

HUMAN RIGHTS ASSESSMENT

OF

COVID-19 REGULATIONS 2020

ENFORCEMENT IN NIGERIA

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ACRONYMS

COVID 19	Coronavirus Disease 2019
FCT	Federal Capital Territory
JTF	Joint Task Force
LEAs	Law Enforcement Agencies
LEOs	Law Enforcement Officers
NPF	Nigeria Police Force
NHRC	National Human Rights Commission
NSCDC	Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps
SGBV	Sexual and Gender Based Violence
SARS	Special Anti-Robbery Squad
WHO	World Health Organization

FOREWARD

President Muhammadu Buhari GCFR on 30th March 2020, issued and signed the COVID-19 Regulations 2020, which declared COVID-19 a dangerous infectious disease. This is in the exercise of the powers conferred on him by Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Quarantine Act.¹ as well as other powers enabling him on that behalf. This is in a bid to curtail the spread of corona virus and mitigate its impact.

Consequently, the President in the Regulations directed the restriction/cessation of movement in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Lagos and Ogun States by all persons in Nigeria for an initial period of 14 days with effect from 11 p.m on Monday 30th March 2020. Similarly, various governments of respective States of the Federation adopted lockdown measures.

As a consequence of the foregoing, the Commission monitored the activities of Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) across the country in the course of enforcement of COVID-19 Regulation 2020. The NHRC carried out this exercise pursuant to the Mandate of NHRC which obligates the Commission in Sections 5 and 6 of NHRC Act 2010 respectively to deal with all matters relating to the promotion and protection of human rights of everyone in Nigeria. Section 5(b) specifically mandates the Commission to monitor, collate and verify information on violations of human rights and other incidents related thereto.

This assessment therefore contains documented and monitored Complaints in the course of enforcement of the lockdown measures by State Actors as well as human rights abuse by non state actors within the period. . It reflects complaints from State Coordinators, civil society organizations and members of the public collated during the enforcement period.

It covers various phases of the lockdown.

Phase One covers the initial 14 days period of the lockdown commencing from 30th March to 13th April 2020. Phase Two covers the 14 days extended period of 13th April to 27th April and the further one week extension from 27th April to 4th May, 2020. Whereas a total number of 104 reports/alleged infringement were documented within Phase One, the number of cases within the subsequent extended periods of Phase Two were 97 complaints. In both phases, 201 complaints were received touching on a wide range of thematic areas as the assessment shows.

This assessment also documents the follow up to monitoring of implementation of the COVID-19 Regulation from 5th May to 21st May 2020 during which an additional 23 alleged infringement were recorded. In consequence, this assessment contains a total of Two Hundred and Twenty

¹CAP Q2 LFN 2004.

Four (224) alleged Human Rights infractions recorded in connection with enforcement of the COVID 19 Regulation 2020.

During enforcement of Phase I, Phase II and the subsequent follow up monitoring exercise, 18, 11 and 2 killings were reported respectively. Accordingly a total of 31 incidents of Extra Judicial Killings were therefore recorded within these periods.

The foregoing therefore reinforces the concerns of NHRC about excessive or disproportionate use of force, arms and ammunitions by security operatives. The assessment is disaggregated according to gender and covers other thematic areas such as Right to Dignity of the Human Person and Freedom from Torture, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment , Unlawful Arrest and Detention , Extortion , Forceful Seizure or Confiscation of Property , Sexual and Gender Based Violence, Domestic Violence among others.

Particulars of individuals are deliberately omitted in this assessment in line with confidentiality principle. Names of indicted security personnel however have been submitted to relevant Security Agencies to facilitate accountability pursuant to the essence of this assessment which is primarily to hold violators accountable and ensure that Accountability Mechanisms put in place by various Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) are activated.

The Commission notes that it is not government policy to encourage human rights violations. Accordingly, President Muhammadu Buhari GCFR, in his broadcast of 27th April 2020, extending the lockdown, specifically admonished security operatives on the need to respect human rights in the following words:

‘...As we focus on protecting lives and properties, we will not tolerate any human rights abuses by our security agencies. The few reported incidences are regrettable, and I want to assure you that the culprits will be brought to justice...’

Also, the Inspector General of Police and the Army High Command in separate media releases urged their personnel to comply with human rights standards in the course of their operations.

This human rights situation assessment therefore seeks to complement these directives and promote accountability for human rights infringement. It reinforces the duty of government to respect, protect and fulfill human rights pursuant to Nigeria’s human rights obligations at international and municipal law.

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

CONCEPT NOTE ON THE PROJECT

The Commission is mandated to protect human rights, monitor, investigate, document and report human rights violations and enforce human rights protection of all residents of Nigeria under the NHRC Amendment Act 2010. In carrying out its mandate, the Commission collaborate with both local and international organizations like Switzerland Embassy in Nigeria, OSIWA, DFID and Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Foundation (Foundation). Accordingly, the five organizations have come together to develop or adapt existing monitoring APP developed by the Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Foundation for the purpose of monitoring likely violations during the implementation of the Covid-19 Regulations of the Government of Nigeria.

1.0 JUSTIFICATION

The law enforcement personnel have tendency to display impunity in the discharge of their law enforcement duties thereby violating the rights of Citizens. The track records of Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) of the Nigerian Police force and military officers in contact with civilians in the polity speaks volumes to confirm this state of impunity by law enforcement personnel. Considering the abridgement of rights under the state of emergency provisions under Section 45 of the 1999 Constitution as amended and the Quarantine Act of 1926, which can or have been invoked by the government to activate the COVID-19 Regulations 2020, it is inevitable for human rights defenders in Nigeria of which the Commission leads, to put in place a monitoring, reporting, documentation and follow up/response system in order to establish accountability for any violations during the enforcement of Covid-19 regulations and thereafter. You will recall that Article 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) stipulated that despite the application of emergency situations under any Constitution or legislation, like Quarantine Act of 1926, the right to life, freedom from torture and slavery cannot be abridged. The monitoring of violations during implementation of Covid-19 regulations will therefore center on acts of security agents who perpetuate torture, inhuman and degrading treatment on persons and Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) which weigh heavily on inhuman and degrading treatment, physical, psychological or mental Torture and bodily harm. All these are not permitted under the Anti-Torture Act 2017.

2.0 OBJECTIVES

- i) To develop an App and put in place other sustainable infrastructure for the monitoring of Covid-19 regulations and other national programs in Nigeria;
- ii) To document, report and investigate human rights violations in Nigeria during Covid-19 Regulations implementation and thereafter;
- iii) To bring the individuals and agencies behind any human rights violation during Covid-19 Regulations implementation to account;
- iv) To produce one documentary/report on HRVs by LEAs during Covid-19 Regulations implementation;
- v) To produce another documentary/report of SGBV during Covid-19 Regulations implementation;
- vi) To advocate and raise awareness against impunity of law enforcement agents in Nigeria during Covid-19 and thereafter;
- vii) Build the capacity of NHRC staff to monitor, document, report, investigate and analyze complex cases of HRV involving LEAs and SGBV;
- viii) Build capacity of CSO's to partner with the Commission in monitoring HRVs and cases of SGBV in Nigeria.

3.0 METHODOLOGY

- i The five partnering organizations will hold virtual meeting to discuss modalities for developing a new App or adapting the existing App by the Yar'Adua Foundation. The Foundation will adapt their existing App to meet with the objectives outlined by the NHRC for collaboration and analysis of data on human rights violations including SGBV arising from Covid-19 Regulations implementation;
- ii Android or IPhone telephones will be used to monitor, report, and investigate violations and laptop will be used for the collaboration, documentation and analysis of data;
- iii The App will be used to have real time capture, report and documentation of human rights violations. The App will have the capacity to record pictures of events, with indication of location, time and nature of violations, while the reporter should be able to input other information like the name of alleged violator(s) and victim(s) and other real time information that can be further verified by the responders.
- iv The App will have the capacity to collaborate, analyze and generate result and data for the reports and the dash-board information for the public;
- v Virtual briefing will be given to NHRC staff who will be responders/verifiers. The responders will be selected from amongst the

- state coordinators plus one other staff at the state office and Abuja Metropolitan Office, Karu, Monitoring Department, Investigation Departments and Executive Secretary (ES) Office at the head office Abuja. They will be assigned password to use the App and be assigned reported violations for verification and further escalation if need be;
- vi Capacity of responders and LEAs will be built on verification either through contact in the locality or electronic means or telephone call or e-mails and letters. Capacity of staff responders and CSOs will be built to monitor, document report, investigate and analyze complex cases of HRV involving LEAs and SGBV;
 - vii The App will be accessed via URL and URL there will be a dashboard accessible to members of the public and a back end accessible to the Commission namely the ES and relevant officers i.e. the responders and any other personnel as the Commission may wish;
 - viii There will be two documentaries, one on HRV by law enforcement agencies and one on SGBV during the period of Covid-19 Regulations implementation;
 - ix There will be a weekly update on the dashboard of verified violations and if possible, those responded to and those pending response and from which organization.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY AND LEVERAGE ON PROJECT TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY OF NHRC

The Commission's primary mandate is the monitoring and investigation of human rights violations. This includes the publication of annual state of human rights report for the country. This App is therefore key to efficiency and effectiveness in the discharge of the mandate of the Commission. After the Covid-19 exercise, the Commission will continue to discharge its mandate for monitoring, reporting and documenting HRVs. Infrastructure provided under the project will continue to be used by the Commission to scale up its efficiency and effectiveness in the performance of its functions to monitor and investigate HRVs.

Of course the reports and documentaries arising from this project and subsequent reports with the acquired infrastructure will provide sustained advocacy, materials to push for accountability for human rights violations in Nigeria. Accountability for HRVs is a major gap in our human rights protection and enforcement in Nigeria. Hence, this project if implemented has the propensity to change the narrative on accountability for human rights violations in Nigeria.

5.0 AVAILABLE INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT PROJECT

The Commission has offices in the 36 state and the Federal Capital Territory Abuja. It has a head office in Abuja as well as two outstation office, one known as Abuja Metropolitan Office in Karu and the Human Rights Institute at

Katampe Hill Abuja. This is outside the Head office in Maitama. So there are adequate numbers of human resources to manage the back end of the App.

The available equipment are individual/personal telephone handsets and numbers of the staff respondents operating the back end of the dashboard.

Whereas the 12 new state offices do not yet have a basic infrastructure like laptops and network printer and photocopiers, some of the infrastructure in 10 additional states have broken down having been in use for more than 10 years (2009 – 2020) since they were acquired without replacement. We shall be looking at the infrastructure required for a quick roll out of the project.

The Commission has confirmed from its dedicated suppliers that if the procurement processes are concluded, they can meet the demand of the Commission at very short notice. The Commission would however be happy if the partners in this project procure and deliver to the Commission all the procurement items and services necessary for the take off and sustenance of this project.

The Commission has an existing call center. This can only be integrated to this project if the additional lines and phones are procured under the project, however, since private staff telephone numbers and handsets will be deployed for this project, the possibility of integrating the telephone numbers into the existing call center will not be feasible.

6.0 INFRASTRUCTURAL GAP REQUIRED TO SUPPORT NHRS IN THE PROJECT.

Some of the infrastructural gap required to be filled by the project include:

- i) 88 Nos. Monthly subscription for 12 Responders and 76 other NHRC Staff (i.e. 2 each in 36 State +2 each in Abuja Metropolitan Office (AMO) and Human Rights Institute (HRI) for the use of the App;
- ii) 12 Nos. laptop for responders and verifiers;
- iii) 6 Nos. network colored printers;
- iv) 3 Nos. photocopying machines.

7.0 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following outcomes/deliverables are expected from the project:

- i) Weekly updates on violations reported/documented and followed up;
- ii) Documentary/report on HRV cases recorded;
- iii) Documentary/report on SGBV cases recorded;
- iv) Infrastructure for sustainable monitoring and reporting of HRVs put in place;

- v) Increased Advocacy tools on accountability for human rights violations by LEAs and on SGBV.
- vi) Improved capacity of staff and CSOs for sustained reporting and monitoring of HRV cases.

CHAPTER TWO

PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF PHASE 1 OF THE PROJECT

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As a response to the Covid 19 Pandemic, the federal and state governments in Nigeria have put in place several measures including covid-19 Regulations 2020 and other Directives to cope with the pandemic. The Regulations and Directives also empowered the security agencies to ensure compliance and enforcement of the stay-at-home order following the lockdown. Given its mandate for the promotion and protection of human rights, the National Human Rights Commission on 30th March, issued Advisory to security agencies to respect human rights in the enforcement of Covid-19 Regulations. This was followed by a Directive to staff of the Commission, CSOs and members of the Public on 31st March to document and report to the commission, any security agents violating human rights in their law enforcement duties while enforcing covid-19 regulations. Hotlines were also circulated by the Commission to put this into effect. Security agencies were reminded to carry out the enforcement exercise in line with national human rights laws as well as international best practices to ensure that the rights of Nigerians are not unduly violated in the course of carrying out their law enforcement mandate.

The Commission is happy to report that many members of the public actually placed calls and sent videos in response to the call to join hands with the Commission to monitor human rights violations during the covid-19 lockdown period. This report therefore documents the various incidents of human rights violations allegedly perpetrated by security agencies and Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) by other actors during the initial lockdown period commencing from 30th March, 2020 to 13th April, 2020. It also documents the various thematic areas in which the violations occurred, the nature of the violations, the disaggregated data on states where violations were reported, the agencies of Government responsible for the violations as well as the response/action taken to remedy the violations.

2.0 The report shows that a total of 105 complaints were monitored/received from twenty-four States (24) out of the 36 States of the federation including the FCT, namely: Abia, Adamawa; Akwa Ibom; Bayelsa, Benue; Cross Rivers; FCT, Ebonyi State; Edo; Enugu State; Ekiti State; Delta State; Gombe State; Imo State; Kaduna; Katsina; Kogi; Kwara State; Lagos; Nasarawa; Niger State; Ogun; Osun; Plateau and Rivers States.

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- 2.1 Out of 105 complaints/incidents of human rights violation received and documented within the initial lock down period, Lagos State has the highest recorded cases with 28 incidents. This is followed by the FCT, Abuja which has 10 recorded cases.
- 2.2 Enugu State recorded 9 incidents followed by Abia, Delta and Nasarawa States which recorded 7, 6 and 5 incidents respectively. Rivers State also recorded 5 incidents of human rights violation while Imo recorded 4 incidents.
- 2.3 Ekiti, Akwa Ibom, Gombe, Kaduna and Ebonyi States recorded 3 incidents each; while Kwara, Osun, Benue and Niger States recorded 2 incidents each. Edo, Adamawa, Ogun, Cross River, Kogi, Bayelsa, Katsina and Plateau States recorded 1 incident each.

3.0 THEMATIC AREAS/TYPES OF VIOLATIONS

- 3.1 The report shows that complaints of human rights violations were received and documented in the following thematic areas: extra-judicial killings, violation of right to freedom of movement, unlawful arrest and detention, seizure/confiscation of properties, sexual and gender based violence (SGBV), discrimination, torture, inhumane and degrading treatment and extortion.
- 3.2 There were 8 documented incidents of extra-judicial killing leading to 18 deaths. Out of this number, 12 deaths were recorded in Kaduna State. Abia State also recorded 2 deaths arising from 2 incidents; while Delta, Niger, Ebonyi and Katsina States recorded 1 death each. Whereas covid-19 has led to the death of about 11 patients to date (14/4/20), law enforcement agents have extrajudicially executed 18 persons to enforce the regulations. This speaks volumes of the protocols and rules of engagement for our law enforcement as well the efficiency level and capacity of law enforcement agents to deal with civil population. It's a sheer display of impunity and reckless disregard for human life in law enforcement by security personnel.
- 3.3 The report further shows that out of the 18 deaths, the Nigeria Correctional Service was responsible for 8 deaths while the Nigeria Police Force was responsible for 7 deaths. The Nigeria Army on the other hand was responsible for 2 deaths while the Ebonyi State Task Force on Covid-19, Afikpo South LGA was responsible for 1 death.
- 3.4 Other types of violations recorded within the period include 33 incidents of torture, inhumane and degrading treatment, 27 incidents of violation of right to freedom of movement, unlawful arrest and detention, 19 incidents of seizure/confiscation of properties, 13 incidents of extortion, 4 incidents of SGBV, and 1 incident of discrimination in the distribution of food items.

- 3.5 The report finds that the Nigeria Police Force accounted for about 90% of the total cases of violations followed by the Nigeria Army and Nigeria Correctional Service and other non-state actors. The report also finds that 31 incidents of violations representing about 29% of the complaints have been resolved by different security agencies.
- 3.6 The report further finds that the various human rights violations recorded during the period arose as a result of excessive or disproportionate use of force, abuse of power, corruption and none adherence to international and national human rights laws and best practices by law enforcement agents.

4.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission in collaboration with Open society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA), The UK Department of Foreign Investment and Development (DFID), The Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Foundation and the Switzerland Embassy have developed an App for the electronic monitoring, documentation and reporting of human rights violations including SGBV. Accordingly, the Commission will be updating Nigerians with the state of human rights violations and SGBV during covid-19 pandemic on weekly basis throughout the period of the lockdown.

CHAPTER THREE

PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THE PHASE II OF THE PROJECT

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In a Press Statement on 13th April 2020, the Federal Government extended the Lockdown period for 14 more days effective 13th – 27th April 2020. The lockdown period was further extended from 27th April to 4th May, 2020. This report therefore documents the various incidents of human rights violation allegedly perpetrated by security agencies and other actors during the extended lockdown period commencing from 13th April to 4th May, 2020.

The report also documents the various thematic areas in which the violations occurred, the nature of the violations, the disaggregated data on state reported violations, the agencies of Government responsible for the violations as well as the response/action taken to remedy the violations.

1.2 INCIDENTS OF VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

- 1.3 The report shows that a total of 104 complaints were monitored/received from twenty-seven States (27) out of the 36 States of the federation including the FCT, namely: Abia, Adamawa; Akwa Ibom; Kano; Jigawa; Cross Rivers; Ebonyi; Edo; Enugu; Ekiti; Delta; Imo; Lagos; Nasarawa; Niger; Ogun; Osun; Borno; Bayelsa; Kogi; Benue; Anambra; Kaduna; Gombe; Zamfara and Rivers States.
- 1.4 It further shows a reduction in the total number of complaints on human rights violations received/documented by the Commission from 105 (as contained in the first report released by the Commission on 14th April, 2020) for a period of 2 weeks (i.e from 30th March - 13th April, 2020) to 104 complaints for a period of three (3) weeks (i.e from 13th April – 4th May, 2020). This shows an improvement of the state of human rights in the enforcement of Covid 19 Regulations by law enforcement officers, Task Forces on Covid 19 and other non-state actors. This improvement is attributed to the level of awareness created by the Commission following the release of its initial report of

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14/4/2020 as well as efforts to ensure accountability and adherence to the rules of engagement on the part of Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs).

