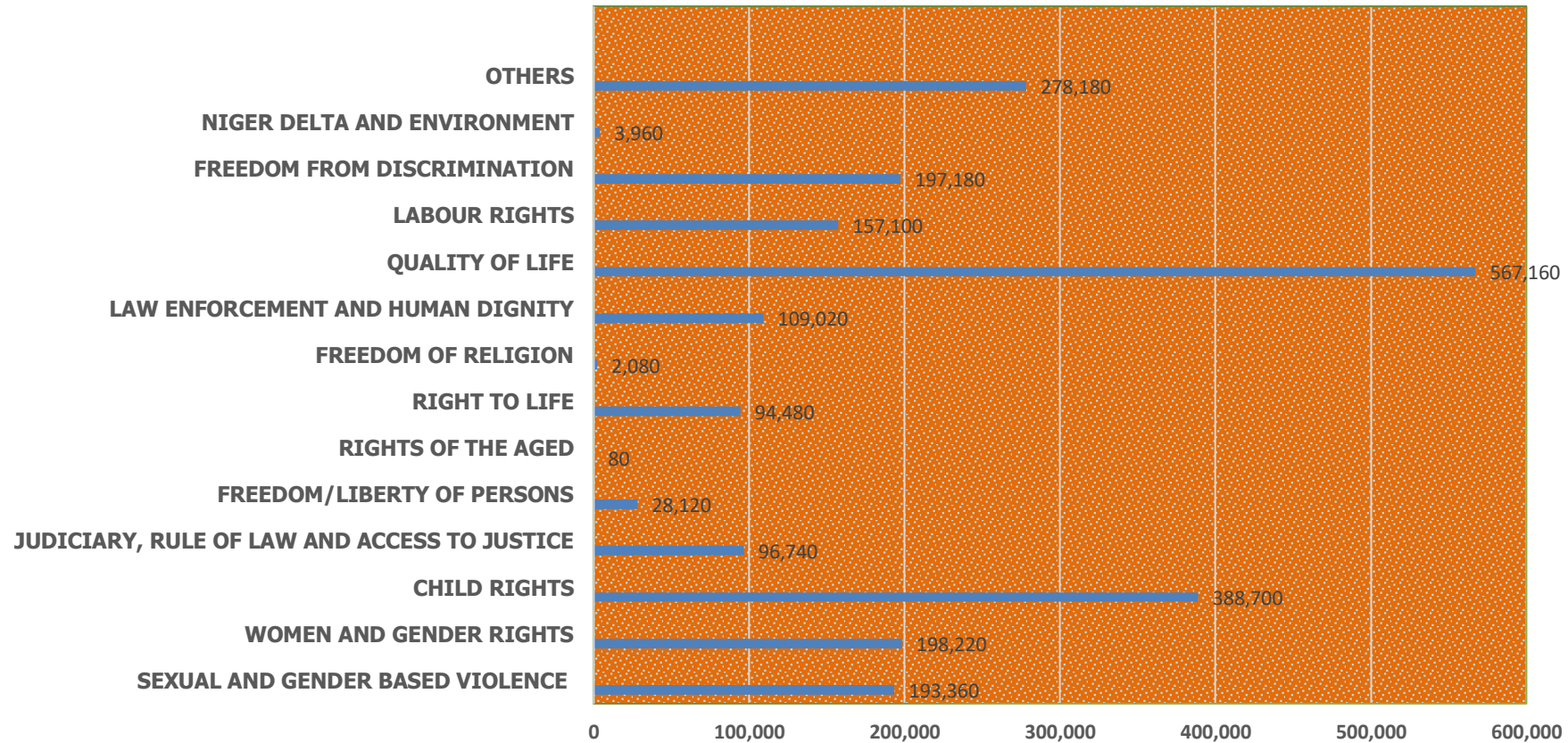
14	EKITI	1,005	1,031	2,021	503	146	0	491	11	567	2,949	817	1,025	21	1,447	<b>12,035</b>
15	ENUGU	2,325	2,383	4,674	1,163	338	1	1,136	25	1,311	6,819	1,889	2,371	48	3,345	<b>27,827</b>
16	GOMBE	1,838	1,884	3,695	920	267	1	898	20	1,036	5,391	1,493	1,874	38	2,644	<b>22,000</b>
17	HEADQUARTERS (ABUJA)	5,523	5,662	11,103	2,763	803	2	2,699	59	3,114	16,201	4,488	5,632	113	7,946	<b>66,110</b>
18	IMO	15,482	15,872	31,123	7,746	2,252	6	7,565	167	8,729	45,413	12,579	15,788	317	22,274	<b>185,314</b>
19	JIGAWA	1,679	1,721	3,375	840	244	1	820	18	947	4,924	1,364	1,712	34	2,415	<b>20,094</b>
20	KADUNA	20,237	20,745	40,681	10,125	2,943	8	9,888	218	11,410	59,358	16,442	20,637	414	29,114	<b>242,220</b>
21	KANO	4,991	5,116	10,033	2,497	726	2	2,439	54	2,814	14,639	4,055	5,090	102	7,180	<b>59,738</b>
22	KATSINA	1,979	2,029	3,978	990	288	1	967	21	1,116	5,805	1,608	2,018	41	2,847	<b>23,688</b>
23	KEBBI	1,242	1,273	2,497	621	181	1	607	13	700	3,643	1,009	1,267	25	1,787	<b>14,866</b>
24	KOGI	2,088	2,141	4,198	1,045	304	1	1,020	22	1,177	6,125	1,697	2,130	43	3,004	<b>24,995</b>
25	KWARA	5,992	6,142	12,045	2,998	871	2	2,928	64	3,378	17,575	4,868	6,110	123	8,620	<b>71,719</b>
26	LAGOS	10,091	10,345	20,286	5,049	1,468	4	4,931	109	5,690	29,599	8,199	10,290	207	14,518	<b>120,783</b>
27	NASARAWA	1,024	1,049	2,058	512	149	0	500	11	577	3,003	832	1,044	21	1,473	<b>12,253</b>
28	NIGER	12,461	12,775	25,051	6,235	1,812	5	6,089	134	7,026	36,552	10,125	12,708	255	17,928	<b>149,155</b>
29	OGUN	851	872	1,710	426	124	0	416	9	480	2,496	691	868	17	1,224	<b>10,183</b>
30	ONDO	1,483	1,520	2,982	742	216	1	725	16	836	4,350	1,205	1,512	30	2,134	<b>17,753</b>
31	OSUN	605	620	1,216	303	88	0	296	7	341	1,775	492	617	12	871	<b>7,243</b>
32	OYO	3,317	3,400	6,667	1,659	482	1	1,621	36	1,870	9,728	2,695	3,382	68	4,772	<b>39,698</b>
33	PLATEAU	2,202	2,257	4,427	1,102	320	1	1,076	24	1,242	6,459	1,789	2,246	45	3,168	<b>26,357</b>
34	RIVERS	22,980	23,558	46,196	11,497	3,342	10	11,229	247	12,957	67,405	18,671	23,434	471	33,061	<b>275,057</b>



