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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*

FOREWARD

On behalf of the Governing Council of the National Human Rights Commission, it is my pleasure to appreciate the efforts of the entire staff and management of the Commission for the good work done in 2021, which has been chronicled in this Annual Report. The year was remarkable in the life of the Commission as it saw the inauguration of the 5th Governing Council, after 5 years without a Council.



As a National Human Rights Institution, there is no gainsaying the fact that the year 2021 presented multifarious challenges to the Commission. In addition to the unrelenting insurgency, banditry, wave of kidnappings, farmers/herders clashes, increasing number of internally displaced persons, there was the emergence of the phenomenon of the unknown gunmen, agitation for self-determination in the South East and South West, agitations for Islamic State in the North East which contributed in no small measure to the general insecurity in the country. Spiraling inflation and shortages have also overpriced staples out of reach, in the wake of rising poverty. Particularly disturbing were growing incidences of attacks and various abuses against children in and outside institutions of learning. All these had their consequences on human rights and made the promotion and protection of human rights in Nigeria very challenging.

However, there were notable achievements. The Commission became more visible as a result of institutional strengthening, through reorganization/restructuring, capacity building of staff, enhanced communication, robust collaboration and engagements with stakeholders, as well as proactive interventions in the polity to engender a culture of respect for democratic ethos – freedom, equality, transparency, rule of law and the dignity of the human person.

The inauguration of the 5th Governing Council in August 2021 after a long lull is worthy of mention, as a remarkable accomplishment of the administration of President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, demonstrating his commitment to human rights and good governance.

Upon inauguration, the Governing Council and the management undertook a strategic retreat in order to apprise the Council with the mandates and workings of the Commission, as well as pave the way for a seamless Council-Management relations. This has since been manifested in the way the Council hit the ground running. The Council has since set its Agenda and identified priorities that it will be using in its quest to add value to the promotion and protection of human rights during its tenure. The Council was also able present to President Buhari the National Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Nigeria, at the occasion of the 2021 International Human Rights Day. The Council also

approved and unveiled a Strategic Plan for the Operationalisation of the Human Rights Fund, aimed at activating the Human Rights Fund as provided in the enabling law of the Commission.

This message would not be complete without me expressing, on behalf of the Governing Council, our sincere gratitude to President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR for giving us the opportunity to serve this great country in this unique way. I also wish to appreciate the efforts of the various partners of the Commission and all the stakeholders in the promotion and protection of human rights in Nigeria, who contributed to the success of the Commission in the year 2021. Together, we shall do even better in the years ahead.

Hajia Salamatu Hussaini Suleiman, FIMC

PREFACE

The Year 2021 was fraught with a lot of economic and socio-political challenges. In addition to the unrelenting insurgency in the North-East; farmers/herders clashes; and a rising wave of banditry and kidnappings, there was the phenomenon of the "*unknown gunmen*" in the South-East, who went about causing mayhem and enforcing sit-at-home orders. All these created a general sense of insecurity, which also hampered agricultural and business productivity, with the concomitant food shortages and inflation, whereby staples got overpriced beyond the reach of the common man. The lull in business, occasioned by COVID-19 protocols, led to loss of jobs, both in the organized private sector and small businesses, thereby adding to rising poverty levels.

The challenges notwithstanding, some progress was recorded in the promotion, protection and enforcement of human rights in Nigeria, in the year 2021. The leader of the Islamic Movement in Nigeria (IMN), Ibrahim El-zakzaky and his wife Zeenat Ibrahim were released from incarceration in July, 2021.



The Independent Investigative Panel of Inquiry set up to look into alleged violations of human rights by officers of the defunct Special Anti – Robbery Squad (SARS), following the #EndSARS protests which occurred in 2020, concluded their sittings and submitted their reports in the various States of the Federation. One landmark achievement of the Panel in Abuja which was facilitated by the Commission was the award of 146 million

Naira as compensations to 27 petitioners for the brutalities, harassment, extortion, extrajudicial killing of their loved ones by the Nigerian Police.

The Commission, cognizant of the nexus between security and human rights on the one hand, and between human rights and economic wellbeing on the other, came up with various interventions to address the human rights implications inherent in the challenges confronting the polity. There was also institutional reorganization and repositioning to strengthen the Commission towards the fulfillment of its mandate. A dedicated department to attend to the needs of the vulnerable, aptly named the Vulnerable Group Department was created; the Planning, Statistics and Documentation Department was merged into the Human Rights Institute for effective and enhanced coordination; and permanent office structures are being built for the Commission's offices in Benue, Kebbi, Lagos, amongst others.

The Commission continued to increase its advocacy, awareness creation and sensitization activities, to enhance visibility and wide knowledge of human rights, as a result of which it received a total number

of **1,701,537** complaints in 2021. Out this number, **1,187,079** were investigated and concluded, while **514,440** complaints were still ongoing and at different stages of investigation by the end of the year.

In the year under review, the Commission in consonance with other National Human Rights Institutions, Civil Society Organisations and human rights activists all over the world, celebrated the 2021 International Human Rights Day with the theme **"EQUALITY- Reducing Inequalities, Advancing Human Rights"** on the 10th of December 2021. The Day was preceded by 16 Days of Activism with the theme **"Orange The World: End Violence Against Women Now!"** which was replicated in all the states of the Federation and the FCT. To further strengthen the operations of the Commission, the 5th Governing Council of the NHRC was inaugurated on 2nd August 2021 by the Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami, SAN. Sequel to the inauguration, a Council-Management Retreat was held in September, 2021. The principal objective of the retreat was to acquaint the Chairperson and Council members with the affairs of the Commission, for the purpose of strengthening its operation, through a seamless Council-Management relation. In

the course of the year, collaborations with international and local development partners for the promotion, protection and enforcement of human rights were further strengthened. A special mention must be made of the UNDP, UNHRC, UNFPA, the EU, MacArthur Foundation, Ford Foundation, OSIWA, the Embassy of Switzerland, amongst others, which supported the work of the Commission for the year 2021. Thank you all for your commitment towards making our dear country, Nigeria an egalitarian state where rule of law and respect for human rights reign supreme.

We thank the President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, for his commitment and support to the Commission. We also thank to the members of the National Assembly Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, as well as the heads of various Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government for their collaboration and support.

Tony Ojukwu, SAN
Executive Secretary

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Commission enjoyed the support and partnership of many individuals, groups and organisations within the year. This support made the activities documented in this report and the successes recorded in 2021, possible. We acknowledge the important role played by various Ministries, Departments and Agencies, at the federal and state levels. The UN system in Nigeria provided very useful support to the Commission in a number of areas and we are grateful for this. We also acknowledge the support of all other Development Partners within the year and thank the numerous Civil Society Organisations and Non-Governmental and Community-Based Organisations, for their continued partnership with the Commission.

Special mention must be made of the leadership and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, as well as the House Committee on Human Rights, for providing the needed oversight and support to the Commission over the years. We also thank the media for partnering with us in all our activities.

We most sincerely thank the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, for his support to the work of the Commission, especially in reconstituting the Governing Council of the Commission within the year.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As the year immediately following COVID-19 restrictions and lockdown, 2021 was a year of innovation and recovery for the National Human Rights Commission and Nigeria as a whole. The mandate of the Commission which centres on the promotion, protection and enforcement of human rights, positions it as the gateway for recourse and assessment of livelihood in Nigeria, hence in the year under review, the Commission doubled efforts to provide effective avenues for intervention and promotion of human rights for all.

This Annual Report is a synopsis of various activities of the Commission through its Departments, Units, State Offices and stakeholder engagements, to live up to its mandate and accelerate the observance and enjoyment of human rights in Nigeria in the year 2021.

The first chapter narrates the establishment, rationale, mandate and modus Operandi of the Commission. Operational modalities of the Commission were here presented as Structure, Departments and Units with their respective duties and responsibilities, including the strategic Thematic Areas of Focus.

Chapter Two chronicles the appointment and inauguration of the Fifth Governing Council for the Commission after an interlude of five years. Profiles of the Members of the Council were respectively presented. Also in this Chapter is the narration on the Council and Management Retreat which heralded the maiden Statutory Meeting of the Council.

The Commission recognises the essence of staff development for efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery. It therefore accords priority to the capacity building of its workforce. In 2021, various avenues were created for trainings and capacity building of staff on safe and

effective service delivery. Chapter Three is a catalogue of some of the trainings organised for staff within and outside their office environments, either physically or virtually.

Human Rights Promotion: Entrenching a Human Rights Culture is an aspect of the mandate and *raison d'être* of the Commission. It involves educating people on their rights; creating awareness on issues of human rights; advocacy and public consultations aimed at creating a culture of respect for human rights amongst others. Chapter Four therefore summarises the actions and measures taken by the Commission to achieve this mandate.

Chapter Five presents activities of the Commission on Collaboration and International Engagements. This is in recognition of the aphorism that a tree does not make a forest. Human rights issues are multi-faceted and, therefore demands multi-stakeholder engagements. The Commission, in 2021, engaged widely in local and international collaborations to address the increasing number of human rights issues.

Chapter Six is on Human Rights Protection and Complaint Treatment. It is a scorecard on the efforts of the Commission towards the achievement of its mandate of

protection of human rights. The Chapter explains the procedures for accessing the services of the Commission through complaint submission, as well as processes that are adopted to handle the complaints. The number of complaints received from the various offices of the Commission, within the year under review, was presented, including total numbers admissible, concluded and on-going.

Projects and interventions undertaken by the Commission to accelerate the enjoyment and observance of human rights were reported in Chapter Seven as Special Projects. They include: Monitoring of Governorship Election in Anambra State; Audit of Detention Centres; Construction and Renovation of the Commission's Office Buildings in various States and FCT; Protection Monitoring in the North-East;

Special Investigation Panel on Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Nigeria; Promoting Reconciliation, Reintegration and Transitional Justice in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States of Nigeria.

The last Chapter of the report is on Finance and Accounts. This Chapter deals with issues of funding and budgetary allocations to the Commission: receipts of budgetary funds and donations to the Commission; payments to staff, contractors and other beneficiaries. The financial receipts of the Commission for the year 2021 indicate that the Federal Government of Nigeria is the major source of fund. Other sources of fund to the Commission includes: MacArthur Foundation, Ford Foundation, EU, Embassy of Switzerland, OSIWA and the UN system.

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CHAPTER ONE

STRATEGIC OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

1.0 Preamble

National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) all over the world are established for the promotion and protection of the rights of the people within their respective jurisdictions. Standards were set by the United Nations (UN) for the establishment of these institutions. The principles that form the basis for such standards (referred to as the Paris Principles) were made flexible to accommodate the peculiarities of member states.

The importance of NHRIs was reaffirmed at the World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna in 1993. It was in response to this, that the Nigerian Government established the National Human Rights Commission by the National Human Rights Commission Act, 1995, in line with Resolution 48/134 of the UN General Assembly which enjoins *all Member States to establish independent national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights*. The Commission serves as an extra-judicial mechanism for the enhancement of the respect for and enjoyment of human rights. It also provides avenues for public enlightenment, research and dialogue in order to raise awareness on human rights in Nigeria.

In 2010, the NHRC enabling Act was amended to give the Commission more operational powers in compliance with the Paris Principles. The Amendment Act grants the Commission greater autonomy, independence and additional responsibilities. Pursuant to this amendment, the Commission has become a prominent actor in the human rights arena and its effectiveness in promoting and protecting human rights has been greatly enhanced.

The Commission receives and investigates complaints on all areas of human rights, as well as assists victims of violations to seek redress. Notably, in the year under review, the Commission made some restructuring in an attempt to enhance its protection interventions. The protection department which had earlier been unbundled into three different departments was further expanded to four. This was achieved by the creation of the Department of Vulnerable Groups and the Department of Women and Children out of the previous Department of Women, Children and Vulnerable Groups. This initiative was based on the necessity to respond to, and address the peculiar needs and plights of vulnerable groups, including the key population.

1.1 Structure

The structure of the Commission consists of the Governing Council and the Management. The Council is the policy making organ of the Commission and at the apex of the Commission's structure. Decisions of the Council are passed down to the Management for implementation. In the year 2021, the Fifth Governing Council of the Commission was inaugurated after several years without a Council.

The Management is headed by the Executive Secretary (ES), who also serves as the Secretary to the Council. He is the administrative head and Chief Accounting Officer of the Commission. He is responsible for the day to day running of the Commission.

The operations of the Commission are facilitated through departments and units for administrative convenience. The Commission has offices in the 36 states of the Federation and a Metropolitan Office for the FCT. The headquarters complex is also located in Abuja, FCT.

1.2 Departments and Units

The operations of the Commission are structured into departments and units to ensure the realisation of its functions and mandate. On 15 February 2021, the Commission embarked on restructuring of its administrative structure for effective service delivery. The Department of Planning Statistics and Documentation was merged into the Human Rights Institute (HRI), while the Vulnerable Groups Department was created.

The Commission has 12 departments and 4 units:

Departments

- i. Civil and Political Rights
- ii. Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- iii. Women & 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 & Promotion
- xi. Corporate Affairs & External Linkages
- xii. Procurement

Units

- i. Council Secretariat
- ii. ICT
- iii. Complaints Registry
- iv. Internal Audit

1.2.1 Civil and Political Rights Department - receives and treats complaints on civil and political rights related matters. It also contributes to policy formulation and the issuance of advisories and development of reports in this area.

1.2.2 Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Department - is responsible for dealing with all complaints with respect to protection of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCRs). It also contributes to policy formulation, development of programmes on ESCRs issues.

1.2.3 Women & Children Department - handles all complaints with respect to the protection of the rights of women and children. It also contributes to policy formulation and development of programmes on the rights of women and children.

1.2.4 Vulnerable Groups Department - receives and treats complaints that relate to vulnerable groups and key population in Nigeria. It also maintains a database of policies, laws and programmes, as well as facilitates linkages with other departments on issues involving vulnerable groups and key population.

1.2.5 Legal Services and Enforcement Department - is responsible for providing legal services and ensuring the enforcement of human rights decisions and judgments.

1.2.6 Human Resource Management - carries out administrative functions of the Commission including establishment matters relating to appointments, promotion, discipline, training, staff welfare and general services.

1.2.7 Human Rights Education & Promotion Department - is responsible for human rights education through advocacy, sensitization, awareness creation and other promotional activities. It carries out activities towards the implementation of the World Programme for Human Rights Education (WPHRE).

1.2.8 Monitoring Department - monitors the human rights situation in the country, including nationwide audits of Correctional Facilities and other detention centres. It also monitors elections in Nigeria and collates, documents and publishes reports on the State of Human Rights in Nigeria.

1.2.9 Human Rights Institute - is the research and training arm of the Commission. It also collates and processes the statistical data of the Commission, as well as publishes Reports and Journals. The Institute develops and coordinates the implementation of the Strategic Plan of the Commission.

1.2.10 Corporate Affairs and External Linkages Department - is charged with promoting the corporate image of the Commission. It coordinates relations with Ministries,

Departments and Agencies (MDAs); Civil Society Organisations (CSOs); the Media; and Development Partners.

1.2.11 Finance and Accounts Department - coordinates all the financial activities of the Commission and ensures that receipts, disbursements and retirements of funds are in line with relevant financial regulations.

