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IMPACT REPORT

2024

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Founder's Message

Dear Partners, Supporters, and Friends

As I reflect on the past year, my heart is filled with immense gratitude for the milestones we have achieved together at the Asabe Waziri Justice Advocacy Initiative (AWJAI). These accomplishments reaffirm the vision that first ignited this journey – a vision of justice as a fundamental right to all, not a privilege reserved for a few.

My personal experience with injustice deepened my understanding of the immense barriers so many face in seeking fairness and dignity. It was this sobering reality that gave birth to AWJAI – a sanctuary for the voiceless, where hope is restored, and justice becomes a tangible possibility for those denied it for far too long.

This reality drives AWJAI's mission. We exist to make justice accessible to everyone, irrespective of their social or economic standing. Our work extends beyond legal aid; it is about strengthening institutions to ensure they are transparent, accountable, and protective of every citizen's rights.

Highlights of Our Impact in 2024

This year, AWJAI's programs have transformed lives and fortified our justice system.

- Through our prison intervention programs, we supported pre-trial and post-trial detainees, ensuring their rights were upheld and advocating for justice.
- Our post-release support initiatives provided former inmates and detainees with the tools and resources needed to successfully reintegrate into society.
- By collaborating with the Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee (ACJMC), we championed adherence to legal standards, protection of rights and improved justice delivery.
- We continued the fight against Professional Misconduct, holding individuals accountable and restoring trust in critical institutions.
- In our fight against Gender –Based Violence (GBV), we gave a voice to the silenced and ensured perpetrators were held accountable.

- AWJAI also supported citizens facing threats of illegal eviction and other forms of injustice. Through advocacy, legal intervention, and guidance, we empowered individuals to defend their rights and stand against systemic abuse, ensuring they could live with dignity and security.

This year's work has been a testament to our belief that justice creates a more peaceful, equitable, and humane society – one where dignity and hope prevail for all.

Looking Ahead

The road before us requires courage, resilience, and collective effort. We must continue to strengthen the foundations of our institutions, ensuring they uphold integrity and fairness. Justice is not an abstract concept; it is the cornerstone of any progressive society.

At AWJAI, we remain steadfast in our commitment to this vision. Our journey is far from over, and we invite you to stand with us as we empower the voiceless and challenge systems of injustice.

To learn more about our work and impact in 2024, I encourage you to visit our Impact Page: <https://awjai.org/our-impacts-achievements/>. Explore the stories of those whose lives have been transformed and see how your support continues to make justice a reality for those who need it most.

With gratitude and hope for the future,

Asabe Waziri

Founder, AWJAI



About Us

Our Mission

To combat injustice across all levels of the civil and criminal justice administration in Nigeria.

Our Vision

To foster increased confidence and trust in the Nigerian Justice System.

Our Commitment

We empower victims to find their voices and fight for their rights, while pushing for systemic change to prevent future injustices.

Core Values

- **Integrity:** At the heart of our organisation lies Integrity. It guides our daily actions, ensuring unwavering honesty, transparency, courage, and dedication in everything we do.
- **Respect for All:** We shall treat every person who walks through our door with courtesy, honesty and respect. Upholding these values fosters cooperation, facilitating the pursuit of our shared objectives.
- **Diligence:** Every case or program is approached with unwavering commitment, driven by passion and urgency to achieve justice.
- **Transparency & Accountability:** AWJAI remains dedicated to honesty, openness and responsibility across all endeavours. We are committed to openly sharing our practices, taking ownership of decisions and actions, and being accountable for their outcomes.

Strategic Plan: 2025 – 2028

Empowering Victims:

Provide legal aid, representation, and counseling to victims of injustice, prioritising vulnerable individuals who face systemic challenges. Our focus include cases such as legal dispossession, blackmail, and harassment.

Accountability for Professional Misconduct:

Promote integrity and justice by holding professionals accountable for misconduct, with a focus on restoring trust in critical fields especially the legal profession.