- 1.5 Out of 104 complaints/incidents of human rights violations received and documented within the period, 49 complaints were received/documentated within the first week of the extended lockdown period (i.e. from 13th – 20th April, 2020); while 33 complaints were received during the 2nd week (i.e. from 20th – 27th April, 2020). During the 3rd week (i.e from 27th April – 4th May, 2020), only 23 complaints/incidents were received/documentated by the Commission. This shows weekly reduction in complaints received.
- 1.6 The report also shows that Enugu State has the highest recorded cases with 13 incidents unlike Lagos State that had the highest cases with 28 incidents in the earlier Report released on 14/4/2020 by the Commission. This is followed by Imo State which had 12 incidents. Akwa Ibom and Nasarawa States recorded 10 incidents each, while Delta and Abia States recorded 9 and 7 incidents respectively.
- 1.7 Lagos State recorded 5 cases, while FCT Abuja and Benue States recorded 4 cases each. This is followed by Niger, Zamfara, Osun and Rivers States with 3 incidents each. Other states such as Anambra, Jigawa, Bayelsa and Edo States recorded 2 incidents each; while Ogun, Kogi, Borno, Gombe, Kaduna, Adamawa, Ebonyi, Kano, Cross River and Ekiti States recorded 1 incident each.

2.0 THEMATIC AREAS/TYPES OF VIOLATIONS

- 2.1 The complaints of human rights violations were received and documented in the following thematic areas: extra-judicial killings, violation of right to freedom of movement, unlawful arrest and detention, seizure/confiscation of properties, sexual and gender based violence (SGBV), torture, inhumane and degrading treatment and extortion.
- 2.2 There were 11 documented incidents of extra-judicial killing leading to 11 deaths. Out of this number, 4 deaths were recorded in Abia State alone. Delta State recorded 2 deaths, while Niger, Jigawa, Lagos, Anambra and Rivers States recorded 1 death each.
- 2.3 The report further shows that out of the 11 deaths, the Nigeria Police Force was responsible for 7 deaths, while the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Nonstate Actors and the Abia State Task Force on Covid – 19 were responsible for 1 death each. Investigation was still on-going as at the time of the report to unravel the perpetrator of the extra-judicial killing that occurred in Jigawa State.

- 2.4 Other types of violation recorded within the period include 34 incidents of torture, inhumane and degrading treatment, 14 incidents of violation of right to freedom of movement, unlawful arrest and detention, 11 incidents of seizure/confiscation of properties, 19 incidents of extortion and 15 incidents of SGBV.
- 2.5 The report finds that the Nigeria Police Force accounted for 59.6% of the total cases of violations followed by Non-State Actors (i.e. mostly private individuals in SGBV related cases) which accounted for 18.3% of the total cases. The various Task Forces on enforcement of Covid-19 Regulations across the states accounted for 10.5% of the total cases; while the Nigeria Army and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) accounted for 7.7% and 1.9% respectively. The Department of State Services (DSS) also accounted for 1% of the total cases, while a perpetrator representing the other 1% was yet to be determined as at the time of this report.
- 2.6 The report also finds that 18 incidents of violations representing about 17.3% of the complaints have been resolved by different security agencies and the Commission.
- 2.6 The various human rights violations recorded during the period arose as a result of excessive or disproportionate use of force, abuse of power, corruption and non-adherence to international and national human rights laws and best practices by law enforcement agents.

3.0 CONCLUSION

The report shows some improvement and restraint in enforcement of the lockdown on the part of law enforcement officials following the public outrage and condemnation by all levels of authorities in the government, Judiciary, the Legislature and the Executive as well as civil society.

- 3.1. Accordingly, a protocol has been established between the Presidential Task Force on Covid-19 and the Commission to ensure accountability for the violations in line with the statement of the President that all alleged human rights violations will be investigated and accountability brought to bear for them. To date, all the alleged violations have been communicated to the oversight Ministries of the law enforcement agencies for full investigation and accountability. These are namely, Ministries of, Police Affairs, Defence and Interior. The accountability steps taken by each of the law enforcement agencies should be communicated to the Commission within one month of the release of this report, and subsequently on monthly basis. The Commission will henceforth give monthly update on the reports from the various Law Enforcement agencies, of accountability steps taken, as well report where no action is taken.

- 3.2. It is hoped that each of the security agencies will in the very near future identify, make public and communicate same to the Commission, the name of very senior Desk officer who will be in a position to offer quick response on behalf of each agency and facilitate early resolution of complaints escalated to such agency.
- 3.3. The Commission commends all law enforcement officers who have shown restraint and professionalism in the face of provocation by members of the public during the lockdown. The report of human rights violations for the period of 13th April to 4th May, 2020 show some restraint and regards for the human rights of citizens by law enforcement agents (the DPO being harassed by the woman in the viral video is highly commended for his professionalism). This is the standard expected of all officers. However, the woman should have been arrested gently and made to face the law and not allowed to dramatize this for over 30 minutes. Citizens are to understand that they have a responsibility to be law abiding and assist law enforcement agents by obeying the law. However, as professionals, where citizens are unruly to security agents in the course of law enforcement, officers should not be helpless, the rules of engagement do not envisage or permit use of torture or inhuman and degrading treatment on the part of professional law enforcement officials. No matter the provocation, the Anti Torture Act of 2017 states that there is no excuse to use torture. Any citizen who is unruly to a law enforcement agent while enforcing the law, should be arrested professionally without torture, inhuman or degrading treatment, and prosecuted, not extorted or tortured. That is what the law says and law enforcement officials must be seen to be obeying the law themselves and not get provoked, resort to self-help, impunity and disregard for human rights.

CHAPTER FOUR

GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS DURING COVID19 REGULATIONS 2020 ENFORCEMENT IN NIGERIA

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Following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Governments across the globe embarked on measures to safeguard the lives and health of their citizens. Some of the measures adopted were to lockdown areas or states with prevalence of COVID-19 transmissions, shut down borders, close down schools, cancel or postpone sporting activities and travels, etc. to avoid community or social spread of the virus.

In Nigeria, Federal and State Governments took proactive steps by declaring the COVID-19 virus an infectious disease and issued COVID-19 Regulations 2020 and directives respectively in line with the Quarantine and Public Health Act and Laws in order to safeguard lives and public health. By the Regulations, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR imposed a mandatory lockdown of FCT, Lagos and Ogun States and directed everyone to stay at home for an initial period of 14 days to enable the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) to trace, contact, test, isolate and treat persons who may have been exposed to or contracted the virus. These measures were also replicated by some State Governors in their respective states.

This assessment documents the various incidents of human rights violation allegedly perpetrated by security agencies and other actors during the lockdown period commencing from 30th March, 2020 to 4th May, 2020 and a follow up monitoring of implementation of the COVID-19 Regulation from 5th May to 21st May 2020.

It also documents the various thematic areas in which human rights infringement occurred, the nature of the violations, the disaggregated data on state reported the violation, the state and non state actors responsible for the infringement as well as the response/action taken to remedy the violations.

The situation assessment shows that a total of 224 complaints were received from twenty eight States (28) out of the 36 States of the Federation including the FCT, Lagos, Enugu, Imo, Delta, Nasarawa,, Abia, Akwa Ibom, Rivers, Benue, Osun, Niger, Ekiti, Gombe, Kaduna, Ebonyi, Edo, Bayelsa, Zamfara, Kwara, Anambra, Adamawa, Ogun, Cross River, Kogi, Jigawa, Katsina, Plateau, Kano and Borno.

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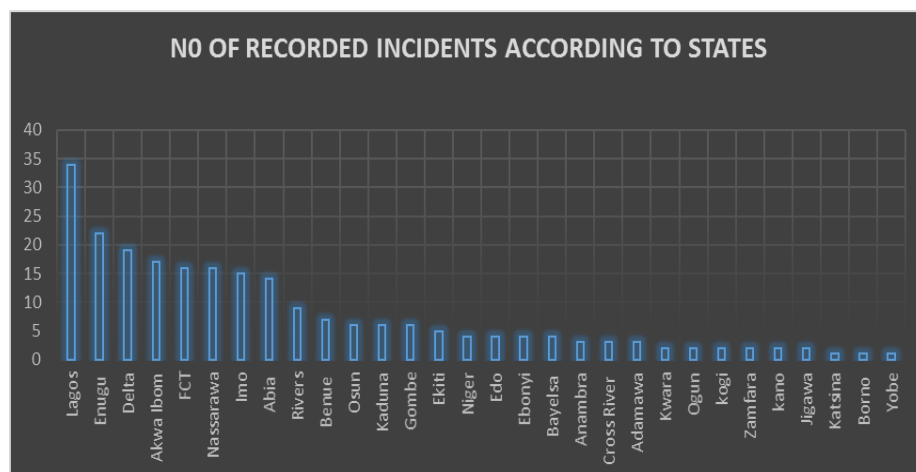
Out of 224 complaints/incidents of human rights violation received and documented within the period, 104 complaints were received/documented within the first 2 weeks of the lockdown (from 30th March 2020 -13th April 2020); 97 complaints were received during the Phase II of the lockdown (from 13th April – 4th May, 2020); while 23 complaints were received during the follow up monitoring phase of the lockdown from 5th May to 21st May 2020.

During the assessment period, out of 224 complaints/incidents of human rights violation received and documented, Lagos State had the highest recorded cases with 34 incidents. This was followed by Enugu which had 22 recorded cases, Delta and Akwa Ibom recorded 17 and 15 cases respectively. FCT and Nassarawa had 16 incidents each while Imo State had 14 incidents. Abia State recorded 14 incidents. Rivers and Benue states recorded 9 and 7 cases respectively. Osun, Gombe and Kaduna states recorded 6 cases each. Ekiti State recorded 5 cases while Ebonyi, Niger and Edo recorded 4 cases each. Anambra, Bayelsa, Cross River and Adamawa States recorded 3 cases each while Kwara, Ogun, Jigawa, Kano and Zamfara recorded 2 cases each. Other states such as Kogi, Borno and Yobe States recorded one incident each.

Table 1 shows Number of documented incidents according to states which occurred during the reporting period

S/N	STATE	NO OF RECORDED INCIDENTS
1	Lagos	34
2	Enugu	22
3	Delta	17
5	Akwa Ibom	15
4	FCT	16
6	Nassarawa	16
7	Imo	14
8	Abia	14
9	Rivers	9
10	Benue	7
11	Osun	6
12	Kaduna	6

13	Gombe	6
14	Ekiti	5
15	Niger	4
16	Edo	4
17	Ebonyi	4
18	Bayelsa	3
19	Anambra	3
20	Cross River	3
21	Adamawa	3
22	Kwara	2
23	Ogun	2
24	Kogi	1
25	Zamfara	2
26	Kano	2
27	Jigawa	2
28	Borno	1
29	Yobe	1
Total		224



CHAPTER FIVE

THEMATIC ANALYSIS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS DURING COVID 19 REGULATION 2020 ENFORCEMENT IN NIGERIA

By

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The complaints of human rights violations were received and documented in the following thematic areas: extra-judicial killings, violation of right to freedom of movement, unlawful arrest and detention, seizure/confiscation of properties, sexual and gender based violence (SGBV), torture, cruel inhumane and degrading treatment, extortion and discrimination.

EXTRA JUDICIAL KILLINGS

There were 31 deaths recorded from 20 documented cases of extra judicial Killings during the reporting period. Out of this number, 12 deaths were recorded in Kaduna arising from 2 incidents, Abia recorded 6 deaths from 6 incidents, Delta recorded 4 deaths, Niger recorded 2 deaths while Jigawa, Lagos, Anambra, Rivers, Ebonyi, Cross River and Katsina States recorded 1 death each.

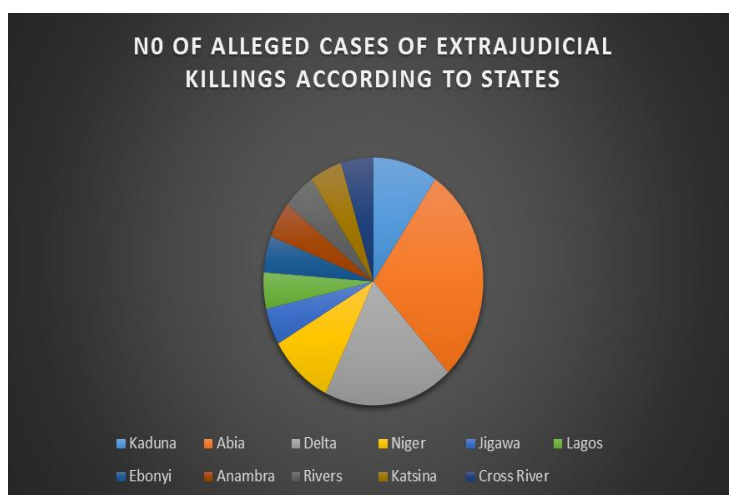
The complaints/reports allege that the Nigeria Police Force is responsible for 15 deaths, Nigerian Correctional Service is responsible for 8 deaths while the Nigerian Army is responsible for 2 deaths. The Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corp (NSCDC), Non State actors, Abia State Task Force on Covid 19, Ebonyi State Task Force on COVID 19 Afikpo South Local Government Area are responsible for 1 death each.

Table 2 shows Cases of Alleged Extra-Judicial killings which occurred during the assessment period

S/N	STATES	NO OF INCIDENTS
1	Kaduna	2
2	Abia	6
3	Delta	4
4	Niger	2
5	Jigawa	1
6	Lagos	1

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7	Ebonyi	1
8	Anambra	1
9	Rivers	1
10	Katsina	1
11	Cross River	1
TOTAL		21

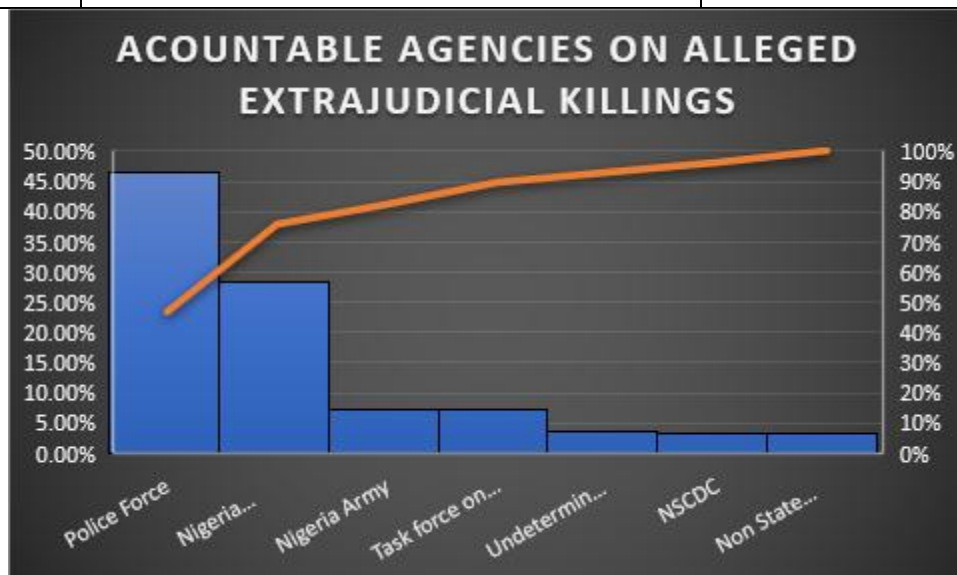


The assessment finds that the Nigeria Police Force accounted for 46.4% of the total number of deaths recorded followed by the Nigeria Correctional Service with 28.5%. The Nigerian Army and the Task Force on enforcement of COVID 19 Regulations across the states accounted for 7.1% each. The NSCDC and Non State Actors accounted for 3.3% each. A perpetrator accounting for 3.5% was yet to be determined as at the time of this report.

Table 3 shows various Agencies involved on Alleged Extra-Judicial killings which occurred during the assessment period

S/N	AGENCIES	PERCENTAGE
1	Nigeria Police Force	46.6%
2	Nigeria Correctional Service	28.5%
3	Nigerian Army	7.1%
4	Task force on COVID 19 enforcement	7.1%
5	NSCDC	3.3%

6	Non State Actors	3.3%
7	Undetermined perpetrator	3.5%



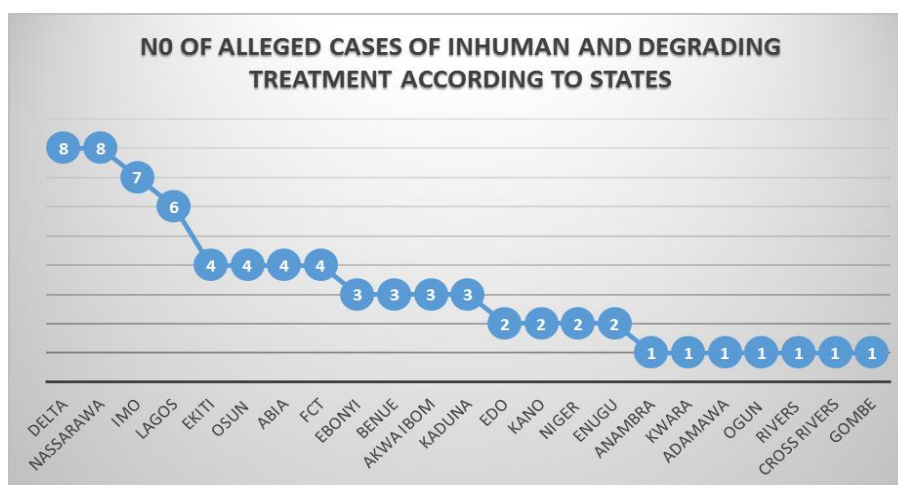
TORTURE, CRUEL INHUMAN AND DEGRADING TREATMENT

This Report show that 23 States recorded 71 incidents of torture, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment within the period. Delta and Nassarawa States recorded the highest number of incidents with 8 cases each followed by Lagos and Imo States which recorded 6 cases while FCT, Ekiti, Abia and Osun recorded 4 cases each. Ebonyi, Akwa Ibom, Benue and Kaduna recorded 3 incidents each. Edo, Kano, Niger and Enugu recorded 2 incidents each while other States such as Anambra, , Kwara, Gombe, Adamawa, Rivers, Ogun and Cross River recorded an incident each.