1.2.12 Procurement Department - oversees all the Commission's procurement processes in line with the Procurement Act, 2007 and other guidelines.

1.2.13 The Council Secretariat - coordinates the activities of the Governing Council and also serves as the administrative link between the Governing Council and the Management of the Commission.

1.2.14 Information Communication and Technology Unit - manages the Commission's Management Information System including the website. It maintains the Commission's computer hardware and software and ensures effective use of ICT in the operations of the Commission.

1.2.15 The Complaints Registry - is responsible for the management of complaints files. It maintains records on complaints received and handled by the four protection departments.

1.2.16 The Internal Audit - serves as an internal mechanism that checks and controls the financial activities of the Commission.

1.3 Thematic Areas of Focus

The National Human Rights Commission Act, 1995 (as Amended) empowers the Commission to deal with all matters related to the promotion and protection of human rights. As Nigeria is a diverse and multicultural country, human rights challenges are multi-dimensional and so the Commission needs to streamline its areas of focus for effectiveness. It therefore identified 19 thematic areas of focus that will facilitate planning and interventions in key areas of rights for a result-based approach.

The thematic areas of focus are as follows:

- i. Women and Gender Related Matters
- ii. Children
- iii. Corruption, Election and Good Governance
- iv. Prison, Police and Detention Centres and Regulatory Agencies
- v. Environment, Niger Delta and Development
- vi. Education
- vii. Freedom of Peaceful Assembly, Association, Religion, and Belief
- viii. Torture and Extra- Judicial killings

- ix. Law Reforms and Law Review
- x. Independence of the Judiciary and Access to Justice
- xi. Labour
- xii. Food and Shelter
- xiii. Terrorism and other Related Violence
- xiv. Health
- xv. Freedom of Expression and the Media
- xvi. Human Rights and Business
- xvii. Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- xviii. Refugees, IDPs, Migrants, and Asylum Seekers
- xix. Human Rights Defenders

CHAPTER TWO

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION GOVERNING COUNCIL

2.0 Preamble

Section 2(1) of the National Human Rights Commission Act, 1995 (as Amended) provides for a Governing Council which *"shall be responsible for the discharge of the functions of the Commission"*. The Council is the highest decision-making organ of the Commission. The Fifth Governing Council of the Commission was inaugurated in August 2021 after an interregnum of five years, following the expiration of the tenure of the Fourth Council in 2016.

The Council comprises 16 members, representing different interest groups, which include registered human rights organisations, legal

practitioners, the media, organised labour, women and federal ministries. The Council is headed by a Chairperson, with the ES as Head of the Secretariat.

2.1 The Fifth Governing Council



Members of the 5th Governing Council with the Hon. Attorney General of the Federation

The President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, sent names of nominees for the NHRC Council to the National Assembly for confirmation, in a letter dated 17 March

2021. This was read on the floor of the Senate by the President of the Senate, Senator Ahmad Lawan, on 24 March 2021. The nominees were subsequently screened by the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights, and Legal Matters.

Following a successful screening and confirmation, the Board Members were inaugurated by the Honourable Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami, SAN at the National Human Rights Commission Headquarters in Abuja, on Monday, 2 August 2021.



The Inauguration of the Governing Council by the Hon. Attorney General of the Federation

2.2 Profile of the Members of the 5th Governing Council

Dr. Salamatu H. Suleiman is the first woman to head the Council since the establishment of the NHRC in 1995. Prior to her appointment as the Chairperson, she served as Minister for Women Affairs and Social Development and later ECOWAS Commissioner for Political Affairs. Dr. Salamatu Suleiman, is an experienced lawyer and a devoted human rights activist.

Tony Ojukwu, SAN is the ES and the first staff of the National Human Rights Commission to rise to that position. He is also the first ES of the Commission to be elevated to a Senior Advocate of Nigeria while in office. He has undergone several human rights trainings and obtained certificates from Public Administration International, London (2003) and Equitas Canada (2007), among others.

Beatrice Jedy-Agba, mni was a Director General of the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP). She is currently the Director of Planning, Research, and Statistics at the

Federal Ministry of Justice and represents the Federal Ministry of Justice in the Council.

Mrs. Dafe Tessy Adesida represents the Ministry of Interior. She is a Director at the Ministry of Interior who has done so much on human rights protection and promotion.

Ambassador Umar Z. Salisu is a seasoned Diplomat and former Nigerian High Commissioner to Botswana. He is currently the Director, Regions with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which he represents in the Council.

Nella Andem-Ewa Rabana, SAN is a former Attorney General of Cross Rivers State, and Fellow of the Institute of Arbitration, as well as Member, Energy Institute, UK. She represents Nigerian Bar Association in the Council.

Azubuike Nwakwenta, a private legal practitioner, represents the Nigerian Bar Association at the Council. He provides legal aid to indigent convicts in their appeals to appellate courts.

Ahmad Abubakar Fingilla is a legal practitioner based in Kebbi State. He is a member of the Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC) Kebbi State, and the Kebbi State Coordinator of the International Human Rights Commission. He represents Registered Human Rights Organisations in the Council.

Agabaidu Chukwuemeka Jideani, a lawyer and a Human Rights Activist. He is a Trustee and Director at the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Practitioners Association of Nigeria. He represents the Organized Labour in the Council.

Kemi Asiwaju-Okenyodo is the Executive Director, Rule of Law and Empowerment also known as Partners West Africa Nigeria. She is a lawyer and works on police reform and security sector reform. She represents Registered Human Rights Organisations.

Joseph Mmamel is a lawyer with 34 years post-call. He focuses on humanitarian matters and runs a humanitarian organization. He is a former Local Government Council Chairman and former Commissioner of Culture and Tourism in Enugu State. He represents Registered Human Rights Organizations in the Council.

Sunday Etim Daniel is the Northern Region Editor of the Vanguard Newspapers. He is a nationalist who has used journalism in the fight for the rights of the common Nigerian. He specializes in international journalism and represents the private Media in the Council.

Abubakar Muhammed Buba also represents the private Media in the Council. He was a Minister of Science and Technology during the administration of President Goodluck Jonathan.

Femi Okeowo represents the public media in the Council. He is a lawyer, an award-winning journalist and Head of the Legal/Judiciary Desk at the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA).

Jamila Isah Eneika Esq. is a human rights lawyer and represents Women Groups in the Council. She is a human rights and gender activists.

Idayat Hassan is a lawyer and the Director, Centre for Democracy and Development, an organization that focuses on deepening democracy and development in West Africa. She represents Women interest in the Council.



Governing Council, Management and Special Guests at the Retreat

13th – 16th September, 2021

2.3 Council and Management Retreat

Following the inauguration of the 5th Governing Council, a Council and Management retreat was organized to prepare members of Council for the work ahead, especially the peculiarities of the mandate of the National Human Rights Commission. The retreat was also a platform for the first statutory meeting of the Council.

The Retreat was held from 13th to 16th September 2021 at the National Judicial Institute (NJI), Abuja. It started with an Opening Session which was chaired by Senator Michael Bamidele Opeyemi, Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters. The Opening Session had many dignitaries in attendance, including the leadership of the Senate and House of Representatives Committees on Human Rights, the Administrator of the NJI, two former Executive Secretaries, and a former Member of the Council, together with the Management of the Commission. Others were the Executive Director, Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI) who joined via Zoom and delivered a goodwill message, the Solicitor General of the Federation, the Permanent Secretary, General Services Office (GSO) of the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (OSGF), representatives of CSOs and the Media.

Distinguished Senator Michael Bamidele Opeyemi, Chairman, Senate Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, delivered the keynote address at the occasion. He commended the Commission for organising the Retreat and pledged the continued support of the Senate Committee to the Commission.

Papers and discussions at the retreat spanned the following areas:

- Structure and Strategy
- Institutional and Procedural Framework
- Performance Improvement and Reforms
- Human Rights Promotion and Agenda Setting
- Other related and sundry issues

Papers presented at the Retreat were:

Council-Management Relations: Promoting a Smooth Governance Structure by Dr. Mbaeri Maurice Perm. Sec. GSO Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation.

Strategic Overview of the Commission (Departments/Units/State Offices, schedules, functions) by Aver Gavar, Director, Human Rights Education, and Promotions.

Challenges of the Early National Human Rights Commission, by Prof. Muhammad Tabiu, SAN Pioneer ES, National Human Rights Commission (1996 – 2000)

NHRC Strategic Plan (2019-2023) and Mid-Term Review of the Plan, by Ifeoma Nwakama, mni, Director, Human Rights Institute.

Overview of the National Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Nigeria by Hilary Ogbonna, Senior Human Rights Adviser to the Commission.

Overview of the NHRC Enabling Act by Rabi Anwar, Director, Legal Services and Enforcement.

The Paris Principles and the Building of an 'A' Status NHRI by Dr. Bukhari Bello, MFR, mni, Former ES, National Human Rights Commission (2000 – 2006).

National Human Rights Institutions' Interaction with the International Human Rights System by Johnny White, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, (OHCHR) Geneva (via Zoom).

GANHRI and NHRIs by Katarina Rose, Geneva-Based Rep. of Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) (via Zoom).

The Role of NANHRI in Strengthening African National Human Rights Institutions by Gilbert Sebihogo, Executive Director, Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI) (via Zoom).

National Human Rights Institutions-Parliament Relations by Dr. John Dyegh, Chairman, House Committee on Human Rights.

Overview of the Standing Order and Rules of Procedure (STORP) by Harry Obe, Director, Women and Children.

Complaints Treatment Procedure by Mr. Abdulrahman Yakubu, Director, Civil and Political Rights.

Thematic Areas of Focus as a Strategy for Fulfilling the Mandate of the Commission by Dr. Uju Agomoh, Former Council Member and Executive Director, PRAWA.

Publishing Reports on the State of Human Rights Protection in Nigeria

by Benedict Agu, Head, Monitoring Department.

Performance Improvement and Team Building by Hon. Okey Oti,

e-Council, e-Management and e-Communication Strategies by Mr. Diego Okenyodo

Presentation of Issues and Challenges (Staff Matters) by Ibe Obidigwe, Director, Human Resource Management.

2.4 Statutory Meetings of the Council

The Council held its 2nd statutory meeting on October 18, 2021, via Zoom, and its joint 3rd and 4th statutory meeting from 6 to 10 December 2021. The joint meeting coincided with the commemoration of the International Human Rights Day.

These meetings provided an avenue to consider reports of human rights violations from the four complaints departments and the state offices. It also enabled them to deliberate on policy issues with respect to the functions and mandate of the Commission. It was an opportunity for the Council to pay courtesy visits to key personalities and institutions. For example, the Council members visited the Chief Judge of the FCT High Court, Justice Baba Yusuf, on 9 December 2021. The essence of the meeting was to seek the Chief Judge's support in activating the practice direction which had been discussed with the Chief Justice of Nigeria. The Chairperson sought the support of the Chief Judge in this regard.

The Council also visited the President and Commander-in-Chief, Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, at the State House on 10 December

2021. At the meeting, the Chairperson appreciated the President for finding them worthy to be appointed as members of the Governing Council of the NHRC. She made a presentation to the President on the activities of the Commission and its efforts in the promotion and protection of human rights in Nigeria. The Chairperson also presented a copy of the draft National Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Nigeria (NAP 2022 – 2026) to the President.

In his response, the President commended the Commission for its efforts and tenacity in the promotion and protection of human rights in Nigeria. He assured the Commission that he will look into ways of providing more funds and support to it.

CHAPTER THREE

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

1.0 Training and Capacity Building

The Commission places a high premium on training and capacity building for its staff. Accordingly, capacity building and training programmes are organised in order to equip staff with requisite skills required to carry out their duties more effectively and efficiently. Resource persons with expertise in various fields and contemporary human rights issues are usually invited to facilitate such trainings.

In 2021, there were several trainings, both in-house and outside the Commission. Some of the trainings were delivered virtually to enable more officers both at the headquarters and state offices participate.

3.1 Highlights of 2021 Trainings

On 19 January 2021, staff of the Monitoring Department participated in a virtual training on **Result Based Reporting**, organised by UNDP to strengthen their capacity on the use of result-based language in reporting and identifying the impact of interventions. Likewise, on 26 January 2021, staff of Borno State Office were trained on **Monitoring and Reporting Conflict Related Sexual Violence** by the Monitoring Department.

To further boost the capacity of staff, on 18 February 2021, the Department of Public Affairs & External Linkages held a capacity building training for its staff on **Digital Engagement**. Similarly, a virtual training was held on 27 April 2021, for staff on the **Use of Computerized Complaint Management System**. In the same vein, the Commission organised a theoretical and practical training session on **Fire Safety and Awareness** which

aimed to expose staff to fire safety and prevention techniques.

From 6 to 8 June 2021, the Commission in collaboration with the EU organised a strategic capacity building workshop on the **Protection of the Rights of Key Population in Nigeria**. The training which took place at Reiz Continental Hotel, Abuja aimed at sensitizing the NHRC Staff on the human rights of Key Population. The workshop brought together the NHRC Coordinators from the 36 state offices including the Abuja Metropolitan Office (AMO).

The Human Rights Institute, in fulfillment of one of its duties, organised series of in-house trainings for the staff which included a two-day training on **Investigation Skills, Programming and Trauma Counseling** for staff of Vulnerable Groups, Women & Children Departments and the AMO. The training was impactful and exposed the staff to new approaches in complaints handling, as well as how to deal with, and protect themselves from vicarious trauma which is sometimes inevitable in the course of carrying out investigation duties.

Other in-house trainings facilitated by the Institute in the year under review include:

- A two-day training on **Public Speaking, Report Writing and Effective Human Rights Advocacy and Engagement Strategies**, for the staff of Corporate Affairs and External Linkages, Human Rights Education and Promotion Departments and the AMO.

Institute with skills crucial to their work.

- Virtual training for staff of State Offices on **Basic Human Rights, Relevant Laws for Protection of Human Rights, Investigation and Fact-Finding Techniques**.

In addition, as part of the capacity building plan to support national efforts



Training of NHRC State Coordinators on the Protection of the Key Population in Nigeria, at Reiz Continental Hotel, Abuja, 6th to 8th June, 2021

- Training on **Enforceability of Awards and Decisions of the National Human Rights Commission**, targeted at building the capacity of lawyers in Protection and Enforcement Departments. This was aimed at improving their knowledge on the enforceability of the decisions of the Commission and also how Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2015 and Anti-Torture Act, 2017 relate to the mandate of the Commission.
- Training on **Components of Standard Research: Documentation and Record Keeping (Data Management)**, to acquaint staff of the Human Rights

towards abandonment and elimination of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in the country, the UNFPA under the UNFPA/UNICEF Joint Programme on the Elimination of FGM supported the Commission in the training of stakeholders on **Human Rights Framework for Addressing Female Genital Mutilation** in Imo and Ekiti States. Participants were drawn from relevant MDAs, CBOs, FBOs, Media, Security Agents, Traditional Rulers and CSOs/NGOs. NHRC staff at the Imo and Ekiti State Offices participated at the training workshop as well.

