



# ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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STATUS OF OUR PROJECTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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# OUR FOUNDER'S STATEMENT

## SOPHIA UGWU

It is my privilege and honour to submit to you the 2020 Annual Report on the activities and operations of Centre for African Justice, Peace and Human Rights (“CAJPHR”), covering the period from the 1st of January to the 31st of December 2020.

Centre for African Justice, Peace and Human Rights started the year with enthusiasm and great expectations for our third anniversary.

However, by the end of the first quarter, the year became very challenging due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. May I take this opportunity to offer all my love and prayers to colleagues and friends who were particularly affected by the pandemic. My sincere condolences also go to families around the world who lost their loved ones during this difficult year.

Notwithstanding the pandemic however, the hard work of our members led to many outstanding results in our organisation.

Our members adapted quickly to the new work-life and continued to demonstrate resilience, resourcefulness, passion and versatility in ensuring that we continued our activities while keeping safe and coping with the difficulties.

I mention on a special note, the hard work of our members in the Administrative and Social Media teams. They have made outstanding contributions that strengthened our remote working system and increased our visibility throughout these challenging times.

As a result of the passion and hard work of our members, 2020 ended up being a year of milestones for us, despite the global difficulties. Centre for African Justice recorded many achievements and new beginnings like the conference organised by our sexual violence team, with a focus on sexual violence perpetrated against child soldiers.

Other achievements include the execution of education for girls book project, the commencement of a SARS research project, commencement of the capacity building book project, and the ongoing sanitation project initiated by our right to quality education team.

Although some of these projects are yet to be completed, we were able to make great progress as a result of the huge amounts of heart-warming support and solidarity we received internally and externally. In the face of the pandemic, many individuals and organisations continued to show a remarkable commitment to keep Centre of African Justice alive. Of course, always relevant and resourceful in its journey towards fulfilling its aims and objectives.

A confirmation that although COVID-19 has destroyed a lot of things in our lives and communities, it has not destroyed the love we have for each other and our desire to help each other within and outside our communities.

As we end this challenging year, I deem it important to mention that in my position as the Founder of CAJPHR, COVID-19 pandemic and year 2020 taught me some important lessons. Namely, that as humans, we need one another and we are all equal. As we look forward to stepping into a new year, I urge us to continue to look out for each other and forge a path towards a fair, equal and peaceful society.

In concluding, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our colleagues, partners, friends and donors for their tremendous contributions and support to the work of Centre for African Justice, throughout 2020, despite the global challenges we all faced.

To our Board members, I am filled with immense gratitude for your intellectual contributions, patience and commitment to humanity.

To members and colleagues all over the world, who pride about being part of our distinguished organisation, I thank you for your continued commitment, passion and resilience as well as your many extra efforts and encouragement throughout the year 2020.

I urge you all to continue your good works in support of our cause at Centre for African Justice, Peace and Human Rights, in 2021.

With warm regards and best wishes for good health,

**Sophia Ugwu**

Founder of Centre for African Justice,  
Peace and Human Rights



Photo: Sophia Ugwu, Founder of Centre for African Justice, Peace and Human Rights





A BRIEF

# OVERVIEW OF THE CENTRE

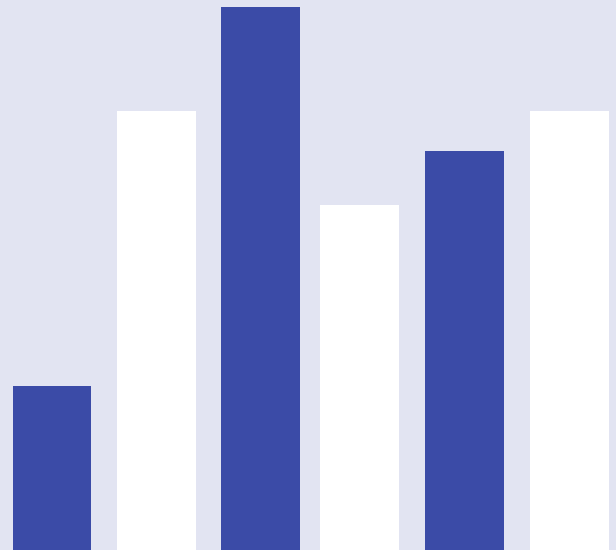




# Overview: Publication & Events in 2020

Creating awareness is one of the main goals of Centre for African Justice, Peace and Human Rights. In the year of 2020 in which our work became primarily online due to the Covid-19 situation, we increased our online participation through articles, events and Social Media publications.

We are also not just activists. We also aim to inspire others through education to join our Centre for African Justice army and fight injustice across all of our specialist areas.



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**EVENTS** were hosted to challenge norms of inequality and injustice in 2020.

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**MAGAZINES** that illustrate and debate the importance of our work were published, and brought to discussion difficulties that must be faced in order to create a better Africa following the principles of Justice, Peace and Human Rights.

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original **ARTICLES** across all of our teams were written and published on our website.

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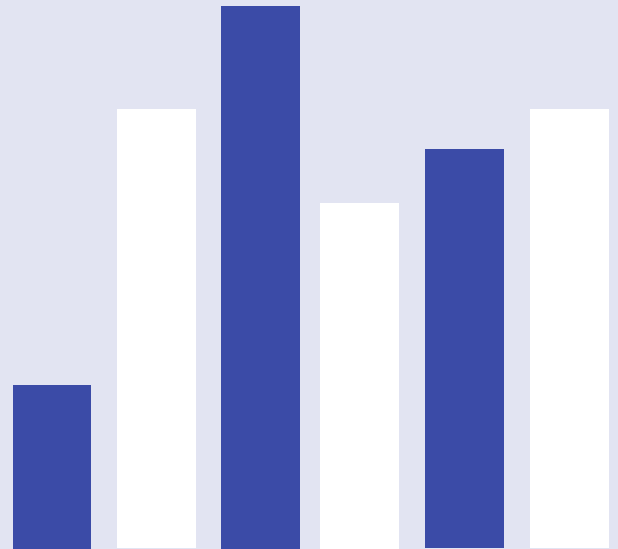
Facebook and Instagram **POSTS** were published to raise awareness of our cause and missions.



## Overview: Projects in 2020

Centre for African Justice, Peace and Human Rights never stops working hard to create a fair and better Africa.

Our projects in 2020 were focused in increasing educational systems, share relevant information, give support to needy communities and provide the necessary tools for development.



**1/2** of the total amount needed for implementing the Matinza School Project in Kisoro (Uganda) was raised, which will **BENEFIT** 934 students.