Table 4 shows Cases of Torture Inhuman and Degrading Treatment which occurred during the assessment period

S/N	STATES	N0 OF VIOLATIONS
1	Delta	8
2	Nassarawa	8
3	Imo	6
4	Lagos	6
5	Ekiti	4

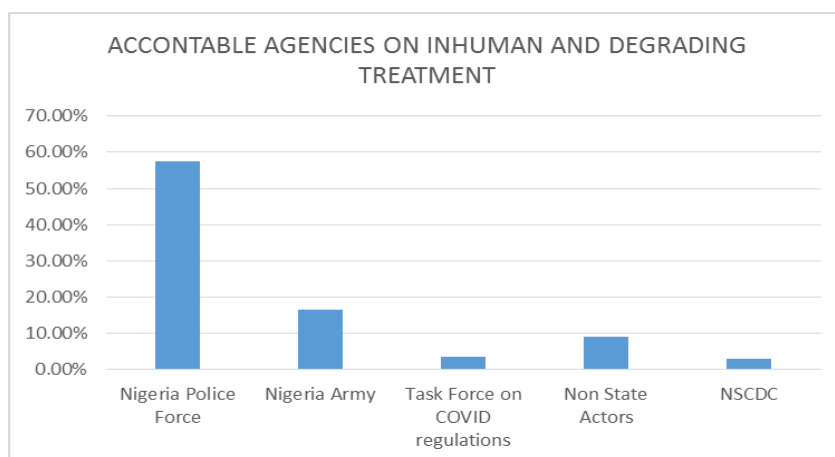
6	Osun	4
7	Abia	4
8	FCT	4
9	Ebonyi	3
10	Benue	3
11	Akwa Ibom	3
12	Kaduna	3
13	Edo	2
14	Kano	2
15	Niger	2
16	Enugu	2
17	Anambra	1
18	Kwara	1
19	Adamawa	1
20	Ogun	1
21	Rivers	1
22	Cross Rivers	1
23	Gombe	1
TOTAL		72



Out of the reported cases, Officers of the Nigeria Police Force accounted for 38 incidents representing 57.6 % of the reported cases. The Nigerian Army is responsible for 11 cases representing 16.6% of the reported cases. The Task Force on enforcement of COVID 19 Regulation of various States accounted for 3.6% with 9 cases. The non-state actors accounted for 6 cases and NSCDC 2 cases which represents 9% and 3 % of the documented cases respectively.

Table 5 shows various Agencies involved on Alleged torture, inhuman and degrading treatment which occurred during the assessment period

S/N	AGENCIES	PERCENTAGE
1	Nigeria Police Force	57.6%
2	Nigeria Army	16.6%
3	Task Force on COVID regulations	3.6%
4	Non State Actors	9%
5	NSCDC	3%



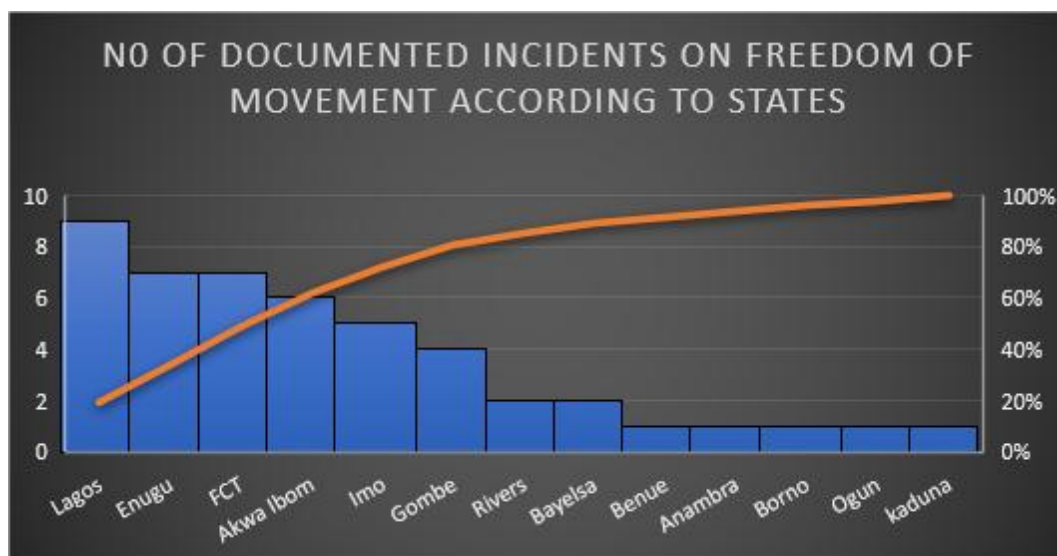
VIOLATION OF RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, UNLAWFUL ARREST AND DETENTION

Within the reporting period, 13 States documented 45 incidents on violation of right to freedom of movement, unlawful arrest and detention. Out of the reported incidents, Lagos State recorded the highest number of cases with 9 incidents. Enugu and FCT recorded 7 incidents each while Akwa Ibom recorded 5 cases. Imo State documented 5 incidents. Gombe State recorded 4 cases while Rivers State documented 2 cases. Other States such as Benue, Kaduna, Anambra, Bayelsa, Borno and Ogun States recorded an incident each under this thematic area.

Table 6 shows Number of documented incidents on violation of freedom of Movement, unlawful Arrest and detention according to states which occurred during the assessment period

S/N	STATES	NO OF INCIDENTS
1	Lagos	9
2	Enugu	7
3	FCT	7
4	Akwa Ibom	5
5	Imo	5
6	Gombe	4
7	Rivers	2
8	Bayelsa	1
9	Benue	1
10	Anambra	1

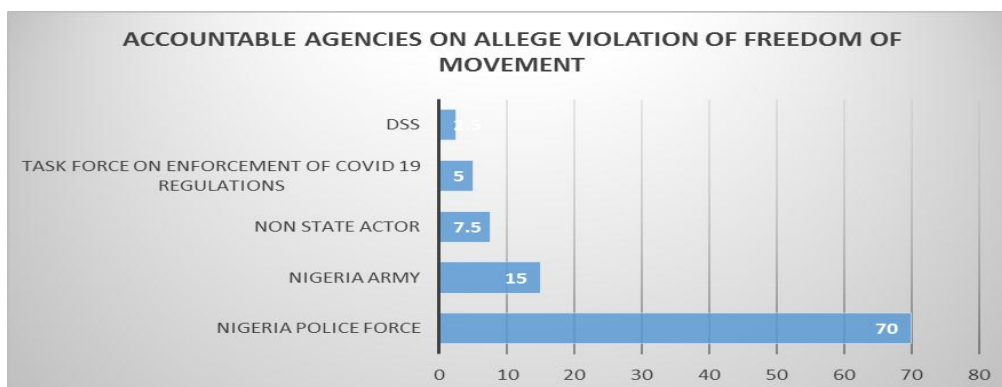
11	Borno	1
12	Ogun	1
13	Kaduna	1
TOTAL		47



This Report shows that the Nigeria Police Force is responsible for 28 incidents representing 70 % of the reported incidents. The Nigerian Army accounted for 6 cases representing 15% of the reported incidents under this thematic area. Non state actors represented 7.5% of the incidents while Task Force on enforcement of COVID 19 Regulation of different States represent 5% of the documented cases. The DSS recoded the least number of documented cases which represent 2.5% of the reported cases.

Table 7 shows Number of documented incidents violation of freedom of Movement, unlawful Arrest and detention according to Agencies which occurred during the reporting period

S/N	AGENCIES	PERCENTAGE
1	Nigeria Police Force	70
2	Nigeria Army	15
3	Non State Actor	7.5
4	Task force on Enforcement of COVID 19 Regulations	5
4	DSS	2.5



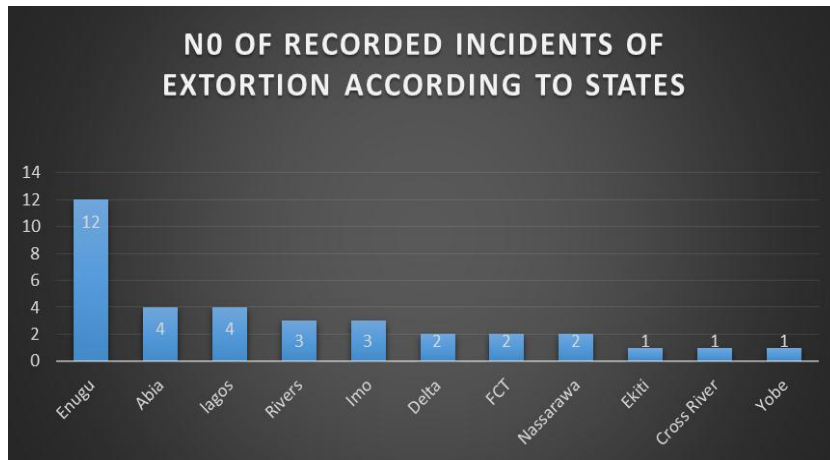
EXTORTION

The alleged acts of extortion involved demand for payment of various sums of money ranging from N100 to N10,000 by security officials and other actors to secure passage of commercial transport operators,, private vehicles, the release of persons arrested/detained and properties seized as a result of violation of the stay-at home order of Government.

35 incidents of extortion were documented within the period under review. Enugu State documented the highest number of cases with 12 incidents followed by Abia and Lagos with 4 incidents each. Imo and Rivers States recorded 3 incidents while Nasarawa, Delta, and FCT documented 2 cases each. Other States such as Ekiti, Cross River and Yobe documented and incident each.

Table 8 shows Number of documented incidents on Extortion according to states which occurred during the assessment period

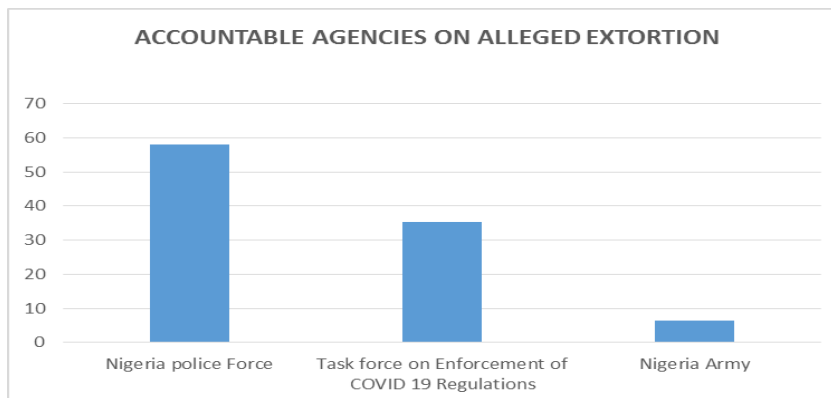
S/N	STATES	NO OF INCIDENTS RECORDED
1	Enugu	12
2	Abia	4
3	Lagos	4
4	Rivers	3
5	Imo	3
6	Delta	2
7	FCT	2
8	Nassarawa	2
9	Ekiti	1
10	Cross River	1
11	Yobe	1
TOTAL		35



This Report shows that the Nigeria Police Force is responsible for 18 incidents representing 58% of the reported incidents; the Task Force on enforcement of COVID 19 Regulations accounted for 11 incidents representing 35.4% of the cases while the Nigerian Army accounted for 2 incidents representing 6.4% of the documented incidents.

Table 9 shows number of documented incidents of extortion according to agencies which occurred during the assessment period

S/N		PERCENTAGE
1	Nigeria Police Force	58
2	Task force on Enforcement of COVID 19 Regulations	35.4
3	Nigerian Army	6.4

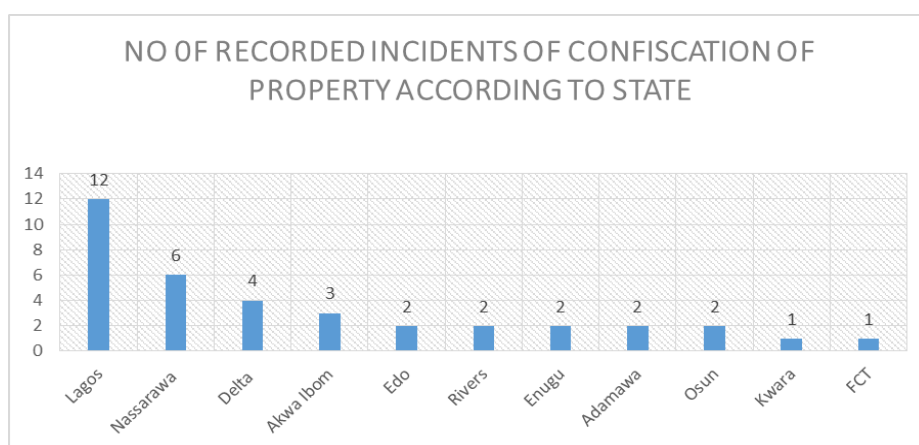


SEIZURE/CONFISCATION OF PROPERTIES

11 States documented 37 cases relating to incidents of seizure / confiscation of properties. Out of the reported cases, Lagos recorded the highest number of cases with 12 incidents followed by Nasarawa with 6 cases recorded. Delta had a total of 4 cases. Akwa Ibom recorded 3 cases. States such as, Adamawa, Edo, Osun, Rivers and Enugu recorded 2 cases each while Kwara and FCT documented an incident each.

Table 10 shows Number of documented incidents on seizure/confiscation of properties according to states which occurred during the assessment period

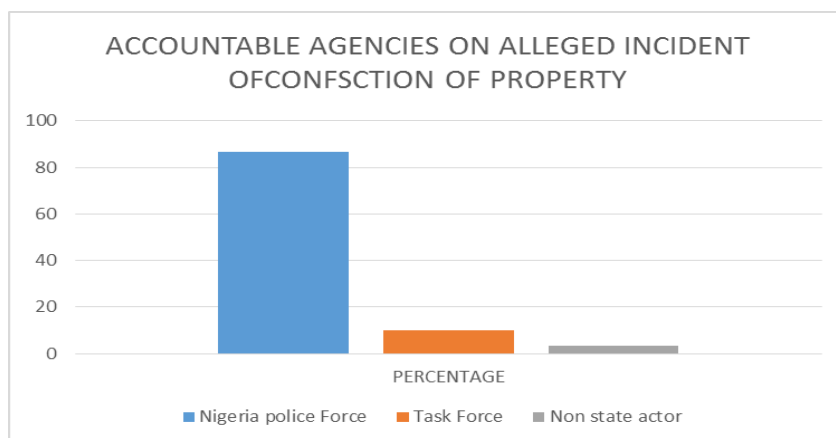
S/N	STATES	NO OF RECORDED INCIDENTS
1	Lagos	12
2	Nassarawa	6
3	Delta	4
4	Akwa Ibom	3
5	Edo	2
6	Rivers	2
7	Enugu	2
8	Adamawa	2
9	Osun	2
10	Kwara	1
11	FCT	1
TOTAL		37



Out of the reported cases, Officers of the Nigeria Police Force accounted for 26 cases representing 86.7% of the reported cases. Task Force of different States on enforcement of COVID 19 Regulation accounted for 3 cases representing 10% of the documented incidents while non state actor represented 3.3% of the reported cases.

Table 11 shows Number of documented incidents on seizure/ confiscation of properties according to Agencies which occurred during the assessment period

S/N	AGENCIES	PERCENTAGE
1	Nigeria police Force	86.7
2	Task Force	10
3	Non state actor	3.3



SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (SGBV)

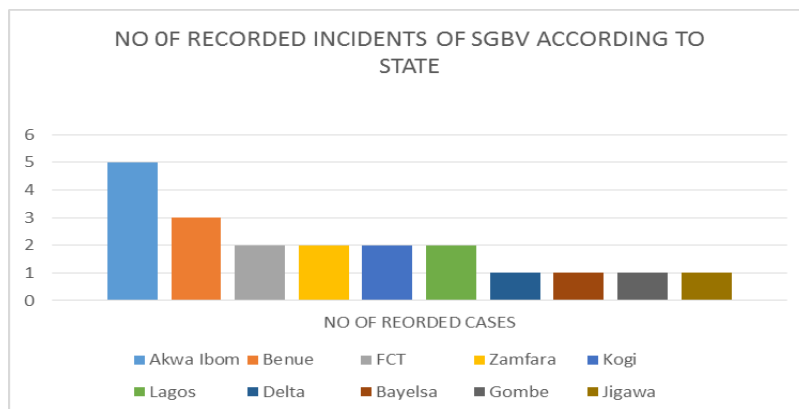
19 incidents of SGBV were recorded within the period.

Akwa Ibom State recorded the highest with 5 incidents. This is followed by Benue State which recorded 3 incidents. FCT, Lagos and Zamfara States recorded 2 incidents each, while Delta, Jigawa, Kogi, Gombe and Bayelsa States recorded 1 incident each. This Report notes that majority of the incidents of SGBV were allegedly perpetrated by Non-State Actors.

Table 12 shows number of documented incidents on SGBV according to states which occurred during the assessment period

S/N	STATES	NO OF REORDED CASES
1	Akwa Ibom	5
2	Benue	3
3	FCT	2
4	Zamfara	2
5	Lagos	2
6	Kogi	1
7	Delta	1

8	Bayelsa	1
9	Gombe	1
10	Jigawa	1
	Total	19



CHAPTER SIX

HARMONIZED INCIDENTS OF VIOLATIONS ACROSS THE NATION DURING COVID-19 LOCKDOWN ENFORCEMENT IN NIGERIA

By

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This chapter presents in tabular form the total of 214 harmonized incidents of human rights violations across the country as a result of the enforcement of COVID-19 Regulations 2020. It catalogues thematic areas of infringements – torture, inhuman and degrading treatment, unlawful restriction of movements and detention, extra-judicial killing, extortion, harassment and intimidation, illegal seizure and/or confiscation of property, sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) and freedom of religion.

It also highlights the summary of facts and location of incidents of violations, brief details of the alleged violator and the victim, the agency of government and/or personnel involved, steps taken by the Commission for accountability and the response from the concerned agency etc.