Staff in the state offices also benefited from various training activities such as:

- Legislative advocacy training on women's rights with the aim to educate and boost the confidence of participants to join in the advocacy towards the domestication and implementation of international treaties, laws and policies to end violence against women held in Lagos.
- In-house training on accounting methods to update staff on new accounting methods of record keeping and handling retirement took place in Bayelsa and Ogun States respectively.
- Training on Access to Justice and Independence of the Judiciary to equip staff with knowledge standard procedures in investigating matters relating to denials of access to justice as well as enlighten them on insurgency, communal conflicts and other related violence held in Bayelsa State.
- In-house training for Administrative Staff to equip them with requisite knowledge to enhance professionalism and optimal performance in carrying out their duties held in Anambra State.



Training on Human Rights Framework for Addressing Female Genital Mutilation at Links Hotel, Owerri, 1st – 2nd December 2021



Training of NHRC State Coordinators on the Protection of the Key Population in Nigeria at Reiz Continental Hotel, Abuja, 6th – 8th June 2021



In-House Training of Staff on Public Speaking, Effective Human Rights Advocacy and Engagement Strategies held on 29th – 30th June, 2021 at NHRC HQ, Abuja.



Cross-Session of Staff at Training on Anti – Torture Act, Administration of Criminal Justice Act and Enforceability of the Awards of the Commission, held at Human Rights Institute, Katampe Abuja. 29th – 30th September, 2021



Training on Investigation, Trauma & Counseling Skills and Programme Development. 19th–20th May, 2021



Training on Investigation, Trauma & Counseling Skills and Programme Development. 19th – 20th May, 2021

CHAPTER FOUR

Human Rights Promotion: Entrenching a Human Rights Culture

3.0 Preamble

The promotion of human rights is a broad concept which involves educating people about their rights, creating awareness on issues of human rights, advocacy and public consultations and other strategies aimed at creating a culture of respect for human rights. It calls for proactive measures to ensure that violations are reduced as much as possible. In accordance with its mandate, the Commission in the year 2021 engaged in a series of advocacy and public enlightenment activities to raise awareness on human rights. These activities included seminars, workshops, human rights education, public dialogue and sensitisation in schools, marketplaces and motor parks in FCT, Abuja and 36 states of the Federation.

The Commission also paid courtesy visits to relevant stakeholders, issued press releases, held various media briefings and featured on different radio and television programmes across the country. One major project that was carried out within the year was observance of the 16 Days of Activism across the States of the Federation.

4.1 Media Engagements

The media plays a strategic role in creating human rights awareness and educating the public on human rights issues. To realise its mandate, the Commission worked closely with both electronic and print media for wider reportage of its activities and creation of awareness on human rights issues.

4.1.1 Radio and Television Appearances

The Commission made several appearances on radio and television in 2021, to discuss various issues of human rights in Nigeria. One of such appearances was the ES' weekly Thursday show on AIT to discuss the State of Human Rights in Nigeria.

The Ebonyi State Office of the Commission was also a regular guest on Ebonyi State Broadcasting Cooperation (EBBC) radio programme to discuss the Commission and its modus operandi. In the same vein, the Imo State Office embarked on regular Radio sensitisation programme on a State Radio station "The Reach FM" on the rights of the women "***Oke Na Ugwu Diri Nwanyi N'obodo***", in Igbo Language.



Ukah Ukachi, NHRC Imo State Office Coordinator discussing the rights of women in Nigeria

Staff of the Commission were guests on different occasions at the invitation of the NTA, especially during human rights observances.

4.1.2 Press Conferences

The Commission hosted three press conferences in 2021, to address various issues of human rights as follows:

- On 10 June 2021, the Commission hosted a world press conference in partnership with the Center for Ethical Rebirth Among Nigerian Youths (CERANY) to consolidate the Commission's current giant strides in curtailing human rights violations and drug abuse. This was aimed at strengthening the synergy between state and non-state actors and to intensify efforts towards reversing the drug abuse trend among the youths with its obvious impact on the enjoyment of human rights by the citizenry.
- On 11 August 2021, a joint press conference was organised by the Commission in collaboration with a coalition of CSOs in Nigeria, in the wake of a recent Federal High Court judgment in favour of six (6) women whose rights were violated during a raid by a joint task force comprising the Abuja Environmental Protection Board (AEPB), the Police and other security agencies. The press conference took place at the Bukhari Bello Auditorium, National Human Rights Commission Headquarters, Abuja.



Press Conference on AEPB Raid in Abuja.

The Commission also held a press conference on 11 November 2021 at the Bukhari Bello Auditorium, to raise public awareness on the proposed human rights awards for some Nigerians who have contributed to the advancement of human rights in Nigeria.

4.1.3 Press Statements and Releases



The Executive Secretary, Tony Ojukwu, SAN addressing the Press on the proposed human rights award

In 2021, the Commission issued series of press statements and releases on the promotion and protection of human rights in Nigeria. The Commission's activities were also captured by several print and electronic media. Some of the press releases and statements are listed below:

S/N	Title Of Story	Date
1.	<i>NHRC panel begins sitting on 119 cases of gender-based violence in 7 states, and Abuja</i>	09/2/2021
2.	<i>Insecurity: Ojukwu harps on protection of school children</i>	18/2/2021
3.	<i>NHRC restores woman's hope as she regains access to properties in Ebonyi community</i>	25/2/2021
4.	<i>NHRC Boss reiterates Commission's resolve to enforce human rights</i>	2/3/2021
5.	<i>IWD: NHRC Boss Says Women Deserve A Future Free From Violence</i>	7/3/2021
6.	<i>Human trafficking fastest form of slavery in Nigeria, Ojukwu declares</i>	25/3/2021
7.	<i>NHRC hands over 8 months Old baby to biological father, following death of Kenyan wife</i>	28/3/2021
8.	<i>NHRC Commends EU-UN Spotlight Initiative on Women's Rights</i>	30/3/2021
9.	<i>NHRC mourns Innocent Chukwuma</i>	5/4/2021
10.	<i>Misunderstanding between couples not a reason to undermine Child's Rights-----Ojukwu warns couples at SGBV Panel</i>	13/4/2021
11.	<i>NHRC Boss urges couples to stamp out Domestic Violence with attitudinal change</i>	16/4/2021
12.	<i>NHRC Boss urges Media on National Interest and Patriotism</i>	04/5/2021
13.	<i>Press Freedom Day: NHRC condemns NBC's fines, N' Assembly anti-media bill</i>	04/5/2021
14.	<i>Press Freedom Day: NHRC Condemns NBC's Fines, N' Assembly Anti-Media Bill</i>	04/5/2021
15.	<i>NHRC and the struggle to end rights violations in Nigeria</i>	22/4/2021
16.	<i>NHRC Endorses Bayelsa Panel report alleged extra-judicial killing</i>	26/4/2021
17.	<i>World Children's Day: Ojukwu seeks speedy adoption and implementation of Child's Rights Law in 36 States</i>	28/5/2021
18.	<i>Ojukwu drums support for Int'l Conventions on Rights of Older Persons, leads Advocacy to Humanitarian Affairs Ministry and other Stakeholders</i>	10/6/2021
19.	<i>2021 Democracy Day... Ojukwu calls for more respect for Human Rights</i>	13/6/2021
20.	<i>Insurgency: NHRC lauds military on respect for Human Rights</i>	23/6/2021
21.	<i>NHRC Seeks Amendment of Extant Legislation on Treatment/ Rehabilitation of Drug Users</i>	3/7/2021
22.	<i>Kidnap of School Children one too many: NHRC urges FG to order Security Agencies to protect children and end kidnappings</i>	8/7/2021
23.	<i>NHRC, House of Eden unveil Intellectual Pageant for grassroots promotion of human rights in Africa</i>	26/7/2021
24.	<i>NHRC to enforce human rights culture through pageantry</i>	27/7/2021

S/N	Title Of Story	Date
25.	<i>Rebuilding the North-East: NHRC advocates for Transitional Justice</i>	29/7/2021
26.	<i>NHRC engages Stakeholders on NAP</i>	31/7/2021
27.	<i>Ojukwu Commends Nigerian Military, Governor Zulum for reuniting and returning Chibok Schoolgirls to parents</i>	8/8/2021
28.	<i>NHRC, CSOs charge victims of human rights violations to seek redress, laud Court Judgment, upholding rights of Women raided by AEPB</i>	11/8/2021
29.	<i>NHRC hails ruling on FCT raids on hotels, clubs</i>	12/8/2021
30.	<i>NHRC celebrates legal victory over women arrested during AEPB's raid</i>	18/8/2021
31.	<i>Release Gloria Okolie unconditionally or charge her to Court, NHRC Charges Police</i>	24/8/2021
32.	<i>NHRC, Monarch demand Abrogation of caste system</i>	24/8/2021
33.	<i>NHRC demands UN condition for alleged IPOB SPY girls, Gloria Okolie</i>	25/8/2021
34.	<i>NHRC asks Police to release suspected IPOB/ESN operative's girlfriend</i>	25/8/2021
35.	<i>Stop Jailing Petty Offenders, Says NHRC</i>	27/8/2021
36.	<i>Continued Criminalization of Petty Offences Criminalizes Poverty- NHRC</i>	27/8/2021
37.	<i>UN, Partner Dialogue: Ojukwu Charges MDAs, CSOs, on NAP Compliant Intervention Programmes</i>	2/9/2021
38.	<i>NHRC Signs MOU With 2 Foundations To Enhance Human Rights Protection</i>	10/9/2021
39.	<i>NHRC's engagements with Military on Insurgency necessary for victims redress, Transitional Justice, Ex- ES NHRC, Prof. Tabiu</i>	14/9/2021
40.	<i>NHRC Mourns Hauwa Shekarau</i>	16/9/2021
41.	<i>NHRC Seeks Prosecution of Perpetrators of Attacks on Schools</i>	30/9/2021
42.	<i>NHRC boss says strategic collaboration is key to the protection of human rights</i>	1/10/2021
43.	<i>Counter-Insurgency: NHRC commends the Nigerian military, urges them to be more professional</i>	5/10/2021
44.	<i>Tackle drug abuse to check rights violations, NHRC urge FG, Stakeholders</i>	7/10/2021
45.	<i>NHRC receives more boost as media award Ojukwu for hard work</i>	13/10/2021
46.	<i>SGBV: NHRC receives about 140,000 complaints between 2020 and March 2021</i>	26/11/2021
47.	<i>2021 World Disabilities Day: NHRC seeks equal participation of persons with incapacities</i>	3/12/2021
48.	<i>NHRC will investigate alleged killing of four boys in Edo State --- Ojukwu</i>	6/12/2021

S/N	Title Of Story	Date
49.	<i>Stop HIV/AIDS Discrimination- NHRC warns</i>	7/12/2021
50.	<i>2021 Human Rights Award: Zulum, Wike, NPHCDA, WARDC Make List</i>	8/12/2021
51.	<i>NHRC holds 2 day meeting on decriminalizing petty offences</i>	9/12/2021
52.	<i>2021 Int'l Human Rights Day: NHRC charges stakeholders to fight discrimination, SGBV</i>	11/12/2021
53.	<i>NHRC launches final report on peace building, targets Farmer/Herder crisis in Middle Belt</i>	22/12/2021
54.	<i>NHRC Awards N146m compensation in 27 petitions</i>	23/12/2021

4.2 Courtesy Visits

Courtesy and advocacy visits carried out in 2021 cut across the headquarters and 36 states offices. Apart from visits to partners, the Commission received several visits to the Commission. The year witnessed an upward trend in the number of courtesy visits when compared to 2020 record. The Commission recorded a total number of 159 courtesy visits to its partners. Six of these visits were carried out by the Headquarters, while 153 were by State Offices. On 21 June, 2021, the ES paid a courtesy visit to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Geoffrey Onyema, for partnership on the issue of the Aged. In the same vein, the ES led a visit to H.E., the Ambassador of Switzerland, on 12 July 2021, to advocate for partnership on The Human Rights Africa International Pageant (THRAIP) project. Shortly after that, the ES led a visit to the Director, National Housing Fund (NHF) on 22 July 2021, to discuss issues of housing for staff. On 9 August, 2021 the Shehu of Borno Alhaji Abubakar Ibn Umar hosted the ES and his team in his palace in Maiduguri, Borno State, where the Emir pledged his support for transitional justice, ahead of the entry dialogue and stakeholders consultative workshop on Reconciliation and

Reintegration, Transitional Justice in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States.

The last quarter of the year witnessed a working visit of the ES and his team to the Vice Chairman, Nigerian Communication Commission (NCC), Prof. Umar Garba Danbatta, on 1 October 2021. He emphasised that strategic partnership with relevant agencies is necessary for the effective promotion and protection of human rights in Nigeria and so, sought the partnership of the NCC in this regard. In addition, on 10 December 2021, the National Human Rights Commission Governing Council led by the Chairperson, paid a visit to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari GCFR, to formally appreciate His Excellency for approving increased budgetary allocation for the Commission.

Also, a draft copy of the NAP for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (2022-2026) was presented to him for consideration and approval. In his response the President commended the Commission for its commitment towards the promotion and protection of human rights in the country. He pledged government's continuous support and assistance to the Commission.

Other courtesy visits undertaken within the year include:

- The Borno State Office visited the First lady of Borno State, Her Excellency Dr. Falamata Babangana



The Executive Secretary and his team on a courtesy visit to the Vice Chairman NCC, Prof. Umar Garba - 01 October 2021

- Visit to the Federal High Court by the Yobe State Office on 29 November 2021 to advocate for the support of the State Judiciary on Ending Violence Against Women and the Girl-Child in the state.
- The Kebbi State Office also embarked on a courtesy visit to the Commissioner of Police, on 7 December 2021 to sensitise Law Enforcement Agents on the need to establish a Gender Response Desk in all Police Stations.
- The Imo State Office, on 8 December 2021, paid an advocacy visit to Dr, Charles Durueke, the Director- General Imo State Agency for the Control of HIV/AIDS to create awareness on how to combat Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV).
- Zulum on the 25 November 2021 at the Government House Multipurpose Hall, Maiduguri. The first Lady commended the Commission, UN, and relevant Non-Governmental Organizations for their dedication in handling SGBV cases.
- The Rivers State Office paid an advocacy visit to the School of the Children with Special Needs Port-Harcourt, on 29 November 2021. The aim of the visit was to create awareness on SGBV for staff and students of the school.
- On 9 December 2021 Cross Rivers State Office visited the Governor of the State to submit a communiqué on findings from the various committee meetings on violence and harmful traditional practices

against women and girls in the state.

- On 25 November 2021 Gombe State Office visited the state Commissioner of Women Affairs, the aim of the visit was to strengthen partnership, create awareness as well as sensitize them on the dangers of SGBV.
- The Enugu State Office, on 2 December 2021 paid a courtesy visit to Radio Nigeria Enugu to seek for

partnership in sensitising the public on the negative effects of SGBV in the state.

- The Ebonyi State Office on 26 August 2021 hosted an NGO –The Young Man Network Agenda on Sexual and Gender Based Violence, aimed to partner with the Commission towards ending SGBV in the state.