**1** comprehensive **DATABASE** was created to inform about International Laws and Domestic Laws of African countries related to sexual violence against the male gender in conflict and post conflict situations.

**135** **BOOKS** were delivered to the needy community of Port Harcourt in Nigeria.

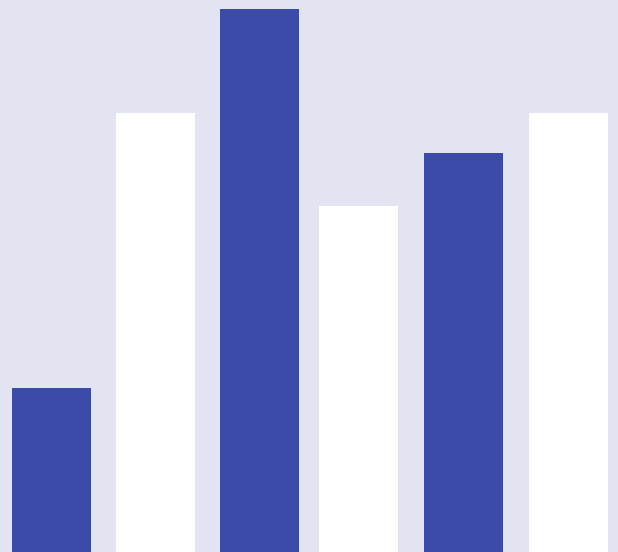
**400+** **BOOKS** were collected and will be delivered to Africa during the implementation of the Education for Girls Project.



# Overview: Staff Statistics

Everything we do relies on the involvement of our amazing teams that strive to follow our mission and reach our vision. Our values are shared by members from all around the world that bring their own experience and perspectives to our Foundation.

Since our start in 2017, we have had a multi-cultural team, and we can proudly share the following statistics:



**148** members have contributed to our work.

We have worked with members from **52** countries and **6** continents.







REPORT FROM THE  
**SEXUAL  
VIOLENCE  
TEAM**



# OVERVIEW: SEXUAL VIOLENCE TEAM

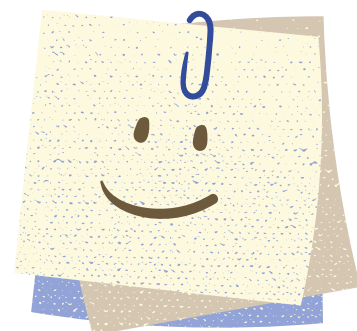
The Sexual Violence Against Male Gender Team (SV team) falls under the Justice and Human Rights' cluster. It examines the issue of the Sexual Violence against the male gender in situations during and post armed conflicts. The Sexual Violence Team builds on international efforts to raise awareness of the use of sexual violence in conflict as a tool of war. Specifically, where there are male victims as they are currently often overlooked in legal remedy.



SV Team's

# WORK IN 2020

Throughout the year of 2020, the Sexual Violence team accomplished great achievements even with the difficulties imposed by the Covid-19 situation. Before the quarantine, the team was able to held the 3rd Annual Conference on Sexual Violence against the Male Gender, presenting The Case of Child Soldiers, and launched the Database Project. After the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, the team could also achieve a great performance by hosting online events, participating in ICC consultations, writing two magazines, and meeting with experts in the field to discuss topics related to the team's work.





# DATABASE PROJECT

## Project Overview

In February 2020, the SV team concluded the project initiated in 2019 and launched the Sexual Violence Database. It contains Domestic and International Laws of African countries on sexual violence against the male gender as well as cases that were brought before domestic and international courts on the same issue in situations of armed conflict or post conflict.

Moreover, the Database contains information about the procedure for reporting, investigating and prosecuting cases of sexual violence. The aim is to create a one stop research point with information about the historical and present development of prosecuting sexual violence in African Countries.

The database can be used as a tool to reveal existing gaps in legislation and policies. Simultaneously, it also helps researchers and policymakers to formulate stronger policies on strengthening legal protection for male victims of sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict situations.

This project enlightens the international community and allows the stereotypical ideologies, as well as the silence surrounding rape of men and other forms of sexual violence, to be broken. It unveils the strategies of perpetrators, encourages testimonials and reports, and attracts more support towards victims.

To check the database and read more about its scope, please access the following link:

<http://centreforafricanjusticesvmg.org/>





## 3rd Annual Conference on Sexual Violence against the Male Gender: **The Case of Child Soldiers**

On the 11th of February 2020, the Sexual Violence team organized its 3rd Annual Conference at the Humanity House, The Hague, the Netherlands, in partnership with IMPACT and ESA.

The conference's theme was "Sexual Violence Against the Male Gender in Conflict Situations: The Case of Child Soldiers". It was held in the week of the International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers to reflect on the recruitment and cruelties brought forth through the participation of countless child soldiers deployed in armed conflict up to this day.

The event brought together a panel of distinguished legal experts and participants from academia, legal professionals, researchers, NGOs, students and other member of civil society to exchange their views and proffer solutions to some of the challenges in addressing the issue of sexual violence and child soldiers in armed conflict.

The discussions reflected on the prosecution and defense in the Dominic Ongwen case, the legal status of child soldiers, and a potential impunity gap for atrocities committed against one's armed forces.





## 3rd Annual Conference on Sexual Violence against the Male Gender: **The Case of Child Soldiers**

Among the distinguished speakers of the Conference were:

- Her Excellency Ms. Mirjam Blaak Sow, Ambassador of Uganda;
- Mr. Benjamin Gumpert, Senior Trial Lawyer at Office of the Prosecutor of the ICC;
- Ms. Beth S. Lyons, Defence Counsel for Dominic Ongwen at the ICC;
- Mr. Dmytro Suprun, Counsel within the Office of Public Counsel for Victims at the ICC;
- Dr. Jens Iverson, Assistant Professor of Public International Law at Leiden University

To read the report of the 3rd Annual Conference, learn about the speakers, and learn about the event discussions, please visit the following link:

[http://centreforafricanjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/SVMG-Final-Report-3\\_compressed.pdf](http://centreforafricanjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/SVMG-Final-Report-3_compressed.pdf)





# SEXUAL VIOLENCE TEAM

## **5th CRSV Coalition Meeting (online)**

The 5th Conflict-Related Sexual Violence NGO Network Netherlands-based (CRSV) Meeting was held on Zoom on the 9th of April 2020.

The CAJPHR's Sexual Violence Team hosted the meeting for the first time, and made a presentation of the work of the SV Team related to CRSV against men.