Furthermore, the table presents these issue-areas on the infringement of human rights in the enforcement of COVID-19 Regulations 2020 as obtained in the different states of the federation – Delta, Bayelsa, Lagos, Akwa-Ibom, Cross-River, Abia, Kwara, Osun, Adamawa, Nassarawa, Rivers, Ogun, Ebonyi, Ekiti, Niger, Kano, Anambara, Zamfara, Bauchi, Fefederal Capita Territory (FCT), Enugu, Gombe, Benue, Niger, Kaduna, Jigawa, Edo, Kogi and Yobe.

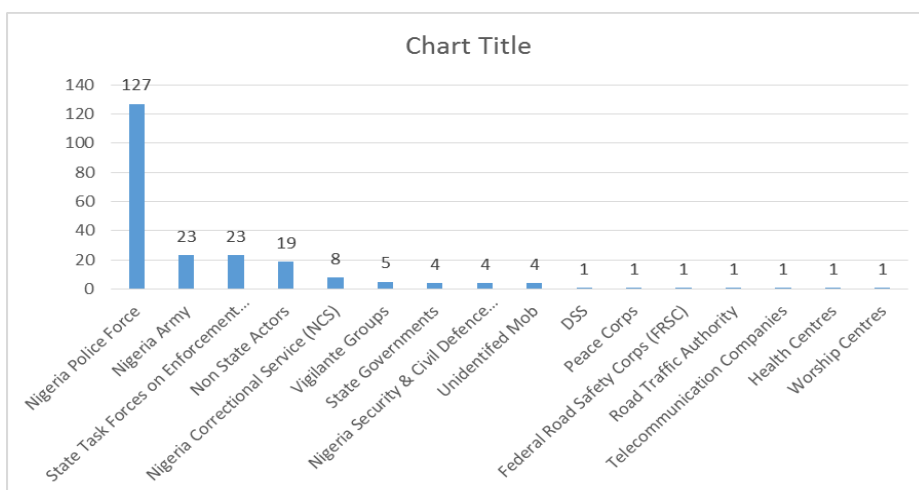
The Human Rights Violations during the enforcement of Covid-19 Regulations 2020 in accordance with states are presented as **Annexure A** to this publication.

Table 13: Analysis of the agencies responsible for violations indicate as follows:

S/N	AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE	No. of Violations
1.	Nigeria Police Force	127
2.	Nigeria Army	23
3.	State Task Forces on Enforcement of COVID-19 Regulations	23
4.	Non State Actors	19

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5.	Nigeria Correctional Service (NCS)	8
6.	Vigilante Groups	5
7.	State Governments	4
8.	Nigeria Security & Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC)	4
9.	Unidentified Mob	4
10.	DSS	1
11.	Peace Corps	1
12.	Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC)	1
13.	Road Traffic Authority	1
14.	Telecommunication Companies	1
15.	Health Centres	1
16.	Worship Centres	1
	TOTAL	224



Letters have been sent to the respective agencies allegedly responsible for the violations.

As at the time of this assessment, the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) has given response of accountability action taken in respect of the complaints against its officers. While the responses from other affected agencies were still being awaited. The details of the individual complaints of human rights violation during the Covid-19 Regulations Enforcement are tabulated in Annexure A to this assessment as stated before. It clearly shows that all the agencies commenced the enforcement of the Covid-19 Regulations initially without due regard to human rights. However, following the brutality alarm raised by the monitoring report of the Commission after the initial lockdown period, this resulted in less violations of human rights during subsequent phases of the implementation of the lockdown.

CHAPTER SEVEN

STANDARD MINIMUM GUIDELINES FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF COVID-19 PATIENTS IN TREATMENT CENTRES IN NIGERIA (2020):

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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What

1. The Standard Minimum Guidelines for Human Rights of COVID-19 Patients in Treatment Centres in Nigeria (the Guidelines) is a policy instrument and recommendation made by the National Human Rights Commission (the Commission) to the government and health authorities for the mainstreaming of human rights guarantees into the treatment processes of COVID-19 patients in Nigeria.
2. Issuing these Guidelines is a part of the mandate of the Commission to promote and protect human rights as enshrined in the Constitution of Nigeria, other legislations in force in Nigeria and regional and global human rights instruments to which Nigeria is a party.
3. The present Guidelines were made pursuant to the powers and functions of the Commission in section 5(a)(d)(l) and section 6(g) of the National Human Rights Commission (Amendment) Act, 2010.
4. The Guidelines contain human rights guarantees such as the rights to life, health, dignity, privacy, religion and protection against discrimination. It also contains provisions aimed at ensuring access to adequate accommodation, food, water and sanitation by patients at treatment centres and facilities (hereinafter referred to as the Centres) in Nigeria.

Why

1. The COVID-19 pandemic has taken its toll on the enjoyment of human rights. There have been restrictions put in place by governments at national and state levels, with huge impacts on socio-economic wellbeing of Nigerians.
2. Governments have set up Centres across Nigeria where COVID-19 patients are treated by medical personnel and other staff. As a result of the

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contagious nature of the virus, extreme care must be taken to secure the human rights of the patients in the Centres.

3. The Guidelines are aimed at ensuring that the Centres operate in line with international human rights norms and to secure the rights of the patients, medical personnel and support staff.
4. It is also important that vulnerable groups such as children, persons with disabilities, older persons and women are treated with the dignity and protection accorded their status.

How

1. The Guidelines are applicable to federal and state governments, all public and private Centres and other facilities in Nigeria where COVID-19 patients are treated.
2. It shall be the duty of governments and the Centres to implement the Guidelines.
3. The rights and guarantees enunciated in the Guidelines shall be enforceable by any patient or persons who have suffered violations in accordance with the Constitution.
4. The Commission when requested, shall provide technical support in designing systems and frameworks for implementation of the Guidelines.
5. The Commission shall monitor, investigate, enforce and issue periodic reports on the implementation of the Guidelines.

CHAPTER EIGHT

AN ADVISORY OPINION TO FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 5(L)(M)(O) OF THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) ACT

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This Advisory is issued by the National Human Rights Commission for the Protection of the Rights and Dignity of Almajiri Children in COVID-19 Response.

1.0 Introduction

1. Addressing the social and economic challenges which have led to the growth of the Almajiri system in some parts of Nigeria, particularly the Northern region has occupied the minds of policy makers for some time.
2. Almajiri children are exposed to increased vulnerabilities and risks, including death, trafficking, kidnapping, drug use and addiction, recruitment into terrorism, violent crimes, sexual and other forms of assault and forced/child marriages.
3. Notwithstanding the efforts of successive governments and stakeholders, Almajiri system still constitutes a major challenge to the development of children in parts of the country, denying them the enjoyment of their fundamental human rights.

2.0 Understanding the Human Rights Dimension of Almajiri

1. The National Human Rights Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) notes that the primary purpose of government is the security and welfare of its citizens in line with Section 14(2)(b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.
2. Conscious of its mandate to monitor, promote, protect and enforce human rights of everyone in Nigeria in line with the national, regional and international human rights instruments to which Nigeria is a party, the National Human Rights Commission notes the following:
 - a. Nigeria has ratified and is therefore a party to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).
 - b. Nigeria is also a party to the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of

- the Child (ACRWC) and the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights which has been domesticated.
- c. Nigeria domesticated its obligations under the CRC and ACRWC into the Child's Rights Act, (CRA) 2003. The CRA is a comprehensive human rights instrument which seeks to protect the rights of children in Nigeria and to put in place policies and programmes for the development and survival of every child in Nigeria.
 - d. Some states of the federation have also enacted Child Rights Laws (CRL) in fulfilment of the obligations of Nigeria towards its children and generations unborn. For states that are yet to enact a Child Rights Law, these rights are of universal application and form part of the international obligations of the Nigerian state.
 - e. The cardinal objectives of the CRC, ACRWC, CRA, CRL and other child right related international, regional and national instruments to which Nigeria is a party, is that, in all actions concerning children, **the best interest of the child** shall be the utmost consideration by all particularly government (section 1 of the CRA).
 - f. The provisions of the CRA are crucial to securing the human rights of Almajiri children. Implementing these rights should be at the heart of any intervention targeting the social and economic welfare of the Almajiri children. Section 4 of CRA provides that every child shall have a right to survival, development and education. Section 9 provides for freedom of movement of the child subject to parental control not harmful to the child. Also, section 14 of the CRA provides that a child shall be entitled to parental care, protection and maintenance.
 - g. In addition to the foregoing subparagraph, the CRA further provides for the rights to: private and family life (section 8); freedom of movement (section 9); freedom from discrimination (section 10); dignity of the child (section 11); health and health services (section 13); free, compulsory and universal primary education, etc (section 15); and the right of a child in need of special protection measure (section 16) amongst others.

3.0 COVID-19 Regulations and the Best Interest of the Almajiri Child

1. The recent outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and its associated restrictions have further exposed the inherent vulnerabilities of Almajiri children as possible victims of multiple human rights violations which have

been enunciated in subparagraph 2.2(f)(g) above.

2. The Commission notes that in exercise of powers conferred on them by section 45 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as amended and the Quarantine Act (CAP Q2 LFN 2004), both Federal and State authorities have made COVID-19 Regulations derogating from the enjoyment of some fundamental rights in the interest of public health, safety and purpose of protecting the rights of others.
3. The Commission is mindful of the present circumstances under which the Regulations are being implemented, particularly the need to restrict movement and spread of the disease.
4. Some exceptions to restriction of movement in the implementation of COVID-19 Regulations have been provided for by both the Federal and state governments. These have included the return of Almajiri children to their states of origin. This process is being implemented by various Northern state governments.
5. In view of the foregoing, the Commission notes as follows:
 - a. The decision by the Governors of the Northern states to relocate Almajiri children must be viewed in the light of **“the best interest of the child”** principles.
 - b. Relocating Almajiri children to their states of origin and reuniting them with their respective families where they will receive “parental care, protection and maintenance” is for all intents and purposes, in the best interest of the child.
 - c. It shall be a violation of **“the best interest of the child”** principles in circumstances where the Almajiri children have been relocated to places outside their homes or states of origin, leading to the denial of access to their parents or guardians (necessary for children) or home governments for a structured development, and may defeat the benefits from this current initiative.
 - d. It shall be a violation of **“the best interest of the child”** principles in circumstances where the process of return exposes the child to danger, vulnerabilities, rejection, inhuman and degrading treatments and further denial of access to education, healthcare, food, shelter and protection.

4.0 Policy Recommendations

1. In view of the foregoing, the Commission in exercise of its mandate in section

5 (l)(m)(o) of it enabling Act makes the following recommendations.

2. Obligations of Transferring States

- a. The implementation of the returns must be carried out in line with generally applicable minimum standards of dignity, safety, health and other basic human rights considerations by the transferring and receiving states so as not to leave the children dehumanized.
- b. The transferring states shall ensure humane and dignified transfer arrangements to ensure that the children are transferred in dignity and respect.
- c. The transferring states should put in place basic facilities such as decent transfer transportation, accommodation, health screening including test for COVID-19, feeding and security for the children. This will ensure that COVID-19 positive children will receive treatment and not infect others during transportation.

3. Obligations of Receiving States

- a. State Governments should put in place financial, institutional and programmatic frameworks in place to urgently address the needs of the Almajiri children. States shall ensure adequate budgetary allocations and other funds for the rehabilitation, education, development and welfare of the Almajiri children within their states during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.
- b. There should be adequate plan for profiling, tracing and reunification with parents and guardians.
- c. There should be in place adequate protection programs, basic support services and empowerment programs to address poverty and other socio-economic vulnerabilities that made the parents to send out the children in the first place.
- d. Receiving governments should put in place adequate plans for the enrolment and retention of Almajiri children in schools, including access to existing programmes such as school feeding and free education aimed at addressing the educational needs of the children in line with their rights to basic and compulsory education as guaranteed under the CRA and the Universal Basic Education Act.
- e. Children without traceable parents or guardians should be enrolled into social welfare programmes of states, including foster care where they will be accommodated and afforded structured life, training, education,

security and empowerment.

- f. Every child should be afforded right to survival, education, identity, security of person, freedom from cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment or punishment.
- g. All receiving Northern State governments should work with relevant agencies including non-state actors to design a follow up **“program of action for the transfer, return and rehabilitation of Almajiri children”** in line with this Advisory and the Child Rights Act.
- h. The Commission shall work with the various state governments and provide adequate technical and programmatic support to ensure that “the best interest” of the Almajiri children are mainstreamed into the “program of action” with a view to ensuring a right based dignified future for the children.

5.0 Conclusion

The COVID-19 pandemic has provided yet another opportunity to permanently address the challenge of Almajiri children. The Commission believes that a right based approach will make for a sustainable solution which will put in place an effective program for the permanent rehabilitation and gradual elimination of the underlying conditions that promotes Amajiri and other socio-cultural practices that affect the development of the child.

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CHAPTER NINE

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS

Allegations of extra-judicial killings, deaths in custody or violation of right to life by LEAs such as the Nigeria Police, Nigeria Army, Correctional Service, Task Force Teams on Covid 19 or against private citizens or non-state actors during the Covid-19 lockdown period should be promptly and thoroughly investigated without fear or favour. Officials or persons found culpable should be prosecuted in accordance with the law. Such investigations should be holistic, independent, impartial and in line with human rights standards.

LEAs and members of Task Force Teams on Covid 19 tasked with the responsibilities of enforcing the stay-at-home order should exercise restraint and exhibit high sense of professionalism in enforcing lockdown orders. Human rights based approach should be adopted in interacting and managing civilian population especially in relation to crowd control, demonstrations and other forms of civil protest as to prevent unnecessary fatalities. To this extent, adequate training on the use of fire arms, civil relations, human rights, and anger management should be provided to LEAs and members of Task Force Teams on Covid 19 to ensure that their response is proportionate and necessary and not excessive at any given time.

Government of Nigeria at all levels should adequately compensate families and relatives of victims of extra-judicial killings as well as persons who died in custody as a result of disproportionate use of fire arms.

FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, UNLAWFUL ARREST AND DETENTION

LEAs and members of Task Force Teams on Covid 19 should be sensitized to allow journalists, essential and health care workers as well as food vendors who are exempted from the lockdown orders to go about their business without any form of restriction, intimidation or harassment.

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They should ensure that persons who are arrested on account of flouting the lockdown orders are promptly brought before a court of competent jurisdiction and not unduly detained in flagrant disregard to constitutional provisions. In this regard, it is advised that such persons be immediately released on bail if prompt arraignment in court is impracticable in the circumstance.

The Government of Nigeria at all levels should categorize pregnant women and persons in need of medical care as exempted persons to facilitate their unrestricted movements to hospitals and health care centres.

SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (SGBV)

The lockdown orders imposed across the federation in response to the Covid-19 pandemic are likely to increase incidents of violence against women and girls as well as make it harder for survivors and victims of SGBV to report abuse and for service providers to respond efficiently. Consequently, Government should ensure that appropriate measures are put in place to raise public awareness on the risk of SGBV during the pandemic and make available information on how survivors can access protective and health care services despite the lockdown.

Government of Nigeria at all levels should treat services for women and girls who experience sexual and gender based violence as essential and ensure that there are adequate stop-gap measures such as temporary accommodation to safeguard the lives, health and well being of survivors and victims.

LEAs should thoroughly investigate incidents or reported cases of SGBV with a view to holding perpetrators to account for their actions.

SEIZURE/CONFISCATION OF PROPERTIES

LEAs and members of Task Force Teams on Covid 19 should prioritize prosecution of persons who flout lockdown orders over seizure/confiscation of their properties or vehicles especially where such properties/vehicles are their only means of livelihood. Where this is not feasible, all confiscation/seizure of properties during the lockdown period must be done in line with the provisions of extant laws in Nigeria.

LEAs should desist from demanding monetary gratifications from hapless Nigerians as a condition for the release of confiscated properties/vehicles.

Government of Nigeria at all levels should ensure that persons whose properties and food stuffs were destroyed by LEAs and the various Task Force Teams on Covid 19 are duly compensated to mitigate the hardship that they may have suffered during this period.

TORTURE, INHUMANE AND DEGRADING TREATMENT

The Governments of Nigeria at all levels should collaborate with the media, traditional and religious rulers, Faith Based Organizations (FBOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and other relevant stakeholders to ensure that Nigerians are adequately sensitized on the provisions of the Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP) Act and Anti-Torture Acts in order to take advantage of the provisions and remedies contained therein. In this regard, talk shows, radio jingles and other educative programmes against any form of torture or violence by security agents, Task Force Teams or individuals should be intensified in the public space to drive knowledge and awareness, particularly at the grass root level.

The Government of Nigeria at all levels and relevant stakeholders should put in place appropriate mechanisms that would encourage victims and survivors of violence and torture in whatever form to report such incidents without fear of stigmatization or intimidation during the lockdown period. In this regard, the Government is urged to adopt measures that would safeguard and protect the identity and life of survivors, victims of violence and their witnesses from harm.

The Government, (LEAs), the judiciary, CSOs and other stakeholders should ensure that there is accountability for acts of torture and other forms of violence by documenting, investigating, prosecuting and punishing law enforcement agents, members of Covid 19 Task Force Teams and other perpetrators of torture and violence in accordance with extant laws to serve as deterrence. In this regard, all complaints of torture and other forms of violence reported during the lockdown period should be expeditiously investigated and culprits prosecuted.

EXTORTION

All reported incidents of corruption through extortion of money from Nigerians by law enforcement agents in order to secure the bail of arrested persons should be investigated and culprits made to face the wrath of the law. LEAs and Task Force Teams should ensure that such monies are returned or refunded and appropriate measures should be put in place to avoid a re-occurrence.

GOVERNMENT

The Government of Nigeria at all levels should ensure that Security Agencies, Covid -19 Taskforce Teams, Civilian JTF, Vigilante Groups and other Non-State Actors do not use the Covid-19 Regulations and 'Stay-at-home Orders' of Government as a basis to flagrantly violate the rights of Nigerians. In this regard, it is pertinent to include a Human Rights segment to the frequent national briefings of the Presidential Task Force on Covid 19 and its counterpart at the State level to

give regular update to the nation on the state of human rights report regarding the Covid 19 pandemic.

Government of Nigeria at all levels including LEAs should ensure that all responses to the pandemic are human rights friendly and are proportionate, necessary, not excessive and non-discriminatory with legitimate public health goals.

Government of Nigeria across all levels should collaborate with the Nigeria Correctional Service to ensure that the Presidential pardon of 2600 prisoners as announced by President Muhammadu Buhari is implemented expeditiously as to decongest Custodial Centres and safeguard the health and well being of persons in detention.