4.2.1 Visits to the Commission

Apart from visits carried out by the Commission to partners, stakeholders also pay courtesy calls to the Commission to

at the Headquarters, Abuja. These courtesy visits included a familiarisation visit by a delegation of Taiwan Taipei Trade Office in Nigeria, to the Commission,



**Courtesy visit by the Commission to the Palace of the Traditional Ruler of Gwagwalada, FCT
25th May 2021**

discuss areas of mutual benefits and possible collaborations. The Commission, pursuant to Section 6 (f) of NHRC Act 1995 (as Amended) is usually favourably disposed to such visits.

In 2021, the Commission hosted about 49 visits from different stakeholders, mostly

to discuss areas of collaboration on how to support the Commission with COVID-19 consumables. Also, the Head of EU delegation to Nigeria, Ambassador Ketil Karisen, paid a visit to the Commission to discuss issues of mutual interest in the advancement of human rights. The Ambassador of Belgium paid a working

visit to the ES to explore means of possible collaboration between the Embassy and the Commission. These visits took place on 4, 14 and 18 February 2021 respectively.

Other visits to the Commission include:

- The UNFPA Representative, Ulla Mulella, on May 10 2021
- Group on Free Civic Space, an NGO-Action, on 6 May 2021, to discuss the panel report on #EndSARS Protest as well as the shrinking civil space in Nigeria.
- The Acting Canadian High Commissioner, Nicolads Simcard, on 22 February, 2021.
- The Executives of Oche Awodi Foundation for partnership on the issues of right to health.

- A delegation of the Gambian Ombudsman, on 14 October, 2021, to understudy the activities, structure and works of the Commission.

- Advocats Sans Frontieres France, Centre for Conflict Resolution, Peace Keeping and Peace Building on 1 December 2021, to discuss issues bordering on human rights especially on Pro-Bono Services in order to improve access to justice.

- The Chief Commissioner, Public Complaints Commission (PCC), on 22 December 2021 to discuss issues of mutual interest in the promotion of human rights.

- A delegation of coalition of CSOs (Forum, Inclusive Friends Association, PWDs, CITAD, Action Aid, and CARE).



***Advocats Sans
Frontieres France visit
to the Commission—
16th December 2021***



***Representatives of
Taiwan Taipei Trade
Office in Nigeria visit
to the Commission 4th
January 2021***



Visit by the Commission to the Medical Director, Federal Neuro- Psychiatric Hospital, Yaba, Lagos 9th December 2021



Visit of Representative of UNFPA to the Commission - 10th May 2021

Visit to Chief Judge of Kebbi State - 25th November 2021





Visit to Attorney General and Commissioner of Justice Oyo State- 1st December 2021



Executive Secretary's visit to the Shehu of Borno – 9th August 2021

Visit to the Chief Judge of Edo State – 3rd December 2021



Visit to the School of Children with Special Needs, Greek Road Port-Harcourt 29th November 2021



Visit to the Director- General Imo State Agency for the Control of HIV / AIDS –

8th December 2021

4.3 Meetings

Meetings are very essential to drive the promotion and protection of human rights as they create avenues for interaction with stakeholders to brainstorm on diverse issues of human rights. Some of these meetings are organised by the Commission while it attends others on invitation. The Commission participates in different meetings, both locally and internationally, to facilitate the achievement of its mandate in line with Section 5(g) & (h) of the NHRC Act, 1995 (as Amended). Within the reporting period, the Commission took part in several meetings, some of them virtually, in keeping with COVID-19 restrictions.

Some of the meetings where the Commission played active roles include:

- A Policy Dialogue on Transparency and Accountability in the Judiciary, Education and Electoral Sectors in Nigeria held on 27 January 2021.
- A meeting with the Office of the Senior Special Adviser to the President on Sustainable Development Goals (OSSAP, SDGs) to discuss issues of SDGs on 9 March 2021.
- A consultative forum on the Decriminalization and Declassification of Petty Offences involving Uganda, Sierra - Leone and Nigeria, organised by the NANHRI, from 14 to 15 July 2021.
- An online exposition organised by the United States President's Emergency Plan for HIV/AIDS and a symposium on Africa-China all

round Cooperation, under the Multinational Framework, Achieving Sustainable Peace, Security and Development, post COVID-19.

- A meeting on the Review of Global

- A meeting for the Review of the Constitution and Standing Order of the Nigerian Children Parliament organised by the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs.



The Executive Secretary at the Consultative Meeting with Stakeholders on Security Accountability Mechanism, 21st - 22nd June 2021

Impact of Migration, on 27 August 2021.

- A forum on assessment of the implementation and progress of the Administration of Criminal Justice Law and Access to Justice in Nigeria, on 18 and 19 April 2021.
- A multi-agency meeting organised by NAPTIP to brainstorm on the issues of human trafficking.
- A conference on Building Trust between the Nigerian Police and the Public.
- A Project Management meeting for EU support to respond to Drug Abuse and Related Issues held on 5 July 2021.

- A technical working session on Land Grabbing in the FCT organised by the Center for Technology and Development.
- A stakeholders' consultative meeting on Security Sector Accountability Mechanism in collaboration with OSIWA from 21 to 22 June 2021.
- A Consultative Meeting on the operationalization of the Special Courts for SGBV held on 19 August 2021.

These meetings provide an avenue for the Commission to build partnership with other organisations and agencies, as well as exchange ideas and experiences in the promotion of human rights, recognising that human rights affect every facet of life and development.

Most of the State Offices participated in Judicial Panels of Inquiry on SARS and Police Brutality, which were constituted in 2020, to investigate the activities of defunct SARS.

Other key meetings attended by the state offices include:

- A Meeting on the Domestication of the Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP) Act, 2015, in Borno State.
- A forum on Changing Minds and Culture regarding family care held in Plateau State.
- A stakeholders' meeting with the Country Representative of Medecin Sans Frontieres, attended by Zamfara State Office on 11 January 2021.
- A Consultative Meeting on the Effective Implementation of Non-Custodial Measures on 18 April 2021 in Ekiti State.
- A Policy Dialogue on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict, attended by Borno, Zamfara, Kebbi and Bauchi State Offices.
- A meeting to tackle corruption by the Adamawa State Office.
- Quarterly meetings of the Justice Sector Reform Team by the Edo State Office.
- A collaborative meeting of PRAWA and Nigeria Correctional Services on Effective Implementation of Non-custodial measures on 29 April 2021 by the Plateau State Office.
- Protection Working Group meetings by the Lagos State Office.
- A Policy Dialogue on Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict on 8 April 2021 attended by Bauchi State Office.



The Executive Secretary Addressing Security Sector Meeting, 21st - 22nd June 2021

CHAPTER FIVE

COLLABORATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

5.0 Preamble

One of the functions of the Commission, as stipulated in the National Human Rights Commission Act, 1995 (as Amended), is to liaise and cooperate in such manner as it considers appropriate, with local and international organisations on human rights with the purpose of advancing the promotion and protection of human rights.

In line with the above, the Commission has over the years collaborated with so many international and local organisations aimed at promoting and protecting human rights in Nigeria. In the year under review, the Commission recorded tremendous collaborations with both local and international partners, as enunciated in the following paragraphs.

5.1 Collaborations with the United Nation System

From 6 – 9 June 2021, the UNDP, United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and Spotlight Initiative partnered with the Commission to carry out a project titled **Strategic Capacity Building on the Protection of the Rights of the Key Population**. This was to create awareness on the human rights situation of the key population in Nigeria. The overall objective of the project was to develop a plan of action for the protection of the key population in Nigeria.

On 29 and 30 October 2021, the UNFPA and UNICEF also collaborated with the Commission on a 2-day workshop to develop Female Genital Mutilation Elimination Action Plan (2021-2023). Similarly, UNFPA supported the Commission in training of stakeholders on human rights framework for addressing FGM. The programme which was held in Ekiti and

Imo States, was attended by relevant stakeholders like MDAs, FBOs, CSOs, Youth leaders, Traditional Rulers, Security Agents and the Media.

5.2 Collaboration with other International Organisations

On 6 and 7 January 2021, the Commission collaborated with SELL Foundation in Adamawa State to embark on a two-day GBV Standard Operating Procedure Review and Validation Meeting. The objective of the meeting was to strengthen the quality of preventive measures on GBV and referral pathways. Likewise, from 21 to 23 January 2021, SELL Foundation also collaborated with the Commission to train some CSOs on Peace and Conflict Resolution/Countering Violent Extremism in Adamawa State.

The objective was to empower the capacity of CSOs on peace management. In another forum, RoLAC trained the Commission's staff on Police Duty Solicitor Scheme.

In addition, Assisting Caring & Empowerment Charity (ACE) partnered with the Commission on a stakeholders meeting with the agenda: Policy Dialogue on the Domestication of Child Rights Act in Adamawa State. The meeting was initiated based on the recent changes made to the bill on Child Protection and Strategies and to ensure the bill is passed. The Commission also dialogued with Protection

and Rule of Law Sector of the International Rescue Committee (IRC) to identify areas that need advocacy visits to relevant stakeholders and to work towards changes needed for vulnerable persons to enjoy access to justice. The Dialogue was also geared towards establishing a strong working relationship with the state justice actors.

On 6 June 2021, UNICEF and EU-UN Spotlight Initiative partnered with the Commission in Adamawa State to train the staff on Child Protection Information Management System (CPIMS) and also to identify the cases and how to register them, including the understanding of the concept of case management. In the same vein, UNFPA organised a 3-Day training for legal and security actors on the provisions of legal aid to GBV survivors.

On 23 February 2021, ECCAI also collaborated with the Commission to have a Stakeholders meeting on Ending Violence

against Women and Girls, while USAID-IHP and GBV Taskforce team partnered with the Commission to mark the International Girl Child Day.

5.3 Collaboration with Non-Governmental Organisations

Collaborations with NGOs within the year include:

- March 9 2021, the Commission collaborated with Stand to End Rape Initiative (STER) in a workshop on the component of the VAPP Act and how to implement and domesticate the Act in Adamawa State.
- 29 May 2021, the Commission partnered with PRAWA to organise a Stakeholders Consultative Workshop on effective implementation of non-custodial measures to sensitise participants on the Nigerian legal framework for the implementation of Non- Custodial Measures in Adamawa State.

- 9 June 2021, the Commission collaborated with the Protection and Rule of Law Sector of IRC in a dialogue to identify areas that need advocacy visits to relevant stakeholders, as well as to work towards the change needed for vulnerable persons to enjoy access to justice.

Rights of Women and Girls in Adamawa State.

- 19 August 2021, the Commission collaborated with Caritas Nigeria to hold a Press Conference to mark the World Humanitarian Day with the theme: 'The Human Race a Global Change for Climate action in Solidarity with the People who need



A two (2) days Training workshop for Stakeholders on Human Rights Framework for Addressing FGM in collaboration with UNFPA held in Ado – Ekiti 22nd – 23rd November 2021

- 14 to 16 June 2021, the Commission partnered with Royal Heritage Health Organisation on a 3-day training for legal and security actors for the provisions of legal aid to GBV survivors.
- 29 June 2021, the Commission collaborated with Legal Defense and Assistance Project (LEDAP) and Center for Reproductive Rights to train staff on Sexual Reproductive

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- 27 January 2021, collaboration with ECCAI to hold a capacity building workshop on institutionalising gender equality and strengthening structures to promote human rights and inclusivity as well as stakeholders' meetings on Ending Violence against Women and Girls.
- 22 April 2021, partnership with Foundation for Justice for a training

on promoting and securing the right of refugees.

- 8 May 2021, partnership with the Children's Basic Fundamental Rights Foundation (CBFRF) on a capacity building programme on Child Rights and Responsibilities.

In addition to the above, the Commission collaborated with BENGONET, Trust Foundation, Concern for Peace and Society Survival, NBA, CAPIO, WACOL, OSIWA, Baywood Foundation, All Women Inclusive Foundation (AWIF) Gombe, FIDA, CLEEN Foundation and Zakis Germs Support Foundation, etc. They all contributed one way or the other in ensuring that the mandate of the Commission in promoting and protecting human rights in Nigeria are met.

5.4 Collaboration with Ministries, Departments, and Agencies

Human rights issues are inherent and pervasive in the mandates of all Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government. The Commission as the apex institution for the promotion and protection of human rights in Nigeria is cognizant of this, and therefore collaborates with relevant agencies in carrying out activities for the fulfillment of its mandate.

In furtherance of the above, the Commission actively collaborated with the following MDAs (both at the federal and state levels) in the course of the year under review:

- Ministry of Women Affairs;
- Nigerian Correctional Service;
- The Nigeria Police Force;
- Ministry of Health;
- Nigerian Security and Civil Defense Corps;
- Ministry of Agriculture;
- Ministry of Justice;
- Nigerian Immigration Services;
- National Population Commission;
- Federal Fire Service;
- National Agency for The Control of Aids;
- National Pension Commission;
- National Orientation Agency;
- NAPTIP; and
- National Drug Law Enforcement Agency; amongst others.

CHAPTER SIX

Human Rights Protection and Complaints Treatment

6.0 Preamble

Section 5(j) of the National Human Rights Commission (Amendment) Act 2010, empowers the Commission to “*receive and investigate complaints concerning violations of human rights and make appropriate determinations as may be deemed necessary in each circumstance*”. The receipt and treatment of complaints is therefore, instrumental to achieving the human rights protection mandate of the Commission. In furtherance of this, the Commission’s offices throughout the country, including the headquarters and the 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/her behalf, instruction, request, or best interest, at either the Head Office in Abuja, the AMO, or any of the offices in the 36 States of the Federation. Complaints can be sent to the Commission in hard and/or soft copy, and 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*, without waiting for the individuals or groups to lodge complaints.

Upon receipt of such complaints, 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 2021.

6.1 Procedure

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 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, 1995 (as Amended) and the STORP of the Commission, which guide complaints treatment:

- Commencement of cases and complaints - Rules 58 – 64 of STORP

- Admissibility – Rule 72 of STORP
- Investigation – Section 5 (j) of NHRC Act 1995 (as Amended) and Rules 74 & 75 of STORP
- Mediation – S.5q of NHRC Act 1995 (as Amended) and Rule 78 (1-14) STORP
- Oral Hearing – Section 6 (1) NHRC Act 1995 (as Amended) and Rule 80 (1-19) STORP
- Public Interest Litigation – Section 6 (1)(b) and section 5(r) of NHRC Act 1995 (as Amended) and Rule 86 (1-3) STORP
- Referral of human rights violation(s) requiring criminal prosecution to the Attorney – General of the Federation and States – Section 5 (p) of NHRC Act 1995 (as Amended)

6.2 Complaints Received in 2021

The Commission received a total of **One Million, Seven Hundred and One Thousand, Five Hundred and Nineteen (1,701,519)** complaints from the following sources in the year under review:

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

6.2.1 Routine Complaints Received by the Protection Departments at the Headquarters, Abuja Metropolitan Office and State Offices

In 2021, a total of **One Million, Seven Hundred and One Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty-Seven (1,701,357)** complaints were received by the protection departments and the state offices, whereby, complainants or their proxies walked in, or sent complaints via e-mails or phone calls or SMS/WhatsApp messages. This figure is higher than the complaints received in 2020 (which stood at **1,287,280**) by **414,077**.

This spike may have been occasioned by several factors among which are:

- The reduction in new infection rate of the Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic which led to the relaxing of the lockdown and movement restrictions and enabled more people to reach the Commission with their complaints.
- The increased use of the social media and other virtual means of communication occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic and its attendant movement restrictions.
- The increased wave of kidnapping and banditry across the country, which further compounded the security challenges that have been confronting the country and threw up human rights concerns.

