5-Year Impact Report

HOPE Behind Bars AFRICA

Anniversary Edition

















Celebrating Half a Decade of Impact

Years in Numbers

420

Indigent Pre-trial detainees represented

7000+

Inmates Supported

102

Incarcerated women empowered



11

Welfare Outreaches

7

Capacity building trainings

328

Legal service providers trained

45

Ex-inmates supported

Probono Hours Clocked

700,000+





Volunteers

200+



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TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS

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The Founder's Desk



The famous quote by the Chinese philosopher, Lao Tzu, “The journey of a thousand miles begins with a step” perfectly captures the evolution of Hope Behind Bars Africa in the past 5 years.

The journey began formally when I wrote my final year thesis on Restorative Justice and was burdened with the desire to support indigent incarcerated persons and to be a part of a system overhaul that can reduce prison congestion and activate criminal justice reforms. My father had, in fact, many years ago been a victim of violations in the criminal justice system. An incident that traumatized my family for a while and spurred in me the desire to become a lawyer.

Like every other young Founder starting a not-for-profit, I was plagued with thoughts about impact, sustainability and building the right systems. Yet, I resolutely embarked on the journey armed with my faith, and the support of kind friends, family, and our first volunteers.

We crawled through some phases, paused at others, and ran at some other stages. I am greatly encouraged by the milestones achieved so far including the support of over 7,000 indigent persons through our diverse interventions, the local and global partnerships we have built and the promise of impact to come.

We are now set to launch our legal tech solution, Justicepadi which would help businesses and corporates contribute to legal aid in Nigeria while meeting some of our sustainability challenges.

My team and I are now looking forward to deepening our work by maximizing our learnings from the past 5 years. Our new strategic direction focuses on advancing access to justice using a multi-pronged approach. Our theory of change for sustainability is that we, Nigerians must believe in this cause enough to support it and we would be using a movement-building approach to facilitate our work in the coming days.

It has been a great honour to lead Hope Behind Bars Africa and I would like to deeply appreciate everyone that has supported us on this journey. To our Board of Trustees, generous donors, progressive partners within and outside Nigeria, my diligent colleagues at work, and all our amazing volunteers, Thank you for all you do

'Funke Adeoye

Executive Director,
Hope Behind Bars Africa

One Young World Social Impact Analysis Report

Total Inputs

$271,890.00

Total Outcome

$5,094,985.66



Hope Behind Bars Africa was featured in **One Young World**'s Social Impact Analysis for 2022. In it's comprehensive report, our interventions were analyzed qualitatively and quantitatively for a 5-year period to represent the tangible change we have created as an organization. After these analysis, we were adjudged to have a Social Return on Investment ratio of 1:19.

1:19

SOCIAL RETURN ON INVESTMENT

1774 %

VALUE ADDED

Access to Justice program

Access to Justice is at the crux of our work at Hope Behind Bars Africa. Since 2018, we have prioritized making this fundamental right available to indigent pre-trial detainees in Nigeria.