Advocacy for Justice Reform:

Advocate for transformative systemic and judicial reforms in the Nigerian justice system, ensuring equal access to justice and safeguarding human rights for all. Our effort aims to drive meaningful change, strengthening not only the justice system but other critical justice institutions.

Building Societal Resilience:

Collaborate with organisations to conduct public awareness campaigns, equipping citizens with knowledge of their legal rights, and empowering them to assert same.

Gender-Based Violence(GBV):

Tackle GBV through comprehensive advocacy, legal aid and support. By raising awareness, challenging harmful societal norms and empowering survivors, we strive to create lasting change.

Emerging Challenges:

Throughout the period of 2025 – 2028, our dedication persists in being responsive to emerging and vital issues related to injustice and advocacy; developing and implementing programs to address critical issues as they arise.

Key Impact and Achievements in 2024



From Despair to Freedom

On February 16, 2024, at 6pm two men walked out of Suleja Custodial Center as free individuals. Mr. AH and Mr. SH were convicted at Jiwa Magistrate Court for a crime they claimed to know nothing about after spending two months at the Suleja Medium Correctional Center. Although they had been given the option of fines to be released, they could not afford to pay the fines. AWJAI stepped in, paid the fines, and secured their release, giving them the chance to reunite with their families and rebuild their lives.

From Bars to Fair Trial

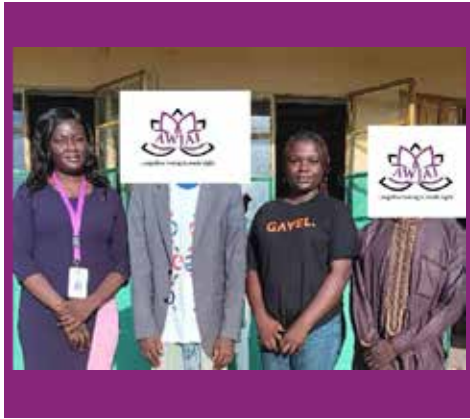
Once confined within the walls of Suleja Custodial Center, Mr. S has regained his freedom on bail through AWJAI's intervention. With our ongoing legal support, he is not just a case number but a testament to our commitment to ensuring access to justice.



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and Number	School Name		
	02/08/2002		
Age	Date of Birth		
S/N	SUBJECT	GRADE	REMARK
1	English Language	C6	CREDIT
2	General Mathematics	B3	GOOD
3	Civic Education	C5	CREDIT
4	Biology	C6	CREDIT
5	Chemistry	C4	CREDIT
6	Physics	C4	CREDIT
7	Agricultural Science	C6	CREDIT
8	Economics	C4	CREDIT
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Breaking the Chains of Gender Based Violence

AWJAI's intervention program had a transformative impact on Mrs. AO, a 21-year-old mother who, with her two young children, was trapped in an abusive marriage. After facing severe Gender Based Violence (GBV), AWJAI provided immediate support, including legal aid and access to educational resources. Mrs. AO successfully sat for her National Examinations Council (NECO) examinations and passed with flying colors. Today, she is on a path to reclaiming her independence, and her story has become a beacon of hope for other survivors of GBV.



Restoring Hope: Mr. Ahmed's Journey

On February 14, 2024, Mr. Ahmed, an orphan struggling with financial hardship, was arrested and held in detention for seven months due to his inability to meet bail conditions. During a monitoring visit on August 29, 2024, AWJAI, alongside Her Worship Nonye O. Chiemene and other organizations, encountered Mr. Ahmed's case. In a hopeful turn, the police agreed to modify his bail terms on September 25, 2024. With the combined efforts of AWJAI and Citizens Gavel, Mr. Ahmed's uncle was able to act as a surety, securing his release on October 7, 2024. Since then, he has received essential medical care and is now preparing to begin training in baking skills, marking the start of a promising new chapter. Mr. Ahmed's story is a powerful reminder that, with the right support, even the hardest circumstances can become opportunities for hope and a brighter future.