This was an opportunity to get an insight on sexual violence scenario and share knowledge on the team's work scope. With this, the team could strengthen communication and cooperation with other NGOs in the Netherlands that also work with CRSV's issues.

## **Career Guidance Session with Ms. Beth Lyons (online)**

On the 29th of June 2020, the Sexual Violence team hosted its first career guidance session with International Defense Lawyer, Ms. Beth Lyons.

The session was meant for students seeking guidance for a career in International Courts and Organisations.



# SEXUAL VIOLENCE TEAM

## ICC Consultation (online)

On the 7th of July, the Sexual Violence team participated in the online consultation on Sudan held by the International Criminal Court, together with other NGOs, international lawyers, and ICC representatives concerning the following topics:

- The uncertain situation in Sudan that got aggravated by COVID-19 pandemic.
- The ICC's challenges to access the country which compromises the involvement and investment in Sudan. Further, also considering the absence of information on the ICC's work.
- The lack of protection for civilians and vulnerable individuals, and the difficulties for improving this situation in recent years.
- Opportunities to involve the civil society in order to improve the situation and make headway for the ICC to intervene in a future.
- Updates on the country's access to justice.





# SEXUAL VIOLENCE TEAM

## ICC Consultation (online)

During the event, the Sexual Violence team gave special attention to the need to address situations of CRSV against men in the country in such a context of uncertainty, as well as access to justice, necessary services and assistance.

The team put stress on the need to interact with male victims coupled with secure, sensitive support from the ICC. Another contribution was demonstrating the key role of NGOs in changing the widespread antagonizing view of the ICC by the Sudanese society.

To finalize, the SV team shared a brief presentation on its work on research on important issues concerning the vulnerable groups including child soldiers. It also shared the launch of the SV database as well as the team's magazine publications.

The team's participation on the ICC consultation was important to emphasize important aspects of the team's work, to share ideas and to enlighten other relevant institutions and professionals to join the cause. This way, the team expects to gain support on creating a conflict-free Africa, by showing the importance of considering CRSV against men when taking actions to solve the continent's issues.





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# MAGAZINES

The Sexual Violence team published its two first magazines throughout the year of 2020, and brought to discussion the sexual violence that the male gender experiences as well as its causes, obstacles, and solutions. The team used real cases to exemplify the situation, and data & illustrations to analyze the conflicts context.



# ISSUE 1

The first magazine of the Sexual Violence team was published in June 2020. It demonstrated the Sexual Violence against the Male Gender in Conflict and Post Conflict Situations.

The Magazine starts by pointing out some numbers that show the lack of action taken by countries in respect of sexual violence against the male gender, and brings important information on:

- A view of the Victim- perpetrator dichotomy of Child Soldiers, and the struggle to determine their legal status.
- A discussion on sexual violence against child soldiers in Central African Republic, the obstacles imposed by society's stigmas and the victims lack of documentation.
- A redefinition of rape and a view on counter terrorism efforts in Africa.
- A perspective on refugee male survivors of sexual violence and the challenges of accessing medical care in Uganda.
- A summary of the 3rd Annual Conference on 'Sexual Violence Against the Male Gender in Conflict Situations: The Case of Child Soldiers'
- An overview of the Dominic Ongwen case.

To read the full content of the magazine, please visit:

<http://centreforafricanjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Sexual-Violence-Team-Magazine-Issue-1.pdf>



The second magazine of the Sexual Violence team was published in November 2020 which brought to the forefront various aspects related to sexual violence against the male gender. As a result, it puts into discussion possible solutions to sexual violence situations that may arise and shares victim testimonials. More specifically, the magazine:

- Shows how male victims cases are normally swept under the carpet.
- Brings further awareness of the benefits of psychology groups for male survivors of sexual violence.
- Illustrates the US sanctions on the ICC prosecutor.
- Demonstrates rehabilitation and reintegration of male child soldiers.
- Discusses the sexual violence situation in the Central African Republic.
- Shares stories of male rape survivors
- Contrasts child labor situations, in theory and in realities, in Central African Republic and Ethiopia.

To read the full content of the magazine, please visit:

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# REPORT FROM THE **CAPACITY BUILDING TEAM**



# OVERVIEW: CAPACITY BUILDING TEAM

Capacity Building, as a strategy, forms the backbone of most of the CAJPHR's initiatives as it revolves around peace, justice and human rights. The Legal Capacity Building team (CB team) concentrates on the employment of strategies through training of justice legal actors to constructively engage and involve, in a positive manner, stakeholders in Africa in International Criminal Law. As expected, capacity building falls under the justice cluster of the team's projects.





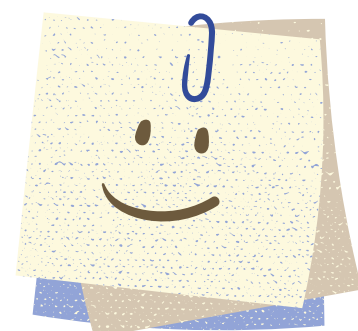
CB TEAM'S

# WORK IN 2020

Throughout 2020, the Capacity Building team focused in the creation of awareness for legal issues in Africa while also striving to inform and educate on international law.

The team's efforts to illustrate aspects related to the international justice, International Criminal Court, impunity, legal education, judicial system & violations were emphasised through the magazines published in 2020 on [www.centreforafricanjustice.org](http://www.centreforafricanjustice.org)

In order to connect external legal experts to the Capacity Building team's work and enhance the discussion about the international legal field, the team initiated the Book Project. This initiative aims in publishing a multi-authored book that explores the most relevant and current issues regarding African countries in the field of international criminal law.





# BOOK PROJECT

## Project Overview

In 2020, the Capacity Building team proposed publishing a research book monograph, or more precisely, a multi-authored book. This would ultimately serve as a platform where a carefully selected panel of legal experts will explore different topics according to their area of specialization.

These topics were chosen among a list of themes selected beforehand by the Capacity Building Team, based on its work and what it believes to be the most relevant and current issues regarding African countries in the field of international criminal law.

The contributing authors are law academics and practitioners with a deep understanding, strong legal practice and special interest in the field. All of them have worked or are currently working in the most important international tribunals, associations and legal institutions in the world.

Furthermore, the book counts with different perspectives of African legal issues, as the contributors come from different countries and backgrounds. Consequently, guaranteeing diversity and representativity in the produced material.

As the project is being developed by the Capacity Building Team, the content of the book has already shown a practical approach and relevance around contemporary issues.