In implementing the Presidential Order announced by President Muhammadu Buhari for the expansion of the social register, the interest of persons living with disabilities, IDPs, women and children, the elderly persons and other vulnerable groups should be given paramount consideration.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES/TASK FORCE TEAMS ON COVID 19

LEAs and Task Force Teams in Nigeria should ensure that in carrying out their statutory and administrative duties during the lockdown, they comply with the international, regional and national human rights obligations of Nigeria through the promotion and protection the rights of all Nigerians.

LEAs and Task Force Teams in Nigeria should ensure that there is a transparent accountability mechanism for erring personnel who while carrying out their duties use excessive force or violate the rights of Nigerians.

LEAs and Task Force Teams in Nigeria should ensure that they build the capacity of their personnel to understand and apply human rights principles and tenets in the discharge of their duties.

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSOs)

Nigeria CSOs should continue to monitor, document and report to relevant authorities such as the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) any incident of violation of fundamental human rights during the lockdown period.

They should strengthen advocacy and collaborative with initiatives for the fulfillment, respect and protection of the socio-economic rights of Nigerians during this pandemic particularly as it affects women, children, IDPs and other vulnerable groups.

GENERAL ANNEXURES

ANNEXURE A

TABULAR HARMONIZED COMPLAINTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS DURING COVID-19 2020 LOCKDOWN ENFORCEMENT ACROSS STATES IN NIGERIA

S/N	Nature of Violation	Summary of Violations	Date	Location of Incident	Details of alleged Violator(s)/gender	Details of Victim(s)/gender	Agency or Authority or personnel involved and reported to/other steps taken	Responses so far.	Any other remarks or helpful info
TORTURE, CRUEL HUMAN AND DEGRADING TREATMENT									
ABIA STATE									
1.	Inhuman and degrading treatment	Name withheld a journalist with <i>AF News (Abia Facts News)</i> was on his way to work, when he got to Orpet junction along Ikot Ekpene Road, he saw people running, unknown to him, police and civil defense officers were having a face off. The police officers led by one	Saturday April 11 2020, 8am	Orpet Junction, along Ikot Ekpene Road, Umuahia.	Name withheld and policeman from CP Crack Squad	Name withheld	Nigeria Police Force	Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) has sent a petition to the CP Abia State and he promised to investigate.	

		<p>Inspector ,name withheld, rounded him up and accused him of videoing the incidence, knowing he is a journalist. The journalist told the policemen that he could not possibly be videoing them because his phone battery was dead. He was severely beaten, kicked, stompped and rolled on the ground by the policemen . When they were done, Inspector name withheld, searched his pockets and took his phone. He was left bleeding through his nose with bruises all over his body. The</p>							
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		complainant reported to a senior police officer, he was scolded and cautioned that because journalists are allowed free movement during the lockdown does not mean they should be misbehaving. When contacted, the Insp accepted that he and his men beat the complainant but denied taking his phone.							
2.	Inhuman and degrading treatment.	Policemen physically attacked lawyers regularly in police stations in Abia State as a way of discouraging lawyers from coming to the stations to bail accused persons. Therefore,	Tuesday April 14 2020, 6pm	CP's Unit at Dragon Squad-Zone 6 Omoba Road, Aba.	Names withheld and other policemen of CP's Unit.	Names withheld and 3 other lawyers	Nigeria Police Force	Victor Nwaugo Esq, Chairman NBA Aba, Human Rights Committee confirmed the incident and said that NBA is taking measures to	

		<p>brave lawyers visit police stations in groups as a way of discouraging policemen from attacking them, but this strategy does not work all the time. April 14 2020, 3.45pm</p> <p>The victims, names withheld, Esq went to CP's Unit at Dragon Squad – Zone 6 Omoba Road, Aba to facilitate the release of clients who had been in detention for four days for alleged assault and breach of the lockdown. The station was full of detainees and sureties that have come to take them</p>						<p>ensure that such human rights abuse never goes without accountability again.</p>	
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		<p>on a bail. One of the lawyers told a policeman that was bullying another visitor that their action was contrary to IGP's advice and social distancing guidelines. The policemen attacked the lawyers with hard woods, iron rods and other dangerous weapons. They were battered like common criminals. Their clothing was torn, their bodies were bruised and bleeding, other lawyers that came to rescue them were also battered. Five lawyers had to go for medical</p>							
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		treatment. The attack on the lawyers was led by a DSP and Sergeant, names withheld. When accosted, they said the lawyers did nothing to them, however, they have instructions to let lawyers know that they are not welcome to police stations in Abia State during the lockdown.							
3.	Inhuman and degrading treatment.	The victim, name withheld, 30 years, was arrested for alleged breached of lockdown guideline on Good Friday and spent the entire Easter holidays in police detention at CPS, Umuahia. This is	Friday April 10, 2020.	CPS, Umuahia	Name withheld	Chinomso Edwards	Nigeria Police Force	There has been no response from the CP or PPRO	There is need to investigate this complaint to ensure accountability for this kind of impunity.

		<p>because the IPO , name withheld insisted that his surety must pay her ₦50,000.00; the surety offered ₦5,000.00 which the IPO refused. On April 14, the victim's brother, name withheld, called the Commission as the DPO refused to pick his calls. NHRC sent an sms to the CP, PPRO and PA to the CP NPF. The PA later called and asked NHRC to call the DPO as he has been instructed on what to do. NHRC called the DPO and informed him of the complaint and what</p>							
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		the IPO did, the DPO was very angry with NHRC and accused NHRC of treating him like an errand boy. The victim was released same date around 4pm. He said that they were 104 detainees in the cell.							
ADAMAWA									
4.	Alleged violation of right to dignity of human person. Cruel inhuman and degrading treatment.	Around 6:30pm some men of SARS on the directive and presence of their O/C came to the NUJ State Secretariat and arrested 12 journalists including their chairman. They were taken to the SARS detention centre and detained for 2 hours before being released	2/4/2020	Nigeria n Union of Journalists (NUJ) State Secretariat Yola North	Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) lead by the OC SARS and DPO Jimeta Divisional Police Station	12 Journalists names withheld (male)	The Nigeria Police Force, the Adamawa State Government. The NUJ chairman was called on 3/4/2020, a, he said everything is under control.	The Governor and Commissioner of Police personally apologized and promised that such will never happen again. The victims were released on the same day after two hours of detention.	There is need for more drastic punishment and implementation of prescribed measures to emphasize accountability

		on the instruction of the Commissioner of Police							
AKWA IBOM									
5.	Alleged violation of right to dignity of human person/a buse of police power and harassment	The alleged victim, name withheld, who identified himself as a medical doctor on duty, on his way to work was abused and harassed by a police officer name withheld	3/4/2020	Uyo	Name withheld (M)	Name withheld (M)	The CP was contacted, he said he was aware of the complaint and assured that he will treat the matter officially.	The officer was arrested and orderly room trial was conducted. He was found culpable and was subsequently demoted from the rank of Sergeant to the rank of Corporal.	NHRC to request and obtain official documentation from NPF detailing accountability action taken
BAUCHI STATE									
6.	Allegations of intimidation, assault, degrading treatment, exposure to infection, and extortion	The Prison Inmates Development Initiative (PIDI), a Non-Government Organization reported that on the 4/5/2020 at about 8pm, some police officers from the Rapid Response Squad led	4 th May, 2020	Wunti-Dada Bauchi, Bauchi state	1. Superintendent of Police (SP) <i>name withheld</i> , male. 2. Yelwa Police Division	1. <i>Name withheld</i> (PIDI staff, male), 2. <i>Name withheld</i> (male) 3. <i>Name withheld</i> (F), 4. <i>Namw withheld</i> (F), 5. <i>Nane withheld</i> (F) and 6. 36 others	The Nigeria Police Bauchi State Command. The Commission received the petition via WhatsApp on Saturday 9 th May 2020.	The PPRO stated that he is not aware of the petition since the complainant just filed it at the police headquarters late on 8/5/2020. He however stated	On 11/5/2020, a letter is to be sent to the COP and SP Yola to respond to the allegations. Thereafter, the Commission will follow

		<p>by SP <i>name withheld</i> while enforcing the nationwide curfew due to the COVID-19 pandemic, stormed the Wunti-Dada area of the Bauchi State capital shooting in the air, beating and arresting people. That the 1st victim was picked up with his motorcycle in front of his residence, the 2nd victim and his 3(three) sisters were picked up in their pharmacy along with some customers who had come to purchase medication, while other victims were mainly petty</p>					<p>The complainant stated that it had petitioned the COP Bauchi State on 8/5/2020 late in the evening and would submit a copy of the petition at the NHRC office on Monday 11th May, 2020. We therefore contacted the Bauchi State Police PRO via telephone on same day, 9/5/2020 concerning the allegations.</p>	<p>that the police is committed to investigating all allegations on violations of human rights against its personnel and ensuring justice is done.</p>	up
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		<p>traders picked up while trying to lock up their shops. That they were 25 in number and were conveyed in Hilux vehicles from Wunti Dada to the Yelwa police Division instead of the GRA police Division which has jurisdiction of the Wunti Dada area. That despite their pleas to be kept within the premises of the police station to comply with social distancing standards, they were kept overnight with other inmates, totaling about 40(forty) persons, both male and female in a single</p>							
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		<p>cell. That also detained in that cell was a man with a persistent cough and complaints of a headache, thereby possibly exposing others in the cell to infection. That the following day, instead of taking them before the mobile court as stipulated by the law, they were released to their relations after paying various amounts of money ranging between ₦5, 000 (five thousand naira) to ₦20, 000 (twenty thousand naira) depending on their bargaining power. That upon</p>							
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		<p>learning of the identity of the PIDI staff, the police returned his money to him. That 2 (two) officers of the PIDI witnessed these happenings at the Yelwa police station. The PIDI has petitioned the Commissioner of Police (COP) and copied NHRC requesting for an investigation into SP <i>name withheld's</i> excesses and a refund of the monies collected to the victims. That a corona virus test be carried out on all detainees in that cell, and a sensitization of police officers on</p>							
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		the need to adhere to health protocols, like wearing of masks, in carrying out their duties, social distancing measures, cessation of unnecessary arrests, etc. They stated also that there had been several petitions before the COP on the SP <i>name withheld's</i> activities, which to date has not been addressed.							
BENUE STATE									
7.	Alleged torture and inhuman treatment	A nurse with Benue State University Teaching Hospital, Makurdi was stopped by the Police at about 7pm for violating curfew Regulation in Benue. He	29/4/2020	-David Mark bypass road junction, High Level Makurdi	<i>Name withheld</i> , Nigeria Police, CID Makurdi -	Mr <i>Name withheld</i>	The Benue State University Teaching Hospital Management led by the Chief Medical Director reported to the CP	The alleged violator was summoned by the Commissioner of Police Benue State Command in the presence of the victim and the	

		identified himself to be a nurse on night duty and was asked to carry on but the most senior policeman shouted, pounced on him, slapped him thrice and dragged the motorcycle down. The victim was let go after much pleading..					Benue State Command. The violator was apprehended and he admitted committing the act. He apologized to the victim and management of the hospital and begged for forgiveness. The victim said he has forgiven him.	hospital management. He was interrogated and he admitted to have committed the act and pleaded for pardon. The victim said he did not want him dismissed but for him to learn his lessons.	
DELTA STATE									
8.	Intimidation, Harassment, Torture, Cruel Inhuman and Degrading Treatment.	A young man as shown in a video clip (name unknown), was arrested by the men of the Nigeria Military, at a stop- and - search road block, along Mosogar Bridge, Sapele Delta state, for an	15th April, 2020	Mosogar Bridge, Sapele Delta state.	Nigeria Military	Unknown (male).	None yet. Investigation ongoing to ascertain the details of the video report and to get the identity of the victim as well as other circumst	All attempts made to identify the victim and reach out to him proved abortive.	Nil

		undisclosed offence. He was harassed, intimidated and his rights to privacy invaded unduly, as he was forced to empty the contents of his bags according to the accompanying story. As if that was not enough, he was forced to jump into dirty pond and swim wearing only boxers. His rights to privacy and dignity of person was violated by the action of the military.					ances surrounding the story.		
9.	Intimidation/Harassment and Physical assault	A photojournalist of <i>Pointer Newspaper</i> Asaba was beaten up by officers of the Nigeria Police Force in Asaba while	3rd April, 2020	Asaba, Delta State	Officers of Delta State Police Command Asaba	Aphotojournalist(name withheld) who was monitoring the lockdown order	This was brought to the attention of the state police command	All attempts made by the Commission to get across to the victim proved abortive.	Nil

		enforcing the lockdown order.							
10.	Alleged harassment and violation of right to dignity of human person	It involved the spraying of teargas on some Doctors of a medical facility in Asaba,) by officers of the Nigeria Police Force, which made them unconsciousness.	9th April, 2020	Asaba, Delta State.	Nigeria Police Force	The Doctors (names withheld).	The Commission's attempt to reach one the victims whose phone number was provided had proved abortive, as the phone was switched off.	The Commission's attempt to reach to one of the victims whose phone number was provided had proved abortive, as the phone was switched off.	
11.		An unknown young man was shot on his knees by men of the Nigeria Police Force who tried to disperse women protesting against the extension of lockdown by the State Government without provision of food in Sapele, Delta	15th April, 2020	Sapele, Delta State	Nigeria Police Force	unknown (male)	The Commissioner of Police, Delta State Police Command was contacted	On going Investigation	

		State.							
12.	Police brutality and Gross misconduct	The incident as depicted in the video clip sent to the Commission, happened in Asaba, Delta State, precisely at Asaba Aluminum junction along Asaba-Benin Express road. The video showed a middle aged man(name withheld), - - identify----, gushing out blood from his mouth and nose. This was as result of injuries inflicted on him by an unidentified police officer, who allegedly hit him in the face with a baton.	16th April, 2020	Asaba Aluminum Junction, along Asaba-Benin Express Road, Delta State	Nigeria Police Force	Name withheld	Nigeria police, Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC)	The Commission intervened by following the victim to the station where his vehicle was impounded and it was immediately released to him.	.
13.	Harassment, Intimidat	A member of the public	15th April, 2020	Mosogar-Sapele	Nigeria Police Force	Name is unknown (male).	Investigation	All attempts to identify	Nil.

	ion, Physical Assault and Degrading Treatment.	circulated a video clip showing a young man being physically manhandled and abused by police personnel. According to the sender, his brother (name not mentioned) was being flogged by police officers at a check point along the Mosogar Bridge, Sapele Delta State. At the background, viewers could hear the victim shouting and calling for help. He was yelling "una no de see wetin dem de do me" video clip is attached to aid investigation and accountability please		bridge, Delta State	personnel.	But video clip is attached to aid further investigation.	was carried out to be able to gather more facts to enable the Commissioner of police take further accountability action.	the victim or reach the reporter proved abortive	
14.	Intimidation, Harass	The victims (names withheld)	1st April, 2020	Warri, Delta State.	State Task Force	Names withheld They	This was brought to the	No further details	

	ment and physical assault	alleged that they went out as journalists to monitor the implementation and compliance of the lockdown order in Warri when they were assaulted by the Delta State Task Force in Warri.			Warri	were both monitoring the lockdown order.	attention of CP Delta State	were received from the complainants.	
15.	Intimidation and Harassment	The complainant alleged that men of the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) from the Oleh Divisional Headquarters, on Thursday 17th April 2020 mercilessly molested and handcuffed the victim who was on his way to supply eggs from his family poultry farm to a customer and also to buy cooking gas for the family.	Friday, 17th April 2020.	Oleh, Delta State.	Nigeria Police Force, Oleh Divisional Headquarters	Names withheld, victim is 26 years old.	Commissioner of Police Delta State, Nigerian Bar Association, Oleh branch.	The NBA Oleh branch condemned the action of the police, pointing out that there was no fair trial for the victim. The matter was forwarded to the Commissioner of Police for his information and action. The victim was released through the	

								interventi on of the Commiss ion.	
EBONYI STATE									
16.	Alleged inhuman and degradin g treatmen t	The State Task Force on COVID- 19 for Ebonyi L.G.A approache d a group of elderly men and women numbering about twenty in number and instead of persuading them to disperse, they used sticks and clubs to hit them while hurling insults at them in their local dialect.	30 th of March 2020	Ohagel ode village in Mbeke Ishieke of Ebonyi L.G.A of Ebonyi State	Member s of Ebonyi L.G.A force on COVID- 19 (All male)	Name withheld	Ebonyi State Task Force on COVID- 19 Ebonyi L.G.A unit. The Secretar y to the State Govern ment was contacte d	No response as at the time of this report	The Govern ment through the Secreta ry to the State Govern ment was advised to supervi se the task force and bring violator s to book.
17.	Alleged inhuman and degradin g treatmen t, assault and destructi on of property.	A complainan t called and reported that members of Ebonyi State task force covering Izzi L.G.A under Amachi Developme nt Centre, saw him sitting on	30th of March 2020	Amachi in Izzi L.G.A	Name withhel d (male) Name withhhe ld (male)	Name withheld (male)	Ebonyi State Task Force on COVID- 19 Amachi Develop ment Centre Unit under Hon. Obinna Nwiboko . The	No response as at the time of this report	Efforts to interact with the Govern ment of Ebonyi State is still ongoing .

		his motorbike, and started beating him. According to his allegation, the members of the task force inflicted serious wound on his eyes and broke the right side view mirror of his motor bike.					matter was reported to the Secretary to the State Government of Ebonyi State.		
18.	Alleged threat to right of dignity of human person	<i>Channels Television</i> aired a life broadcast on 23 rd April, 2020 of the Governor of Ebonyi State ordering agents of COVID-19 Regulation Task Force to flog any citizen that is seen in the public without face mask. Video is available @ www.channels.com/2020/04/23/face mask policy – ebonyi	23/04/2020	Ebonyi State	Ebonyi State Government	Ebonyi Citizens	Ebonyi State Government and COVID-19 Task Force Chairmen were monitored to see if the order and threat from the Governor was effected.	No Response	No incidence of the above threat of violation was carried out or reported.