Justice Prevails: Attorney General Discontinues Case Against Detained Minors

AWJAI was present at the Federal High Court in Abuja when the Attorney General of the Federation intervened to take over and discontinue criminal proceedings against the minors detained during the #EndBadGovernanceProtest. Arrangements were promptly made to ensure the safe return of the released protesters to their respective states. This outcome highlights the power of collective action, and AWJAI remains steadfast in its commitment to advocating for justice, equality and humane treatment.



Restoring Justice and Freedom: Advocacy at Kuje

In collaboration with Citizen's Gavel, AWJAI visited the Kuje Medium Security Custodial Center, where we encountered numerous indigent inmates, including 18-year-old Mr. H.A., who had been detained for six months for a crime he did not commit, and 17-year-old Mr. M.M., who had spent eight months in prison due to lack of legal representation. Thanks to AWJAI's intervention, Mr. H.A. was released with all charges against him dropped. Meanwhile Mr. M.M. was granted bail as we continue to advocate

for the dismissal of all charges against him. At AWJAI, we remain dedicated to supporting individuals in regaining their freedom, reintegrating into society, and upholding the principles of justice and second chances.



AWJAI and Hope Behind Bars Africa Donate to Nyanya Police Station

In a collaborative effort to support law enforcement, AWJAI, in partnership with Hope Behind Bars Africa, made a significant donation of essential sanitary items to the Nyanya Police Station. This donation addresses hygiene concerns that were identified during an earlier monitoring visit, with the goal of improving the working conditions for police personnel and creating a cleaner, more humane environment for detainees. This initiative is a step towards fostering better conditions within the station, promoting both the well-being of officers and the dignity of those in custody.



Hope Unlocked: AWJAI Secures Release of Inmate After Two Years and Six Months

Following a visit by the Chief Judge of the FCT, Hon. Justice Hussein Baba Yusuf, to the Suleja Correctional Center, AWJAI honoured its commitment to pay a N60,000 fine for Mr. F.I., securing his release on December 20, 2024 after two years and six months. Mr. F.I. had been convicted of theft in June 2022, facing a seven-year prison sentence or the N60,000 fine, in addition to a N1,200,000 compensation order. AWJAI ensured that Mr. F.I. signed an agreement to repay the compensation, emphasizing personal accountability. AWJAI's approach to restorative justice goes beyond punishment, focusing on rehabilitation, reintegration, and second chances.

Upholding Justice: AWJAI's ACJA Compliance Visits

AWJAI has continued its monitoring efforts to ensure compliance with the Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA) across various police stations in Abuja. In this reporting period, we visited police stations in Utako, Nyanya, Apo, Maitama, Wuse, Mabushi, Bwari, Ushafa, Kurudu, Wuye, and other locations to assess how suspects in police custody are treated in line with ACJA provisions. These visits are part of our ongoing commitment to promote accountability within the Nigerian Police Force and advocate for the humane treatment of suspects under Nigerian law.



Gallery



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In 2024, AWJAI made significant strides in advancing justice. We responded to 22 violation reports, provided legal representation to 30 clients, supported 17 victims facing various forms of injustice, offered 25 legal advisories, and conducted 26 police monitoring visits.

Violation
Responses

22

Legal
Representation

30

Victim
Support

17

Legal
Advisory

25

Police
Monitoring

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Publications

85

Our efforts also extended to Suleja and Kuje Custodial Centers where we supported the release of a number of inmates. In total, these actions contributed to 120 instances of support, advocacy and justice for individuals in need.

Championing Justice and Driving Change: Highlights of our Key Engagements

Amnesty International Press Conference



On June 11, 2024, AWJAI participated in a significant press conference hosted by Amnesty International, where the report titled "Help us build our lives": Girl Survivors of Boko Haram and Military Abuse was unveiled. The report shed light on the harrowing experiences of young female survivors, detailing their abuse at the hands of Boko Haram militants and the military. AWJAI's involvement in this event highlighted our unwavering commitment to defending the rights of women and girls in conflict zones and providing them with a platform for their voices to be heard. We are working in partnership with organizations like Amnesty International to ensure the protection and rehabilitation of these survivors.

