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****On the Cover: Rashida Bashir, a Public Defenders Office lawyer, explains how the office works during a community awareness session in Kano.***

Rule of Law and Empowerment Initiative, also known as Partners West Africa Nigeria (PWAN), is a non-governmental organisation dedicated to enhancing citizens' participation and improving security governance in Nigeria and West Africa.

We envision the growth of robust good governance practices and accountable institutions in Nigeria and West Africa broadly, and we seek to achieve these while holding firm to our values, namely; integrity, inclusiveness, impact, and professionalism.

This report presents our work in 2017, including but not limited to our successes, impact, challenges, concerns, and financial undertakings.

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**A cross section of women participants during a community awareness session about the Public Defenders Office in Kano.*

From the Chairman, Board of Directors

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**Dr Hussaini Abdu.*

In the last two years, the Rule of Law and Empowerment Initiative, also known as Partners West Africa Nigeria (PWAN), has worked to increase transparency, integrity, and accountability across stakeholders in the security and criminal

justice system. Additionally, the organisation has helped to improve collaboration between state actors and non-state actors especially in the security sector on one hand, and their relationship with citizens, on the other hand. This PWAN has achieved by developing innovative initiatives that hinge on participatory decision-making, collaborative advocacy, consensus-building, and social entrepreneurship for democratic governance.

As we reflect on the successes of the last two years, we also remember the loss of a member of the PWAN family: the immediate past Board Chairman, Prof. Abdulraufu Mustapha, of blessed memory. Prof. Mustapha was instrumental to sharpening PWAN’s focus on enhancing citizens’ participation and improving security governance in Nigeria and West Africa. PWAN will continue to uphold his legacy by promoting a more transparent society.

To complement the impact of our programs, PWAN also aims to contribute to society through corporate social responsibility (CSR), an initiative which we began in our second year of operation. In this regard PWAN was able to provide solar power for a police station in the Federal Capital Territory.

Consistent with our mandate of enhancing citizens' participation, we requested the assistance of the public through the Brekete Family program on Human Rights Radio 101.1 FM, by asking residents in Abuja to nominate police stations that would benefit from this CSR initiative. The nominations were based on the professionalism of officers in the station, and the need for electricity. Arising from this citizens-led approach, the Jikwoyi Police Station was chosen as the recipient of our 2017 CSR program.

In 2018, PWAN aims to shed more light on the roles of women in security sector

reform, as well as promote sustainable judicial reform by observing the level of compliance to the Administration of Criminal Justice Act. We are also piloting a project that involves providing pro bono legal services through the support given to us in the last two years by our funding partners - the Foreign Commonwealth Office (FCO), the British High Commission; the US Embassy Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL); the MacArthur Foundation; and the United States Institute of Peace (USIP).

As we look forward to another year of collaborative work with our many colleagues, we appreciate all stakeholders in the government, civil society, and security sectors that have worked with us in the past two years towards a more transparent and accountable society.

From the Executive Director

“In 2017, PWAN undertook a mapping exercise of Non-State Security Actors across five of the six geopolitical zones in Nigeria and released a publication reflecting the findings.”

The year 2017 was an interesting one for PWAN. We were able to make our contributions towards the promotion of a citizen-centred government in the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Our primary focus in the year was to enhance discussions around the need for improved collaboration between non-state and state security actors. We pursued this objective with a view to identifying the major gaps

making recommendations while also piloting projects to demonstrate better coordinated alternatives of models of engagement. This process was carried out across our program areas.

Following up on the above, PWAN facilitated inclusive security sector discussions around current issues in the country’s safety and security space.

Discussions on community policing (a

philosophy that was re-introduced into the Nigeria Police in 2017 as a result of the myriad security challenges facing the country) were facilitated to understand the future trajectory of the concept. This also tied in with the need for reforms in the security sector, while assessing the practicalities of community policing, and strategies for



**Kemi Okenyodo, Executive Director, Partners West Africa-Nigeria: Rule of Law & Empowerment Initiative.*

operationalising and sustaining the initiative.

Also of great importance were the activities we carried out in an attempt to understand the vastness and potential impact of the proliferation of non-state security actors in Nigeria on the security landscape. In this regard, PWAN undertook a mapping exercise of non-state security actors across five of the six geopolitical zones in the country and released a publication titled 'Non-State Security Actors and Security Provisioning in Nigeria', our first book publication. Discussions were also convened on the role of non-state security actors in community policing and election security.