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36	SOKOTO	8,790	9,011	17,670	4,398	1,278	4	4,295	95	4,956	25,782	7,142	8,964	180	12,646	<b>105,209</b>
37	TARABA	1,874	1,922	3,768	938	273	1	916	20	1,057	5,498	1,523	1,911	38	2,697	<b>22,436</b>
38	YOBE	996	1,021	2,003	498	145	0	487	11	562	2,923	810	1,016	20	1,433	<b>11,926</b>
39	ZAMFARA	1,501	1,539	3,018	751	218	1	734	16	847	4,404	1,220	1,531	31	2,160	<b>17,970</b>
		<b>193,360</b>	<b>198,220</b>	<b>388,700</b>	<b>96,740</b>	<b>28,120</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>94,480</b>	<b>2,080</b>	<b>109,020</b>	<b>567,160</b>	<b>157,100</b>	<b>197,180</b>	<b>3,960</b>	<b>278,180</b>	<b>2,314,380</b>

## Figure 5.8 Graphical Representation of Complaints by Thematic Areas of Focus



**5.9 Summary of Complaints from 1996 to 2022**

The Commission was established by the NHRC Act, 1995 (As Amended) and commenced operations in 1996. In the first year of operation, the Commission received only 41 complaints, but this has been rising steadily, albeit, with fluctuations.

As at 31 December 2022, the aggregate number of complaints received by the Commission from 1996 to 2022 amounts to **Ten Million, Four Hundred and Thirty Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Fourteen (10,437,114)**.

**Table 5.9** and **Figure 5.9** are tabular and graphical representations of the complaints received, admitted and treated by the Commission from 1996 to 2022.