- Increasing awareness on human rights and knowledge on the avenues to claim those rights.

6.2.2 Complaints Received Through Inquiries and Panel Sitzings

As earlier mentioned, the Commission receives complaints when it conducts inquiries into topical issues. In the aftermath of the #EndSARS protests, many states set up independent investigative panels with the Commission playing active roles. In 2021, these panels concluded their sittings with many landmark achievements. The figures below represent cases received by the Panel in Abuja only, as this is the Panel squarely within the supervision and coordination of the Commission. Other Panels in the 36 states were set up by State Governors but had the participation of the Commission, through its State Coordinators.

• Total number of petitions received	297
• Cases struck out	25
• Cases voluntarily withdrawn by petitioners	12
• Cases dismissed	1
• Cases decided	75

Out of the 75 decided cases, 27 victims were paid compensation totaling *N146,000,000.00 (One Hundred and Forty-Six Million Naira) Only.*

In addition to the #EndSARS Panels, a Special Investigative Panel on Sexual and Gender Based Violence was constituted following the surge in rape, domestic violence and other forms of SGBV. In the course of its sittings in the year 2021, the Panel which sat in all the six geo-political zones of the country, received **162 complaints** and awarded damages in some cases while it awarded monetary support to some women for economic empowerment.

6.2.3 Cases Adopted Through Human Rights Monitoring and Survey

The Commission undertakes regular and periodic monitoring of the human rights situation in Nigeria as part of its human rights protection mandate. This it does through the mechanism of:

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

In 2021, the Commission continued to monitor the IDP situation in the North-East states of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe, and by the end of the year, a total of ***Fifty-Five Million Four Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Three***

(55,431,723) individuals had been evaluated with respect to their human rights and humanitarian situations. This is a special project in partnership with the UNHCR and the comprehensive report can be found in Chapter Seven, which is dedicated to Special Projects.

6.2.4 Geographical Distribution of Complaints by States

Since petitions and cases identified from special panels and monitoring exercises are reported under special projects, this paragraph and the succeeding paragraphs of this chapter will focus on routine complaints received by the complaints departments and the state offices, including the AMO.

As shown in **Table 6.2.4** below, **Rivers, Kaduna, Delta, Imo, Niger** and **Ebonyi** States received the highest number of complaints, with **Rivers topping the list at 202,040 complaints. Kaduna got the second highest complaints of 177,920, while Delta got 163,360 complaints, being the third highest nationwide.** The lowest numbers of complaints were received by the Osun State Office (5,320) and the AMO (6,600). In addition to the above, the following states got less than 10,000 complaints: Benue (9,000), Borno (7,960), Ekiti (8,840), Nasarawa (9,000) Ogun (7,480) and Yobe (8,760).

Table 6.2.4 Geographical Distribution of Complaints by States		
S/NO	STATE OFFICE	ANNUAL TOTAL (2021)
1	ABIA	53,120
2	ADAMAWA	48,080
3	AKWA IBOM	13,000
4	ABUJA MUNICIPAL OFFICE (FCT)	6,600
5	ANAMBRA	10,480
6	BAUCHI	69,600
7	BAYELSA	12,000
8	BENUE	9,000
9	BORNO	7,960
10	CROSS RIVER	12,440
11	DELTA	163,360
12	EBONYI	100,400
13	EDO	28,520
14	EKITI	8,840
15	ENUGU	20,440
16	GOMBE	16,160
17	HEADQUARTERS (ABUJA)	49,917
18	IMO	136,120
19	JIGAWA	14,760
20	KADUNA	177,920
21	KANO	43,880
22	KATSINA	17,400
23	KEBBI	10,920
24	KOGI	18,360
25	KWARA	52,680
26	LAGOS	88,720
27	NASARAWA	9,000
28	NIGER	109,560

S/NO	STATE OFFICE	ANNUAL TOTAL (2021)
29	OGUN	7,480
30	ONDO	13,040
31	OSUN	5,320
32	OYO	29,160
33	PLATEAU	19,360
34	RIVERS	202,040
35	SOKOTO	77,280
36	TARABA	16,480
37	YOBE	8,760
38	ZAMFARA	13,200
Country Wide Total		1,701,357
SGBV PANEL		162
GRAND TOTAL		1,701,519

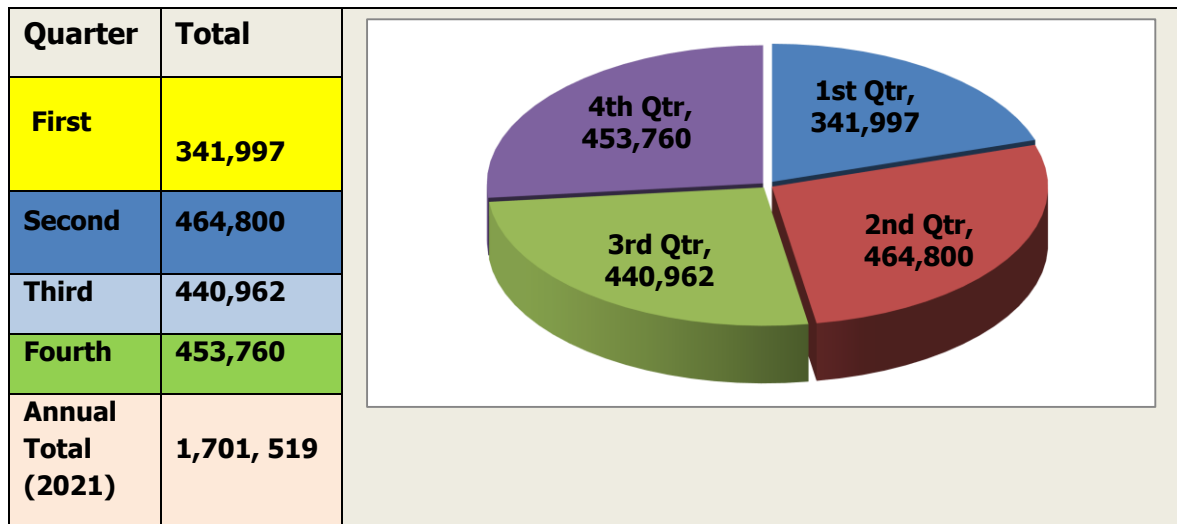
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6.2.5 Quarterly Distribution of Complaints

The Commission received a total of **341,997** complaints in **Q1** of 2021, while **464,800** complaints were received in **Q2**, being the highest number of complaints per quarter for the year. In **Q3**, this dropped to **440,800** complaints, but rose slightly to **453,760** complaints in **Q4**, being the second highest number of complaints received per quarter in the year under review.

Table and Chart 6.2.5 Quarterly Distribution of Complaints Received in 2021.



6.2.6 Admissibility of Complaints

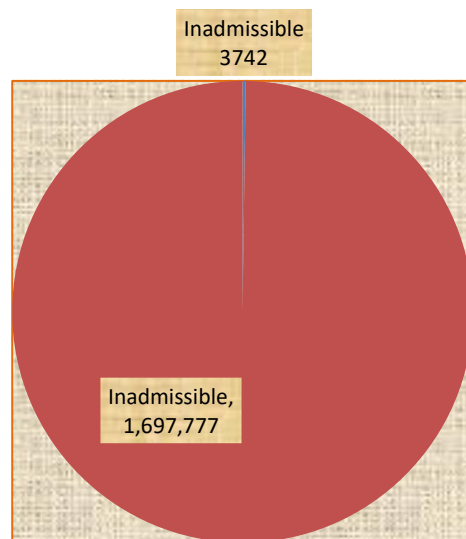
Every complaint lodged in the Commission is subjected to the rules of admissibility and Rule 72 of the Commission's STORP provides a process for determining admissibility or eligibility of complaints. Consequently, out of the **1,701,519** complaints received in 2021, a total of **1,697,777** were found admissible, while **3,742** were inadmissible.

Table 6.2.6 and Figure 6.2.6 represent the breakdown and analysis of admissible and inadmissible complaints received by the Commission in 2021 per quarter.

Table 6.2.6 Admissible and Inadmissible Complaints

Quarter	Admissible	Inadmissible
First	340,844	1,153
Second	463,385	1,415
Third	440,320	642
Fourth	453,228	532
Annual Total (2020)	1,697,777	3742

Figure 6.2.6 Admissible and Inadmissible Complaints



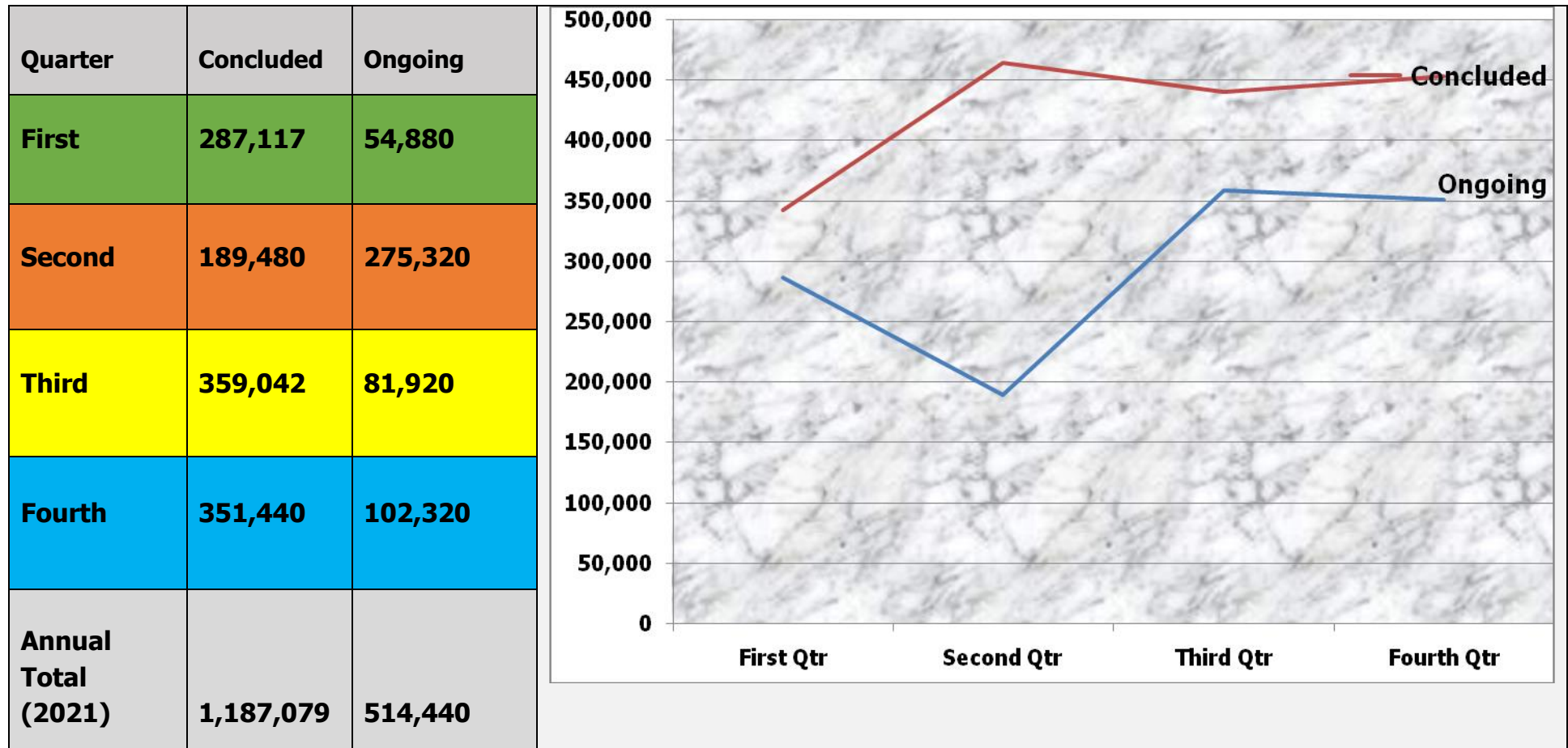
6.2.7 Status of Complaints

By the end of the year under review, **1,187,079** out of the **1,701,357** complaints received in all the 36 states of the Federation and Abuja (Headquarters and the AMO) representing **69.8%** had been investigated and concluded in line with the STORP of the Commission. The remaining **514,440 (30.2%)** complaints, although not concluded, were ongoing and at various stages of investigation and mediation as at 31st December, 2021.

Details of the status of complaints are summarized in the table and graph below:

Status of Complaints

Figure 6.2.7 Status of Complaints



6.2.8 Disaggregation of 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 2021 were: SGBV (Rape and Domestic Violence); Women and Gender Rights (Child Custody, Denial of Access to Children); Child Rights (Right to Survival and Development, Child Abandonment); Judiciary, Rule of Law and Access to Justice; Quality of Life; and Freedom from Discrimination.

Child Rights issues topped the list with **367,440** complaints, while Women and Gender issues followed with **287,240** complaints. These high figures may be attributable to rising poverty and unemployment occasioned by COVID-19 economic fallouts, which has taken a heavy toll on family life, as well as the erosion of family values.

The lowest figures were recorded for Rights of the Aged (1,880) followed at a far distance by Niger Delta and Environment cases (14,360).

