



IMPACT REPORT

2019 - 2021



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IMPACT WHEEL



MESSAGE FROM FOUNDER



Hope Behind Bars Africa will be 3 years as an incorporated organisation on May 28th, 2022 although we commenced shadow operations one year prior to incorporation.

When I look back at how far we have come, what we have been able to achieve with limited funding and the impact we have made in the lives of our beneficiaries and the criminal justice system, my heart is simply full of deep gratitude for the past and excitement for the future.

As Hope Behind Bars Africa enters its fourth year, we are excited that the wins and the lessons of the past 3 years are being translated to help us build a social profit organisation that addresses the root causes of the problems we are trying to solve and not just the symptoms. With our new strategic direction, we are better equipped to reach those furthest behind while making sure that our voices are heard at the centre where decisions are made.

As an organisation, we understand that the work that lies ahead of us is more challenging than anything we have ever faced. However,

the journey we have embarked on for the past three years has prepared us well for the future. On behalf of the board and the thousands of people we serve, I would like to thank our generous donors, progressive partners, exceptional team, and amazing volunteers for their unwavering support in helping us move a step closer to achieving access to justice, creating opportunities for those behind bars and towards reforming Nigeria's Criminal Justice System.

Thank you.

Oluwafunke Adeoye.
Founder, Hope Behind Bars Africa.

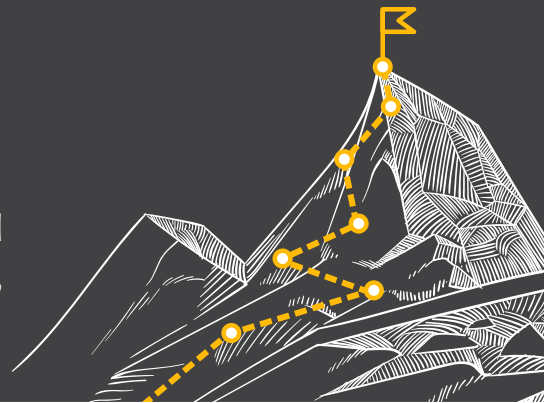
ABOUT US

Vision

To promote human rights for all, ensure that justice is accessible to the disadvantaged behind bars and to empower them with opportunities to change their lives.

Mission

To be a beacon of hope to the unjustly incarcerated and a voice for criminal justice reforms using action, education and advocacy.



Core Values

H

Human Rights for All

We remain focused, persistent, and committed to the promotion and legal protection of human rights, especially the UN Minimum standard on the treatment of prisoners.

O

Openness

We are open and accountable to the people and partners we serve, transparently sharing our results, stories and lessons.

P

Professionalism

We strive to uphold the highest professional standards in service delivery. We do ordinary things extraordinarily well.

E

Empowerment

We empower our beneficiaries to take charge of their lives while in prison and when they leave prison. We empower all stakeholders in the criminal justice system to be a dominant part of the reform process.

PROGRAMS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES



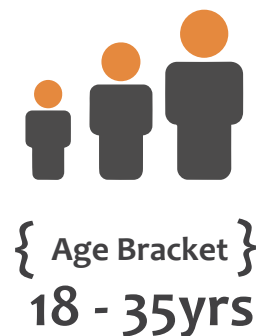
Access to Justice Program

Access to Justice for indigent pre-trial detainees and unjustly incarcerated persons: Statistics shows that 7 out of 10 incarcerated person is a pre-trial detainee. **Our ACCESS TO JUSTICE PROGRAM** involves providing legal representation and restorative justice interventions to the indigent and unjustly incarcerated by working with trained law students and young lawyers who offer pro bono services to indigent inmates in different detention facilities. We leverage technology through our app “**connectlawyer**” and requests made to us via social media to connect pro bono lawyers to indigent inmates across Nigeria. Our Capital Trial Clinic in partnership with Cornell University Center on Death Penalty Worldwide caters for the specific legal needs of indigent pre-trial detainees facing capital charges.



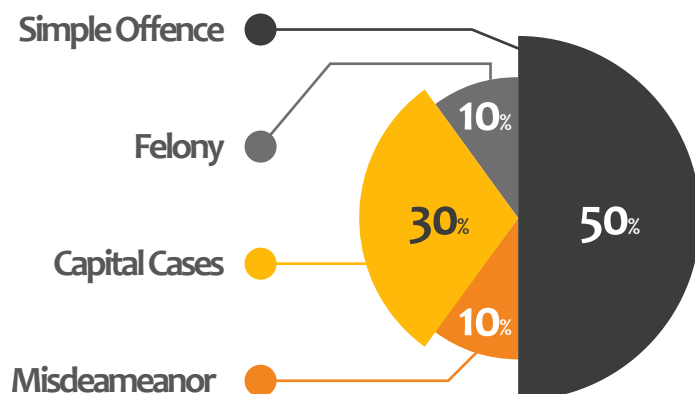
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persons provided access to justice



3,450hrs spent

handling cases in Magistrate Court, Area Court, State High Court and Federal High Court.