The Social Accountability in the Judicial Sector project, aimed at promoting sustainable reform in the judiciary was completed in May 2017. The successes of the project prompted a second phase, which is aimed at observing the level of compliance of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act/Law in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Lagos, and Ondo States.

Additionally, the Public Defender's Office under the Greater Access to Defence and Justice (GADJET) project commenced implementation in Kano State in June 2017. Since then, it has received over one hundred cases, 40 of which have been completed through litigation, mediation, and referrals to other agencies where necessary. The cases range from issues of sexual and gender based violence to pre-trial detention.

On a sad note, we lost the pioneer Chairman of our Board of Directors, Prof Raufu Mustapha, on the 8th of August 2017. Prof Mustapha lived a life largely dedicated to serving humanity. His service and his legacy of purposeful leadership will not be quickly forgotten.

In November, a new Chairman, in the person of Dr Hussaini Abdu, was appointed. Dr Abdu joins the PWAN Board with well over two decades' service in the humanitarian field. He now leads our forward planning process as PWAN approaches its third year of operations.

Notwithstanding the ups and downs of 2017, PWAN remains committed to keeping the citizens educated and informed on security and governance related issues and ensuring that they make input through dialogues or use of cutting edge technologies in discourse that affect them. We continue to do this through the use of TV, print, and online updates on our various projects, as well as dissemination on our website and social media platforms.

Indeed, in our third year, PWAN shall continue to uphold the mandate of enhancing citizens' participation and improving security governance in Nigeria and West Africa. Through the support of our partners and the cooperation of the relevant government and security agencies, we will continue to work towards a more secure, transparent, and accountable society.

Overview



**Above: Dr Eleanor Nwadiobi, Gender Adviser for the Security Justice Reform Program (SJRP) and the Conflict, Stabilisation and Security Fund (CSSF), facilitating a session during the Convening on Prioritising the Voices of Women in Security Organisations Using the Second Generation National Action Plan (2017-2020) held in Abuja.*

In 2017 we persevered in our mission to enhance citizens' participation and improve security governance in Nigeria and West Africa by working with both local and international partners. This involved working with ministries, departments, and agencies in the Justice and security sectors, as well as CSOs, to address challenges hampering justice delivery and citizen security, while also focusing on encouraging citizens' involvement in discussing the issues that would typically have a bearing on their lives.

In furtherance of these strategies, PWAN relied on the following core competencies:

- Ongoing knowledge generation and serving as a learning platform by ensuring that our interventions are knowledge-driven; based on empirical studies, learning from continuing assessments, being leaders in our field, and contributing to policy advocacy, formulation, monitoring and evaluation.

- Capacity building for the operators of government and its agencies, particularly within the criminal justice system, to strengthen their accountability practices. This we continue to do through the adaptation of the Anti-corruption methodology and Security Governance Accountability and Performance frameworks.
- Providing timely, relevant and accessible education and training to stakeholders within the public safety and security sector. Among the topics we continue to cover are human rights, protection of vulnerable groups, communications, and stakeholders' management.
- Extending access to cost saving opportunities by drawing from the expertise and knowledge of PWAN's membership of the Partners Global Network to develop programs and services.
- Keeping citizens educated and informed on security and governance related issues and ensuring that they make input through dialogues or use of cutting edge technologies in discourse that affect them.
- Providing capacity building information to CSOs to assist them in diversification of their streams of income with the aim of growing or strengthening their financial sustainability platforms.



** Some participants at the Convening on Prioritising the Voices of Women in Security Organisations Using the Second Generation National Action Plan (2017-2020) held in Abuja.*

Notable Successes of 2017

Within two years of operation, PWAN's interventions have resulted in a number of notable successes. Below are some of those recorded in 2017:

- ✧ Deployment of 65 court observers in Abuja, Lagos, and Ondo States in furtherance of the 'Enhancing Transparency and Accountability in the Judicial Sector' project. The project, which is a follow up to a pilot court observation project in the FCT and Kano States, aims to observe the level of compliance of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act, (ACJ Act) 2015 and Administration Criminal Justice Law, 2011 and 2015 in courts across the designated states.
- ✧ As a result of the activities of the 'Enhancing Transparency and Accountability in the Judicial Sector' project and our role in implementation of the ACJA/L, PWAN was nominated as a member of the Monitoring Sub Committee on the ACJA. PWAN also serves as the Secretariat.
- ✧ PWAN was also invited by the FCT Judiciary to be a part of the 2017 prison decongestion exercise. PWAN accompanied the team led by the Chief Judge of the FCT High Court to the Gwagwalada, Kuje, and Suleja prisons and subsequently secured the release of five inmates by paying outstanding fines and compensation.
- ✧ Also in 2017, we developed the PWAN COURT OBSERVER APP, which allowed lawyers and judicial staff observe court proceedings, ensuring continuity of the project. The app is available for users on android phones.
- ✧ Establishment of the Public Defenders Office to provide pro bono legal aid services, legal education, advice, and representation to less privileged persons resident in Kano State. The office has received over 100 cases since it commenced activities in June 2017, and has so far completed 38 cases which include pre-trial detention cases, enforcement of fundamental human rights, and mediation.
- ✧ Under the Promoting Informed Dialogue on Security project (PRIDES), and in an attempt to understand the vastness and potential impact of the proliferation of non-state security actors in Nigeria on the security landscape, PWAN undertook

a mapping exercise of non-state security actors across five of the six geopolitical zones in the country. The project led to a publication titled

‘Non-State Security Actors and Security Provisioning in Nigeria’, the first book publication by PWAN.

Programs

Rule of Law



**Barbara Maigari, PWAN Program Manager (2nd left) with the Chief Judge of Lagos State, Honourable Justice Opeyemi Oke (middle) during an advocacy visit.*

The Rule of Law program area continues to focus on improving integrity and strengthening institutions that play roles in safeguarding the rule of law through a cooperative advocacy approach, including engagement with all key stakeholders in this program area. The following projects are currently being implemented under the program area:

1. Enhancing Transparency and Accountability in the Judicial Sector

PWAN began implementation of the ‘Enhancing Transparency and Accountability in the Judicial Sector’ in August 2017. The project is funded by the MacArthur Foundation and is aimed at observing the level of compliance of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act, (ACJ Act) 2015 and Administration

Criminal Justice Law, 2011 and 2015 in courts across the FCT, Lagos, and Ondo States respectively. The project will promote implementation of the ACJ Act/Law in FCT, Lagos, and Ondo States; and enhance citizen's participation in judicial processes through daily observation of court processes, case monitoring and user satisfaction survey. A total of 65 court rooms are observed in the three states (FCT – 20, Lagos – 25 and Ondo – 20).

- Implementation began with advocacy visits to the Chief Judges of the FCT, Lagos, and Ondo States respectively. The advocacy visits were paid to intimate the judges on the project and what it intends to achieve. PWAN also requested that the Judges designate courts across the various states for observation in furtherance of the project.
- PWAN also met with the Justice Development and Peace Commission (JDPC), an NGO within the Catholic Church in Ondo State. The ACJL in Ondo State came about as a result of the intervention of the (JDPC). PWAN deemed it fit to seek their input and collaboration on the project, seeing as they were instrumental to the implementation of the ACJL in Ondo State.
- This was followed by a methodology workshop on the 5th of September 2017 to review the suggested sections of the Administration of Criminal Justice

Act/Law, 2011 and 2015, the approach of the court observation, case monitoring and court user survey questionnaire forms currently being used in the FCT, and make necessary adjustments to adapt the content of the ACJ/Law to suit the context of Lagos and Ondo States. Also reviewed was the strategy and criteria for recruiting observers and supervisors for the project.

- The recruitment of observers was advertised on our website, www.partnersnigeria.org, on the 8th of September and the advert closed on Thursday 21st September. Through careful selection, qualified candidates were selected and recruited to be court observers.
- A training session was organised for 65 observers in the FCT, Ondo, and Lagos States on the 23rd October 2017 – 3rd November 2017 respectively. The observers were trained on court decorum and etiquettes, code of ethics of the organisation, report writing and also court observation methodology.
- A total of 65 courts were observed across the FCT, Lagos and Ondo state. While, a total of 195 cases were monitored to ascertain whether the courts are complying with the provisions of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act/Law.

2. Greater Access to Defence and Justice (GADJET)

The Greater Access to Defence and Justice (GADJET) project is funded by the US Embassy Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) and implemented in collaboration with Partners Global and the Democratic Action Group. The project is aimed at creating sustainable improvements to the criminal justice system in Kano by establishing a Public Defender's Office (PDO). The PDO aims to increase the availability of legal representation for less privileged persons resident in Kano State.