		govt orders officials to							
EDO STATE									
19.	Alleged harassment, inhuman and degrading treatment	This complaint was received through phone call wherein the complainant alleged that the military and police personnel on the highway were breaking vehicle windscreen s in enforcement of the COVID-19 Restriction Regulation despite the fact that the vehicles being destroyed were carrying essential commodities	21/04/2020	After the Benin By pass on the road to Auchi	Nigeria n Army and Nigeria Police Force (Males)	Commercial vehicle drivers (Males)	The Nigerian Army	The published military and police helpline was called to ascertain the truth of the matter and for their intervention, however, no response was received.	There is need to track this location and find out those on duty at the said date
20.	Alleged inhuman and degrading treatment	This is an online report from <i>Golden News</i> . A combined team of Nigeria Police Officers	09/05/2020	The location is Lagos Street, Benin City	Nigeria Police Force and NSCDC (males)	A soldier	The Nigeria Police Force		This incidence is currently being investigated.

		and NSCDC allegedly beat up a soldier for refusing to wear face mask. This was barely 24 hours after the street was shut down over alleged refusal by traders and residents of the street to comply with Government directives on COVID-19 to participate in the ongoing screening and testing exercise. The soldier was injured							
EKITI STATE									
21.	Alleged harassment and brutality	The complainant alleged that he was arrested by an officer of Peace Corps while he was on his way to buy food for his personal consumption	2/4/2020	Ijero-Ekiti, Ijero Local Government, Ekiti State.	Peace Corps officer (Male)	Name withheld (Male)	National Human Rights Commission Investigations and enquiries were made.	The complainant confirmed via phone call to the Commission that the matter has been amicably resolved.	The complainant appreciated the response of the Commission.

		n on the 2nd of April, 2020. He claimed that the COVID-19 Regulation does not deprive him from buying food items.							
22.	Alleged brutalization and threat to life	The complainant (a nurse), alleged that she was brutalized and threatened by a member of the State task force, who is a political appointee in Ado-Ekiti. She claimed to be in her professional uniform while returning from work and alleged that the violator did not give her fair hearing before he pounced on her, battered her & damaged her mobile Android	1/4/2020	Fajuyi, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	Name withheld (Male)	Name withheld (Female)	The Nigeria Police Force, National Human Rights Commission, Office of the First Lady of Ekiti State and Ekiti State Ministry of Justice.	The Ekiti State office of the Commission has requested for the report of police investigation into the case. However, the Ekiti State Ministry of Justice has waded into the matter. Hence, complainant and the alleged violator who is a political appointee were invited and mediation was conducted and the matter was	The alleged violator compensated the damaged properties of the complainant and also apologized for his actions.

		phone in the process.						amicably resolved.	
23.	Alleged harassment and torture.	Officers of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) have been alleged to have harassed and tortured one name withheld. He stated that he went to buy food with his bicycle. That upon his return, a woman begged him to cycle her a little distance which he did. Unfortunately on his way back, he was stopped by NSCDC officers who demanded that he give them something, the complainant claimed to have refused, but was suddenly	11/4/2020	Jimoh Aliu Area, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	Officers of the Nigeria Security & Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC)/Male	Name withheld (Male)	The Ekiti State Commandant of the NSCDC has been briefed on the matter and investigation commenced.	There has not been any response from the NSCDC.	

		pushed inside the gutter and got injured.							
24.	Alleged harassment, torture, inhuman and degrading treatment.	The Commission on 19 th April 2020 received a complaint from name withheld, who stated that men of the Nigerian Army from Ikole Ekiti, in a retaliatory move, arrested the victims who were sitting in front a building at Ikole Ekiti adjacent to the Elekole's Palace. The action of the soldiers was because they had earlier come to arrest some boys that insulted them but could not find them and in the alternative, they accosted the victims.	19/4/2020	Building Adjacent Elekole's Palace, Ikole-Ekiti, Ekiti State.	The complainant gave the name of the Head of the Army team Officers name withheld (Army Command of Ikole-Ekiti). (Males)	1. Name and number withheld (Male) 2. Name and number withheld - (Male) 3. Name and number withheld (Female) 4. Name and number withheld (Male) 5. Name and number withheld (complainant {Male})	National Human Rights Commission The Ekiti State Office of the NHRC began immediate investigation and directed the complainant to register the complainant with the Nigerian Police Force and that has been achieved.	Thus far, the Ekiti State Office of the Commission has established the case by sourcing for considerable testimonies by eyewitnesses and victims. This was achieved through our pragmatic efforts and assistance of Ekiti State based NGOs, CSOs & the police. As at 23rd April, 2020, most of the victims are said to be receiving medical treatments from injuries	The complainant gave the name of the Head of the Army Officers as name withheld (army Command of Ikole-Ekiti). Names of the victims/complainant: – Names and numbers withheld (male and female)

		<p>He alleged further that the victims were harassed and tortured by the soldiers.</p>						<p>sustained during severe beating by the military officers of the Nigerian Army.</p> <p>The Commission has discussed with various human rights related NGOs and also discussed with the Speaker of the Ekiti State Youth Parliament, Mr Fatunla Oluwatobi. They have helped to provide useful information. The National President of Gender Relevance Initiative Project (GRIP) Foundation, Barr.</p>	
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								<p>(Mrs) Rita Ilevbare had also promised to get more fact available for the Commission. As at 21st of April, 2020, the identities and contacts of the victims are sought for and there has been positive response in this regard. One of the victims promised to avail the contact of a Peace Corps Officer who was in the company of the Army Officers. Also, the State Coordinator or advised one of the victims to</p>	
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								report the matter to the nearest police command for proper record purpose and onward investigation. On the 22nd April, 2020, the victims lead by name withheld reported the matter at the Ikole-Ekiti Police Area Command in the company of the victims based on the directive of the NHRC's State Coordinator. The DPO however refused to register the complaint . He requested that the	
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								<p>Commission should report the matter to the Akure Command of the Nigerian military for necessary action stating that the case is not a police matter. However, the State Coordinator insisted and promised to involve the Ekiti State Commissioner of Police. Eventually, the police officer of the Command ACP Adebisi B. Lateef (0802332 5434) who inquired from the Commissioner of Police concerning the matter</p>	
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								latter directed the complainants and the victims to report the matter to the Ikole Police Station. The DPO of the station, Awolola Ganiyu (0806965 2989) finally admitted and registered the complaint after the intervention of the NHRC State Coordinator, Mr Biodun Adigun and the Commissioner of Police, Mr Amba Asuquo.	
ENUGU STATE									
25.	Alleged Torture, cruel, Inhuman and degrading treatment.	On 28 th April, 2020, it was reported that some telephone dealers and technicians who do	28 th April, 2020.	Telephone Arena, beside State Fire Service, Enugu.	The Nigeria Police, New Haven, Divisional Headquarters,	Males.	The Nigeria Police.	The attention of the DPO of the Division was drawn to the matter for	

		their business at the Telephone Arena beside the Enugu State Fire Service were invaded by the Police from New Haven Divisional Headquarters, , beat up, arrested, , handcuffed and detained.			Enugu.			response	
GOMBE STATE									
26.	Alleged harassment, inhuman and degrading treatment	On 23/4/2020, the alleged violator, a self-volunteered vigilante, allegedly flogged the victims, male and female, during enforcement of the curfew imposed by the Gombe State Government to checkmate the spread of COVID-19 pandemic in the State	23/4/2020	Pantami Quarters	<i>Name withheld</i> /male (Vigilante)	Male and female	Non-state actor	The Commission was informed of the alleged violator's arrest via WhatsApp and followed up on the matter.	The matter is still under investigation, monitoring will continue.

IMO STATE									
27.	Torture, Cruel, Inhuman and degrading treatment	Some employees of an essential services company in Igbariam Anambra State stated that their four truck drivers conveying rice to Rivers State Government passing through Owerri were delayed, harassed and beaten up by the military at Obinze barracks Checkpoint. That the soldiers tried to extort money from the drivers on the road despite the fact that their documents and the goods are clearly marked as milled by a farm. The Complaina	16 th April 2020	Obinze Barrack s first checkp oint, Imo State	Nigeria n Army and Nigeria Police Force	Males, names withheld	The Imo State Coordin ator of the Commis sion contacte d the Comma nding Officer of Obinze Barracks and PPRO NPF Owerri, Imo State	As of the time the Brigadier General was contacted , the truck drivers had left the the Military check point but were held at another check point manned by the police after the Obinze Military checkpoi ntThe NHRC Imo State Coordinat or contacted the PPRO NPF who instructed his men to release the victims. Subsequ ently, the employee s were held by the Police at Rivers State at	

		nt said that the incidence took place on Wed 15 th April 2020 from 2am to 3:30am at Obinze Barracks Checkpoint .						this point the NHRC Imo State Coordinator linked up the victims with the Rivers State Coordinator.	
28.	Alleged Police brutality and illegal arrest	The complainant alleged that he was battered by the police who hit him severally with their guns and poured fuel on him whisking him away to the station. The complainant further stated that he informed the Police men that he has a liver related health challenge but his pleas fell on deaf ears. He also complained about hearing problems as a result	2 nd April 2020	No.4 Lagos street Owerri, Imo State	Police from Fire Service Divisional Headquarters	Name withheld (male)	Nigeria Police Force	The D.P.O of the Fire Service Police Station responded by informing the Commission that he complies to human rights principles . Heacknowledged the complaint and informed the Commission that he ordered release of the complainant the same day.	

		of the beating by the policemen. He paid ₦5000 for bail.							
29.	Alleged Torture, inhuman and Degrading treatment	Policemen at MCC Junction by Chukwuma Nwoha Road Owerri were flogging and beating motorists who wanted to pass the junction during the lockdown	17/04/2020	MCC Road by Chukwuma Nwoha Junction	Nigeria Police Force-SARS	Motorists	The Commission called the attention of the PPRO NPF. The PPRO acknowledged receipt of the complaint and accepted to caution his men.		
30.	Alleged Torture, inhuman and Degrading treatment	The complainant stated that he was coming back from New Amex Specialist Clinic with his sister, name withheld, who was operated upon when the police stopped him and demanded for his driver's license, which he produced.	18/04/2020	Along Akabo Ikeduru Road	Nigeria Police Force	Name withheld	The PPRO NPF was contacted. The PPRO told him to come to office the next day to report officially.		

		The police alleged that the license had expired he told them that his license will expire by 2022, they then alleged that he insulted one of them. The policemen punched him three good times that made the sick sister to come down from the car crying and shouting for them to stop beating her brother.							
31.	Alleged inhuman and degrading treatment	The complainant stated that he was coming back from The <i>New Amex Specialist Clinic</i> with his sister , name withheld, who was operated upon when the police stopped him along Akabo	19/4/2020	Along Akabo Ikeduru Road	Nigeria Police Force	Name withheld	The Commission contacted the Police, then the PPRO NPF asked that the victim come to their office the next day to report the matter	The victim has not reported back to explain what happened when he met the PPRO.	The complainant also went to <i>My Radio FM</i> to report the matter. The State Coordinator was called to comment on

		Ikeduru road where they demanded for his driver's license. After he showed them the license, the police told him that the license had expired. He responded that on the contrary, the expiry was 2022 then they alleged that he insulted one of them whereupon he was hit on the face three times by the policemen despite his sister's plea for them to stop beating him. He claimed that his eye turned red.					officially.		the incident during the radio program. The NHRC Coordinator also used the opportunity to educate the masses on human rights and COVID-19 lockdown Regulations
32.	Alleged Degrading and inhuman treatment, torture	The complainant alleged that officers from the Anti Cult Unit of the NPF,	23/4/2020 5:30pm	Special Hostel, Item St. Ikenegbu Owerri	Nigeria Police Force (Anti Cult Squad) Owerri	Name withheld (M) NYSC Member.	A call was put across to PPRO Nigeria Police Imo State	The PPRO refuted the complaint. However further investigation	

		Owerri Imo State on the 23 rd April 2020 raided the “Special Hostel” Item Street, Ikenegbu and demanded money from students living there. He stated further that most students out of fear jumped from the window of their rooms and injured themselves .					Command as the incident was on going.	ion confirmed that the incident took place.	
33.	Alleged torture, inhuman and degrading treatment.	The complainant <i>name withheld</i> , stated that the Military Officers at Ubomiri Nwaorieubi stop the flow of traffic for several hours and impounded vehicles of essential workers. She also stated that the officers got into altercation	28/4/2020	Ubomiri Nwaorieubi Mbaitoli LGA.	Nigeria n Army.	Namewit heldFemale	The Commission made every effort to contact the G.O.C 32 Artillery Brigade Obinze Barracks , Imo State, Sent an SMS and whatsapp messages and	There was no response .	

		with a young man and beat him up mercilessly during the incident.					there was no response. The Commission also sent whatsapp messages to the Abuja Military Media relations Officer and there was no response.		
KADUNA STATE									
34.	Alleged torture, Inhuman and degrading treatment	The victim was allegedly picked and tortured by the police who were chasing alleged violators of the curfew who ran and hid in the compound where the victim resides.	6 th April, 2020	Kurmin mashi	Policemen attached to Kurmin mashi Police Station	Name withheld (M)	DPO, Kurmin mashi Police Station	The victim and his parents said they are afraid of what will happen to them if they take the matter further	They need protection and assurance that there will be no reprisals.
35.	Alleged assault, inhuman and degrading treatment and threat to life.	According to Dr. <i>name withheld</i> , he was on his way to work, when Inspector <i>name withheld</i>	23 rd April, 2020	Kakuri	Inspector <i>name withheld</i> , male	Dr. <i>Name withheld</i> , male	The matter was reported to Kaduna State Police Command	The State CID is still investigating the matter	

		and his team accosted him around St. Gerald Hospital demanding that he identify himself. He did, but the Inspector not satisfied alleged he must be a fake doctor punched him severally, pulled up his rifle and threatened to waste the doctor's life and that nothing will happen to him after the killing							
KANO STATE									
36.	Inhuman and degrading treatment	The online magazine, <i>Campus Watch</i> , on 21 st April 2020 reported a case of alleged assault meted out to one <i>name withheld</i> of Dala FM, Kano by joint security operatives	Tuesday 21/04/2020 4:15pm	Along Bama Road, Sabon Gari Area of Fagge Local Govt of Kano State.	The victim could not identify the perpetrators by their name tag but deduced that they are all male and could only identify	<i>Name withheld</i> , a male	The Matter has been reported to the Police	Further investigation was conducted to contact the victim who could only identify the police officer by his structure. A phone call was placed to the	

		during the lockdown enforcement in Kano. The magazine alleged that the victim was approached by the team and despite identifying himself as a journalist went ahead and flogged him with a whip. The Investigating Police Officer made contact with the victim via phone call and he affirmed that the team is not stationed but took off after their dastardly act.			the head of the team (lanky, fair in complexion) police officer on whose instruction he was flogged			PPRO NPF, Kano State Police Command for his response on the complaint. In his response, the PPRO stressed that he is not aware of the incidence but promised further investigation to trace the perpetrator.	
KWARA STATE									
37.	Inhuman and degrading treatment/ Extortion	The Commission received a phone call from one the complainant, name withheld, on behalf of his brother and	2nd April, 2020	Gaa - Akanbi Ilorin Kwara State	Nigeria Police Force	Name withheld and two others	The Commission immediately called the PPRO of the Nigeria Police Force in	The victims were released on that same day based on the intervention of the Commission.	Without the knowledge of the Commission, the sum of five thousand was extorted

		two others on 2nd April, 2020 who lives in Gaa-Akabi Area of Ilorin, Kwara State at about 6.30 pm. He alleged that his brother's motorcycle and other motorcycles parked in front of their houses were forcefully taken away. Some of the cyclists were beaten and detained at "A division" by officers of the Kwara State Police Command.					Kwara named Mr. Okansa nmi who responded by stating that he would get back to the Commission after speaking with the DPO in charge of 'A division' . The Commission monitored the complaint till around 8:00pm before the complainant's brother was released .		from all the victims before their motorcycles were released to them .
LAGOS STATE									
38.	Alleged harassment and torture	Uniformed men tortured and harassed members of the community who were sitting	3/4/20	Onibuore Street Ikate, Lagos	Nigeria n Military	Name withheld	The matter was reported to the published helplines of the Nigerian	No response received till date.	

		outside their house. A victim, name withheld, was arrested					Army.		
39.	Alleged police brutality leading to inhuman and degrading treatment	The complainant stated that she witnessed police brutality at her street, Abiola, Adeyemi Street, Ikotu, Lagos State. That at about 2:45pm a woman selling tomatoes along the street was returning from the market with her wares loaded in a tricycle (Maruwa). That police men from Ikotu Police station led by their Station Officer (SO) started pursuing the tricycle with two speed bikes. The policemen	2/4/20	Ikotun, Lagos State	Officers of Nigeria Police Force, Ikotun Police Station, Lagos State Command	Witness, name withheld (female) on behalf of her helpless neighbours	Nigeria Police Force	No Response	

		pushed her down and picked the tricycle rider not minding that he was conveying food items. She further stated that they called the COP Lagos State on the published helpline S							
40.	Alleged inhuman & degrading treatment and extortion	The complainant stated that he came out to replenish his food stuff on 2/4/20, between the hours of 10 am to 2pm. That when he got to the check point of Igando Police Command around 11:30 am, they asked him to park his vehicle, detained him till 1:30pm and demanded he follow them to their office or he parts	2/4/20	Igando, Lagos State	1. Officers of Nigeria Police Force, Igando Police Station, Lagos State Command 2. Sgt. Francis Folake 3. Insp Adekunle Adeleye	Name withheld (male)	Nigeria Police Force		

		with the sum of ₦1,000. He gave them the sum of ₦1,000 and they released his car keys. He alleged that the policemen that detained him are 1. Sgt. Francis Folakemi 2. Insp. Adekunle Adeleye. That they detained other motorists and were extorting money from them							
41.	Alleged inhuman & degrading treatment and extortion	The complainant stated that he runs a livestock business in Abattoir Oko Oba Agege Lagos, conveying cattle to various slabs in Lagos State. That on the 3 rd April, 2020, the Officers from Ikotun Station	3/4/20	Ikotun, Lagos State	Officers of Nigeria Police Force, Ikotun Police Station, Lagos State Command	Name withheld	Nigeria Police Force		

		demanded the sum of N 3,000 from the business truck driver to enable him drive past their check point. When he refused, they delayed the truck with meat for 4 hours.							
42.	Alleged Torture, Inhuman e and Degradi ng Treatme nt	The complainan t alleged that on the 13/4/20 the Police patrol team badged into their compound at 12:30am. The police patrol team demanded the complainan t to open the door and her husband requested to know who was at the door and what they want. When the husband eventually opened the door he was dragged and	14/4/20	Ebute-Metta Lagos	Nigeria Police Force. (Sasere Patrol team – Ebuta Metta)	Witness and complai nant, name withheld, on behalf of her husband	Nigeria Police Force	No response from Nigeria Police	

		assaulted and during the process his arm was badly injured. Thereafter, he was taken to police station and detained for a day with no reason advanced.							
43.	Alleged harassment, degradation and inhuman treatment	The Complainant alleged that she went to the market and decided to take a bike home. While on the bike around Ikorodu Agric road, policemen hit her with an iron rod when the bike rider tied to avoid them. the policemen As a result of this she sustained injuries.	9/4/20	Ikorodu, Lagos	Nigeria Police Force	Name withheld, Female	NHRC reported via the NPF published whatsapp helpline.	No response received	
44.	Alleged Assault, illegal detention, indignity of human	The victims, names withheld, medical doctors, were assaulted	7 th April, 2020	Moore Police Station, Ile-ife.	The Nigeria Police led by their Area Commander,	Names withheld.	This matter was brought to the attention of the Commis	This was brought to the attention of the state police command	There is need for accountability in cases like this

	persons, seizures of their phones.	by the police on 7 th April, 2020 on their way to office at Osun State Hospital, Ile-ife.			Ile-ife Area Command.		sion by the complainants	d but no response yet	
45.	Assault, Inhuman and degrading treatment.	Victim, name withheld, A lady who resides in Iwo, Osun State was assaulted by some police officers while on her way "to get drugs and some relief materials for her people".	18 April, 2020	Iwo, Osun State.	Names and service numbers withheld	Name withheld/ Female	The Complainant Response Unit of the Nigeria Police Force	The Osun State Coordinator of the Commission called the DPO handling the case and he stated that Orderly trial have commenced.	It has been reported that officers involved have faced orderly room trial. They were found guilty and dismissed. There is need to prosecute them and pay damages to complainant NHRC to request and obtain official documentation from NPF detailing accountability action taken.