# BOOK PROJECT

Different from other publications, this book will be based on new, recent African legal issues which will provide students and legal professionals with not only theoretical knowledge, but also practical tools that enable them to effectively apply international law and guidelines to concrete situations.

The main goal of the Book Project is producing knowledge and information about legal subjects that could help in capacitating the team's audience by getting a better understanding of law and its principles. By providing these tools to legal professionals and law students, the intention is to capacitate them in International Criminal Law, enabling them to investigate and execute justice.

Among the aspects covered by the book, the team will give a special focus on contemporary issues about the field of international criminal law. Examples include genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, sexual and gender based crimes and refugees law. In addition, the team proposes covering general knowledge of International law, international relations, political science, geopolitics.

For more information about the book, and to check its availability, visit:

[www.centreforafricanjustice.org](http://www.centreforafricanjustice.org)





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# MAGAZINES

Throughout 2020, the Capacity Building Team published two magazines (issue 2 & 3), giving continuity to the principals of the first one the team published in December 2019 (issue 1). This continuity aids in illustrating the major aspects related to international justice, the International Criminal Court, impunity, legal education, judicial system & violations.





# ISSUE 2

The second Capacity Building team's magazine published in April 2020 brings legal information about Nigeria's education, system and traditions. It presents capacity building infographics and features an exclusive interview with an expert in Nigeria's legal education system.

More specifically, this magazine:

- Explains the methodology behind legal capacity building and presents steps on how to research within this field.
- Discusses legal traditions in Nigeria and shows how the country's diverse history is highly evident in its legal systems: English Law, Common Law, Customary Law, and Sharia Law.
- Shows Nigeria's legal and education statistics.
- Transcripts the exclusive interview with Barrister Ken Nwankwo who practices Law in Onitsha, Nigeria. Here, Barrister Ken Nwankwo presents knowledge on legal education in Nigeria through experienced eyes with 9 years of practices in Revenue and Taxation matters.
- Brings a brief insight on the most controversial man in Africa: Omar Hassan Ahmad al Bashir.
- Illustrates diplomatic immunities.
- Decodes the crime of starvation (with respect to armed conflicts under international criminal law).

To read the full content of the magazine, please visit:

<http://centreforafricanjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Capacity-Building-Magazine-Issue-1.pdf>



# ISSUE 3

The third Capacity Building team's magazine was published in September 2021, and discusses about legal system and violations in Uganda. It presents infographics, transcripts an exclusive interview with a Judge of the International Criminal Court, and presents the points of view of victims of irregularities and abuses.

More specifically, this magazine:

- Transcripts the exclusive interview with Judge Kimberly Prost, elected in 2018 as a Judge of the International Criminal Court (ICC) for a 9 year term. The interview shows an insider's opinion of the work, challenges and achievements of the ICC.
- Illustrates the corruption, legal education and justice systems of Uganda.
- Discusses the relations between Uganda and the ICC.
- Exemplifies violations of freedom in Uganda.
- Debates about victim's rights and raises the question if we are doing enough to avoid more tragedies.
- Informs about Uganda's health and water situation.
- Explains about Child Soldiers in Uganda, and discusses how gender-based issues impact their rehabilitation process.

To read the full content of the magazine, please visit:

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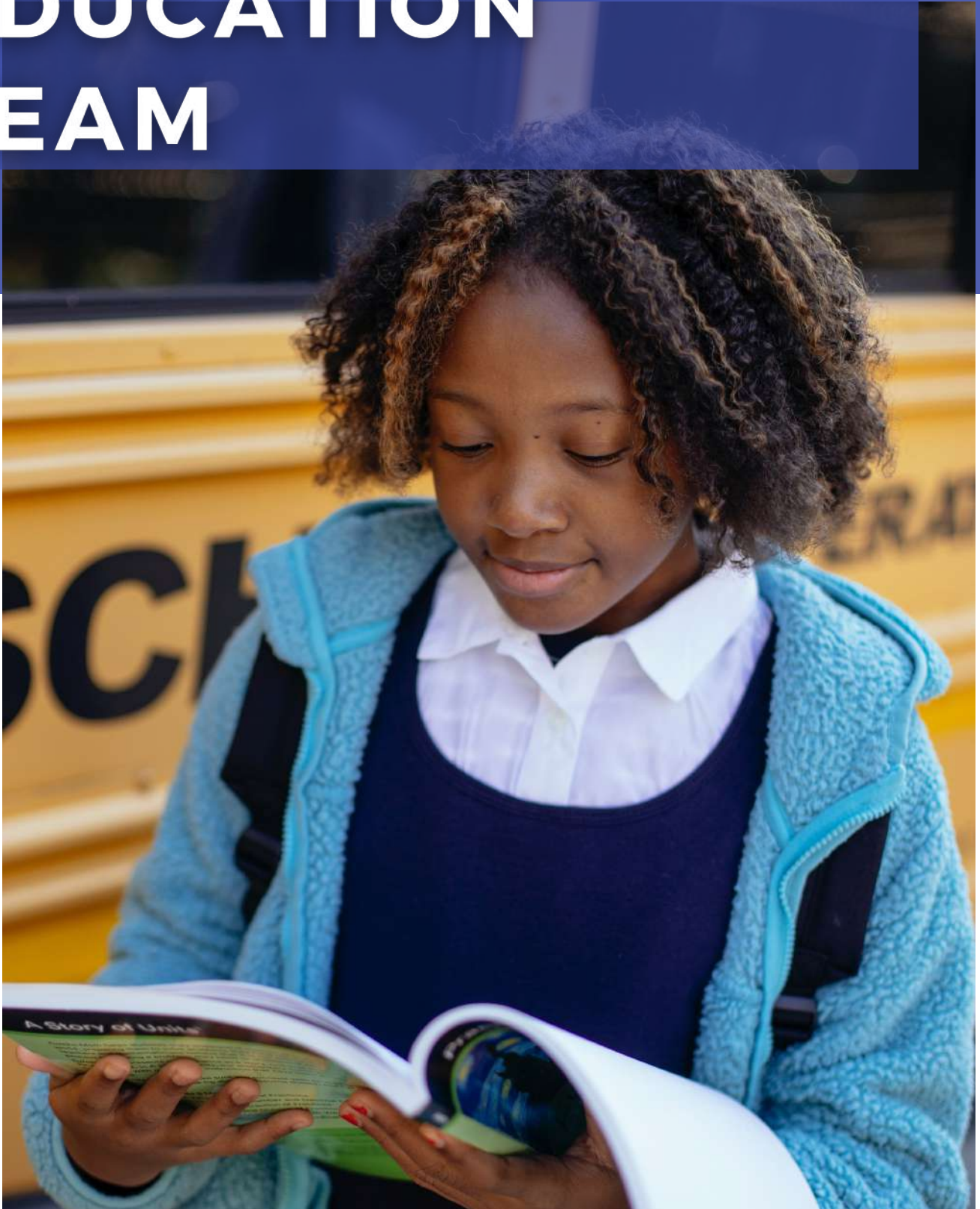






REPORT FROM THE

# RIGHT TO QUALITY EDUCATION TEAM





# OVERVIEW: RIGHT TO QUALITY EDUCATION TEAM

The Right to Quality Education Team falls under Human Rights' cluster. Together with partners, the team works with African stakeholders to provide essential school facilities for students in impoverished communities. The Right to Quality Education Team supports communities to ensure a safe educational environment for all students that is non-violent and inclusive which removes barriers to effective learning.