700,000+

Hours spent handling Probono cases






Access to Justice in Numbers



Courts



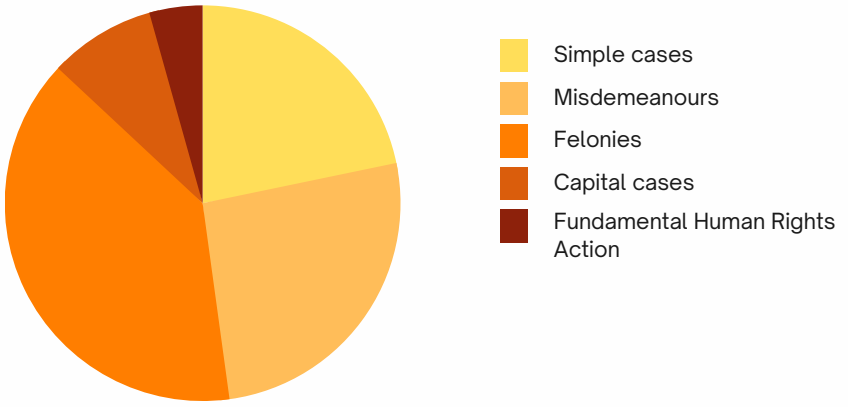
Pre-trial detainees represented



Correctional facilities



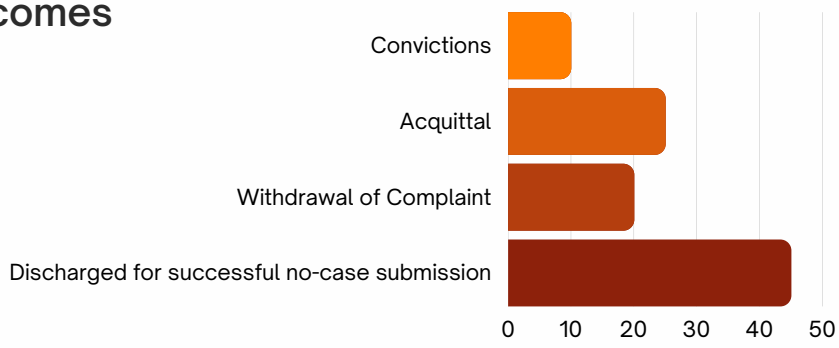
Categories of cases we handle



Women
10%

Men
90%

Case Outcomes



Access to Justice Programs









AJURN Intervention

Hope Behind Bars Africa and Legend Golden Care Foundation in a partnership, unveiled a novel initiative: **Accelerating Justice Reforms in Nigeria (AJURN)** which fosters speedy dispensation of justice for indigent pre-trial detainees and advocates for the implementation of the Non-Custodial sanctions in Nigeria. The event which was launched at the FCT Command was marked with a donation of items and equipment for community service in the FCT.

END SARS Emergency intervention

92 Volunteer lawyers trained

65 pre-trial detainees linked to End SARS represented and released.



Support for people behind bars

These includes all projects and activities that directly support the empowerment of incarcerated persons either within prison or as they re-enter society.

We are committed to building opportunities for the incarcerated to have a better life behind bars through empowering them to take charge of their life while in prison and as they return to the society to curb recidivism.









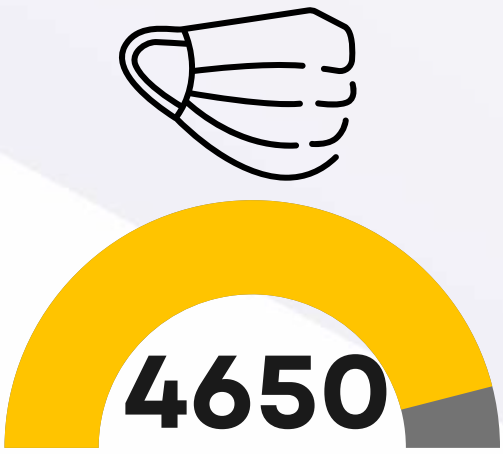


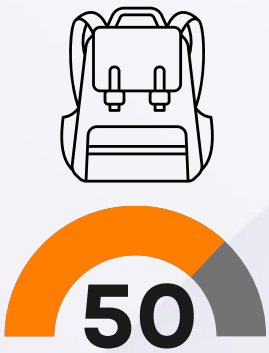



Made in Corrections

Made in Corrections was launched in 2020 with the support of the Embassy of Germany in Nigeria. It is Nigeria's first social enterprise located behind bars that empowers women and young people in prison with vocational and life skills, and helps them to earn money while in prison while preparing them for life outside prison.







Women empowered

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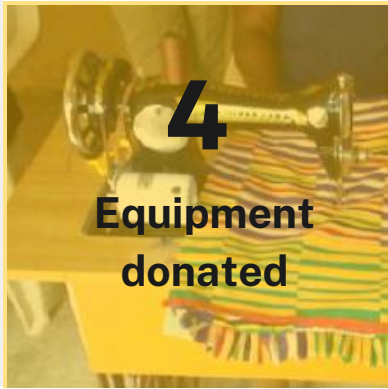
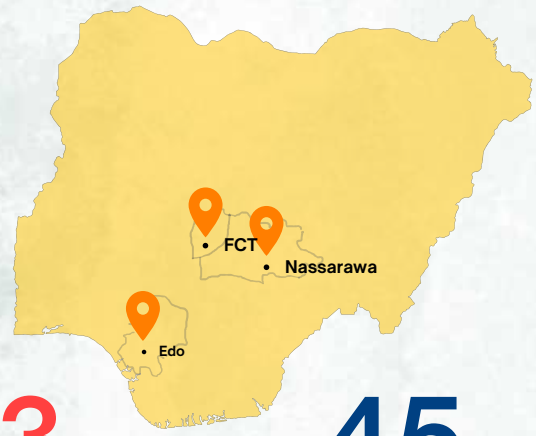


Back on Track

Back on Track is the arm of our work that continues to support and follow up previously incarcerated persons who are beneficiaries of our access to justice program until they are properly reintegrated back into the society.