NDLEA Act Amendment Press Briefing



AWJAI participated in a press conference organized by Hope Behind Bars Africa (HBBA) regarding the proposed amendment to the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) Act, which seeks to impose the death penalty for certain drug offenses, advocating for fairer, human rights-based approaches. During the briefing, AWJAI raised concerns about the implications for human rights, particularly the potential for disproportionate sentencing and the violation of the right to life. This engagement reaffirmed AWJAI's position on advocating for fair and humane treatment under the law, especially for vulnerable populations.

Championing Justice and Driving Change: Highlights of our Key Engagements

Medico-Legal Book Presentation & Annual Lecture



On June 27, 2024, AWJAI participated in the Medico-Legal Book Presentation and Annual Lecture hosted by the Molluma Yakubu Centre for Medical Law & Mass Atrocities Prevention. The theme for the lecture was “Medical Confidentiality: Balancing Patient Privacy & Legal Accountability.” AWJAI was pleased to engage with legal and medical professionals on this important issue, furthering our knowledge on how legal frameworks can safeguard medical confidentiality while holding healthcare providers accountable in cases of human rights violations.

Courtesy Visit by the West African Law Students’ Association (WALSA)



On July 24, 2024, AWJAI had the honor of hosting the West African Law Students’ Association (WALSA). During this courtesy visit, we engaged in dynamic discussions about potential collaborations in promoting legal education and advancing human rights initiatives across the region. We look forward to the exciting opportunities that may arise from this partnership.

Championing Justice and Driving Change: Highlights of our Key Engagements

Visit to the Kuje Medium Security Custodial Center



In partnership with Citizen's Gavel, AWJAI visited the Kuje Medium Security Custodial Center to engage with indigent and vulnerable inmates. Our legal team conducted interviews with approximately 50 inmates, addressing concerns about their prolonged detention without trial. The facility, designed to hold 560 inmates, is currently overcrowded with 1,055 individuals, of whom 865 remain in detention without trial. AWJAI is committed to advocating for the rights of detainees and pushing for reforms to address the overcrowding crisis and ensure access to justice for all.

Courtesy Visit to the Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee (ACJMC)



On October 11, 2024, AWJAI visited the Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee (ACJMC) at the Federal Ministry of Justice. This visit underscored our commitment to ensuring the effective implementation of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA). Our discussions focused on enhancing transparency, accountability, and efficiency in Nigeria's justice system. AWJAI is dedicated to working with stakeholders to monitor and enforce compliance with the provisions of the ACJA.

Championing Justice and Driving Change: Highlights of our Key Engagements

The Chief Judge's visit to the Kuje Medium Security Custodial Center



On November 4, 2024, AWJAI had the honor of joining the Chief Judge of the FCT High Court and Chairman of the Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee (ACJMC), Hon. Justice Hussein Baba Yusuf, on a visit to the Kuje Medium Security Custodial Centre. Also present at the visit were other judges and magistrates from the FCT, as well as members of the NBA, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), and the Legal Aid Council.

The 2nd Edition of the Access to Justice Parley



On November 20, 2024, AWJAI participated in the Access to Justice Parley, organized by the PPDC, which brought together key stakeholders from various sectors to discuss and find solutions for improving access to justice, particularly within Nigeria's criminal justice system. The event aimed to raise awareness, promote dialogue, and foster collaborations for sustainable reforms and transformation in the justice system, involving government agencies, legal practitioners, civil society organizations, community leaders, and international partners.

Championing Justice and Driving Change: Highlights of our Key Engagements

Towards Beijing +30: UNiTE to End Violence against Women & Children – 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign



(AWJAI) joined the global movement against gender-based violence by participating in the annual 16 Days of Activism campaign. This international campaign, spanning from November 25th (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) to December 10th (Human Rights Day), aims to raise awareness about the pervasive issue of gender-based violence and demand its

eradication. Recognizing that women and children are disproportionately affected by this violence, the campaign focuses on empowering them.