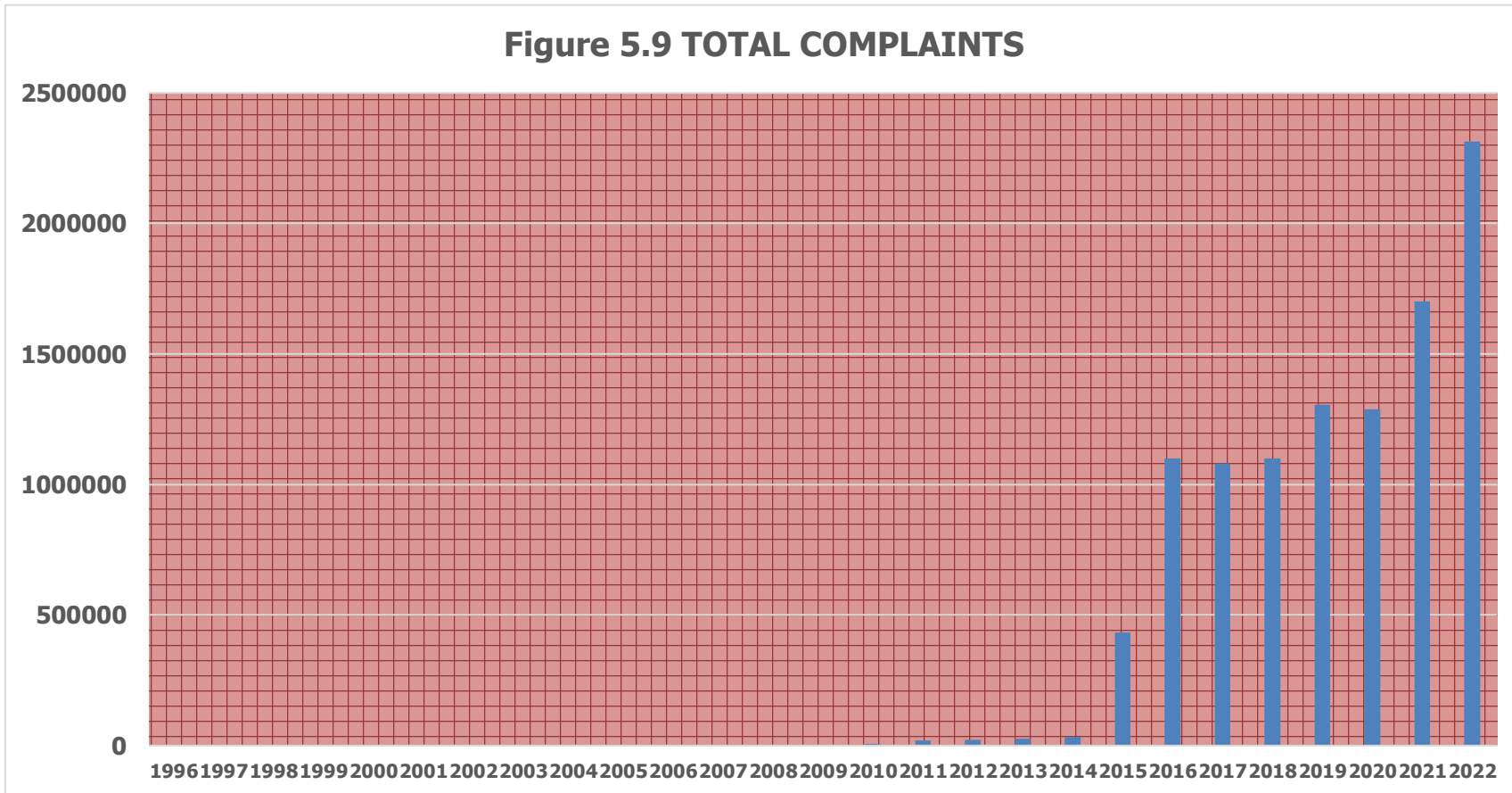
**Table 5.9 Summary of Complaints 1996-2022**

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
Year	Total Received	Admissible	Inadmissible	Concluded	Pending
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



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2007	574	235	31	151	84
2008	1,300	1,423	185	1,133	290
2009	1,061	1,040	21	750	290
2010	6,967	6,700	267	4,000	2,700
2011	19,210	18,060	1,150	15,403	2,657
2012	22,542	21,373	3,187	18,188	3,185
2013	26,067	24,198	1,869	19,806	4,392
2014	31,847	28,974	2,873	24,339	4,635
<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Received</b>	<b>Admissible</b>	<b>Inadmissible</b>	<b>Concluded</b>	<b>Pending</b>
2015	433,865	430,962	2,903	414,384	16,578
2016	1,099,919	1,000,430	99,489	489,219	511,211
2017	1,081,329	1,081,126	203	576,742	504,384
2018	1,099,825	1,097,777	2,048	647,688	450,089
2019	1,304,849	1,303,936	913	1,105,738	198,198
2020	1,287,760	1,124,600	2,680	190,520	934,080
2021	1,701,519	1,697,777	3742	1,187,079	514,440
2022	2,314,440	2,314,380	60	1,643,018	671,362
<b>Total (1996 - 2022)</b>	<b>10,437,114</b>	<b>10,155,943</b>	<b>122,709</b>	<b>6,339,591</b>	<b>3,820,094</b>