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States

45
Individuals supported

Education behind bars

Through the Education Behind Bars project, Hope behind bars Africa has given over 50 offenders a chance to quality education, through donations of educational materials, internet facilities, payment of enrollment fees and more.







Internet Router/monthly subscription

1 person in contact with the law sponsored to National Open University

Motivational and personal development books

1 carton of 5 Reams of papers

1 Desk jet Printer

Welfare Interventions

COVID 19 Emergency Welfare Intervention



Worth of palliatives



No of Inmates reached





END SARS Emergency intervention

- Worth of welfare items- N500,000
- Medical Check Up - 35 persons

Advocacy Programs



Yellow Ribbon Advocacy

Advocacy & awareness outreach towards reduction in stigmatization of ex-offenders

Campaign against decriminalization of petty offenses

In 2023, we engaged the public on the issue of decriminalization of petty offenses through an explainer video and a twitter space discussion that had over 1000 listeners.

Technology has been core to our work. In 2019, we launched Connectlawyer, a web-based platform that connects probono lawyers to indigent inmates and in 2022, we started building Justicepadi, a platform that will revolutionize legal aid in West Africa.

Stories of Hope

Mr Komolafe

Komolafe, a 51 year old man who lived a quiet life with his family, had his world turned upside down when his home was burgled. After the incident, Komolafe reported the robbery to a nearby Police station, but rather than get justice, he was arrested and charged with defamation of character and criminal trespass. His case suffered a series of adjournments by the prosecution. Our team took his case and applied for the matter to be struck out due to lack of diligent prosecution and it was granted by a Magistrate Court in the FCT. Mr Komolafe has since reunited with his family.



Christian John

On his way back from school, Christian was arrested by Special Anti-robbery Squad (SARS), detained, tortured and charged for armed robbery. He was joined with someone who he had never met before and the offense of conspiracy was added to his charges. After arraignment, the prosecution, who had no evidence against him, stopped going to court. For several years, his case sufferedl adjournments because the prosecution was uninterested in his matter until Hope Behind Bars Africa met with him at Kuje Prison and took up his case pro bono. Christian was discharged and acquitted at our first appearance in court. Four years down the line, Christian has a family and is integrated into the workforce.



Harrison Chima

Harrison was declared missing by his family and it took over a year for his family to find out that the father of twin girls had been arrested, detained and remanded at Kuje Prison. We took up his case probono and filed a fundamental human rights action against the police. By May 2022, he was released from prison.



Stories of Hope



Miss Biu

Miss Biu was married off at the age of 13 and accused of murder at age 15. As a child bride, she had to endure spousal rape, lashings and even the loss of her child. About 3 years after her marriage, she had an altercation with her rival which led her to run away from the house. Before her return, her rival's young daughter had fallen into an open well and died. Immediately Biu returned, she was accused of killing her step-daughter. Miss Biu was taken away to the city and handed over to the police who wrote a confessional statement for her and changed her age to that of an adult. When we took up her case, she had spent 2 years and 9 months in prison. We applied for her bail which was granted by the court and a few months later we secured her release on grounds of lack of diligent prosecution. Today, Miss Biu is free again and we are working with her to get her life back on track.



Iya Iyabo

Iya Iyabo as she is fondly called was arrested for drug trafficking and sentenced to 12 years imprisonment. Prior to her arrest, she had skills as a dressmaker. When we launched Made in Corrections in 2020, she was excited to get her hands to work as she joined the inaugural team of women supported by the German Embassy to produce reuseable face masks. She also led the team that began teaching some of the other incarcerated women how to sew. During our chat with her, she expressed great delight in being able to earn some little money behind bars which according to her she was able to send home to her kids. Iya Iyabo was released on bail pending appeal in 2021 and she is now reintegrating properly to the society while leveraging on some of the financial lessons that came with our empowerment program.