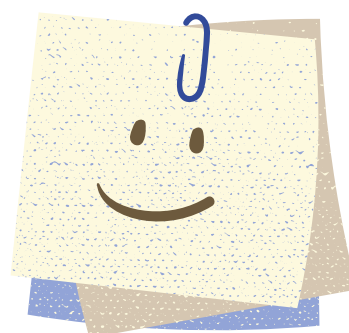


RQE TEAM'S

# WORK IN 2020

Throughout the year of 2020, the Right to Quality Education team worked tirelessly to implement the Matinza Primary School Project in Kisoro, Uganda. The team's efforts led to the collection of part of the remaining funds necessary for executing the project.

The team also invested in online campaigns to reach out to the public and stakeholders while creating awareness of the educational situation in Africa. In addition, the team published 2 magazines, and produced various articles.



# The Matinza Primary School Project



The Right to Quality Education team targets the re-construction and renovation of the sanitary facilities of Matinza Community Primary School's sanitary, located in Nyakabande sub-county, Kisoro district in the Kigezi region, Southwestern Uganda. This project brings the opportunity to directly intervene in the educational environment of the community and provide a better, safer and more sustainable learning environment to underprivileged children.

The completion of the project will lead to the improvement of the health and learning environment of pupils, increasing the latrine coverage, provision of clean water, and the knowledge and skills for a sustainable promotion of good sanitation and hygiene. Currently, the school has no proper water facilities, which make the pupils prone to diseases. The situation was aggravated due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and the project can bring a relief to this vulnerable community.

It is important to mention that, by upgrading the current sanitary facilities, the school will be able to have access to safe hygiene standards, and the dignity of the young ones will be improved. This way, the ultimate goal of helping in their educational process will be achieved.





# The Matinza Primary School Project

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Unfortunately, even with all the team's efforts, the pandemic situation brought difficulties for collecting the remaining funds for executing the project in 2020. The team was able to collect a partial amount (600 euros) to cover the costs of the project, but there is still the need to collect the remaining funds to be able to execute the work. This directly impacts the lives of 934 students and 19 teachers and indirectly benefits another 800 community members that constantly access the school.

Once the team is able to execute the project, it will renovate three old latrines with 11 stances for acceptable standards at the school; Establish a rain water harvesting system including gutters on all classroom blocks; Connect pipes and two rainwater storage tanks with taps; Establish a school health committee; And create a pupil-led school eco-green environment club at the school.

To learn more about the project, and to donate:

Access (<http://centreforafricanjustice.org/> )

or contact us via email: [info@centreforafricanjustice.org](mailto:info@centreforafricanjustice.org)



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# MAGAZINES

In 2020, the Right to Quality Education team published its second magazine and brought to discussion the right to quality education, the right to clean water and proper sanitation & insights on children's development



# ISSUE 2

The Right to Quality Education Team published the RQE Issue 2 in July 2020, giving continuity to the work shown on the team's first magazine published in November 2019. The RQE Issue 1 was the first magazine of the Centre for African Justice, Peace and Human Rights.

The RQE issue 2 magazine brings forth a compilation of 4 articles related to the right to clean water and proper sanitation which brings insights on children's development. More specifically, this magazine:

- Shows the Evolution of the Right to Water and Sanitation
- Displays the African Commission's approach to the Right to Water
- Brings insights about the Right to Education in Africa
- Evidences the importance of sanitation and clean water for the proper development of children

To read the full content of the magazine, please visit:

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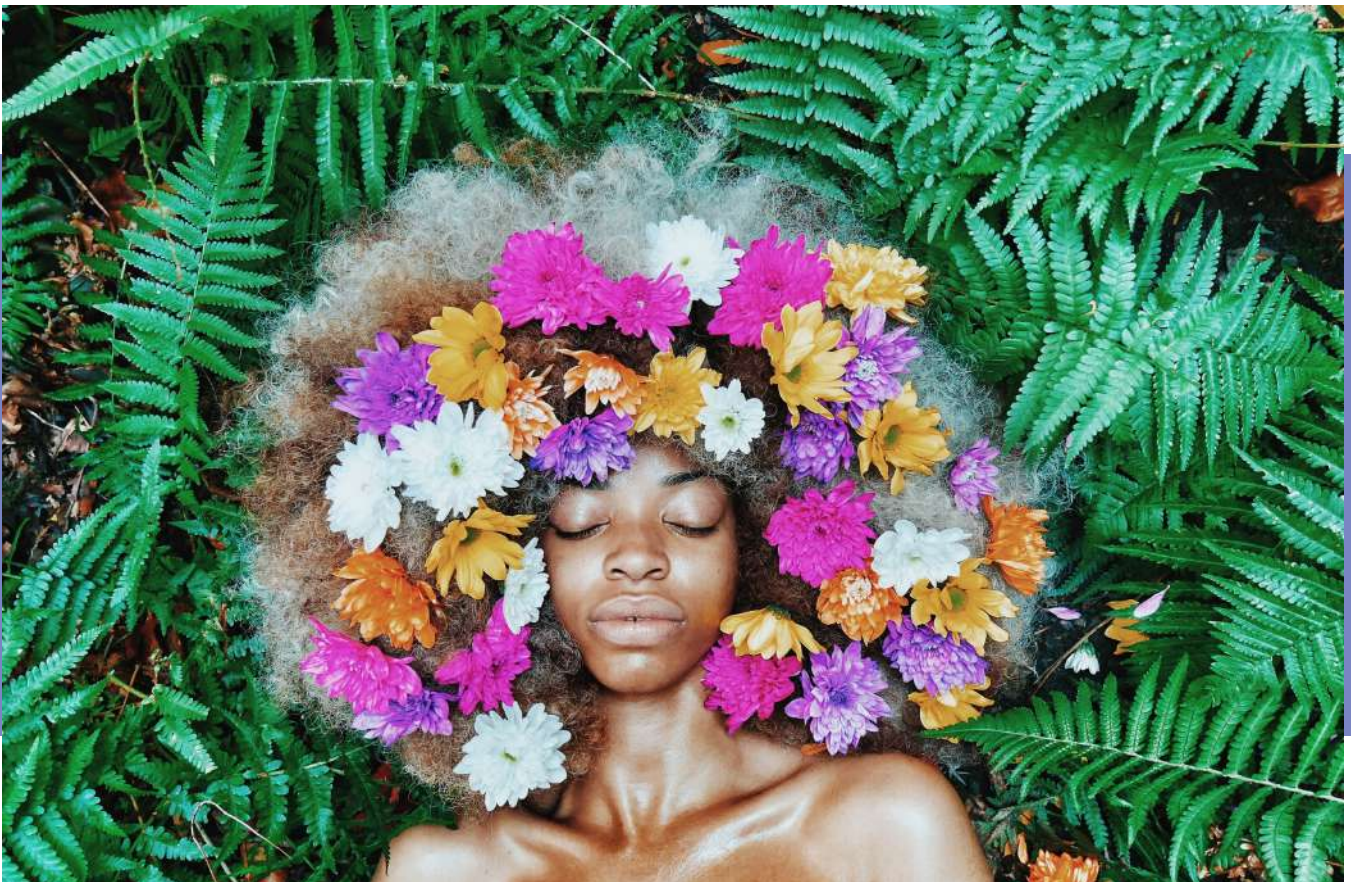
# WOMEN EMPOWERMENT TEAM