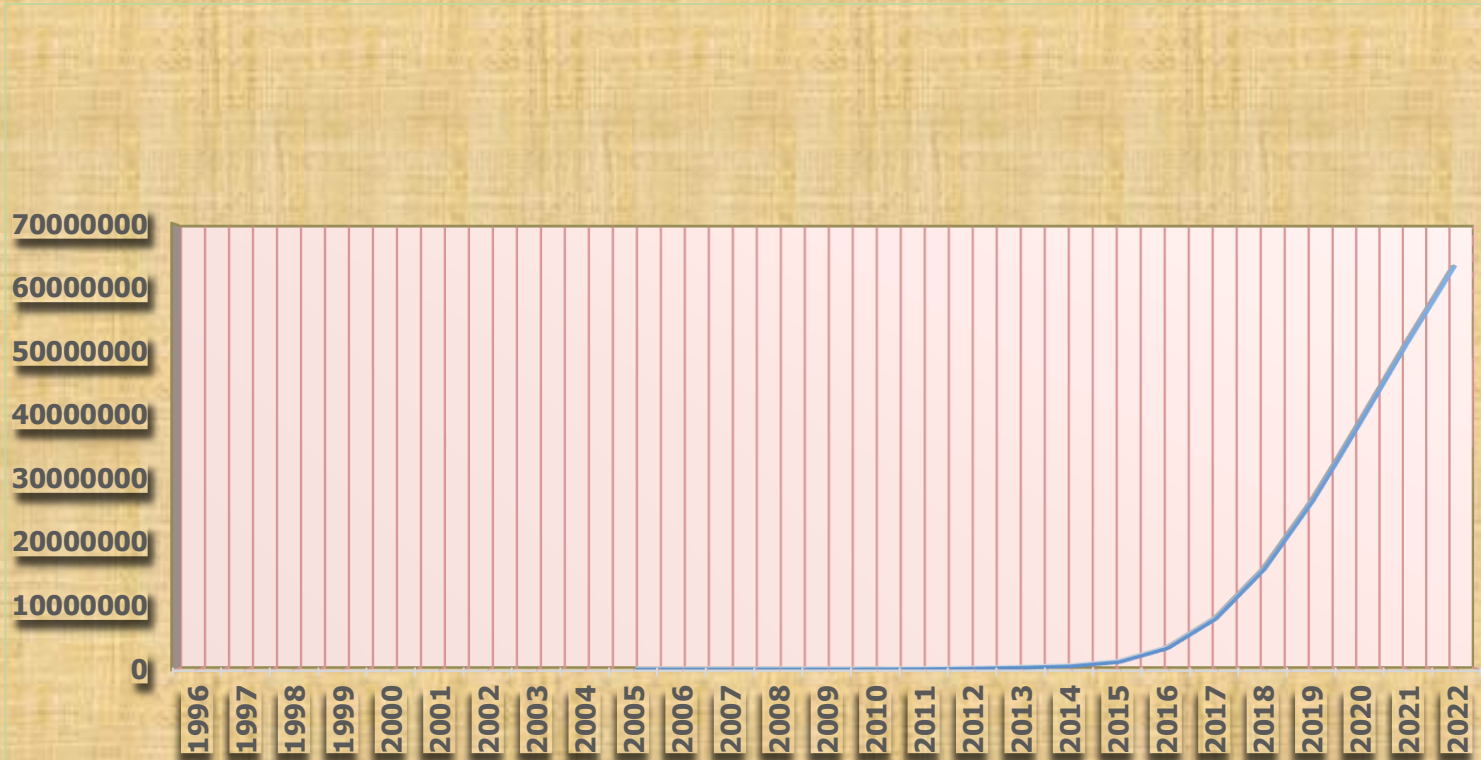


### 5.10 Trend of Complaints from 1996 to 2022

The trajectory of the trend of the Commission's complaints profile depends on a number of factors which may include:

- a. Knowledge of human rights by the public
- b. Awareness of the Commission's services
- c. Ability to access the Commission's offices
- d. Level and preponderance of violations
- e. The exigencies of the economic, political, social and technological environments.

Figure 5.10 TREND OF COMPLAINTS



## **CHAPTER SIX**

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

#### **6.1 Preamble**

This chapter deals with special projects embarked upon by the Commission to promote and protect the rights of Nigerian citizens and residents, and to improve the visibility and accessibility. The projects carried out were special interventions geared towards fast tracking human rights based approaches amongst the duty bearers and rights holders, which will engender international human rights standards.

In the year under review, such interventions were: police training; monitoring of police detention centres; correctional centres; special investigation panels; and recognition of police officers that have mainstreamed human rights into the discharge of their duties. It further X-rays the Commission's efforts in attaining improved visibility and accessibility through construction of Prototype State Office complexes in the right locations for complainants and other relevant stakeholders to have easy access to the Commission.

#### **6.2 Strengthening Police Reform in Nigeria**

The Commission recognized the fact that the police and other law enforcement agencies are charged with the task of protecting lives and properties through enforcing the relevant laws. They therefore have frequent exposure and interaction with the populace. In the course of doing this, they sometimes infringe on the rights of Nigerians as shown by the number of complaints received by the Commission against law enforcement agencies over the years.

Consequently, the Commission undertook trainings and visitations to police personnel and formations in collaboration with the Office of the Vice President, CLEEN Foundation, and Network for Police Reforms (NOPRIN) and Rule of Law and Accountability Advocacy Centre (RULAAC) with funding from the Mac-Arthur Foundation. The projects were aimed at enhancing police accountability, identifying good practices and challenges with a view to making actionable recommendations to appropriate authorities. The police project started in February 2022 and was concluded in November 2022.

#### **6.3 Visits to Selected Police Stations in the Six Geo-Political Zones**

The Commission conducted a routine police cells visitation to selected police stations across the country. The police stations visited were selected based on geo-political zones and the FCT.

The selected states for the respective geo-political zones were as follows:

- a. Sokoto (North West)
- b. Bauchi (North East)

- c. Benue (North Central)
- d. Oyo (South West)
- e. Imo (South East)
- f. Edo (South South)
- g. Federal Capital Territory

In each of these states, five police stations were identified and visited. This was preceded by an official flag-off of the exercise in Abuja on Monday, 21 February 2022. At the end of the exercise, the Commission identified police detention centres that complied with human rights standards and honoured the Divisional Police Officers (DPOs) that distinguished themselves in service.