Table 6.2.8 Disaggregation of Complaints According To Areas Of Thematic Focus

S/N	STATE OFFICE	SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE	WOMEN AND GENDER RIGHTS	CHILD RIGHTS	JUDICIAL, 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 (2021)
1	ABIA	4,911	8,975	11,481	3,866	2,718	59	1,654	1,080	3,112	4,431	2,515	5,151	449	2,718	53,120
2	ADAMAWA	4,445	8,124	10,392	3,499	2,461	53	1,497	977	2,817	4,010	2,276	4,662	406	2,461	48,080
3	AKWA IBOM	1,202	2,197	2,810	946	665	14	405	264	762	1,084	615	1,261	110	665	13,000
4	ABUJA MUNICIPAL OFFICE (FCT)	610	1,115	1,427	480	338	7	205	134	387	551	312	640	56	338	6,600
5	ANAMBRA	969	1,771	2,265	763	536	12	326	213	614	874	496	1,016	89	536	10,480
6	BAUCHI	6,434	11,760	15,043	5,065	3,562	77	2,167	1,415	4,078	5,805	3,295	6,749	588	3,562	69,600
7	BAYELSA	1,109	2,028	2,594	873	614	13	374	244	703	1,001	568	1,164	101	614	12,000
8	BENUE	832	1,521	1,945	655	461	10	280	183	527	751	426	873	76	461	9,000
9	BORNO	736	1,345	1,720	579	407	9	248	162	466	664	377	772	67	407	7,960
10	CROSS RIVER	1,150	2,102	2,689	905	637	14	387	253	729	1,038	589	1,206	105	637	12,440
11	DELTA	15,102	27,602	35,309	11,889	8,360	181	5,085	3,321	9,571	13,626	7,734	15,840	1,380	8,360	163,360
12	EBONYI	9,282	16,964	21,701	7,307	5,138	111	3,125	2,041	5,882	8,375	4,753	9,735	848	5,138	100,400
13	EDO	2,637	4,819	6,164	2,076	1,460	32	888	580	1,671	2,379	1,350	2,765	241	1,460	28,520
14	EKITI	817	1,494	1,911	643	452	10	275	180	518	737	418	857	75	452	8,840

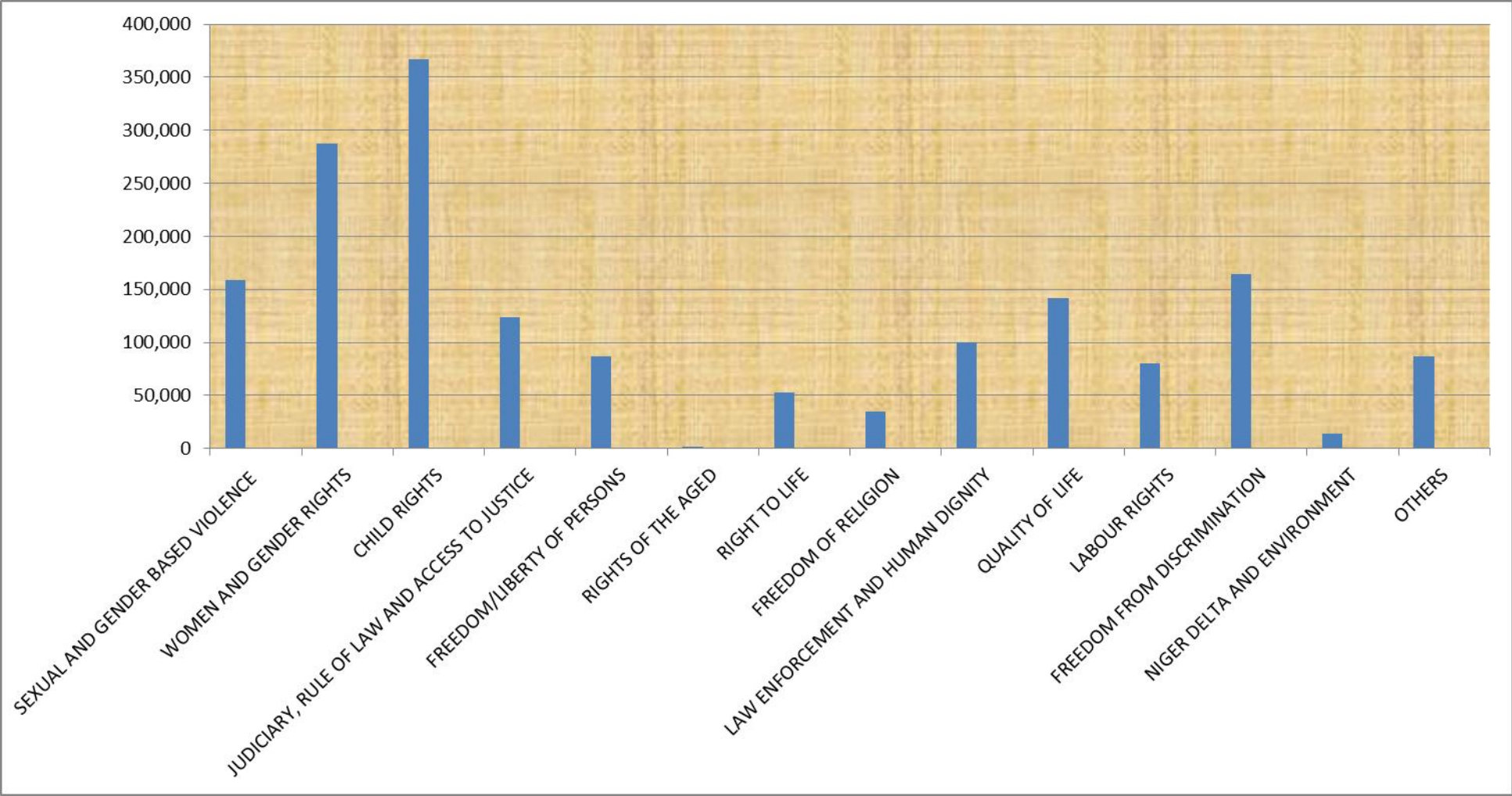
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15	ENUGU	1,890	3,454	4,418	1,488	1,046	23	636	416	1,198	1,705	968	1,982	173	1,046	20,440
16	GOMBE	1,494	2,730	3,493	1,176	827	18	503	329	947	1,348	765	1,567	137	827	16,160
17	HEADQUARTERS (ABUJA)	5,846	8,205	10,496	3,534	2,485	54	1,512	987	2,845	4,050	2,299	4,709	410	2,485	49,917
18	IMO	12,584	22,999	29,421	9,906	6,966	151	4,237	2,767	7,975	11,354	6,444	13,199	1,150	6,966	136,120
19	JIGAWA	1,365	2,494	3,190	1,074	755	16	459	300	865	1,231	699	1,431	125	755	14,760
20	KADUNA	16,448	30,062	38,456	12,948	9,105	197	5,539	3,617	10,424	14,841	8,423	17,252	1,503	9,105	177,920
21	KANO	4,057	7,414	9,484	3,193	2,246	49	1,366	892	2,571	3,660	2,077	4,255	371	2,246	43,880
22	KATSINA	1,609	2,940	3,761	1,266	890	19	542	354	1,019	1,451	824	1,687	147	890	17,400
23	KEBBI	1,010	1,845	2,360	795	559	12	340	222	640	911	517	1,059	92	559	10,920
24	KOGI	1,697	3,102	3,968	1,336	940	20	572	373	1,076	1,531	869	1,780	155	940	18,360
25	KWARA	4,870	8,901	11,386	3,834	2,696	58	1,640	1,071	3,086	4,394	2,494	5,108	445	2,696	52,680
26	LAGOS	8,202	14,991	19,176	6,457	4,540	98	2,762	1,804	5,198	7,400	4,200	8,603	749	4,540	88,720
27	NASARAWA	832	1,521	1,945	655	461	10	280	183	527	751	426	873	76	461	9,000
28	NIGER	10,128	18,512	23,680	7,973	5,607	121	3,411	2,227	6,419	9,139	5,187	10,623	925	5,607	109,560
29	OGUN	692	1,264	1,617	544	383	8	233	152	438	624	354	725	63	383	7,480
30	ONDO	1,206	2,203	2,818	949	667	14	406	265	764	1,088	617	1,264	110	667	13,040
31	OSUN	492	899	1,150	387	272	6	166	108	312	444	252	516	45	272	5,320

S/N	STATE OFFICE	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 (2021)
32	OYO	2,696	4,927	6,303	2,122	1,492	32	908	593	1,708	2,432	1,380	2,827	246	1,492	29,160
33	PLATEAU	1,790	3,271	4,184	1,409	991	21	603	394	1,134	1,615	917	1,877	164	991	19,360
34	RIVERS	18,678	34,138	43,669	14,704	10,340	223	6,289	4,107	11,837	16,853	9,565	19,591	1,707	10,340	202,040
36	SOKOTO	7,144	13,058	16,703	5,624	3,955	85	2,406	1,571	4,528	6,446	3,659	7,493	653	3,955	77,280
37	TARABA	1,524	2,785	3,562	1,199	843	18	513	335	966	1,375	780	1,598	139	843	16,480
38	YOBE	810	1,480	1,893	638	448	10	273	178	513	731	415	849	74	448	8,760
39	ZAMFARA	1,220	2,230	2,853	961	676	15	411	268	773	1,101	625	1,280	112	676	13,200
40	SGBV PANEL	162														162
Totals		158,679	287,240	367,440	123,720	87,000	1,880	52,920	34,560	99,600	141,800	80,480	164,840	14,360	87,000	1,701,519

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Figure 6.2.8 Graphical Representation Of Complaints By Thematic Areas Of Focus



6.2.9 Summary of Complaints from 1996 to 2021

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 31st December 2021, the aggregate number of complaints received by the Commission from 1996 to 2021 amounts to **8,122,674 (Eight Million, One Hundred and Twenty Two Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy Four)**.

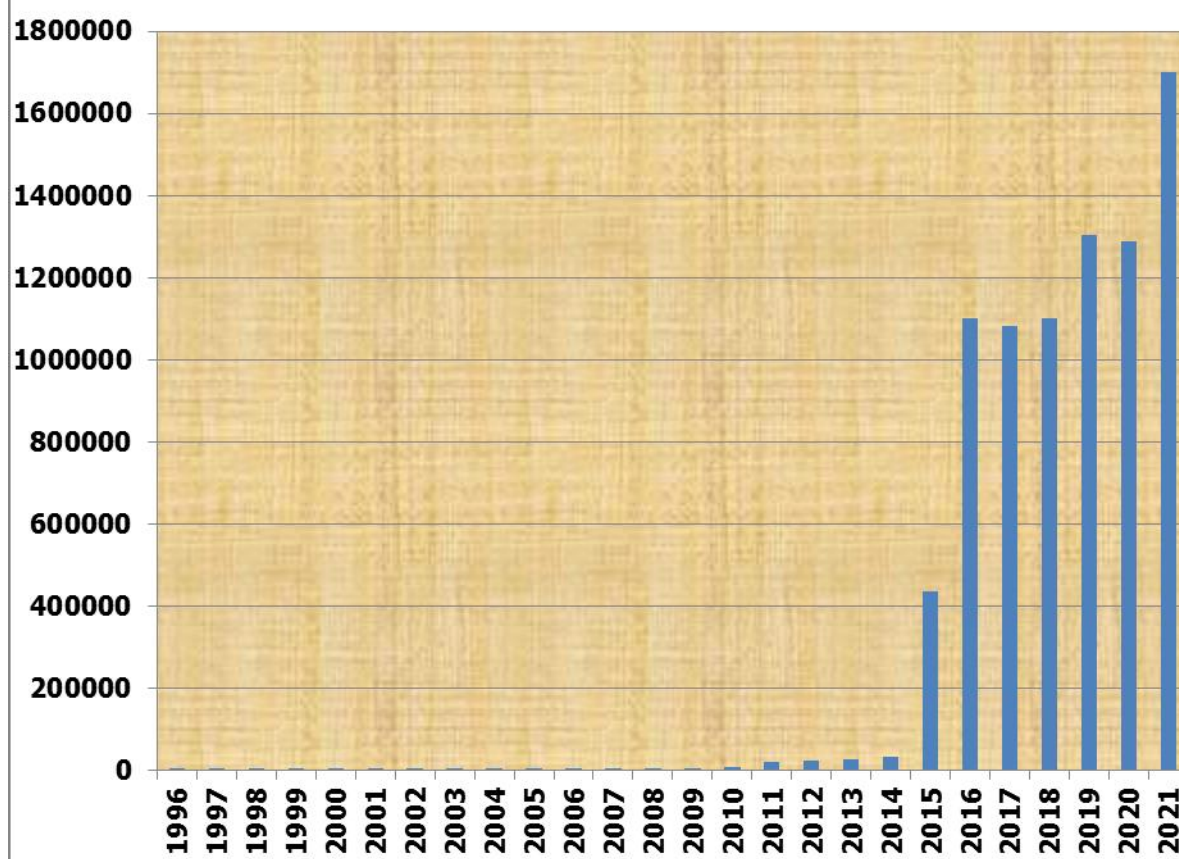
Table 6.2.9 and **Figure 6.2.9** are tabular and graphical representations of the complaints received, admitted and treated by the Commission from 1996 to 2021.

Table 6.2.9 Summary of Complaints 1996-2021

Year	Total Received	Admissible	Inadmissible	Concluded	Pending
1996	41	29	12	28	1
1997	114	85	29	73	12
1998	221	133	88	89	44
1999	343	135	208	100	35
2000	559	286	273	95	191
2001	557	377	180	143	234
2002	421	356	65	114	242
2003	432	388	44	122	266
2004	287	271	16	92	179
2005	551	476	75	319	157
2006	514	416	98	258	158
2007	574	235	31	151	84
2008	1,300	1,423	185	1,133	290

Year	Total Received	Admissible	Inadmissible	Concluded	Pending
2009	1,061	1,040	21	750	290
2010	6,967	6,700	267	4,000	2,700
2011	19,210	18,060	1,150	15,403	2,657
2012	22,542	21,373	3,187	18,188	3,185
2013	26,067	24,198	1,869	19,806	4,392
2014	31,847	28,974	2,873	24,339	4,635
2015	433,865	430,962	2,903	414,384	16,578
2016	1,099,919	1,000,430	99,489	489,219	511,211
2017	1,081,329	1,081,126	203	576,742	504,384
2018	1,099,825	1,097,777	2,048	647,688	450,089
2019	1,304,849	1,303,936	913	1,105,738	198,198
2020	1,287,760	1,124,600	2,680	190,520	934,080
2021	1,701,519	1,697,777	3742	1,187,079	514,440
Total (1996 2021)	- 8,122,674	7,841,561	122,649	4,696,573	3,148,732

Figure 5.2.6 Complaints Received From Inception To Date

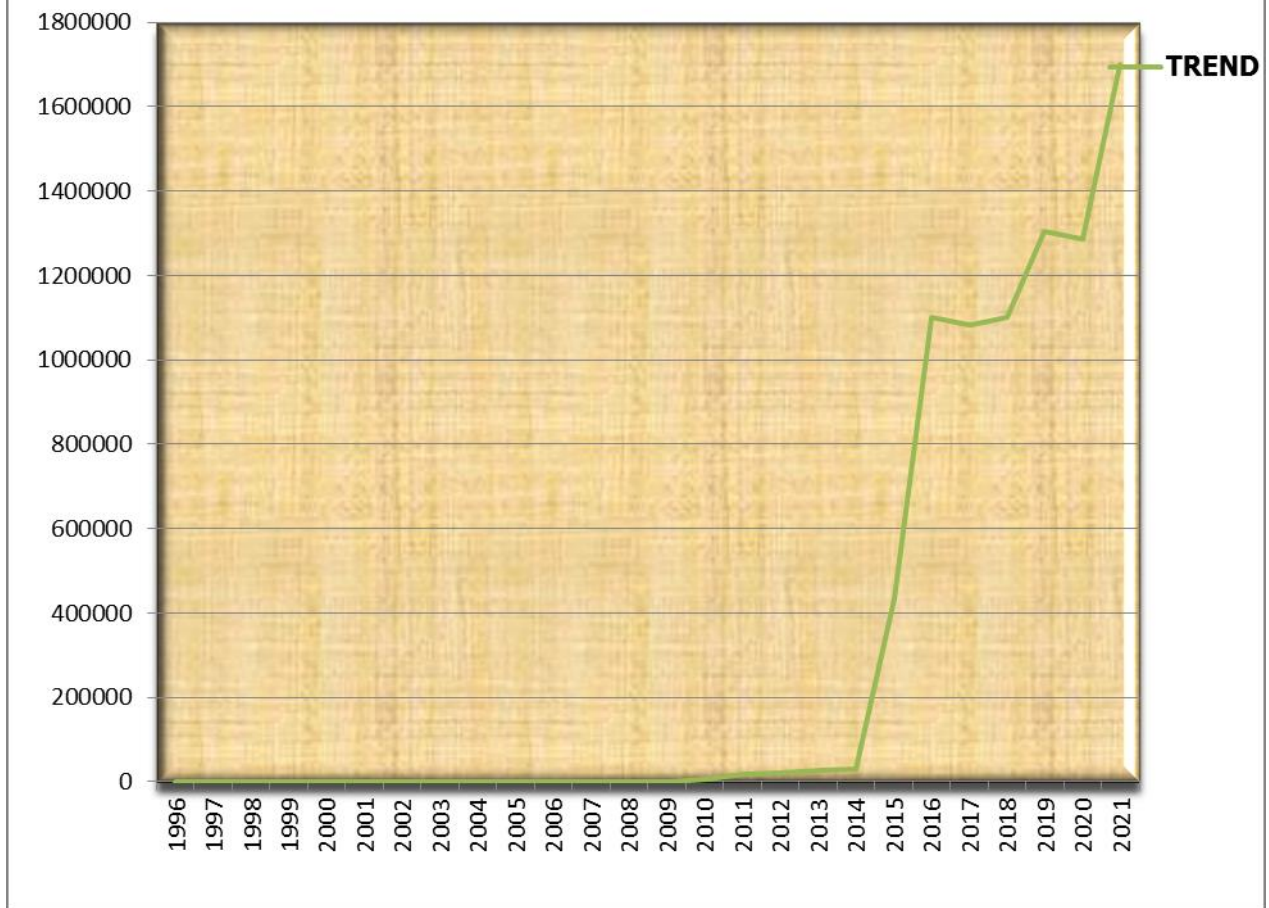


6.2.10 Trend of Complaints from 1996 to 2021

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

- Knowledge of human rights by the public
- Awareness of the Commission's services
- Ability to access the Commission's offices
- Level and preponderance of violations

Figure 5.2.7 TREND OF COMPLAINTS 1996 TO DATE



CHAPTER SEVEN

SPECIAL PROJECTS

7.0 Preamble

There were special interventions made by the Commission in 2021, towards creating a more conducive work environment, improving visibility and accessibility of the Commission and protecting human rights in Nigeria. In addition, and pursuant to its mandate, the Commission is vested with the power to investigate all alleged cases of human rights violations, monitor developments in various thematic areas, assist victims of violations through appropriate awards and compensation and bring its findings to the attention of the government. This is in a bid to assist government to comply with its international and regional human rights obligations.