# OVERVIEW: WOMEN EMPOWERMENT TEAM

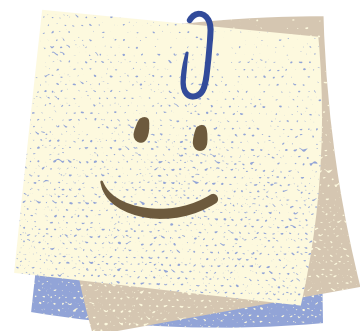
The Women Empowerment team empowers African women who are disillusioned or helpless, to the point it manifests incapacity to achieve their life/career goals. The team aims at providing women with tools to “Renew themselves, Re-state their goals, Re-brand their lives and Re-tell their stories”. The women empowerment team is about building female agents of peace, and its objective is to rekindle the spirit of excellence in the minds of women who have been victims of abuse and may be struggling in their lives.



THE TEAM'S

# WORK IN 2020

With the effects of the pandemic, the Women Empowerment team has found some difficulties in executing the expected goals mentioned in the previous year report (organising workshops / training programs). Although, the team has found new possible ways to empower women in Africa and in the Netherlands by providing knowledge to society through the execution of the Second Hand Book Project, the Education for Girls Project, and the publication of the team's magazines.





# Second Hand Book Project



The base for Women Empowerment is education, and for truly educating young girls, it is necessary to provide resources for their learning. Right materials and facilities aid women development, contribute to their education completion and provide the right skills to prepare them for the competition in the labor market.

To support the education of girls and women in Africa, the Women Empowerment Team embarked on the Second Hand Book Project, that aims at providing African schools with reading materials to facilitate education. With the Women Empowerment team's work, girls and women that struggle to go to school can now acquire the necessary materials needed to aid their education in all levels (school, high school and university).



# Second Hand Book Project

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The team received great support from the International Institute of Social Science (ISS); The Hague University of Applied Science (THAUS); the International Criminal Court (ICC); and other educational institutions in the Netherlands. With their generous donations, the Women Empowerment team collected books ranging from different subjects such as literature, humanities, mathematics, history, sciences, biology, art, and social sciences. Thanks to the donors, the team was able to accumulate a total of 135 books.

The books were successfully delivered to the needy community of Port Harcourt in Nigeria. To ensure that the donations reach the correct destination, the books were received by our partner Dr. Emmanuel Ekpenyong, a lecturer at Wittenborg University of Applied Sciences. Thanks to the Women Empowerment team's efforts, all the donated books are now available at the Port Harcourt's library and can now be accessed to instruct students and learners from different ages.



# Second Hand Book Project

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But the Second Hand Book Project doesn't intend to finish after the first donation. The team has created new strategies for the project so more donations are sent to Africa and more awareness is created to enable the team to derive much-needed support.

Therefore, the Women Empowerment Team has continued its campaign and has already received 98 books, new donations from the International Institute of Social Science, and also received learning materials from the British School. Before delivering this new donation, the team intends to collect more books and used laptops or computers from schools, libraries, and organizations that are also willing to support the project.

For donating and supporting African women and girls in their education, Please contact us by phone (+31687968845) or by email ([info@centreforafricanjustice.org](mailto:info@centreforafricanjustice.org)). For more information, please access: [www.centreforafricanjustice.org](http://www.centreforafricanjustice.org).





# Education for Girls Project



The Women Empowerment Empowerment team also intends to provide access to education to women and girls of age 18-30 who had to drop out of school due to financial problems, single mothers who want to complete their education, and handicapped women with some illness or disabilities.

Therefore, the team created the Education for Girls Project in order to ensure that all women and girls are empowered, and feel confident and capable of achieving their full potential. The intention is to provide resources for education (books and computers) and ensure better opportunities to women and girls by providing mentorship, guidance, and coaching. This way, the team will lead African women to become successful, independently of their conditions, and consequently, reaching gender and cultural inclusion.



# Education for Girls Project



So far, the Women Empowerment team have been reaching out to potential donors, and the Education for Girls Project has already received important donations:

- 124 books were donated by the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS).
- 107 books were donated by Ms. Nicolene Schulte.
- 127 books and CDs were donated by Ms. Nicolene Schulte.

To add to the above support, the team has searched for more donations in order to be able to implement the project in 2021. The team will then make the difference in the lives of many African women that face difficulties and are in search for a better situation.

For donating and supporting African women and girls in their education, Please contact us by phone (+31687968845) or by email ([info@centreforafricanjustice.org](mailto:info@centreforafricanjustice.org)). For more information, please access: [www.centreforafricanjustice.org](http://www.centreforafricanjustice.org).



2020

# MAGAZINES

Throughout the year of 2020, the Women Empowerment team published two magazines that highlight stories of African women in different sectors of development. The magazines were also used as a tool for sharing the team's project results and show success stories of women who are making great impacts in their various careers. In addition, the magazines highlight the rights and discrimination of women in different sectors and roles in order to motivate other women and young girls to achieve their goals.