Throughout the 16 Days of Activism, AWJAI actively engaged in various activities to support this crucial cause. These activities included: Sensitization walks with the Federal of women Affairs and the Nigerian Bar Associations, the National townhall program on Strategic Litigation in advancing Human Rights in Nigeria, organized by the National Human Rights Commission in collaboration with



the European Union., the ‘Our Rights, Our Future, Right now: All Humans are born Free and Equal in Dignity and Rights’ forum organized by the Nigerian Bar Association Human Rights Institute (NBA-HRI), amongst others.

By actively participating in these events, AWJAI demonstrated its commitment to combating gender-based violence and promoting a society where women and children can live free from fear and discrimination.



The Chief Judge's visit to the Suleja Custodial center

On December 12, 2024, AWJAI joined the Chief Judge of the FCT High Court and Chairman of the Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee (ACJMC), Hon. Justice Hussein Baba Yusuf, on a visit to the Suleja Custodial Centre. Also present at the visit were other judges and magistrates from the FCT, as well as members of the NBA, CSOs, and the Legal Aid Council.

A notable moment during the visit was when the Honorable Chief Judge issued a directive that, going forward, judges and magistrates are empowered to discharge defendants if they are not brought to court after three or four adjournments. However, in cases involving serious offenses, the Chief Judge's attention should be sought before implementing this directive. This was due to the fact that inmates were being asked by the official to make payments in order to attend their trials, on the grounds that the custodial center lacked fuel to transport them to court.





The Role of Non-Governmental Organisations in Access to Justice

In contemporary societies, access to justice is a fundamental human right that ensures individuals can protect their rights, challenge injustices, and seek remedies through fair and equitable legal systems. Yet, for many – particularly those from marginalized and disadvantaged backgrounds, accessing justice can be an elusive goal due to financial, social, and systemic barriers. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) have increasingly become crucial actors in bridging the gap between individuals and the justice system.

- **Providing Legal Aid and Representation:** One of the most direct ways NGOs contribute to access to justice is by providing legal aid and representation to those who cannot afford it. In many countries, legal costs can be prohibitively expensive, preventing individuals, especially those from low-income backgrounds, from obtaining the legal help they need. NGOs often fill this gap by offering free or subsidized legal services, including:
 - **Pro Bono Legal Representation:** Many NGOs provide free legal counsel for individuals in court without charging legal fees. This is particularly important in cases involving human rights violations, discrimination, or social injustices where the affected individuals may not have the means to hire a private attorney.
 - **Legal Advice and Counseling:** NGOs often operate legal clinics that offer free legal advice and counseling. These services help individuals understand their rights, navigate legal procedures, and make informed decisions about how to proceed with their cases

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 - **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR):** In some regions, NGOs facilitate out-of-court mechanisms for resolving disputes, such as mediation and arbitration. These approaches can offer quicker, more accessible, and less costly alternatives to formal legal proceedings, especially in cases involving family disputes, land rights, or community conflicts.
- **Advocacy for Legal and Policy Reform:** NGOs also play a crucial role in advocating for legal and policy reforms to improve access to justice. Many legal systems are characterized by systemic barriers that disproportionately affect marginalized communities, such as women, ethnic minorities, refugees, and people with disabilities. NGOs work at national, regional, and international levels to advocate for reforms that promote fairness, equality, and the protection of rights. Key areas of advocacy include:
 - **Criminal Justice Reform:** Campaign for reforms to criminal justice systems, including improving detention conditions, eliminating torture or ill-treatment by law enforcement, ensuring fair trials, and promoting alternatives to imprisonment, such as restorative justice practices.