This Chapter highlights some of the activities monitored by the Commission in the year under review. Some of these include monitoring of election processes, audit of Detention/Correctional Centers and Protection Monitoring of IDP camps. It also succinctly presents other special projects carried out by the Commission.

7.1 Election Monitoring - Governorship Election in Anambra State

The Anambra State Governorship election took place on 6 November 2021, and staff of the Commission were deployed to observe the election and monitor the conduct of security personnel on election duty. Due to security challenges, the Commission was able to cover only 19 polling units in the following Local Government Areas (LGAs): Awka South/North, Aguata, Dunukofia, Njikoka, Onitsha North/South and Orumba North.

It was observed that there were security challenges, community resistance to the election, logistical failures and challenges in the use of the newly introduced Bimodal Voters Accreditation System (BVAS). The findings and recommendations of the

exercise are contained in a full report which will be published by the Commission.

7.2 Audit of Detention Centres

In the year under review, the Commission embarked on visits to some detention/correctional centres in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States. The Imo State Office also visited Nigerian Correctional Centre in Owerri, to assess their compliance with UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners. They also sensitised inmates on human rights.

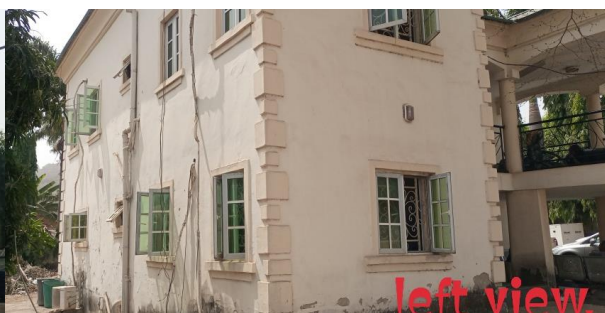
Gaps in infrastructure still remain a concern in the detention centres visited. This adversely affects efficient administration of the facilities. For instance, power supply was poor as many centres depended on generators, which they struggle to fuel and maintain. It was also noted that operational vehicles were inadequate while water, sanitation and hygiene need to be improved. Funds for day to day running of the facilities were also noted as a challenge.

7.3 Construction and Renovation of Office Buildings

In the year under review, the Commission embarked on the construction of new state

offices and renovation of existing ones in various states. These projects, some of which are at various levels of completion, are as follows:

Abuja Metropolitan Office



AMO is strategically located in Karu to service the FCT as additional avenue to increase the visibility of the Commission and avail its services to greater number of people to seek for redress of violations. This compliments the Commission's Headquarters also located in the FCT.

Enugu State Office



At the inception of the Commission, offices were established in the six geopolitical zones of the country to respond to human rights complaints from the respective zones. The present Enugu State Office was the South-East Zonal Office. On assuming the leadership of the Commission in 2018, the ES, Tony Ojukwu, SAN increased the number of offices to cover the 36 States of the Federation. The zonal office in Enugu became the Enugu State Office. The office was dilapidated over time. The Commission with the support of the Enugu State Government renovated and furnished the office in 2021.

Kebbi State Office



The Kebbi State Office, which is one of the newly established offices of the Commission, has been operating from a rented building. In 2021, the Commission acquired a land and commenced the construction of its prototype office complex for the State, as seen above.

Katsina State Office



The Commission completed the construction of an office complex in Katsina State. This is one of the prototype office complex designed for the Commission. It is undergoing fitting and furnishing as at the time of this report.

Anambra State Office



This is one of the Commission's prototype Office Complex under construction in Anambra State.

Benue State Office



The Benue State Office of the Commission is also under construction.

Lagos State Office



The Nigeria Centre of Excellence was not left out in the effort of the Commission to improve its visibility and expand its scope of responsiveness to the people. Above is the prototype Office Complex of the Commission in Lagos which was almost completed in 2021.

Ekiti State Office



This is one of the Commission's prototype Office Complex under construction in Ekiti State.

Adamawa State Office



This is one of the Commission's prototype Office Complex, just been awarded in Adamawa State.

7.4 Protection Monitoring: Community-Based Human Rights Monitoring Activities in the North-East

As has been widely reported, the North-East of Nigeria has remained a hotbed for kidnapping and mass killings since the inception of insurgency in Nigeria. Consequently, large numbers of inhabitants of this region have deserted their homes, resulting to increase in the number of IDPs with the attendant loss of livelihood.

Various human rights and humanitarian bodies have been intensifying efforts to bring succour to the IDPs with special attention to the three states of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe. The report below is a highlight of the activities carried out in 2021 by Human Rights Monitors under the auspices of the UNHCR/NHRC Human Rights Monitoring Project across the three states.

In Adamawa, the monitors covered Yola North and South, Mubi North and South, Michika and Madagali LGAs of the state respectively. The areas covered in Borno state are Konduga, Maiduguri Municipal Council (MMC), Jere, Gwoza and Mobaar LGAs. The Human Rights Monitors in Yobe also documented human rights issues that arose from Damaturu and Gujba LGAs of the state.

The report provides detailed information on the demographics of the Population of Concern (PoC) reached, summary of human rights issues identified, breakdown of issues highlighted under various thematic areas of human rights concerns, human rights monitoring missions and visits to detention facilities.

A monthly total number of **Eleven Million One Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand and Eighteen (11,188,018)** households were recorded across the project states, reaching **Fifty-Five Million Four Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Three (55,431,723)** individuals within the year.

In Adamawa, **Eleven Million, One Hundred and Fifty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Three (11,158,763)** households and **Fifty-Four Million, Nine Hundred and Ninety Thousand One Hundred and Fifty-Five 54,990,155** individuals were covered. Borno recorded **Twenty-Six Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty - Four 26,554** households covering **Four Hundred and Eleven Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-One (411,181)** individuals while Yobe recorded two thousand seven hundred and one **(2,701)** households which covered **Thirty Thousand Three Hundred and Eight-Seven (30,387)** individuals.

The detailed report is available on the Commission's website, www.nigeriarights.gov.ng

7.5 Special Investigation Panel on Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Nigeria

In furtherance of the mandate of the Commission, a panel was constituted as a result of a complaint received on Friday 26 April 2019, where armed security personnel led by the Abuja Environmental Protection Board (AEPB) under the auspices of the FCT Joint Task Force, raided night clubs and the streets of

Abuja. It was alleged that the raids were intended to arrest commercial sex workers. It was reported that very few men were arrested while about 71 women were arrested and held in various police stations in Abuja. Victims of the raids made serious allegations to the Commission of rape; sexual harassment; and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment. This was one of the many raids purportedly carried out by AEPB and the FCT Joint Task Force regularly.

There were also other notable cases of SGBV including the BBC documentary on "Sex for Grade" in the University of Lagos and its counterpart in Ghana. SGBV reports in homes, work places, churches and other places of worship, increased. The widely reported case of little Ochanya in Benue State was one such incidence.

In the light of these, the Office of the Vice President requested the Commission to take immediate steps to address this scourge in the society and make appropriate recommendations to government. The Commission, in response to this request, constituted a panel on SGBV and made plans to hold hearings in different parts of the country.

The members of the Panel were carefully selected to represent diverse interests in the society such as Academia, Gender experts, Civil Society and professional groups, with the Commission serving as the Chair and Secretariat. The Panel also worked closely with consultants with professional expertise in the field of SGBV. The Commission partnered with the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative, Government of Japan

and Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Programme to conduct the Panel sittings.

Methodology Adopted by the Panel

The principle of fair hearing was accorded to all persons alleged to have violated human rights before the panel of investigation. Appropriate notice was given through summons to persons or institutions that appeared and they were given the opportunity to appear with counsels of their choice.

However, strict rules of evidence and procedure were not applied by the Panel in order not to bug the proceedings with technicalities which may derail and prolong the sittings unduly. Where necessary or requested, victims and complainants were given the necessary confidentiality measures.

The STORP of the Commission, the NHRC Act, 1995 (as Amended) and the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, (as Amended), as well as other international standards applicable to Nigeria were applied. Relevant local instruments such as the VAPP Act; the Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA); CRA/L were also considered.

Highlights of Sittings

During the first round of sittings, the Panel received One Hundred and Thirteen (113) Complaints/Memos across the six geo-political zones with South-East accounting for the highest number of Thirty-Five (35) representing 30% of the total complaints received. North Central accounted for Nineteen (19); North-West had Seventeen (17); South-South had Twenty-Six (26);

South-West had Twelve (12); and North-East Four (4). Victims of SGBV and other members of the public who submitted memoranda and complaints were heard in closed chambers during the sittings. The Panel made visits to *locus in quo* where SGBV survivors are kept. The first round of these Sittings took place in 2020.

In 2021, the Panel replicated this methodology and held the second round of sittings. It sat in 8 States of the Federation as follows: Enugu, Lagos, Ebonyi, Cross-Rivers, Rivers, Sokoto, Adamawa and Abuja. A total number of 162 cases were received and considered.

Panel Sittings/ Number of Cases Listed

S/N	STATE	DATE OF SITTING	NUMBER OF CASES
1	Enugu	1 st -2 nd February 2021	28
2	Lagos	8 th – 9 th February 2021	13
3	Ebonyi	16 TH – 17 TH February 2021	17
4	Cross Rivers	1 st - 2 nd March 2021	10
5	Rivers	8 th - 9 th March 2021	37
6	Sokoto	15 th – 16 th March 2021	11
7	Adamawa	22 nd – 23 rd March 2021	14
8	Abuja	12 th – 15 th April 2021	32
TOTAL			162

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The Panel has concluded its sittings in the scheduled eight states and is working on the findings and recommendations as at the time of this report. Complaints received bordered on domestic violence; threat to life and abandonment; forced marriage; inheritance issues and discrimination on account of gender; sexual abuse and rape; harmful widowhood practices etc. Cases related to children were also handled such as neglect of parental responsibilities.

Most cases were resolved during the sitting and others that required prosecution were referred to the Attorney General of the states for prosecution. The Panel awarded damages in some cases and also awarded monetary support to some women for economic empowerment. Although the Panel encountered some challenges such as cultural orientation and culture of silence, it achieved the mandate for which it was set up.

Below are some of the Pictures of the sittings:

Presentation of financial assistance to one of the complainants to support the upkeeps of the baby and family





The Director, CPR presenting a welcome address on behalf of the Executive Secretary, at the Ebonyi sitting

Presentation of financial assistance to one of the complainants to support her business and education



Group picture of NHRC Staff, Enugu State and some members of the SGBV Team

Group picture of NHRC Staff, Enugu State and some members of the SGBV Team



8.6 Promoting Reconciliation, Reintegration and Transitional Justice in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States of Nigeria

The Commission received financial support from the EU and the UNDP to implement the above project, with the following objectives:

- i. Community mobilisation for reconciliation and reintegration
- ii. Capacity building for community

approaches to reconciliation, transitional and restorative justice

- iii. Setting up of Community Frameworks for Transitional Justice
- iv. Work with State Governments to establish legal, institutional and policy frameworks to support a permanent process of reconciliation, peace building and transitional justice in local

- communities.
- v. Enable community focused participatory restorative justice processes to promote reconciliation, restitutions and reintegration.
- vi. Provide platforms for community healing, truth telling and forgiveness.

The project adopted human rights and community-based approaches to transitional justice and reconciliation. The Commission worked in seven LGAs as follows: Borno (4 LGAs); Adamawa (2 LGAs) and Yobe (1 LGA) with the cooperation of their respective state Governments. They built on the structures already created by previous and existing UNDP projects.

The major outcomes from the project are:

- a. Reconciliation and reintegration of communities to foster human development and progress.
- b. Accountability for human rights violations.
- c. Communities and victims get healings from crimes and losses.
- d. Empowerment of victims and communities through restorative

justice and reconciliation.

- e. Permanent frameworks for transitional justice and reconciliation developed.

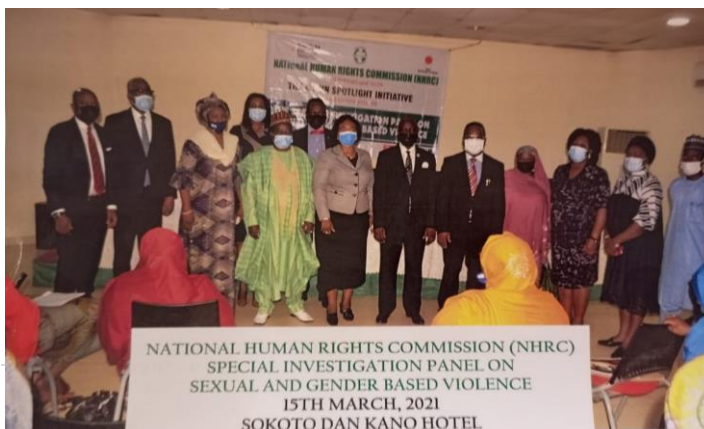
Achievements of the Project

Although the project is still ongoing, it has recorded substantial achievements within the period of July to December 2021. This period recorded inception activities; institution of community-led processes and platforms; procurement of project equipment; media advocacy and broad-based consultations with state governments, religious and traditional authorities, as well as civil societies. It also featured the development of transitional justice frameworks and media advocacy.