MAGAZINE

# ISSUE 1

The first magazine published by the Women Empowerment team was published in January 2020, and features articles, blog posts, quotes and illustrations. It also shares real situations on the issues of female genital mutilation, empowering rural women in Nigeria, and sexual abuse.

More specifically, this magazine:

- Informs about Female Genital Mutilation and shows how the cries of women are shaking the world.
- Exemplifies the case of the village in Kenya where women found their voice and men are banned.
- Explains how capacity building can be used as a tool for empowering rural women in Nigeria
- Discusses about sexual abuse and shows cases of the situation in Nigeria

To read the full content of the magazine, please visit:

[http://centreforafricanjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Women-Empowerment-Magazine-Issue-1-final\\_compressed.pdf](http://centreforafricanjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Women-Empowerment-Magazine-Issue-1-final_compressed.pdf)



# ISSUE 2

The second magazine of the Women Empowerment team was published in May 2020. It highlights historical figures that represent the power of African women, and shares empowered women's stories through interviews.

More specifically, this magazine:

- Shows African women who have made history:
  - Yaa Asantewaa - Queen Mother of the Edweso tribe in Ghana (1840-1921)
  - Funmilayo Ransome - Kuti Social Activist in Nigeria (1900-1978)
  - Nzinga Mbandi - Queen of Ndongo and Matamba in Angola (1583-1663)
  - Wangari Maathai- Environmental activist in Kenya (1940-2011)
  - Huda Sharawi- Feminist and Nationalist in Egypt (1879 – 1947)
  - Rose Lokissim -Soldier in Chad (1953-1986)
- Transcripts the interviews with successful empowered women:
  - Nenita La Rose-Pont
  - Ebere Akadiri
  - Mekka Abdelgebar
  - Aya Chebbi

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REPORT FROM THE

# SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM

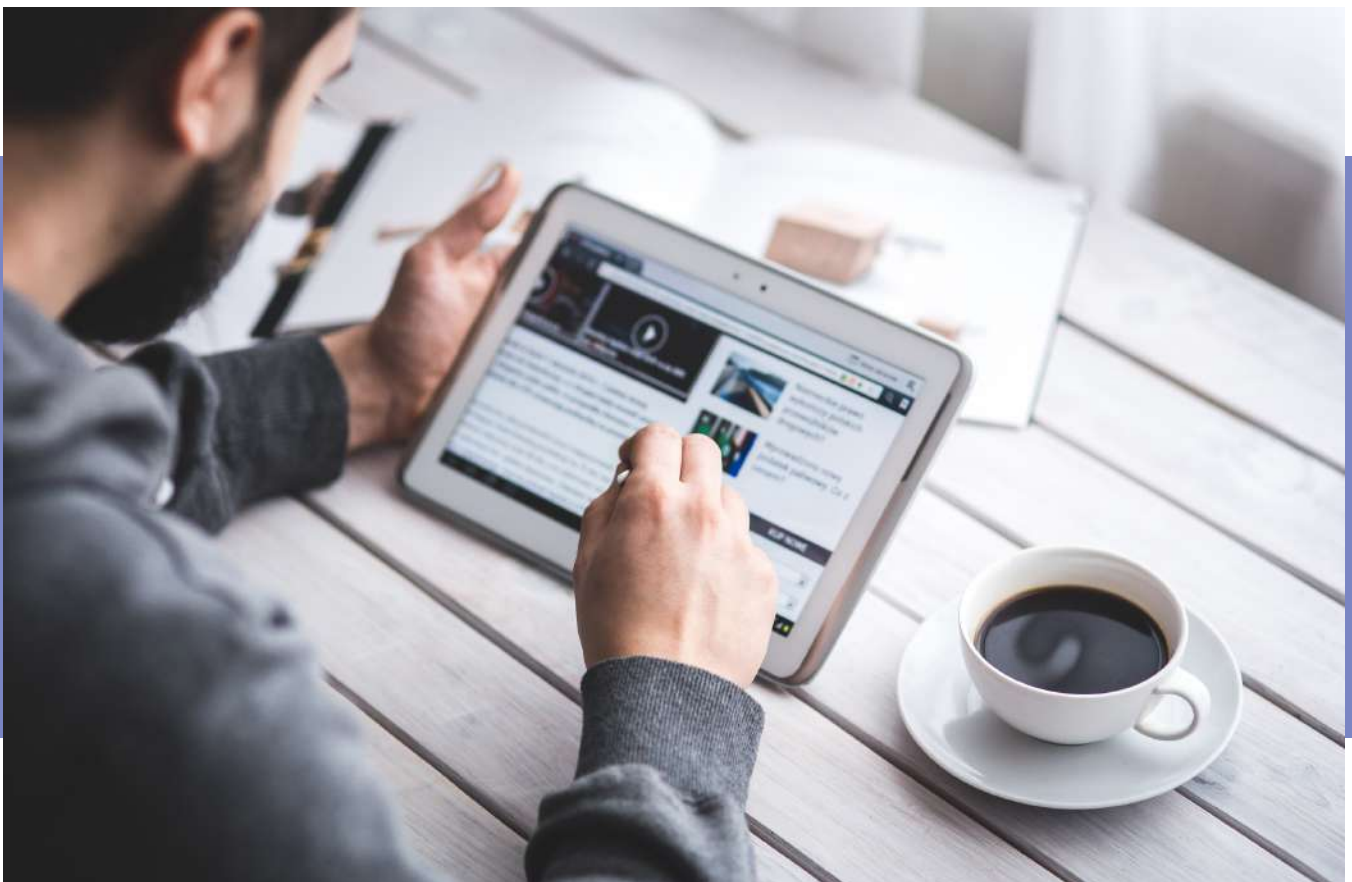




# OVERVIEW: SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM

The Social Media Team is responsible for publishing, communicating, and showcasing the work of the other four teams. The objective is to help the CAJPHR's work to reach out to partners, collaborators, beneficiaries, and all other stakeholders.

For that, the Social Media team recommends articles, create campaigns, conduct fundraising initiatives, record informative videos and research relevant affairs. The team is also responsible for the engagement on our social media platforms as well as coming up with new initiatives to highlight all the CAJPHR's work.





THE TEAM'S

# WORK IN 2020

In 2020, the Social Media team supported all online campaigns of Centre for African Justice, Peace and Human Rights. The team coordinated the Organisation's website and social media platforms and continuously kept close contact to stakeholders.