46.	Alleged harassment, inhuman and degrading treatment	Vigilante (CJTF) beating up people sitting outside their homes during the COVID-19 enforcement Regulation period. Reason was that there was no power in the area for them to sit inside their homes.	1/4/20	Ile-Ife Osun State	Vigilante (CJTF)	Occupants in the Compound	A text was sent to the CP NPF Osun State.	No response was received	
47.	Alleged Inhuman and degrading treatment.	A twitter user with the handle @handle withheld tweeted that he was maltreated by some police officers at Otaefun, Osogbo, Osun State.	20 April, 2020	Otaefun, Osogbo, Osun State.	The Nigeria Police Force.	Name withheld/ Male	The Complaint Response Unit of the Nigeria Police Force	The victim was contacted and he said the matter has been settled.	There should be accountability for the violation and action taken should be reported formally to the commission.
RIVERS STATE									
48.	Cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment	The officers of the Nigeria Police Force went to Oil Mill Market on the 1 st of April 2020	1/4/2020	Oil mill market	Nigeria Police Force	Buyers and sellers	Brought to the attention of the PPRO NPF Rivers State	Due to the public outcry, the Commissioner of Police allegedly withdrew	There is need to identify and hold accountable the police officers

		to disperse traders from selling. In the course of dispersing traders, they used tear gas, shot sporadically, and also flogged the traders. Most people were seriously wounded by these acts.						policemen from the task force	who went for the operation.
OGUN STATE									
49.	Alleged violation of right to health, sexual abuse inhuman and degrading treatment	The complainant alleged as follows; that the police trainees have overstayed their training duration of six months since they commenced 2 nd week of October 2019. That despite Presidential COVID-19 Regulations to curb the deadly Corona Virus disease, the trainees	1/4/20	Iperu, Ogun State	The Nigeria Police Force	Name withheld, (Male), on behalf of 400 recruits in Iperu Police School Camp, Ogun State	The complaint was forwarded to the Commissioner of Police Ogun State for his comment on 1/4/20 and also to the IGP through his Public Relations Officer, for his intervention.	Awaiting response from the IGP	NHRC will be monitoring to see whether the complainant will be stigmatized and rusticated or victimized by the police authorities for reporting violations to the Commission to avoid COVID-

		are still in training camp. That the supervising officers have been sexually assaulting the recruits which resulted to unwanted pregnancies and abortions by the responsible supervising officers towards the end of last year (2019).							19 pandemic in the camp
NIGER STATE									
50.	Alleged Torture	The Joint Task Force (JTF) while carrying out enforcement of the COVID-19 Regulation of the Government, tortured a man to the extent that the victim had a dislocation on his leg, as reported by the representative of an NGO, name withheld	28 th March, 2020	Salka in Magama/Nasko Local Government Area of Niger State	Inspector name withheld (Male)	Name withheld (Male)	The alleged violator is an officer of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps. The representative of the NGO called on telephone and informed the NHRC Minna office about the incident,	The NSCDC responded to the letter the Commission sent to them by informing the Commission that the alleged violator was apprehended and made to pay medical bills of the victim, he was further	.

							and the office contacted the State Commandant of the NSCDC who promised to take action through the Area Commander and the Divisional Officer (DO). The DO told NHRC that the violator will be punished accordingly. It was gathered that the officer was detained for 24 hours and queried and that the command will be responsible for the treatment of the victim.	ordered to tender apology to the victim's family.	
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							The victim was taken to Kontagora for an X Ray to ascertain the extent of the injury on him. NHRC was informed by DO that the result indicated that it was not a fracture but a dislocation of his leg.		
51.	Alleged Torture	On 22/4/2020, <i>name withheld</i> (m) was arrested and detained at Salka Police Station, Magama LGA of Niger State for flouting the COVID-19 restriction of movement order. During the course of interrogatio	22 nd April, 2020	Salka, Magama Local Government Area Of Niger State	Inspector <i>name withheld</i>	<i>Name withheld/</i> male	Nigeria Police Force	The Commission was informed by one <i>name withheld</i> , that the Police Area Commander, Chairman of Magama LGA and the majority leader of Niger State House of Assembly visited	The Commission is in touch with the victim's brother and the police command in Niger to ensure that the officer is disciplined accordingly. Request documentation

		n, one of the IPOs, Insp. <i>name withheld</i> , attached to Salka Police Station allegedly tortured the victim by hitting his leg with a baton thereby fracturing it.						the victim after the Commission's call to the Police PRO, Niger State Command	detailing formal action taken by NPF.
PLATEAU STATE									
52.	Alleged Inhuman and Degrading Treatment	Security personnel from Operation Safe Haven, a Joint Task Force Operation, arrested and detained some young men. They beat them with sticks and machetes and shaved the hair from their heads.	May 12, 2020	Sector 1 Zaria Road, Jos North, Plateau State.	Name of perpetrator not yet disclosed by OPSH/ Male.	6 victims, <i>names withheld</i> Males.	Personnel of Sector 1 of Operation Safe Haven. The NHRC State office visited the victims at the Police Station where the report was made. A letter was written to the Commander of Operation Safe Haven and to the		Awaiting the response of the OPS

							Commissioner of Police reporting the incident.		
53.	Alleged Shooting , Assault and Attempted Murder	The Complainant was on his way home from work in the evening on a commercial motorbike when he got caught up in traffic. Some soldiers started shooting in the air to clear the traffic, when one of them shot at him, in his rear-end.	May 15, 2020	Majema Junction, Close Zololo Junction, Jos North, Plateau State	Name of the violator has not been disclosed. Male.	<i>Name withheld/</i> Male	Personnel of Operation Safe Haven.	The field office at NHRC Jos, Plateau State, has spoken with the victim who has been discharged from the hospital. The office has also written to the OSH, the Police is awaiting their response	Awaiting the response of the Police.
54.	Alleged Inhuman and Degrading Treatment	Security personnel from Operation Safe Haven, a Joint Task Force Operation, arrested and detained some young men. They beat them with sticks and machetes and	May 12, 2002	Sector 1 Zaria Road, Jos North, Plateau State.	Name of perpetrator not yet disclosed by OPSH/ Male.	Emmanuel Gyang, Damian Ifeanyi, Kim Gyang, Dachung Pam, Chuwan Davou and Dideke Kamos. Males.	Personnel of Sector 1 of Operation Safe Haven. The state office visited the victims at the Police Station where the report was		Awaiting the response of the OPS

		shaved the hair from their heads.					made. A letter was written to the Commander of Operation Safe Haven and to the Commissioner of Police reporting the incident.		
ZAMFARA STATE									
55.	Alleged Inhuman and degrading treatment	The Commission on 11 th May 2020 received a complaint from the Gidan Jaja Community in Zurmi Village, Zurmi LGA Zamfara State. They alleged that personnel of the Nigerian Army on the said date came to the village and set ablaze 16 houses, shops, cars as well as food items. They alleged further that	11-05-2020	Zurmi LGA, Zamfara State	Nigerian Army	Gidan Jaja Village, Zurmi Local Government	Nigerian Army	The Commission wrote to the Nigerian Army Command in Zamfara State for investigation to be carried out on the incidence . The Nigerian Army responded by denying all alleged violation. The Commission invited the victim for proof	

		the army personnel shot one of the villagers in the leg.						if any. Awaiting evidence	
FEDERAL TERRITORY		CAPITAL							
56.	Alleged Inhuman and degrading treatment (Grievous Hurt) and Threat to Life	The Complainant, namewithheld (a Law Firm) in a letter dated 23 rd April, 2020 addressed to the Inspector General of Police and copied the Commission, alleged that the victim namewithheld was shot and abandoned by Officers of Nigeria Police Force led by the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Kuje Police Division during the enforcement of COVID-19 lockdown directive. The victim was said to have gone out to buy	5 th April, 2020	Kuje	DPO Kuje Police Division and his men	namewithheldMale	The Inspector General of Police, Nigeria Police Force	No response yet from the Nigeria Police Force	

		<p>food at a local when the DPO and his men invaded the area and started shooting sporadically.</p> <p>The victim was on 5th of April, 2020, (after much protest by the indigenes), taken to the General Hospital, Kuje. He could however not be treated at the General Hospital in Kuje and was later transferred to the National Hospital at around 2am on 6th April, 2020 where he was abandoned by the Police. The family members, in a bid to save the victim's life, eventually</p>							
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		moved him to a private Medical Center namewithheld in Mararaba, Nassarawa State on 10 th of April, 2020 because they were unable to afford the medical bill at the National Hospital.							
UNLAWFUL RESTRICTION/ARREST AND DETENTION									
AKWA IBOM									
57.	Alleged police harassment/prevention of movement	The Victim, Dr. <i>name withheld</i> alleged that he was stopped and harassed along with members of his team by some policemen on their way to distribute PPE's to Medical Doctors at the University of Uyo Teaching Hospital in spite of tendering their exemption passes and ID cards	20/4/2020	Uyo. Metropolis	Some police officers in the state enforcing the COVID-19 lockdown regulations (M)	Dr. <i>name withheld</i> (M) and members of his team.	The CP was contacted and he waded into the issue. The PPRO has publicly stated that the matter has been resolved.	The matter was amicably resolved	There is need for sensitization of officers prior to deployment for enforcement of relevant regulations. There is need to build a culture of respect for human rights among officers.

58.	Alleged unlawful arrest and detention.	The victim, namewithh eld was arrested by men of the Department of State Services (DSS) for allegedly speaking up against the handling of Covid-19 by the Akwa Ibom State Government.	28/4/2020	Uyo. Metropolis	Some Persons of the DSS, Akwa Ibom State Command (M).	Namewit held (M)	On the 30th of April, 2020 the NHRC State Coordinator visited the DSS State Command and insisted on seeing and speaking to the victim on the matter which was obliged by the DSS. the Commission advised improved access to his lawyer and family and the DSS officials promised to be humane in treatment of the victim (The Head of Operations of DSS in	The matter was charged to the Chief Magistrate Court, Uyo, where he was granted bail while waiting for perfection of his bail conditions, the court directed that the victim be kept in DSS custody. The DSS has promised to provide for his welfare and access to his lawyer and family as the matter is now sub judice.	
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							<p>the State, however , informed the Commission in his presence that he has been arraigned in Chief Magistrate Court on three counts of defamation of character, conspiracy and publication of false information with the intent to cause panic and breach of public order. Adding that the court has granted him bail, he was only being held pending the</p>		
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							fulfillment of his bail conditions as the matter was adjourned to 2nd of June, 2020.		
ANAMBRA STATE									
59.	Unlawful arrest, detention and extortion	On 25 th April 2020, the NHRC, Anambra State Office received a report via telephone, of the unlawful arrest of some citizens observing 'the stay at home' order, from their various homes by police officers of Okpoko Awada in Onitsha, Anambra State. The NHCR field office contacted Mrs <i>name withheld</i> of address <i>withheld</i> Okpoko in Onitsha, wife of one	25 th April 2020	<i>Undisclosed</i> Street Okpoko, Onitsha. Anambra State.	Police personnel, Okpoko Police Station.	Mr. <i>name withheld</i> and others/ Males	National Human Rights Commission and Police PRO, Anambra State	One victim has been released	There is need for the officers involved in the unlawful arrest to be brought to book accordingly and the whereabouts of the remaining detainees accounted for.

		<p>of the arrested victims, on a number provided by the reporter. She informed the commission that SARS officers of Okpoko Police Station, raided their residences and broke into the apartments of victims and arrested more than 5 men, for unjust reasons. However, their relatives were invited to the police station to bail the arrested men if they wanted to. That at the police station, her husband, Mr <i>name withheld</i> and other victims were accused of smoking Indian</p>							
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		Hemp, as the officers claimed they found stubs of the stuff littered in their premises. She further stated that she was able to bail her husband after a long argument.							
BAYELSA STATE									
60.	Alleged unlawful arrest and detention	The complainant alleged that SARS, in Bayelsa State command invaded his house at 2:00am on 12/05/2020. He claimed that the SARs officers searched his house and collected two of his iPhones and the sum of Fifty Thousand Naira (N 50,000.00). They arrested his wife and 3year old	12/05/2020	Yenezue-Epie Community, Yenagosa, Bayelsa State	SARS, ASP <i>name withheld</i> (M), 2ic SARS, Bayelsa State	2 victims, <i>names withheld/ both female</i>	SARS, Bayelsa State Command Nigeria Police Force.	The Commission intervened in the matter by paying a visit to SARS office. The SARS boss explained that the arrest was made to enquire what the complainant does for a living. It was alleged that the complainant is a suspected drug baron and also	

		daughter for reasons unknown to him. .						deals in other illegal businesses. SARS released the victims and returned all items collected from him.	
								On 15 th September, 2020 NHRC met with the complainant and his lawyer, where they informed the Commission that he sued SARS for violation of his fundamental human rights.	
BENUE STATE									
61.	Alleged violation of right to privacy and dignity of human person	The complainant is an alleged COVID-19 patient in Benue State who came back from the UK for her mother's burial and	2/4/20	Benue State	The Benue State Government and the Ministry of Health	<i>Name withheld</i> (Female)	NHRC's attention was drawn to the complainant and it referred the complainant to the Minister of	No response yet from the Ministry of Health to her request to be released from the observation facility	The issues of violation of her right to privacy remains to be properly investigated. The

		<p>was quarantined following COVID-19 protocol. She alleged to have been with the Benue State Government for 6 days in a deplorable environment because the private hospital she went to connived with the Federal and Benue State Government to allege that she is COVID-19 positive . She insisted she has not manifested any COVID-19 symptoms, nor received any form of treatment since her arrival at the isolation facility. That the Benue State Government violated</p>					<p>Health who directed that she be moved to Abuja from Makurdi. The complainant has been transferred to a better facility in Abuja to be retested. She tested positive once more. The violation of right to privacy will be handled after the lockdown. The lawyers of the complainant have addressed a petition to the Federal Ministry of Health for redress and release</p>		<p>Hon. Minister of Health during the daily briefing of the task force said that since she tested positive the second time, she cannot be released until she tests negative in line with COVID-19 protocols. The challenge has been that bio data and information on lab test results do not wholly refer to her in terms of age and full names</p>
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		her right to privacy by announcing her status on air without her consent while safeguarding the identity of the other COVID-19 patients including that of the Italian index case							with discrepancies recorded in age or omission of some part of her name.
Borno State									
62.	Alleged denial of access to essential service.	The Borno State Civil Society Organization has been volunteering on the fight against the COVID-19. Doctors attached to the organisation were called on an emergency to attend to a woman with afterbirth complications. On their way to a nearby health facility with the patient, they were stopped by a military	25th April 2020	Baga Road, behind Texaco Filling Station. Baga.	Personnel of the Nigerian Army	CSO/ Health Workers	The incident was reported to the NHRC Field Office Borno State. The hierarchy of the military was contacted accordingly, they assured the Commission that directives and warning will be issued to all the personnel on ground	The military gave a rapid response and intervention. Furthermore, assurances were also given to the Commission	There is need to report on accountability action given to the officer involved.

		personnel who harassed them and refused them passage. After a long argument the military personnel eventually permitted them to proceed to the health facility.					to avoid re-occurrence.		
DELTA STATE									
63.	Alleged Intimidation/ harassment and denial of right to food	The victim, Mr <i>name withheld</i> (an elderly male), was chased by men of the Nigeria Police Force from where he went to buy food for his family ((fufu) as depicted in the video). He was chased and harassed like a common criminal until he was forced to open the content of his bag, they also took away the money he had and his	5th April, 2020	Obiaruku, Delta State	Nigeria Police Force (officers with Delta State Anti Crime Patrol Vehicle no. 003) on the said date.	Mr ... <i>name withheld</i> (Elderly male)	Brought to the attention of the PPRO Delta State.	The Commission could not reach the victim despite all efforts and this has hampered the investigation on the matter.	

		motorcycle.							
64.	Alleged intimidation, harassment, threat to life and extortion	The victim, one Mr. <i>name and number withheld</i> (male-) a staff of Delta State Transport Management Authority, sent a message explaining that he was arrested by the policemen of the Rapid Response Unit in Warri. After harassment and threat, he was forced to transfer to them the sum thirty thousand naira (N 30,000.00) through his mobile phone. The money according to him was paid into the account of one of them by name <i>name withheld</i> .	9th April, 2020	Warri, Delta State	Nigeria Police Force (operation Rapid Response Unit).	<i>Name and number withheld</i> (male-) of Delta State Transport Management Authority).	A message was sent to the PPRO Delta State Police Command by the Commission.	A response was gotten from the victim who informed the Commission that the Delta State Commissioner of Police called him, instructing him to report the matter immediately to the Division Police Officer in Warri where he resides. The Commissioner of Police was also contacted and he responded that the matter is an administrative case and will be handled internally. Subsequently, the complain	There is need for accountability for this kind impunity. Officers having the temerity to ask for money to be transferred to them or other people from whom they can collect the money should not be condoned.