So far, the Commission has submitted an initial financial report while an extension of the project has been approved by the UNDP.



Special Investigation Panel on SGVB held on 1st – 2nd March, 2021 at Cross River State, Calaba



Special Investigation Panel on SGVB held on 15th – 16th March, 2021 at Dan Kano Hotel, Sokoto

CHAPTER EIGHT

FINANCE



8.0 Preamble

The Commission as an agency of government is largely dependent on government budget for its funding. In addition, its enabling law permits it to receive financial support and donations towards the promotion and protection of human rights in Nigeria.

The succeeding paragraphs give an account of receipts from the government and donations from partners for 2021.

8.1 Budgetary Allocations and Receipts

The budgetary allocation and receipts of the Commission for the year 2021 are summarised in the table below.

Table 8.1 Budgetary Allocations and Receipts

S N	Expenditure Head (₦)	Account Codes	Opening balance (₦)	Budget Appropriation (₦)	Amount Released (₦)	Amount Expended (₦)	Transfer to CRF (₦)	Balance as at Dec. 2021 (₦)	%age
1.	Personnel	15010101	NIL	1,599,394,119.17	1,581,146,857.79	1,581,143,475.56	3,382.23	NIL	100%
2.	Overhead	15010101	NIL	601,941,850.51	620,189,111.89	619,687,525.99	501,585.90	NIL	100%
3.	Capital I	43010101	71,659.97	-	-	-	71,659.97	-	-
	Capital ii	43010101	-	798,664,030.32	798,663,929.69	689,526,840.93	-	109,137,088.76	86.34%
	TOTAL		71,659.97	3,000,000,000.00	2,999,999,899.37	2,890,357,842.48	576,628.10	109,137,088.76	96.36%

From Table 8.1 above, ₦3,000,000,000.00 was appropriated for the Commission in 2021, but ₦2,999,999,899.37 was released. The total sum of ₦2,890,357,842.48 was expended, and the total sum of ₦576,628.10 which include the rolled over fund of (₦71,659.97) from 2020, was transferred to CRF, leaving a balance of ₦109,137,088.76 which will be rolled over to the year 2022. The entire budget performance for 2021 is 96.36%.

Table 8.1.2 Special Projects (Constituency Project)

S/N	EXPENDITURE HEAD (₦)	ACCOUNT CODES	OPENING BALANCE (₦)	BUDGET APPROPRIATION (₦)	AMOUNT RELEASED (₦)	AMOUNT EXPENDED (₦)	TRANSFER TO CRF (₦)	BALANCE AS AT DEC. 2021	%age
I	Capital: (Additional Constituency Project) 2020	43010101	43,371,773.83	-	-	43,369,792.00	1,981.83	NIL	99.99%
II	Capital: Additional (Constituency Project) 2021	43010101	-	920,000,000.00	920,000,000.00	491,351,633.73	-	428,648,366.27	53.41%
III	Capital Dev. Fund (constituency project) 2021	43010101	-	-	63,600,000.00	3,176,600.00	-	60,423,400.00	4.9%
IV	Constituency Project 2021	13020301	3,621,923.08	-	1,114,855,981.55	859,658,315.29	-	258,819,589.34	77.88%
	TOTAL		46,993,696.91	920,000,000.00	2,098,455,981.55	1,397,556,341.02	1,981.83	747,891,355.61	99.99%

- I.** From Table 8.1.2 above, the sum of ~~N~~43,371,773.83 was brought forward from the year 2020 under capital development fund (constituency project) the total sum of ~~N~~43,369,792 was expended from this fund, and the sum of N1,981.83 was transferred to CRF in the year 2021. The entire budget performance for 2021 is 99.99%.
- II.** The sum of ~~N~~920,000,000.00 was released as additional fund for capital constituency project during the year 2021. The total sum of ~~N~~491,351,633.73 was expended from this capital project fund, leaving a balance of ~~N~~428,648,366.27 which will be rolled over to the year 2022. The entire budget performance is 53.41%
- III.** A sum of ~~N~~63,600,000.00 was released for capital development fund (constituency) in which the total sum of ~~N~~3,176,600.00 was expended during the year, leaving a balance of ~~N~~60,423,400.00 which will be rolled over to the year 2022.
- IV.** The above analysis explains that the sum of ~~N~~3,261,923.08 was brought forward from 2020 constituency project account, while the total sum of ~~N~~1,114,855,981.55 was released through constituency fund. The sum of ~~N~~859,658,315.29 was expended, leaving a balance of ~~N~~258,819,589.34, the entire budget performance for this project is 77.88%.

SN	Expenditure Head(₦)	Account Codes	Opening Balance (₦)	Amount Released (₦)	Amount Expended (₦)	Remitted to CRF	Balance as at Dec. 2021 (₦)
1	Mac Arthur Foundation	13020401	25,982.71	-	-	-	25,982.71
2	Ford Foundation	13020401	2,158.16	-	-	-	2,158.16
3	NHRC Project Account	13020401	14,042,005.17	132,629,523.81	123,592,195.70	-	23,079,333.28
4	OSIWA	13020301	5,871.86	26,094,076.90	8,850,646.00	-	17,249,302.76
5	UNDP	13020301	110,434,422.97	170,556,838.00	251,357,319.50	-	29,633,941.47
6	SERVICE WIDE VOTE	-	-	-	-	-	-

8.2 Donor Funds

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

Table 8.2.1 Donor Funds

Table 8.2.2 Domiciliary Accounts (EURO)

SN	Exp. Head	Account Codes	Opening Balance (\$)	Amount Released (\$)	Amount Expended (\$)	Balance as at Dec. 2021 (\$)
1	Donor (Embassy of Switzerland)	13020401	\$100	\$16,479.12	\$16,579.12	-
2	MacArthur Foundation	13020401	\$50	-	\$50	-
3	Ford Foundation	13020401	\$97.02	-	\$97.02	-
4	EU/NHRC/HRAN	13020401	E127,273.08	-	E127,273.08	-
5	OSIWA	13020401	-	\$64,985.00	\$64,985.00	-

Table 8.2.3 Special Donor Projects

S N	Expenditure Head(₦)	Account Codes	Opening Balance (₦)	Amount Released (₦)	Amount Expended (₦)	Transfer to CRF (₦)Donor Agency	Balance as at Dec. 2021 (₦)
1	UNHCR 2021	13020401	229.80	103,805,000.00	103,805,000.00	-	229.80
2	EU/NHRC/HRAN	13020401	24,307,402.07	-	-	24,307,402.07	-

- 1) The total sum of N103,805,000.00 was released into the UNHCR account and same was fully utilized.
- 2) The sum of N24,307,402.07 which has been in the European union naira account was returned back to the donor agency.

8.3 Internally Generated Revenue

The Commission is not a revenue generating agency as it renders services to the public free of charge. However, in line with public procurement regulations, fees are charged for standard bid documents etc which are paid directly to CRF/TSA.

S/ N	Expenditure Head(₦)	Account Codes	Opening Balance (₦)	Amount Generated (₦)	Amount Expended (₦) (remitted to CRF)	Balance as at Dec. 2021 (₦)
1	Revenue	12020417	-	1,905,175.50	1,905,175.50	-

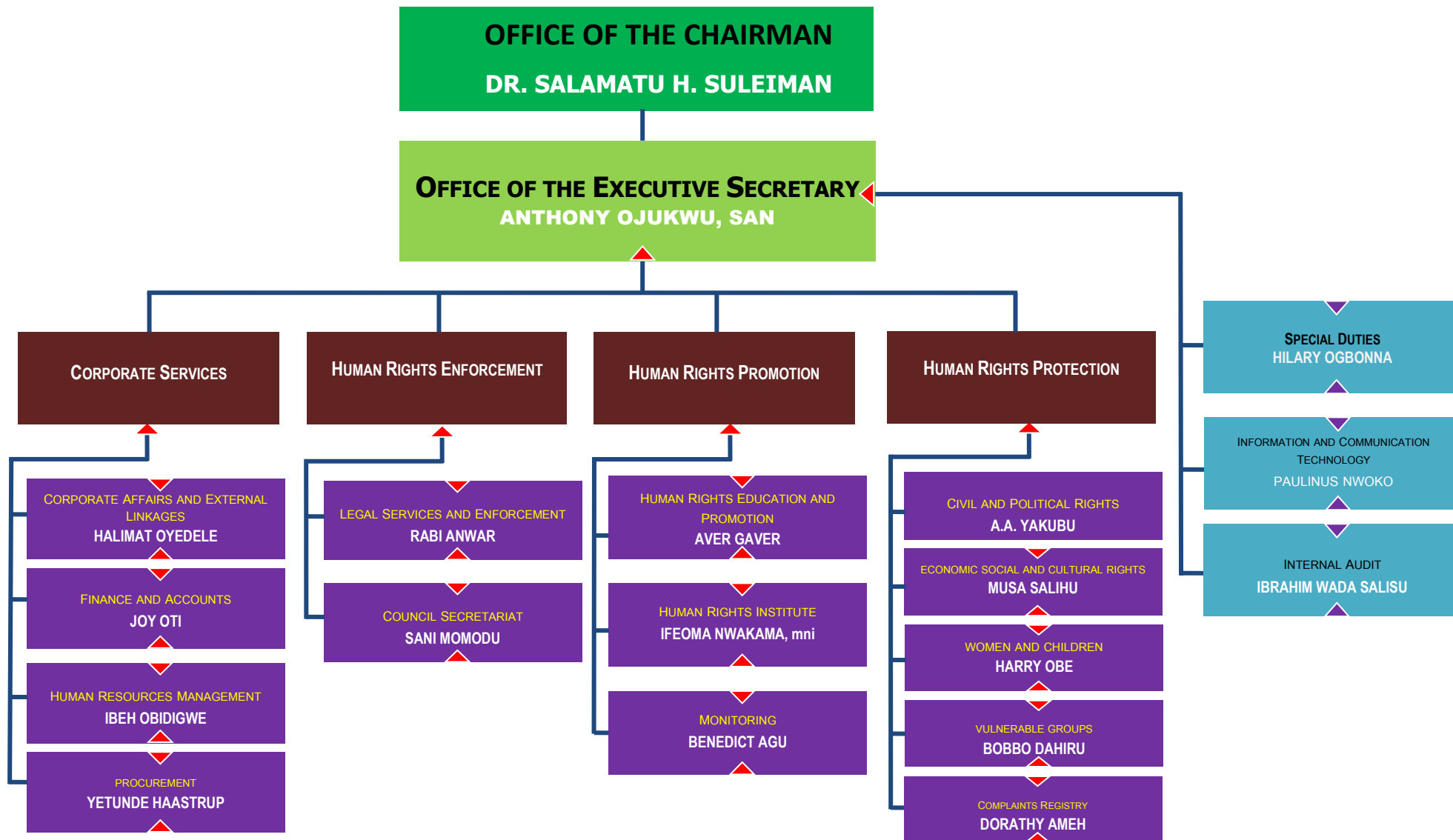
The above table shows that the sum of ₦1,905,175.50 was internally generated by the Commission in the year 2021, and same was remitted to the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the federation.



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LIST OF ACRONYMS



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ACE	–	Assisting Caring and Empowerment Charity
ACJA	–	Administration of Criminal Justice Act
AEPB	–	Abuja Environmental Protection Board
AGF	–	Attorney General of the Federation
AIDS	–	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AMO	–	Abuja Metropolitan Office
AWIF	–	All Women Inclusive Foundation
BENGONET	–	Benue NGOs Network
BVAS	–	Bimodal Voters Accreditation System
CA&EL	–	Corporate Affairs and External Linkages
CAT	–	Convention against Torture
CBFRF	–	Children’s Basic Fundamental Rights Foundation
CBOs	–	Community Based Organisations
CEDAW	–	Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women
CERANY	–	Centre for Ethical Rebirth Among Nigerian Youths
CITAD	–	Centre for Information Technology and Development
CJN	–	Chief Justice of Nigeria
COVID-19	–	Corona Virus Disease 2019
CPIMS	–	Child Protection Information Management System
CRL	–	Child Rights Law
CSOs	–	Civil Society Organisations
EBBC	–	Ebonyi State Broadcasting Cooperation
ECCAI	–	Environment and Climate Change Amelioration Initiative
ECOWAS	–	Economic Community of West African States
ES	–	Executive Secretary

ESCRs	–	Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
EU	–	European Union
FBOs	–	Faith Based Organisations
FCT	–	Federal Capital Territory
FGM	–	Female Genital Mutilation
FIDA	–	International Federation of Women Lawyers
FRSC	–	Federal Road Safety Commission
GANHRI	–	Global Alliance for National Human Rights Institutions
GBV	–	Gender Based Violence
GCFR	–	Grand Commander of the Federal Republic
GSO	–	General Service Office
HIV	–	Human Immune Deficiency Virus
HRE&P	–	Human Rights Education and Protection
ICCPR	–	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICT	–	Information Communication and Technology
IDPs	–	Internally Displaced Persons
INEC	–	Independent National Electoral Commission
IRC	–	International Rescue Committee
JTF	–	Joint Task Force
LEDAP	–	Legal Defence and Assistance Project
LGA	–	Local Government Areas
MDAs	–	Ministries, Departments and Agencies
NACA	–	National Agency for the Control of AIDS
NANHRI	–	Network of African National Human Rights Institutions
NAP	–	National Action Plan
NAPTIP	–	National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons
NBA	–	Nigerian Bar Association

NEMA	–	National Emergency Management Agency
NGOs	–	Non-Governmental Organisations
NHRC	–	National Human Rights Commission
NHRIs	–	National Human Rights Institutions
NIS	–	Nigerian Immigration Services
NJI	–	National Judicial Institute
NOA	–	National Orientation Agency
NPF	–	Nigeria Police Force
NSCDC	–	Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps
NTA	–	Nigerian Television Authorities
OSGF	–	Office of the Secretary General of the Federation
OSIWA	–	Open Society Initiative for West Africa
PCC	–	Public Complaints Commission
PCRC	–	Police Community Relations Committee
PENCOM	–	National Pensions Commission
PoC	–	Persons of Concern
PSD	–	Planning, Statistics and Documentation Department
PWD	–	Persons with Disabilities
RoLAC	–	Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption
RSA	–	Retirement Savings Account
SAN	–	Senior Advocate of Nigeria
SARC	–	Sexual Assault Referral Network
SARS	–	Special Anti-Robbery Squad
SDGs	–	Sustainable Development Goals
SEMA	–	State Emergency Management Agency
SGBV	–	Sexual and Gender Based Violence
SOP	–	Standard Operating System

STER	–	Stand to End Rape Initiative
STORP	–	Standard Orders and Rules of Procedure
TOR	–	Terms of Reference
TWG	–	Technical Working Group
UDHR	–	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UN	–	United Nations
UNAIDS	–	United Nations Programme on AIDS
UNCHR	–	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNDP	–	United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA	–	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	–	United Nations Children’s Fund
UNSCR	–	United Nations Security Council Resolution
VAPP	–	Violence Against Persons Prohibition
WACOL	–	Women’s Aid Collective

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