- **Human Rights Protection:** Many NGOs focus on strengthening human rights protections within legal frameworks. They work to ensure that laws safeguard freedom of expression, the right to a fair trial, protection from discrimination, and the rights of marginalized groups, including refugees, indigenous peoples, and persons with disabilities.
- **Gender Equality Initiatives:** Advocating for laws that protect women's rights and ensure gender equality. These efforts include pushing for reforms in family law, domestic violence legislation, reproductive rights, and labor rights for women and girls.
- **Raising Awareness and Empowering Communities:** NGOs play a critical role in educating individuals about their rights and the legal processes available to them. By raising awareness about legal rights, NGOs empower individuals to take action when their rights are violated. This is especially important in communities where legal literacy is low, and individuals may not even be aware of the protections afforded to them under national or international law.
 - **Legal Literacy Campaigns:** Many NGOs engage in legal literacy programs that provide information about basic rights, laws, and available legal resources. These programs are often tailored to specific groups, such as rural communities, women, youth, or migrants, who may face unique barriers to accessing justice.
 - **Training and Capacity Building:** NGOs also provide training to grassroots organizations, community leaders, and activists, helping them understand legal processes and how to advocate for justice in their communities. These efforts often focus on building local capacity to address legal issues without relying solely on formal legal structures.
 - **Mobilizing for Social Change:** NGOs frequently engage in community organizing and advocacy, helping to build movements for social justice. These movements can address issues such as land rights, labor rights, environmental justice, or the fight against corruption, with the goal of influencing policy and bringing about systemic change.

- **Monitoring and Accountability:** NGOs serve as watchdogs to expose abuses of power and inefficiencies within justice systems. Through research, documentation, and public reporting, NGOs expose abuses of power and highlight gaps in justice systems that prevent people from accessing their rights. This monitoring role is particularly critical in contexts where there is corruption, a lack of transparency, or ineffective rule of law.
 - Human Rights Monitoring: NGOs monitor human rights abuses and provide documentation that can be used in legal proceedings, international advocacy, or public campaigns. For example, they may document cases of extrajudicial killings, unlawful detentions, or violations of freedom of speech, which can then be used to advocate for justice and accountability.
 - Promoting Judicial Independence and Integrity: NGOs advocate for the independence of the judiciary, the transparency of legal processes, and the elimination of corruption in courts. They may support judicial reforms and provide training to judges and lawyers to ensure that legal professionals uphold the highest standards of fairness and integrity.
- **International Advocacy and Cross-Border Legal Support:** In addition to working within national contexts, many NGOs operate on an international level, advocating for global human rights and facilitating cross-border legal support. Some NGOs work with international human rights bodies, such as the United Nations, to influence global standards and bring attention to issues affecting justice worldwide. Additionally, they may assist in cases that involve cross-border legal issues, such as refugees seeking asylum, transnational labor disputes, or multinational corporate abuses.
 - International Human Rights Litigation: NGOs such as Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International play a role in bringing international attention to human rights violations, using international courts and human rights mechanisms, such as the International Criminal Court (ICC), to seek justice for victims of crimes against humanity.

- Support for Refugees and Asylum Seekers: NGOs offer critical legal support to refugees and asylum seekers, helping them navigate complex immigration laws, ensuring they are not deported to countries where they may face persecution, and advocating for their rights under international refugee law.
- **Challenges Faced by NGOs in Promoting Access to Justice:** Despite their impact, NGOs face obstacles in advancing access to justice. These challenges include:
 - Limited Resources: NGOs often work with limited budgets and rely on donations, grants, and volunteers. This financial constraint can limit their ability to scale their operations and provide sustained support to those in need.
 - Political and Legal Barriers: In some countries, governments view NGOs as threats to their authority, leading to restrictions on their operations. NGOs working on sensitive issues, such as human rights, corruption, or environmental justice, may face legal challenges, harassment, or even criminalization.
 - Cultural and Social Barriers: In some contexts, cultural norms, discriminatory practices, or traditional justice systems may undermine the effectiveness of NGOs' efforts. NGOs must navigate these challenges while respecting local customs and values, which can sometimes conflict with international human rights standards.

How Non-Governmental Organisations Complement Public Institutions

NGOs do not replace public institutions but instead complement them by filling gaps in services and broadening access to justice. While public institutions may be constrained by bureaucracy or limited resources, NGOs often offer more flexible, community-focused, and innovative solutions. In this way, they act as force multipliers for justice systems, ensuring that more individuals can access the resources they need.

- Support and Relief to Overburdened Systems: Public systems, such as court systems or government-funded legal aid, often face overwhelming caseloads and limited funding. NGOs can provide relief by offering additional resources, thus helping to prevent cases from being delayed or dismissed due to backlog.