- Implementation of the project began in January 2017. The PDO currently employs 6 Lawyers, 4 Paralegals, a Program Officer for the project, an Office Administrator and 2 National Youth Service Corps members.
- The PDO received its first case on the 12th of June 2017, and since then has received 171 cases, 139 of which are criminal and 32 are civil. Of the criminal cases, 15 have been concluded while 10 have been resolved through mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution. The PDO also referred 12 cases to other organisations such as the National Human Rights Commission and the Legal Aid

Council. The clients are represented by the PDO at the High Courts, Magistrate Courts and Sharia Courts in Kano. They also give legal advice, counsel and or mediate where necessary.

- The project team successfully developed IEC materials (fliers, posters and banners) to raise awareness on the activities of the PDO, and how indigent persons in Kano can access its services. The materials were developed in English, Hausa, and Pidgin.
- The PDO has also developed radio jingles in English, Hausa, and Pidgin languages aired by Freedom Radio, Arewa FM and Wazobia FM, respectively. Airing began in the last week of September 2017, and ran till February 2018. The jingles raised awareness on the location and activities of the PDO, and brought about an influx of cases that require both legal representation and legal advice.
- As a result of the impact of the office, the PDO has received visits from the immediate past Attorney General and Commissioner of Justice of the state, as well as the Kano State Judiciary.

- The PDO has paid advocacy visits to the relevant stakeholders in the Justice sector and the Emirate

legal assistance from the Public Defender's office (PDO). The activities were organised at the Tarauni Local Government,

“The most notable success of the PDO since commencement is that of Baby Khadijah vs. one Mr. Muttaka Muhammad. The case was reported to the Public Defender’s Office (PDO) Kano in June 2017. The case was filed on behalf of Baby Khadijah by the Rule of Law and Empowerment Initiative against Mr. Muttaka Muhammad and his wife, who were alleged to have committed the act of sexually violating the baby. At the time of the unfortunate incident, Baby Khadijah was only six months old. On the 15th of November, in delivering the judgement the Acting Chief Judge granted all the relieves and awarded a sum of ten million naira (N10,000,000) as compensation being special damages for the expenses so far made by the baby’s family on her health since the occurrence of the unfortunate incident.”

Council in Kano State. The purpose of the advocacy visit was to intimate these stakeholders of the aims and objectives of the PDO.

Shahuci Divisional Police Station, Ja En Special Primary School Sharada, Yaryasa Community, and the PDO premises.

- PDO staff members have so far been trained on interviewing less privileged persons, drafting of legal processes, enforcement of fundamental human rights, and alternative dispute resolution and mediation.
- The PDO has organised five awareness-creation activities to acquaint less privileged residents of Kano State on the importance of knowing their fundamental human rights and the process of seeking

- The PDO paid advocacy visits to the Comptroller of Prisons Kano, Commissioner of Police, Hisbah Board, Children’s Remand Home, Chief Judge of Kano State, and more recently, the Emir of Kano to intimate them on the objective of the PDO, and how these organisations can access its services as well as refer cases.
- To increase cooperation and collaboration between criminal justice actors in Kano State, the

PDO deemed it necessary to organise inter-agency meetings with representatives from the National Human Rights Commission, the Police, the Prisons, Legal Aid Council, Democratic Action Group. The meetings will be held periodically to include other criminal justice actors.

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- The PDO has also been able to contribute to Prison decongestion by securing the unconditional release of pretrial detainees, one of whom was Iliyasu Baduku alias Chindo from Kano Central Prison, Kurmawa Prison. Chindo (36) was accused of armed robbery and spent two years in detention, a period far above the constitutional period allowed without arraigning him before a court with jurisdiction.

Citizens Security

As the country and region faces increasingly difficult security challenges that require meaningful monitoring and citizens' engagement, we use creative strategies to engage citizens through cutting-edge technology and participatory methods that reach the large and multi-faceted Nigerian audience. Applying these approaches to the security sector is a priority area for us as exemplified by the following projects:

1. Promoting Informed Dialogue on Security (PRIDES)

- The Promoting Informed Dialogue on Security project (PRIDES) is implemented under the Security Justice Reform Program (SJR) with support from the UK Government through its Conflict, Security and Stability Fund (CSSF). The project is aimed at facilitating a holistic planning of security sector reform processes in the North-east of Nigeria, with a view to identifying good practices that can be replicated in other parts of the country. In furtherance of the project, the following activities were carried out.
 - The project in its early stages, organised two meetings which were pivotal to the subsequent discussions.
- The first, a Steering Committee meeting, provided an opportunity for participants from the government, security and civil society sectors to deliberate on issues that affect public trust and accountability within various institutions. Participants were able to develop three action points:
 - Development of ICT systems for security agencies;
 - Incorporation of Civilian Joint Task Force and other informal security providers into the formal security sector; and
 - Allocation of more human and financial resources to all relevant security agencies.
- PWAN organised strategic meetings in furtherance of the first two action points. The project, in collaboration with the Office of the National Security Adviser, organised a workshop on 'Enhancing the Use of ICT in Counterterrorism Policy and Practice.' It was also able to facilitate a strategic meeting on the role of non-state security actors in national security discourse.



**Valkamiya Ahmadu-Haruna, PWAN Program Manager, welcoming participants to the Convening on Prioritising the Voices of Women in Security Organisations Using the Second-Generation National Action Plan (2017-2020) held in Abuja.*

- To address marginalisation of women in the security sector, PWAN organised the second meeting to bring together women from the North Central, North East and North West geopolitical zones. They participated in a training program titled ‘Prioritising the Voices of Women in the Security Sector.’ Participants developed two advocacy strategies within the context of specific geopolitical zones. These strategies were: establishment of a trauma/ counselling centre for victims of conflict, and promotion of community policing in areas affected by conflict.
- Community policing was discovered to be a reoccurring theme in previous interventions,

prompting the project team to organise a workshop on ‘Operationalising Community Policing in the North East’. Another policy dialogue on the ‘Future of Community Policing in Nigeria’ is the last activity of the first phase of the project, and will be held on the 28th of November 2017.

- PWAN as a result of the success of the first phase of the project has been granted funding for a second phase. PWAN intends to proffer interventions based on two very important aspects of the first phase of the project that have been identified as crucial to the success of security sector reform. The organisation intends to facilitate inclusive discussions on the role of non-state security actors (NSSAs) in community policing and election security, and also aims to prioritise the voices of women by organising roundtable discussions with security agencies on the National Action Plan.

2. Justice Security Dialogue

NOI Polls and PWAN conducted a baseline survey on Justice Security

Dialogue to address the deficiencies in the relationship between security providers and citizens and to strengthen civilian security forces to be more effective, accountable and responsive. The project which was funded by the United States

Institute of Peace (USIP) aimed to promote trust building and joint problem solving between the police and communities and also to solve the most important security challenges within their communities.



**A group photograph taken at the Workshop on Operationalizing Community Policing in the North East organised by PWAN in Gombe State.*

Publications

PWAN has developed 13 materials and publications in the last one year under the different projects and program areas. These include:

Social Accountability in the Judicial Sector (Rule of Law program area)

- Social Accountability in the Judicial Sector book
- Policy Brief: Measures to Strengthen Accountability of Judicial Officials
- Desk Review on the Nigerian Judiciary (1999-2016)
- Statements of Release for Court Observation

Greater Access to Defence and Justice - GADJET (Rule of Law program area)

- Fact Sheet: Greater Access to Defence and Justice (GADJET)
- Policy Brief: The Prevalence of Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Nigeria, with a Focus on Kano State



Promoting Informed Dialogue on Security project - PRIDES (Citizens Security Program Area)

- Non-State Security Actors and Security Provisioning in Nigeria
- Fact Sheet: Prioritising the Voices of Women in Nigeria
- Fact sheet: Women in Formal and Non-Formal Security in Nigeria
- Policy Brief: Non-State Security Providers in Nigeria- Opportunities and Challenges
- Policy Brief: Enhancing the Use of ICT in Counterterrorism Policy and Practice
- Policy Brief: Promoting Informed Dialogue on Security – An Overview of the PRIDES project



Challenges and Opportunities



**Above: Dr Muhammad Auwal, a resource person, making a presentation at the Workshop to Examine the Role of Non-State Security Actors in Community Policing and Election Security.*

Nigeria has been faced with a lot of challenges in the past one year. While being sensitive to the unfortunate outcomes of these challenges, they however presented opportunities for PWAN to engage in reform activities, improve good governance and accountability. In line with our vision of promoting robust good governance and accountable institutions in Nigeria and West Africa, PWAN focused on security, legal aid and the administration of criminal justice in Nigeria in 2017.