**KWARA STATE TRAINING**



**YOLA STATE TRAINING**

## 6.4 Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

The Commission carried out an M&E exercise to ascertain the effectiveness and efficiency of the project. It was targeted at checking the extent to which the project impacted on police performance in accordance with planned objectives; and to document evidence-based outcome level results and achievement of the project.

The findings from the exercise showed that the intervention was a right step in the right direction. Police officers that received the training confirmed the importance of human rights based approaches in the discharge of their duties as well as the need to maintain international standard in policing in Nigeria.

## 6.5 Human Rights Award to Deserving Police Officers

The highlight of the police project was the human rights award to deserving police officers. Outstanding police personnel were honoured at an award ceremony on 10 December 2022, as part of the activities to commemorate the International Human Rights Day. There were two

categories of awards, the first category of officers were identified as most receptive to human rights trainings. The officers showed great commitment to human rights standard and were considered as advocates for human rights within the police.

### The officers in this category were:

1. ASP Nahum Daso Kenneth- PPRO, Borno State Command
2. ACP Bello Umar Dankal- AC CID, Zamfara State Command
3. DSP Otowu Gabriel O/C Legal and Prosecution, Kogi State Command

The second category of officers was found to be very professional in their management of Police Stations. The condition of the cells/detention facilities, condition of detainees, proper documentation, transparency, community relations and other human rights standard in the police stations were assessed and adjudged as highly commendable.

### The Officers in this category were:

1. SP Philip Akolo Emmanuel - DPO Yelwa Police Station , Bauchi State
2. CSP Mainasara Maru – DPO Marina Police Station, Sokoto

The awards were presented to the officers by the representative of the Inspector General of Police, DCP Simon Lough at the award ceremony in Abuja.

### POLICE AWARD NIGHT PICTURE GALLERY



CSP MAINASARA YAHAYA



ASP NAHUM DASO KENNETH





The 5 police officers awardees with Mrs. Ifeoma Nwakama, mni and Obiora Nwosu

The group pictures of the awardees after the ceremony





## 6.6 The Special Project on Protection of the Rights of Persons of Concern in the North East through Human Rights Monitoring

This was one of the special projects the Commission carried out with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in the North East. The Commission aimed at improving the protection of the affected Persons of Concern (PoCs); and restore human dignity and wellbeing in the returned communities, IDP camps/settlement and host communities in the North Eastern States of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY). This exercise was conducted through the development and implementation of community-based Human Rights Monitoring interventions by regular monitoring missions, collection, analysis and dissemination of protection data/information to protection actors. There were also, advocacy interventions, awareness raising campaigns, sensitization to all PoCs communities for support by the Human Rights Monitors (HRMs).

Furthermore, the Commission visited detention facilities to ensure that PoCs are not unlawfully detained but in accordance with human rights norms. It also sought immediate redress for detained PoCs. The exercise covered the following states; Borno with **10** LGAs, covering 12 locations, Adamawa with **6** LGAs covering 82 locations and Yobe with **2** LGAs. At the end of the exercise, the knowledge of the PoCs on issues relating to protection and promotion of human rights was increased.

### **6.7 Nationwide Audit Exercise of Correctional Centres and Detention Facilities in the Thirty-Six States and the Federal Capital Territory**

In the year under review, the Commission carried out an audit of correctional centres and other detention facilities to evaluate the conditions of the inmates, including personnel welfare. The aim was to cause improvement of compliance with human rights standards in correctional and detention centres, as well as to produce report to facilitate interventions and recommendations for improvement to Government.

The security institutions visited are as follows:

- a. Nigeria Police Force
- b. Nigeria Correctional Service
- c. National Drug Law Enforcement Agency
- d. Economic and Financial Crimes Commission
- e. Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps

### **6.8 Transitional Justice Project**

The Commission with the support of the European Union (EU) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) implemented a project - **"Promoting Reconciliation, Reintegration and Transitional Justice in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States."** The project sought to mobilise state and community stakeholders towards reconciliation and building capacity and partnerships for transitional and restorative justice in the above mentioned communities and beyond. The project recorded the following achievements:

- a. Built capacity of stakeholders on Reconciliation and Transitional Justice:
- b. Developed Framework for Transitional Justice and Reconciliation. The Commission developed framework of Transitional Justice for North East Nigeria. The framework includes Protocols and Guidelines for Transitional Justice and Reconciliation and Protocol for Integrating Gender in Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Session.
- c. Mobilised Religious and Traditional Leaders
- d. Communication and Advocacy that promoted transitional justice and reconciliation.

e. Conducted transitional justice sessions in three project locations: Malkohi and Madagali in Adamawa State; Gujba in Yobe State; Gwoza and Bama in Borno State.

The community leaders heard a total of 70 cases. These cases include conversion of wives, children and properties during the insurgency period in their respective communities. The transitional Justice session offered both victims and perpetrators an opportunity and platform to talk and discuss their differences.

