
COUNTRY SPOTLIGHT

(Conflict-Related Sexual Violence - CRSV)

Federal Republic of Nigeria



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SITUATION IN NIGERIA

Armed Conflict (2009 - Ongoing)

Violence characterised by:

- Attacks on civilians by armed groups (such as Boko Haram);
- Counter-insurgency operations (by government forces);
- Inter-communal violence.



Note: The regions most affected by violence are highlighted in yellow.



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Impact

= 27,000

Deaths

= 1.8 million civilians

Displaced



= **210 documented cases of CRSV in 2020,**

including rape and forced marriage, affecting **94 girls, 86 women**
and **30 boys.**



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A Quick Overview

**Sexual violence in Nigerian prison facilities
by parties involved in the conflict.**

Amnesty International
uncovered **sexual
violence** perpetrated
by **security agents**
and **inmates**.

Approximately **68
boys** are currently
being **unlawfully
detained** in Maiduguri
Prison.



Source: Amnesty International 'Nigeria: Children and women face sexual violence in Borno prisons' (*Amnesty International - Press Release, 29 April 2019*) <<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/press-release/2019/04/nigeria-children-and-women-face-sexual-violence-in-borno-prisons/>>.



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TESTIMONIALS

A Maiduguri Prison detainee and a former prison warden share the following insights during an Amnesty International interview,

“It is not a secret in the prison what is happening with the little boys.”

“Sometimes, you see that a little boy goes into the toilet and immediately, an adult detainee goes after them, and when the boy comes out, you don’t need to be told what has happened to him.”

Source: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2019/04/nigeria-children-and-women-face-sexual-violence-in-borno-prisons-2/>.

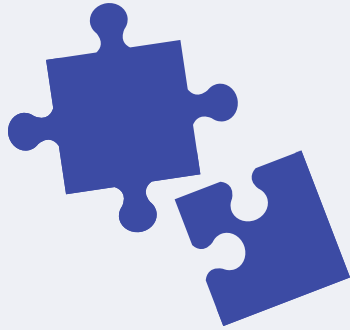


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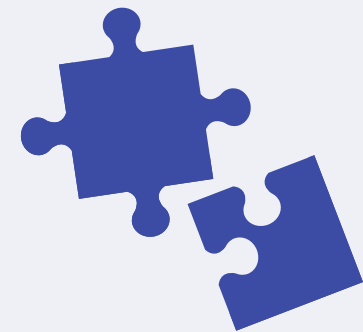


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CHALLENGES



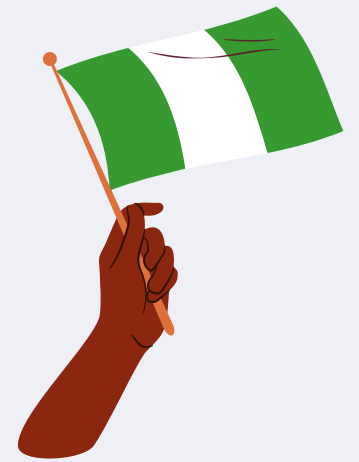
- 1** Lack of access and confidence in the legal system.
- 2** Inadequacy of Nigerian criminal and penal codes.
- 3** Lack of specialised courts and trained personnel.
- 4** Stigmatisation of victims.



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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS



2021

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

- Assisting with the drafting of legislation criminalising sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) connected with terrorist acts.



This would facilitate the future prosecution of crimes (including SGBV) committed during the conflict.



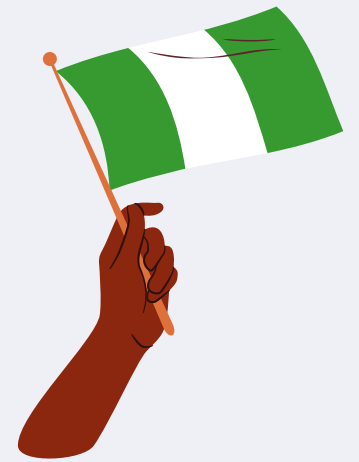
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Office of the National Security Adviser (ONSA)

- Launched the **STRIVE Juvenile project**.
- **Aim:** To prevent and respond to violence against children by terrorist and violent extremist groups.



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IN NIGERIA AT THE ICC

Nigeria ratified the Rome Statute on 1 June 2000.

Status: Ongoing Preliminary Examination.

On 11 December 2020, the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) completed its preliminary examination and concluded that "[...] there was a reasonable basis to believe that war crimes and crimes against humanity had been committed."

Focus: Crimes allegedly committed by Boko Haram since July 2009 and by Nigerian Security Forces since June 2011.

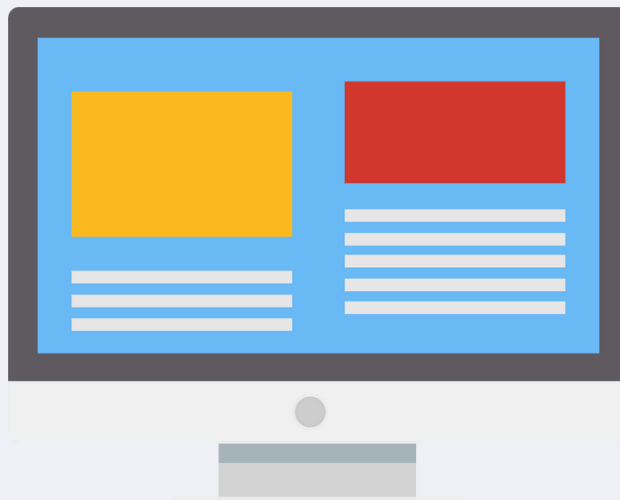
Next Step: Request for authorisation from the Pre-Trial Chamber to commence an investigation.



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