Administration of Criminal Justice in Nigeria

It has often been said that the Judiciary is the last hope of the common man. One of the features of a developed democracy is the supremacy of the rule of law. Fair hearing within a reasonable time is a strong pillar of justice in any society. A society where justice is delayed or frustrated by delay cannot progress much and citizens can even regress into self-

help, survival of the fittest and anarchy. For several years, The Nigerian Judiciary has placed emphasis on the achievement of excellence, transparency, accountability and general efficiency.

The criminal justice administration regime before the enactment of the Administration of the Criminal Justice Act (ACJA) 2015 had each state in Nigeria adopt either the Criminal Procedure Act in the south or the Criminal Procedure Code in the northern states. Over the many years of the existence and operation of these legislations, the Criminal Justice System in Nigeria was in a state of perpetual decline; the legislations had loopholes, voids and inconsistencies, and such that it was clear that they could not address the rising needs of society in a democratic government. The ACJA was, therefore, welcomed with an air of relief as it makes affiances of speedily bringing criminals to book as well as protecting the victims of crime, amongst other things. This was a commitment yearned for by the entire criminal justice administration sector and the society at large.

PWAN is addressing the challenges as regards to speedy dispensation of justice by observing the level of compliance of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act/Law in the states that have adopted the Act into law.

Legal Aid

Legal aid is beset with many obstacles hampering the development in Nigeria as at present, some of which include Funding, lack of interest of experienced

and qualified Legal Practitioners, and limitation of available legal practitioners.

For example, the Legal Aid Council of Kano currently employs only four lawyers and majority of citizens in Nigeria are unaware that legal aid services exist.

PWAN, through its “Greater Access to Defence and Justice (GADJET) project, has contributed immensely to legal service delivery by providing pro bono legal representation to over a hundred (100) to indigent persons in Kano and has tried to bridge the gap of limited legal practitioners in Nigeria.

Security

The country is currently grappling with security challenges evidenced in the escalation of violent conflicts and crimes. From herdsmen-farmers’ clashes spreading across the country, festering insurgency in North-East, resurgence of militancy in the Niger Delta to growing kidnapping for ransom.

In all of these, it has become imperative to PWAN that there is need for a security sector reform strategy that will address the increasing security challenges. Therefore, through our PRIDES project, we seek to enable an all-inclusive development of security sector reform and this is done through dialogues with relevant stakeholders in the security sector.

By the Numbers

(Selected Program Data)

In the last one year, while implementing our projects, PWAN has carried out a number of activities and held several events resulting in interactions with thousands of citizens. The following are some numbers from three notable projects:

Promoting Informed Dialogue on Security (PRIDES)

Role of Non-State Security Actors in National Security Discourse	16
Enhancing the use of ICT in Counterterrorism Policy and Practice	100
Operationalizing Community Policing in the North East	42
Policy Dialogue on the Future of Community Policing in Nigeria	43
Role of Non-State Security Actors in Community Policing and Election Security	74
Total number of persons directly engaged through PRIDES	275

Enhancing Transparency and Accountability in the Judicial Sector

Methodology Workshop	14
Court Observer Training, Abuja	31
Court Observer Training, Ondo	27
Court Observer Training, Lagos	33
Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee Strategic Management Retreat	28
Total number of persons directly engaged through the project	133

Greater Access to Defense and Justice (GADJET)

Launch of Public Defenders Office	70
PDO Staff Orientation	22
Awareness and Legal Clinic at the PDO premises	40
Islamic Centre Hall, Unguwa Uku, Tarauni Local Government Area	38
Staff Training on Interviewing Skills	15
Awareness Activity at Shahuci Police Station	140
Staff Training on Business Processing Mapping (BPM)	14
Awareness Activity at Ja En Special Primary School	150
Awareness Activity at Yaryasa Community	127
Total number of persons directly engaged through GADJET	616

Financial Report

Bidemi Aiyesoro & Co.
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**RULE OF LAW AND EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

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RULE OF LAW AND EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE TWO-YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY		
	31-12-2017	31-12-2016
	N	N
Financial Position		
Non-Current Assets	9,850,240	1,322,700
Current Assets	103,819,453	19,667,340
	113,669,693	20,990,040
Accumulated Funds	53,490,187	10,659,625
Current Liabilities	60,179,506	10,330,414
	113,669,693	20,990,040

Our Partners

- Foreign Commonwealth Office (FCO), British High Commission
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