### **6.9 Independent Investigative Panel on Alleged Human Rights Violations by SARS and Other Units of the Nigeria Police Force.**

The NHRC set up the Independent Investigative Panel on Human Rights Violations by the defunct SARS and other Units of the Nigeria Police Force in October 2020 as a result of the #EndSARS protests. The Panel received and heard a total of 295 petitions across the federation on various issues of human rights violations. The Panel submitted its findings and report to the Commission on 27 September 2022. The report indicted 72 police officers with recommendations for prosecution, dismissal and other disciplinary actions.

Based on the recommendations of the Panel, a total of **N438, 884,094 (Four Hundred and Thirty-eight Million, Eight Hundred and Eighty four Thousand, Ninety four naira)** was paid as compensation to 100 petitioners who suffered various human rights violations.

### **6.10 Mobilizing Voters for Elections (MOVE)**

The Commission has been playing a fundamental role in advancing Nigeria's democracy through the development of programmes aimed at integrating human rights into the electoral process. Consequently, the Commission in the year 2022, launched a 2023 election initiative tagged **Mobilizing Voters for Election (MOVE)**. The project had the broad goal of Promoting participation, credibility and accountability in the 2023 General Elections in Nigeria.

In view of the above, the Commission:

1. Established a National Hate Speech Register in its 36 states and FCT offices
2. Established a PVC Collection Observatory for monitoring PVC collection
3. Engaged Political Parties and Presidential Candidates in a Town Hall meeting on Human Rights Based Issues in their respective Manifestos for 2023 elections.

### **6.11 Construction of Prototype State Office Buildings**

In the year under review, the Commission continued with construction of new state offices and renovation of existing ones. These projects, some of which are at various level of completion covers the following states, Kebbi, Benue, Katsina, Kano, Adamawa, Anambra, Ekiti and Lagos.



**Adamawa Prototype Office Complex  
Completed**



**Anambra Prototype Office Complex  
still under construction**



**Kebbi State Office: Still under Construction**



**Benue State Office:  
Construction Completed**



**Side view of Benue State  
Office complex**



**Ekiti Prototype  
Office Completed**



**Ekiti Prototype Office Complex  
Furnished**



**Katsina State Office: Completed**



**Katsina State Office: Furnished**



**Katsina State Office: Furnished**

**CHAPTER SEVEN  
FINANCE AND ACCOUNT**



**7.1 Preamble**

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

- a. Receipt of Budgetary and extra budgetary allocation on behalf of the Commission:
- b. Receipt of all funds/donations on behalf of the Commission:
- c. Payments to staff, contractors and other beneficiaries on behalf of the Commission:
- d. Recording of all financial transactions of the Commission.
- e. Preparation of financial reports.
- f. Liaison with banks and other financial institutions on behalf of the Commission:
- g. Liaison with statutory and regulatory authorities on behalf of the Commission such as:
  - i. The External Auditors;
  - ii. The Auditor General's office;
  - iii. The Accountant General of the Federation;

In 2022 the Commission successfully hosted visitors and inspectors from the various regulatory agencies. It also undertook budget preparation and defence exercises.

The financial receipt and expenditure of the Commission for 2022 are summarized in the table below. It is important to note that the sources of the fund reflected below are from the Federal Government of Nigeria and Donor Agencies.

### 7.2 Summary of Receipts and Payments 2022

S N	Expenditure Head (₦)	Account Codes	Opening balance (₦)	Budget Appropriation (₦)	Amount Released (₦)	Amount Expended (₦)	Transfer to CRF (₦)	Balance as at Dec. 2022 (₦)	Per. of Exp. %
1.	Personnel	15010101	NIL	2,137,671,978.56	2,186,866,919.00	2,186,866,831.57	87.43	NIL	100%
2.	Overhead	15010101	NIL	965,933,911.89	916,738,969.46	916,734,529.50	4,439.96	NIL	100%
3.	Capital i Capital ii Capital iii (error)	43010101 43010101 43010101	537,785,455.03 -	- 1,396,394,109.00 -	- 1,396,394,109.54 60,945,431.21	537,767,431.13 1,396,380,144.46 -	18,023.90 - 60,423,400.00	- 13,965.08 522,031.21	100% % 99.99% -
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>537,785,455.03</b>	<b>4,500,000,000.00</b>	<b>4,560,945,429.21</b>	<b>5,037,748,936.66</b>	<b>60,445,951.29</b>	<b>535,996.29</b>	<b>99.98%</b>

The above analysis explains that ₦4,500,000,000.00 was appropriated for the Commission in 2022, but ₦4,499,999,998.00 was released on appropriation. A sum of N537,785,455.03 was brought forward from 2021 Capital Account into the year 2022 Capital Account. The total sum of ₦5,037,748,936.66 was expended, leaving a balance of ₦13,965.08 which will be rolled over to the year 2023. The entire budget performance for 2022 is 99.98%.

Note: The sum of N 60,945,431.21 was erroneously paid into the commission's capital account in the year 2022, in which the total sum of N60,423,400.00 was paid back to consolidated revenue fund account, leaving a sum of N522,031.21 in the Commission's Capital Account.