Launch of the New Wig's Guide

The ENDSARS protest opened our eyes to the knowledge gap among young lawyers while defending their clients. This gap leaves fresh lawyers vulnerable in the hands of officials who seek ways to intimate them. On the 8th of June, we launched a hand book/manual aimed at providing a practical tool with a step-by-step guide for young lawyers who want to provide voluntary legal services to persons charged with a criminal offense in Nigeria.





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Laurels



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Edo lead, Emmanuel Okorie Appointed as Member of Edo State Human Rights and Extortion Investigation Committee



02

Yemisi Ojo Former Communication Volunteer, received the Erasmus Mundi Scholar



Esther Akhigbe, Former Volunteer Legal Officer received full scholarship at Notre Dame University.

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04

Grace Okeke Received the Nigerian Youth SDG Award 2022

Funke Adeoye: our Executive Director was selected for ACUMEN Fellowship and Innocent Chukwuma Social Impact Fellowship.



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On December 10, 2022, Hope Behind Bars Africa emerged the grand winner of $25000 at Unleash Plus Dragons' Den in India. Unleash Plus is a 6-month incubation program for young global entrepreneurs working on solutions contributing to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The 2022 cohort commenced with 86 teams leading diverse social ventures from across the world, after which the top 27, including the Hope Behind Bars Team, proceeded to the on-site boot camp in India. Subsequently, HBBA emerged as the overall winner from the final shortlist consisting of 11 teams.

Memberships

Incubations and Accelerators

Past Donors

Current Donors

Our People

Team Members

Funke Adeoye - Executive Director
Grace Okeke - Operations Officer
Obinna Ejiogu - Communications Officer
Temitayo Okereji - Programs Associate
Rosemary Ochiwu - Programs Associate
Abiola Ayodele - Programs Assistant
Peace Mbeka - Finance Officer
Rebecca Igwebuike - HR Officer
Emmanuel Okorie - Program Lead, Edo state
Samson Onuche - Program Lead, Kano state

Some of our Volunteers Past/Present

Osarieme Omoruyi
Yemisi Ojo
Benson Imoh
Musa Abdullahi
Nkechi Dim
Esther Akhigbe
Winnie Ishiaku
Emmanuel Obule
Lillian Ikpere
Detan Ibironke
Emmanuel Agabi
Emmanuel Okorie
Christian John
Idunnu Ajina
Halleluyah Oluwadara Afon
Gabriel Emmanuel
Jeremiah Ternenge
Victoria Mopelola Akintola
Elohor Tuwere Kika
John Edjeba
Nelson Ehizoba Irehovbude
Emmanuel Okorie
Patrick Abuchi Ofor
Toye Adekumbi
Samson Onuche
Olaolu Olaniyi
Happy Chegbe
Oluwadetan Ibironke
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Eugenia Ihongu
Feranmi Amusan
Asmaa Ibrahim
Ogelaka Chinedu
Patrick Ofor Maduabuchi
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Ifeanyi Obikili
Akuda Ephraim Ojogbami
Emodgyaje Paul Galumje
Amen Osagie



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Financials

Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (Naira)	As at 31 December 2019	2020	As at 31 December 2021	2022
INCOME				
Net Income	625,000	262,080	44,242	2.052,250
Other Income	3,202,250	3,202,250	3,765,000	1,463,456
TOTAL INCOME	3,827,250	3,464,330	3,809,242	3,515,706
EXPENDITURE				
Admin Cost	3,609,750	3,402,317	3,754,450	3,824,829
	(3,609,750)	(3,402,317)	(3,754,450)	(3,824,829)
Increase in Net Assets	217,500	62,013	54,792	-309,123
Net Assets at the beginning of the year		217,500	304,513	359,305
Net Assets at the end of the year	217,500	279,513	359,305	50,182

. The audited financial statement for 2019, 2020 and 2021 can be found on our website www.hopebehindbarsafrica.org

Vision

To be a leading catalyst for correctional reforms in Nigeria and to co-create a more effective criminal justice system hinged on the ideals of human rights and human dignity.

Mission

Hope Behind Bars Africa is a non-profit organisation that leverages legal aid, evidence-based advocacy, and technology to promote criminal justice reforms in Nigeria.









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