5-Year Impact Report

Anniversary Edition

Celebrating Half a Decade of Impact
Years in Numbers

- **415** 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+**

**Correctional facilities**
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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 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.

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, legal representation of 415 pretrial detainees within Nigeria, empowerment of 102 incarcerated women, training of 328 legal service providers, organization of 10 capacity building training for Correctional Facility officers, several welfare outreaches, among others. We have built and maintained partnership with Cornell University Centre on Death Penalty, Funds for Global Human Rights, the Federal Ministry of Justice, to mention a few.

We are now set to launch our legal tech solution, Justicepadi which seeks to connect individuals in need of pro bono service with relevant legal service providers that can help them at the nick of time, a product that may be the answer to 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 your for all you do.

Funke Adeoye
Executive Director,
Hope Behind Bars Africa
Hope Behind Bars Africa is glad to be featured in One Young World’s Social Impact Analysis for 2022. In this comprehensive report, our campaigns were analyzed qualitatively and quantitatively for a 5-year period to represent the tangible change we have created as an organization. Upon these investigations, we were adjudged to have a Social Return on Investment ratio of 1:19.
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

- **21** Courts
- **415** Pre-trial detainees represented
- **9** Correctional facilities

**Categories of cases we handle**

- Simple cases
- Misdemeanours
- Felonies
- Capital cases
- Fundamental Human Rights Action

**Case Outcomes**

- Convictions
- Acquittal
- Withdrawal of Complaint
- Discharged for successful no-case submission

**Gender Distribution**

- **Women**: 10%
- **Men**: 90%
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) for the speedy dispensation of justice for detainees and activation of the Non-Custodial Unit of the correctional Service in Nigeria. The event which took place in the office of the Deputy Controller of Corrections was marked with a donation of items to facilitate the work of the Non-custodial Center.

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

- **5,550** Items donated
- **4,650** Facemasks
- **50** Lunch bags

**Women empowered:** 102
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.

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.
Welfare Interventions

COVID 19 Emergency Welfare Intervention

- Worth of palliatives: ₦2.7m
- No of Inmates reached: 8000+

END SARS Emergency intervention

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

Hope Behind Bars Africa
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.
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 2 years, his case suffered several 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 pro bono and filed a fundamental human rights action against the police. By May 2022, we were able to facilitate his release from prison.
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.
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 intimidate them. On the 8th of June, we launched a handbook/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.
Laurels

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

Funke Adeoye: our Executive Director got in ACUMEN, Innocent Chukwuma Social Impact Fellowship.

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 Team

Current Team Members

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

Volunteers Past/Present

Osarieme Omoruyi  
Yemisi Ojo  
Benson Imoh  
Musa Abdullahi  
Nkechi Dim  
Esther Akhigbe  
Winnie Ishiaku  
Emmanuel Obute  
Lillian Ikpere  
Detan Ibroneke  
Emmanuel Agabi  
Emmanuel Okorie  
Christian John  
Idunnu Ajina  
Halleuyah 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 Ibroneke  
Rebecca Igwebuike  
Chimdmindu Onyedim  
Adudu Ogebe Obande  
Eugenia Ihongu  
Ferammi Amusan  
Aamaa Ibrahim  
Ogelaka Chinedu  
Patrick Ofor Maduabuchi  
Edwin Ewaoche Ochojila  
Haruna Fatima Zakari  
Ifeanyi Obikili  
Akuda Ephraim Ojogbani  
Emodgvyaje Paul Galumje  
Amen Osagie
Our Board

Our Advisors

Oludotun Babayemi - Board Chair, CODE/M&E Expert, Clonehouse Nigeria.

Gabriel Okeowo - Principal Lead, Budgit

Hannigtone Amol - CEO, East African Law Society

Board of Trustees

Mr. Stanley Ibe
Mr. Gabriel Okeowo
Ms. Nguemo Uja
Ms. Oluwafunke Adeoye Es
Testimonials

“ It has been an interesting affiliation with HBBA for over 4 years. HBBA drive, determination and dedication to ensure access to justice for underrepresented groups is contributing to making governance work for all. I am excited to be a part of the progress & impact from inception. Keep up the great work!

Friday Odeh
Country Director,
Accountability Lab Nigeria

Working with Hope Behind Bars has helped improve my practice experience and my sense of worth. Although my work is Pro bono, I have been able to develop a bigger clientele base and handled over 200 cases due to my frequent visits to court

Emmanuel Okorie
Program Lead, Edo State
Accountability Lab Nigeria

I am elated to be a part of the growth process of Hope Behind Bars Africa, the impact and drive gives me the zeal to give more as one of the Board of directions, and I look forward to a great future

Stanley Ibe
Board of Director,
Hope Behind Bars Africa
## Financials

### Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

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We received cash donations from individuals who have asked to be anonymous. The audited financial statement for 2019, 2020 and 2021 can be found on our website [www.hopebehindbarsafrica.org](http://www.hopebehindbarsafrica.org)
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