### 7.3 Special Project (Constituency Project)

S/N	EXPENDITURE HEAD (₦)	ACCOUNT CODES	OPENING BALANCE (₦)	BUDGET APPROPRIATION (₦)	AMOUNT RELEASED (₦)	AMOUNT EXPENDED (₦)	TRANSFER TO CRF (₦)	BALANCE AS AT DEC. 2022	PER. OF EXP.
I	Capital Dev. Fund (constituency project) 2021	43010101	60,423,400.00	-	-	60,421,381.83	2,018.17	-	100%
II	Capital Dev. Fund (constituency project) 2022	43010101	-	-	142,375,000.00	-	-	142,375,000.00	NIL



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III	Constituency Project	13020301	258,819,589.34	-	308,532,800.00	516,656,325.06	-	50,696,064.28	91.06%
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>319,242,989.34</b>		<b>450,907,800.00</b>	<b>577,077,706.89</b>	<b>2,018.17</b>	<b>193,071,064.28</b>	<b>74.93%</b>

- i. The sum of ₦60,423,400.00 was brought forward from the year 2021 under Capital Development Fund (Constituency Project) the total sum of ₦60,421,381.83 was expended from this Fund, while the sum of ₦2,018.17 was transferred to CRF in the year 2022. The entire budget performance for 2022 was 100%.
- ii. A sum of ₦142, 375,000.00 was released for Capital Development Fund (Constituency) which will be rolled over to the year 2023.
- iii. The above analysis explains that the sum of ₦258, 819,589.34 was brought forward from 2022 Constituency Project Account, while the total sum of ₦308,532,800.00 was released through Constituency Fund. The sum of ₦516,656,325.06 was expended, leaving a balance of ₦50,696,064.28 in the Commission’s account. The entire budget performance for this project is 91.06%.

### 7.4 Other Special Project

SN	Expenditure Head(₦)	Account Codes	Opening Balance (₦)	Amount Released (₦)	Amount Expended (₦)	Transfer to CRF (₦) Donor Agency	Balance as at Dec. 2022 (₦)
1	UNHCR 2021	13020401	229.80	129,733,800.00	129,733,800.00	-	229.80

- 1) The total sum of ₦129, 733,800.00 was released into the UNHCR account through the Commission’s Project Account, and same was fully utilized.

### 7.5 Donations

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

SN	Expenditure Head(₦)	Account Codes	Opening Balance (₦)	Amount Released (₦)	Amount Expended (₦)	Remitted to CRF	Balance as at Dec. 2022 (₦)
1	Mac Arthur Foundation	13020401	25,982.71	-	-	-	25,982.71
2	Ford Foundation	13020401	2,158.16	65,000,000.00	-	-	65,002,158.16
3	NHRC Project Account	13020401	23,079,333.28	77,269,781.00	95,272,488.93	-	5,076,625.35
4	OSIWA	13020301	17,249,302.76		4,348,153.66	-	12,901,149.10

5	UNDP	13020301	29,633,941.47	59,452,334.00	84,838,751.00	-	4,247,524.47
6	SERVICE WIDE VOTE	-	-	903,870,000.00	903,869,093.73	-	906.27
7	Danish Instituted Project	13020401	-	2,630,513.00	2,571,290.00	-	59,223.00
8	UNDP Lake Chad	13020301	-	30,208,500.00	29,712,538.99	-	486,961.01

### 7.6 Revenue Account (REMITTED TO CRF).

S/ N	Expenditure Head(₦)	Account Codes	Openin g Balance (₦)	Amount generated (₦)	Amount Expended (₦) (remitted to CRF)	Balance as at Dec. 2022 (₦)
1	Revenue	12020417	-	319,950.00	319,950.00	-

The sum of ₦319, 950.00 was internally generated by the Commission in the year 2022, and same was remitted to the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation.