- **Specialization and Expertise:** NGOs often focus on specific areas of law that may not receive enough attention from government-funded entities. For example, they may focus on environmental justice, disability rights, or the needs of specific demographic groups, addressing legal gaps that public institutions may not be equipped to handle.
- **Alternative Dispute Resolution:** Some NGOs offer mediation and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services, which help alleviate the burden on public courts by resolving conflicts outside of the formal legal system.

Complementing Public Institutions in Legal Reform

Public institutions, particularly courts and government agencies, often face resources and limited capacity to address every aspect of access to justice. Nonprofits, with their grassroots knowledge and independent resources, can play a vital role in breaching these gaps.

For instance: nonprofits can act as intermediaries by assisting individuals in preparing petitions, documentation and other critical materials, while also guiding them through court procedures. This support enables public institutions to allocate their efforts to more complex or urgent cases, ensuring that even those with simpler legal needs are not left behind in their pursuit of justice.

Conclusion

NGOs are indispensable in ensuring access to justice for individuals and communities who might otherwise be excluded from legal processes. By providing legal aid, advocating for legal reforms, raising awareness, and holding institutions accountable, NGOs help ensure that justice is not a privilege reserved for the few, but a right accessible to all. As the global landscape continues to evolve, the work of NGOs in this domain will remain crucial in shaping fairer, more just societies.



Looking Ahead: 2025 and Beyond

As we reflect on the successes and lessons of 2024, AWJAI stands ready to confront the challenges of the coming year with renewed focus and unwavering determination. Our vision for 2025 is anchored in deepening our impact, expanding our reach, and driving systemic change in the pursuit of justice and equity.

Strategic Priorities for 2025

- **Quarterly Correctional Center Visits:** Conduct regular visit to Kuje and Suleja Correctional Centers in collaboration with Citizen's Gavel to address issues of prolonged detention, and ensure access to justice for indigent inmates.
- **Forum on Illegal Evictions:** Organise a public summit, bringing together key stakeholders, including the Nigeria Police Force (NPF), Police Service Commission (PSC), FCT High Court, Nigerian Bar Association, partner civil society organizations, and key justice institutions to address systemic issues and develop collaborative strategies to prevent illegal evictions.
- **Strategic Partnerships:** Forge collaborations with local law firms, governmental agencies, and international human rights organizations to strengthen advocacy efforts and amplify our reach.
- **Awareness Campaigns:** Launch targeted digital campaigns on legal rights related to illegal eviction and professional misconduct, with the goal of empowering at least 1,000 individuals by equipping them with essential knowledge and resources in 2025.



- **Accountability for Professional Misconduct:** Support individuals in seeking redress through the Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Committee (LPDC) to address the rising incidences of professional misconduct among lawyers in Nigeria who engage in acts that undermine the dignity and integrity of their profession.
- **Supporting Survivors of Gender- Based Violence (GBV):** Provide comprehensive support to survivors of GBV, including women and children through legal aid, counseling, advocacy and initiatives aimed at raising awareness and challenging harmful societal norms and empowering survivors.
- **Collaboration With The Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee (ACJMC) for Police Monitoring Visits:** Continue our collaboration with the ACJMC to monitor police stations across the FCT, ensuring the protection of legal rights and compliance with Section 34 of ACJA.
- **Expanding Legal Support:** Increase AWJAI's legal services by 30%, ensuring greater access to justice for citizens in need of crucial legal assistance.

Acknowledgments & Appreciation

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the individuals, organizations, and government bodies that have supported us this year. Your contributions—whether financial, in-kind, or through volunteering—have had a profound impact on the lives of those we serve.

Advancing Justice for a Better Society

Justice is the foundation of a peaceful, progressive, and evolved society. At AWJAI, we believe that together, we can build a world where fairness and equality prevail. We invite you to join us in transforming justice. Whether you are an individual, an organization, or a stakeholder, your participation is vital. Together, we can create a brighter future—one where justice is accessible to all, and human rights are upheld without compromise.

Stand with us. Be a part of the movement for justice and human dignity. Let's shape a more just and peaceful society—together.

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