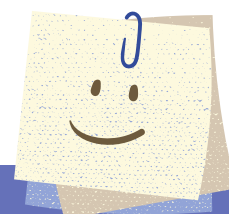
One of the main goals of CAJPHR is creating awareness on Sexual Violence Against The Male Gender, Women Empowerment, Right to Quality Education, and Legal Capacity Building, and due to the difficulties imposed by Covid-19 in 2020, online campaigns were the main source for achieving this goal. Thus, the Social Media team became an active and important part of the Organisation by keeping the world informed of CAJPHR's work, and bringing good quality of content to the viewers.

THE TEAM'S

# WORK IN 2020

The Social Media team designed and published all the magazines, and publications of CAJPHR, and it contributed with the work of all the teams by designing plans, creating videos, facilitating communications, and creating promotions. Overall, the Social Media team was an active part to the betterment of the Organisation's image which led to the achievement of great improvements in our interaction to our beneficiaries.

Due to the efforts of the Social Media team in 2020, CAJPHR's published 50% more content than the content produced from 2017 to 2019. In this case, quantity came followed by quality. Even with a greater volume of content, CAJPHR's publications received in 2020 double of interaction in comparison to the previous year. Moreover, the Organisation's platforms reached a nearly 100% growth in number of followers.





CAJPHR'S INDEPENDENT RESEARCH GROUP

# SARS PROJECT



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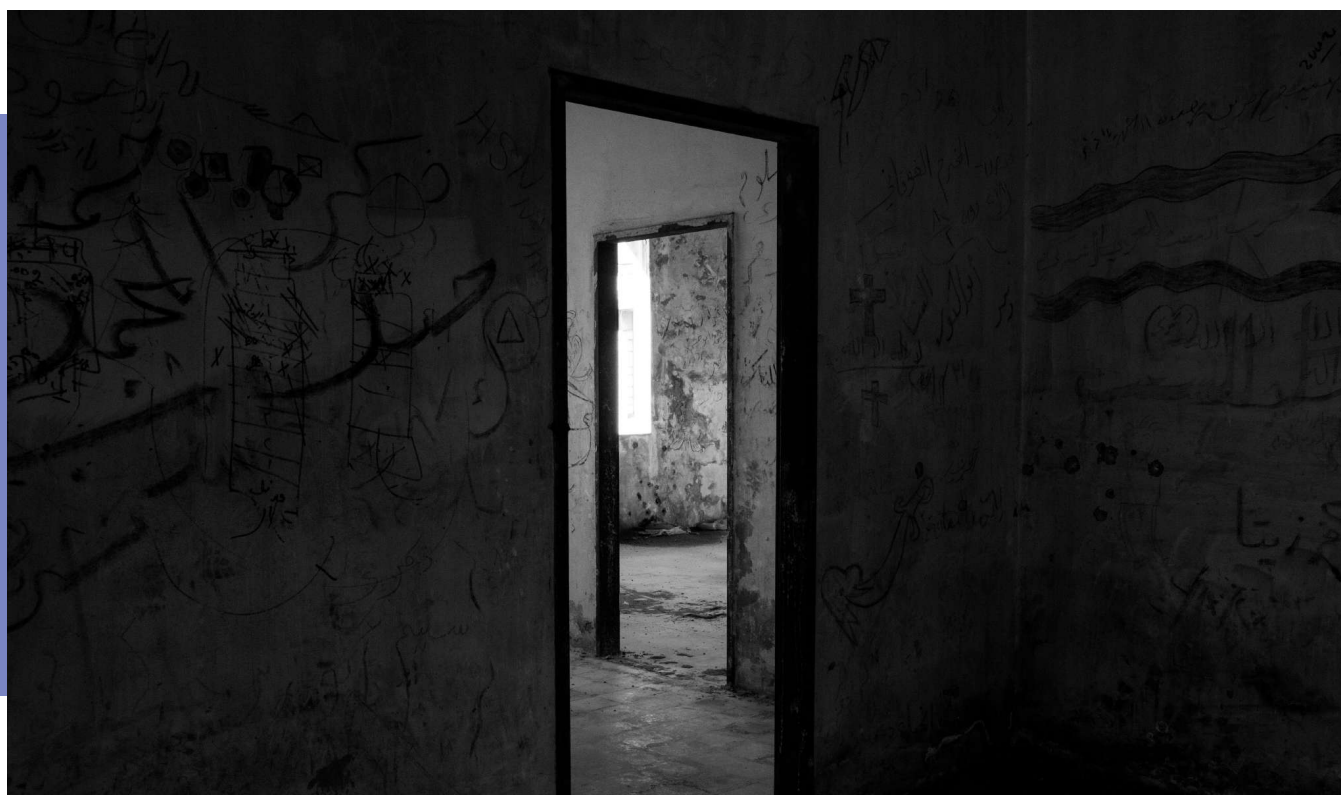
## BACKGROUND

The Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) is a Nigerian independent Police Force unit created in late 1992 to deal with crimes associated with robbery, motor vehicle theft, kidnapping, cattle rustling, and firearms. However, reports of human rights violations committed by SARS have continued to mount, despite repeated promises of reform and promises of accountability by the Nigerian government.

The latest nationwide deadly protests in Nigeria against SARS human rights violations and corruption, gave impetus to the rise of this independent project under CAJPHR's scope, in order to provide knowledge and attract the global community attention to the crimes that were committed.

The CAJPHR's SARS research group was formed in October 2020, and since then it has been covering the human rights violations that result from Nigerian police brutality. This research group has been looking into the acts committed by the SARS police unit, as well as stories of general police brutality (non-SARS). The research is split into 3 parts:

1. International law
2. Testimonies of violations
3. Domestic law



# SARS PROJECT

The SARS research group intends to compile and incorporate the stories in a book that will also feature contributions from academics. The book will serve as a learning and capacity-building tool, and will be distributed to libraries, universities, and NGOs, and serve to aid in police training, and policymakers. The book will be a sensitization and capacity-building tool for the police, politicians, and citizens, including victims of the police brutality.

Created in the last quarter of 2020, the SARS group was able to start its research on the Effects of Police Brutality on Human Rights, and look into about 200 testimonies concerning police brutality. Using the testimonies found, the group sorted them according to non-academic and academic sources and drafted reports of the findings.

The SARS project will be completed, once the group concludes its research, and publishes the book to fight against impunity. The book will serve as a tool to awareness of the situation.

For more information about the SARS research group, please visit: [centreforafricanjustice.org](http://centreforafricanjustice.org)





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