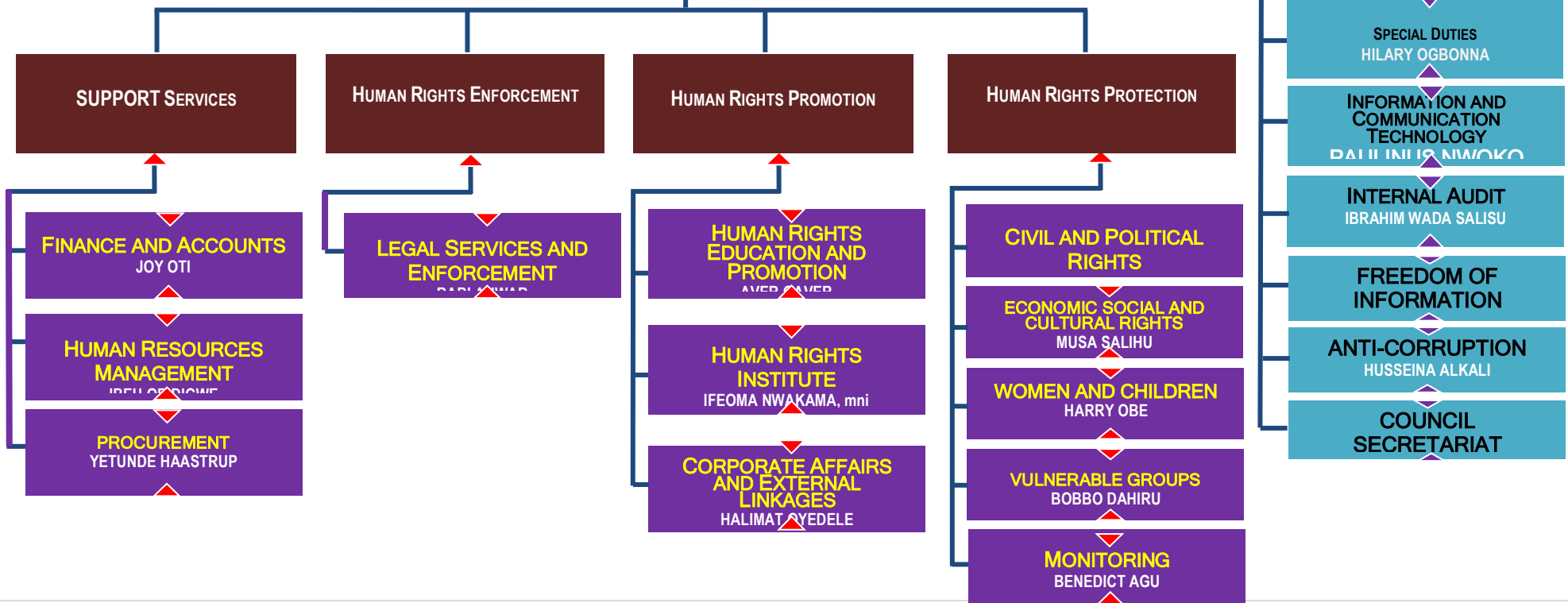
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## LIST OF ACRONYMS



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AI	-	Artificial Intelligence
AIT	-	African Independent Television
AIDS	-	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AMO	-	Abuja Metropolitan Office
API	-	Africa Polling Institute
ASUU	-	Academic Staff Union of Union
AU	-	African Union
BAY	-	Borno, Adamawa and Yobe
CBN	-	Central Bank of Nigeria
CDD	-	Center for Democracy and Development
CFHRI	-	Catholic Forum on Human Rights Initiative
CODE	-	Canadian Organization for Development
OXFAM	-	Oxford Committee for Famine Relief
CPHI	-	Centre for Population Initiative
CSOs	-	Civil Society Organisations
DPOs	-	Divisional Police Officers
DSS	-	State Security Service
EHRC	-	Equinet Human Rights Committee
EHRC	-	Equinet Human Rights Committee
ES	-	Executive Secretary



ESD	-	Education for Sustainable Development
EU	-	European Union
FCT	-	Federal Capital Territory
FGM	-	Female Genital Mutilation
FIDA	-	International Federation of Women Lawyers
GBV	-	Gender Based Violence
GCFR	-	Grand Commander of the Order of the Federal Republic
GHF	-	Golden Hope Foundation
GHF	-	Golden Hope Foundation
GWSD	-	Global Women for Quality and Sustainable Development Initiative
HAI	-	Heartland Alliance International
HRBAD	-	Human Rights-Based Approach to Data
HRMs	-	Human Rights Monitors (HRMs).
IDPs	-	Internally Displaced Persons
IOM	-	International Organisation for Migration
IWCC	-	International Women Communication Center
LEDAP	-	Legal Defence and Assistance Project
LGBTQI	-	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersexual
M&E	-	Monitoring and Evaluation
MDAs	-	Ministries, Departments and Agencies
MOVE	-	Mobilizing Voters for Election



NACA	-	National Agency for the Control of AIDS
NACTAL	-	Network Against Child Trafficking and Labor
NANHRI	-	Network of African National Human Rights Institutions
NAPTIP	-	National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons
NASS	-	National Assembly
NCC	-	Nigerian Communication Commission
NDLEA	-	National Drug Law Enforcement Agency
NEPWHAN	-	Network of People living with HIV and AIDS in Nigeria
NGF	-	Nigeria Governors' Forum
NGOs	-	Non-Governmental Organisations
NHRC	-	National Human Rights Commission
NOPRIN	-	Network for Police Reforms in Nigeria
NOSDRA	-	National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency
NPF	-	Nigeria Police Force
NSCDC	-	Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps
OFR	-	Order of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
OSIWA	-	Open Society Initiative for West Africa
PEPFAR	-	President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
PoCs	-	Persons of Concern
PSVW	-	Police Stations Visitation Week
PVC	-	Permanent Voters Cards

PWAN	-	Property World Africa Network
Q	-	Quarter
RULAAC	-	Rule of Law and Accountability Advocacy Centre
SDGs	-	Sustainable Development Goals
SELL	-	Sharing Education and Learning for Life Foundation
SGBV	-	Sexual and Gender Based Violence
SMWAVG	-	State Ministry of Women Affairs and Vulnerable Groups
SOGIESC	-	Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & Expression of Sexual
STORP	-	Standing Orders and Rules of Procedure
TIERS	-	The Initiative for Equal Rights
TLM	-	The Leprosy Mission
TWG	-	Technical Working Group
UDHR	-	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UN	-	United Nations
UNHCR	-	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNDP	-	United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA	-	United Nations Population Funds
VAWG	-	Violence Against Women and Girls

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