- Fundamental Human Rights Action Against Govt Won
- Convictions
- Discharge & Acquittal

STORIES OF HOPE

Miss Biu

We represented Aisha Rabiw for a capital crime she never committed after she had spent almost 3 years awaiting trial.

Miss Biu was married off to a man 3 times her age when she was 13. As a child bride, she would often run away and would be dragged back to her husband's house where 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 Aisha returned, she was accused of killing her step-daughter and the local security men were summoned. 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.

Empowerment & Rehabilitation Program

EMPOWERMENT for proper rehabilitation and re-intergration of inmates: 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 reduce recidivism.

We launched **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.

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.



Made in Corrections



1,550
products made
by inmates

65
women
empowered

Back on Track



17
formerly incarcerated
persons supported



Nasarawa,
Abuja, Edo

STORIES OF HOPE

Christian John

On his way back from school, Christian was arrested by Special Anti-robbery Squad (SARS), detained and tortured until he was charged for the offence of armed robbery. He was joined with someone who he had never met before and the offence 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.

Capacity Building Training

Education

for advocacy and criminal justice reforms

We engage in educating Law clinic students and young lawyers; law enforcement officers and the judiciary towards building a criminal justice system that is restorative and truly reformed.



228

legal service providers trained



12

correctional officers trained



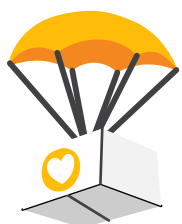
07

no. of trainings

Welfare Interventions

Independence Day

Medical and Welfare Outreach



500,000

worth of welfare items



35

persons medical checkup

STORIES OF HOPE

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.

COVID 19 Emergency Welfare Intervention



1.7m

worth of
palliatives



3,789

inmates
reached



Niger, Abuja
Nasarawa and
Edo State

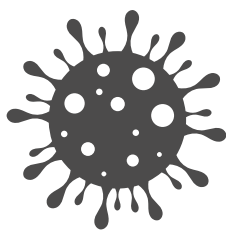


Emergency Intervention During END SARs Protests



92

volunteer
lawyers
trained



35

pre-trial detainees
linked to End SARs
represented and released



STORIES OF HOPE

Iya Iyabo

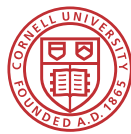
Iya Iyabo as she is fondly called was arrested for drug trafficking and sentenced to 12 years imprisonment.

Prior to her arrest, she had skills as a dress maker. 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 facemasks. 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.

PARTNERS AND DONORS



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MEET THE MEET THE TEAM

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TESTIMONIALS



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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!

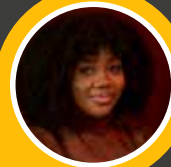
Friday Odeh
Country Director, Accountability Lab



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Hope Behind Bars Africa has been a propelling factor for me. 3 years ago, I desired to enter the development space to learn and HBBA was that breeding hub for me to harness and develop myself to work in the social impact space.

Yemisi Ojo
Former Volunteer & Communication Officer
/Current Erasmus Mundi Scholar



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My experience with HBBA for over a year now is characterised by impact, great-service, service-leadership, teamwork and dedication. Personally, it has been one of immense growth. I am grateful to be part of the great work done by Funke and the entire Team.

Abiola Ayodele

Former Volunteer / Current Programs Intern



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My experience with Hope Behind Bars Africa for over the past 3 years has been amazing. Through Hbba I have experienced growth in my career, it has sharpened me to a better Human Rights activist. HBBA is a platform that is intentional about the well-being of its volunteers and their career. Team work and dedication is top notch. For everything I am becoming the ED, Funke Adeoye and the rest of the team has been part of it. I am grateful to be part of HBBA.

Esther Akhigbe

Former Volunteer & Legal Officer/
Current LLM (Full Scholarship) at
Notre Dame University



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Between 2020 and 2021, I handled over 100 cases at Edo state for Hope Behind Bars Africa. This has improved my sense of worth as I am able to help the underserved, improve my practice experience and even though the work I do at HBBA is pro bono, I have been able to develop a bigger clientele base because of my frequent visits to court.

Emmanuel Okorie

FINANCIALS

Corporate Donors 2019 - 2021

Leap Africa

German Embassy in Nigeria

Youth Rise Networks

Subomi Plumptre Trust

University of Pittsburg African Students Society

Individual Cash Donors

We receive cash donations from individuals more than half of whom have asked to be anonymous. The audited financial statement for 2019, 2020 and 2021 can be found on our website www.hopebehindbarsafrica.org

HOPE BEHIND BARS AFRICA INITIATIVE

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		N	N
INCOME			
Net Income	1	43,242	287,080
Other Income		3,245,000	3,202,250
TOTAL INCOME		3,288,242	3,489,330
		-	
EXPENDITURE	2		
Admin Cost		3,408,550	3,402,317
		(3,408,550)	(3,402,317)
Increase in Net Assets		- 120,308	87,013
Net Assets at the beginning of the year		304,513	217,500
Net Assets at the End of the year		184,205	304,513

The accounting policies on pages 6-7 and notes on pages 11-14 form an integral part of these accounts



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