								ant wrote to the Commission asking for withdrawal of the case.	
65.	Intimidation, harassment and extortion	A concerned citizen sent a WhatsApp message informing us that the DPO, CSP <i>name withheld</i> and his men were harassing residents in the area, especially tricycle riders and residents who visit their local market to buy food. That as at the time of the report he impounded many tricycles, arrested and detained some of the riders, especially those who could not comply with his demand for money ranging	9th April, 2020	Sapele, Delta State	CSP <i>name withheld</i> (DPO Sapele)	2 victims, <i>names withheld</i> and other motorcyclists.	The matter was sent to the CP, Delta State. On receipt of the message he called back and requested to be given some time as he was said to be in a meeting. His response is still being awaited.	No further response received from the Commissioner of Police after he promised to carry out investigation and action on the matter.	

		from ₦5,000 to ₦10,000.00							
ENUGU STATE									
66.	Unlawful arrest, detention and extortion .	The complainant, <i>name withheld</i> , who sells foods and drinks and 9 others were arrested, detained , their lives threatened, and monies extorted from them.	Wednesday 1st April, 2020.	Ugbo-Odogwu, Trans Ekulu, Enugu.	Police officers from Trans Ekulu Divisional Headquarters, Enugu.	<i>Name withheld</i> ; Male.	The Nigeria Police, Trans Ekulu Divisional Headquarters, Enugu. The DPO was not on seat and police officers refused to give out his phone no.	No Response from Police	The victims were relieved of different sums of money to secure their release.
67.	Unlawful arrest and extortion .	Six hair stylists were arrested at their different shops and monies extorted from them before their release.	Wednesday 1st April, 2020.	Nanka/ Uduma Streets New Haven, Enugu.	Police officers from New Haven Divisional Headquarters, Enugu.	Nil	The Nigeria Police, New Haven Divisional Headquarters, Enugu. The DPO could not be reached.	Nil	The victims were relieved of different sums of money to secure release.
68.	Unlawful arrest, detention and extortion .	The victim, <i>name withheld</i> , who is a hair stylist was arrested, detained and money	Wednesday 1st April, 2020.	Marcus Garvey Street, New Haven, Enugu.	Police officers from New Haven Divisional Headquarters,	<i>Name withheld</i> ; Female.	The Nigeria Police, New Haven Divisional Headquarters,	Nil	The victim paid reasonable amount of money before

		extorted from her by the police.			Enugu.		Enugu.		she was released.
69.	Unlawful arrest and detention.	The Police Patrol Team entered a construction site and arrested the people working there in enforcement of the COVID-19 Regulation 2020.	5th April, 2020.	Monarch Area, Uwani, Enugu.	Police officers from Uwani Police Station Enugu.	Males	The Nigeria Police, Uwani Divisional Headquarters, Enugu.	The DPO ordered the release of the victims.	The victims were detained for the whole day.
70.	Unlawful attempt to arrest and detain.	The Police Patrol Team entered a construction site and tried to arrest the workers inside but they were locked inside by the workers.	7th April, 2020.	Bishop Aniogu Street, Uwani Enugu.	Police officers from Uwani Police Station Enugu.	Males	The Nigeria Police, Uwani Divisional Headquarters, Enugu.	The DPO visited the site and pleaded for the release of the officers.	The victims locked up the gate and the police officers were unable to leave.
71.	Unlawful arrest, extortion and denial of socio economic rights.	Drivers who ply the New Market/Udi Route were arrested at New Market and monies extorted from them.	14 th /15 th April, 2020	New Market Enugu.	Nigeria Police Force	Drivers	The Nigeria Police, CPS, Enugu.	None	
72.	Unlawful arrest, detention and extortion.	Men from the Nigeria Police Force, Ogui Division	16 th April, 2020.	Address withheld, Ogui Road, Enugu.	The Nigeria Police, Ogui Division Enugu.	Telephone technicians/ male	Nigeria Police Force	None	

		arrested telephone technicians and extorted monies ranging from ₦2,000 & ₦5,000 from those who had money while those who did not have money were taken to the Police Station							
GOMBE STATE									
73.	Alleged denial of right to provide essential service	The victim complained that he was prevented from going to market to sell his cow to provide foodstuff for his family	6/4/2020	Legal	Police/ Males	<i>Name withheld/ Male</i>	State actors	The Commission informed the victim that there was no violations because the state has banned going to markets especially village markets	The victim seemed to agree with the clarification.
74.	Alleged breach of right to association	The complainants stated that most of the time they used to gather at a place called Young Niggis and that	15/4/2020	Yalangu ruza, Gombe	Police/ males	<i>Names withheld/ males (2)</i>	Nigeria Police Force	The complainants were asked to identify the Police patrol team but they could not. The	Since the alleged violators were not known, the NHRC State office advised

		policemen dispersed them that COVID-19 would spread. But they said that they were not up to Fifty persons						NHRC State office visited the Gona Division which had jurisdiction of the location but they denied any such violation	the complainants to be vigilant and abide by the order of social distancing
75.	/Alleged denial of right to religion	The victim was asked not to go to Jumma'at prayer by the alleged violator that it was banned by government	3/4/2020	Koimawa	Vigilante group	<i>Name withheld/ male</i>	Non-State actors	The Commission informed the alleged violator group that the State Government did not ban congregational prayers, therefore, people should be left to observe their religious practices. The parties were satisfied and the matter resolved	
76.	Alleged violation of right to work	A complaint was lodged against an alleged violator	8/4/2020	Buba Shongo	Executive Guard/ Male	<i>Name withheld/ Male</i>	Private security	The NHRC staff educated the violator	

		and the NHRC staff went to serve the alleged violator with a letter of invitation but was denied access to the premises on the ground that Government has announced stoppage of work						that the work-at-home order only affected workers on grade level 12 downward. He was then they to conduct his official assignment. The alleged violators professor and Hajiya <i>names withheld</i> honoured the invitation and the matter resolved.	
IMO STATE									
77.	Alleged illegal arrest and extortion	The complainants alleged that they were illegally arrested and that they paid a sum of ₦5,000 each to be released.	2 nd April 2020	<i>Undisclosed</i> Street, Owerri, Imo State	Police officers from Fire Service Divisional Headquarters	8 Complainants <i>names withheld, all male</i>	Nigeria Police Force	This matter was resolved.	There should be accountability for the extortion.
78.	Alleged unlawful arrest	Complainant reported to NHRC that she was arrested at the	6 th April, 2020	M.C.C road by Wethral road junction Police Checkp	Nigeria Police Force Officers From Fire Service	<i>Name withheld</i> (Female)	Nigeria Police Force	The complainant informed the Commission that	

		MCC/Wethral Road junction for violating the lockdown Regulation while she was going to buy food from her neighbourhood.		oint	Police Station			she has been released on the order Of the D.P.O	
79.	Unlawful arrest and illegal detention	NHRC received a complaint that men from the NPF Owerri Command on 19 th April 2020 at World Bank road, arrested and detained the victim, <i>name withheld</i> . The incident happened when he stepped out to look for vehicle to take his wife who was 34 weeks pregnant to the Federal Medical Centre.	19/4/2020	World Bank Road,Owerri	Nigeria Police Force	<i>Name withheld (M)</i>	Imo State PPRO. Mr. Orlando Ikoku	Through the intervention of the Commission, the victim was released from the State CID on 20 th April 2020	
80.	Unlawful arrest and Illegal detention	mission received a complaint that men of the Nigeria	19/4/2020	Orji, Owerri	Nigeria Police Force	6 complainants, <i>names withheld/</i>	The NHRC Imo contacted the	In collaboration with Spaces for	

	n	Police Force on 19 th April 2020 arrested the victims and detained them for violating the COVID-19 Government directives. It was further alleged that they were asked to pay ₦50,000 each for their release.				5 male and 1 female	police via the PPRO	Change , and Action Group Free Legal, NGOs, the victims were released around 5pm after 3 days of detention without being extorted.	
LAGOS STATE									
81.	Alleged unlawful harassment, negligence leading to grievous hurt and restriction of movement	The victim, <i>name withheld</i> , had gone to collect money from the bank because his wife was in labor . Military Police saw him at Igandu and he explained himself. Notwithstanding, they harassed and chased him	14 th April, 2020	Ikotun, Lagos State	Army at Igando (Ikotun Area) Lagos State	<i>Name withheld</i> and a 10 year old boy	Nigerian Army	The victim was given the contact details of Army Headquarters by the NHRC State office to report the matter to army authority. He later called to report that the Army apologized and	

		while he was on a bike until he had an accident resulting in broken limbs. Another victim of the accident is hospitalized						asked him to provide pictures of the injury and damaged motor cycle	
82.	Alleged Arbitrary Arrest and Illegal Detention	On 08/04/2020 the victim's brother Mr. <i>name withheld</i> complained to NHRC Lagos that on Friday the 3rd of April, 2020 he received a call from his younger brother that the police pursued some people to his compound during lockdown and arrested him along with three other tenants. The police men according to him claimed to be chasing	3/4/2020	No 58 Olaitan Street, I kate Suruler e, Lagos State	Men of SARS Lagos State Command	<i>Namee withheld</i> -Male-	Nigeria Police Force, Lagos State Command, OC SARS Lagos Command	NHRC contacted the OC SARS Lagos State Command, CSP Peter Gana. The OC SARS informed us that the alleged victim was arrested in connection with a case of murder which is under investigation. He denied the allegation that he refused to allow the victim to take medication and	

		people from the street that happened to run into their compound. They were allegedly taken to Itire Police Station and from there were transferred to SARS Ikeja. He further stated that his brother is bipolar and in need of sustained medication and the police has refused to grant him bail or allow him to receive medication since he was moved to SARS office in Ikeja.						guaranteed that the victim will be allowed to take his medication if it was brought to him	
83.	Alleged illegal arrest and detention	The complainant, <i>name withheld</i> , claimed that the victims were on an errand riding on a Honda Accord car within their vicinity	31/3/2020	Around Abule – Egba bustop, Oko-Oba, Agege, Lagos State	Men of Oko – Oba police station	1. <i>Namw withheld</i> (M), 2. <i>Name withheld</i> (M)	Nigeria Police Force	The complainant's vehicle is still in the custody of the Oko – Oba police. The complainant was informed	

		<p>when a police officer flagged them down. Unfortunately the officer who was stopping them jumped to their front and the car injured her slightly. They took the injured officer- Insp. <i>name withheld</i> to the clinic where she used her NHIS to receive treatment. The victims paid for her 10% and also gave her N40,000 she requested from them. Afterwards they were locked up at the Oko-Oba police station till they were released on 8/4/2020, after the magistrate at the Ogba court requested</p>						<p>that as the matter is in court, only the court can give order for the release of the vehicle. We are yet to get update on the issue.</p>	
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		that they should be released.							
84.	Alleged Harrassment during lockdown	The complainant alleged that on 3 rd of April, 2020 a combined team of uniformed armed men made up of police, military and other paramilitary bodies attacked & harassed his community at Onibuore Street, Ikate, Lagos on the excuse of violating lockdown order. He alleged that he was slapped and other community members were manhandled. In the process one Mr <i>name withheld</i> was arrested and detained at the police station in Ikate. He	03/04/2020	Onibuore street, Ikate, Lagos	Team of policemen and other paramilitary bodies	Mr Adeniran & Others	Lagos State Police Command	The matter was brought to the attention of the CP Lagos through the PPRO Lagos State, Bala Elkanah. The PPRO later informed the NHRC State Coordinator, Lagos that the arrested person has been released	Where there is unlawful harassment, there should be some accountability measure even if it is a public apology in a local newspaper or tabloid. It is not enough to report that the people have been released. Someone should be held accountable to avoid a culture of impunity

		alleged that they were sitting in front of their houses because there was no electricity and everywhere was hot resulting in their being harassed and arrested by the policemen.							
85.	Unlawful arrest and detainment	The complainant, head of security of a private food company alleged that a staff of his company was arrested by a police officer in plain clothes in front of Ejigbo police station by 4pm while returning from work. The officer dragged the staff into the police station and seized his work ID	06/04/2020	Ejigbo, Lagos	Nigeria Police Force	Mr <i>name withheld</i>	CP Nigeria Police Command, Lagos State.	The matter was brought to the attention of PPRO Lagos State Command who intervened and the detained staff was released.	Officers involved should be punished. Release from detention without any consequence on the officers will not stop impunity by the officers.

		card and another letter identifying him as a staff of a food company. He further alleged that all effort to speak to the DPO Ejigbo was blocked by this officer while the staff was still being held in the station. He wanted NHRC to intervene as this is purely against presidential directives and is an unlawful arrest and detention.							
86.	Alleged unlawful arrest, detention and extortion	<i>Sahara Reporters</i> alleged that policemen from Agbowo-Ikosi Divisional Headquarters Epe LGA, Lagos State unlawfully arrested and extorted	7/4/2020	Lagos	1. <i>Name withheld</i> (DTO) 2. Sgt. <i>name withheld</i>	<i>Namw withheld</i>	Nigeria Police Force	The officers were arrested and are being investigated	The NPF to update to NHRC on action taken.

		<p>the sum of ₦10,000 from <i>name withheld</i>. It was alleged that the policemen directed the lady in question to a POS operator to enable her withdraw some money to buy food stuff. After the withdrawal, she was arrested by the same policemen who gave her the direction and detained from 9:00am to 8:00pm. She was eventually released after she parted with all the money she had collected from the POS. It was further alleged that the policemen unlawfully arrested other</p>							
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		persons and forced them to pay the sum of ₦10,000 each as condition for their release.							
NASSARAWA STATE									
87.	Alleged unlawful arrest and detention, torture, inhuman and degrading treatment	Men of the Nigeria Police Force arrested some people sitting outside their house during curfew hours. Amongst the arrested was a young man , <i>name withheld</i> , who was reportedly sick. Even though the young man told the police he was sick, they still arrested him and took him to 'E' Division. The sick victim was beaten for approaching the most	21/04/2020	Around College of Agriculture, Ombi II, Lafia.	Men of the Nigeria Police Force, 'E' Division , Lafia	<i>Name withheld</i> (M), <i>name withheld</i> (M), <i>name withheld</i> and six (6) others	A Barr. <i>name withheld</i> of Citizens Center for Justice, Leaders hip and Peace visited the victims at the 'E' Division to secure their release.	The victims were released on the 22/04 20	The victims were made to pay three hundred naira (₦300) each for their release or be arraigned in court.

		senior police officer to explain their situation.							
OGUN STATE									
88.	Alleged unlawful arrest, detection and violation of freedom of expression	The victim was arrested for alleging that the Ogun State Governor instructed State officials to distribute beans filled with stones harmful to their health as part of food items to sustain them during the COVID-19	15th April 2020	Ijebu Ode, Ogun State	Nigeria Police Force (NPF)/ Ogun State Governor	Name withheld/ Female	Ogun State Government. Community elders. The elders have mediated between the parties.	The matter has been resolved by the community elders who pleaded with the State government to forgive the victim.	The victim was said to have apologised for her comments but notwithstanding, her right to free speech and personal liberty seems to have been violated.
FEDERAL TERRITORY		CAPITAL							
89.	Denial of right to movement	<i>Punch Newspaper</i> of 9 th April 2020 reported that a medical doctor from Garki Hospital was refused passage despite identifying himself as an essential	9 th April 2020	FCT/ Nasarawa State Border	Nigeria Army	Unknown Male	Nigerian Military	Follow up on media reports indicate that the victim was subsequently allowed passage.	

		worker.							
90.	Denial of right to movement	A journalist was turned away even though he had an exemption pass and identified himself properly.	<i>Punch Newspaper</i> of 9 th April 2020	FCT/ Nasarawa State Border	Nigeria n Army	Unknown Male	Nigerian Military	Follow up on media reports indicate that the victim was subsequently allowed passage	
91.	Alleged unlawful restriction of movement	The complainant alleged threat and harassment despite having passes that exempted them from lockdown in order to render essential services	3/4/2020	Abaji - Abuja Road	Nigeria n Army	<i>Name withheld</i>	Nigerian Military	They were later allowed to move after long hours of waiting. Security operatives were cautioned to follow rightful directives	
92.	Alleged unlawful arrest and extortion	The complainant alleged that on the 1/4/2020, police team led by the DPO, Asokoro, Police station, with 3 Hilux Van arrested people all over Kuruduma 1 & 2, Kobi Villages of Asokoro extension and took them to their	2/4/20	Asokoro . Abuja	1. Officers of Nigeria Police Force, Asokoro Police station, FCT, Command 2.Task Force Team on COVID-19	Anonymous on behalf of the victims	The complaint was forwarded to IGP through the Force Public Relation Officer on 2/4/2020	A reminder has been written to the IGP for investigation and feedback.	

		station and extorted money from them. That on 2/4/2020, the task force team on COVID-19 arrested people at Guzape district. He also alleged that they did not allow people to sit or walk around in front of their homes							
93.	Alleged unlawful harassment and restriction of movement	Harassment by the police notwithstanding their pass which they presented. The complainants were rendering services to women victims of domestic violence in the FCT which was in the increase during the lockdown	13 th April, 2020	Area 1, Garki Abuja	Nigeria Police Force	Staff of a CSO, <i>name withheld</i>	Reported to the PPRO FCT	No Response from the police	
94.	Denial of right of movement	An unidentified pregnant woman who	AIT News broadcast 8 th April	Mpape, FCT	Joint team of the Nig Police, FRSC,	Name of victim protected by AIT	Reported to NHRC and the Police	Further media reports indicate that the	

		needed to get delivery materials from her home to the hospital was denied right of passage despite her vulnerable circumstances after explaining her mission	2020		NSCDC			lady was thereafter released and delivered of a baby boy at Wuse General Hospital	
EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLING									
ABIA STATE									
95.		A truck loaded with yams broke down at Tony Max Junction, Aba. Due to the lockdown induced hunger, some youths started looting the yams in the truck. Soldiers were invited to stop them; one of the soldiers shot towards the truck but the bullet hit a driver sitting in his vehicle inside Tony						No response yet	Awaiting official response by the Nigerian military.
	Extra judicial killing		6/4/2020	Tony Max filling station Aba, Abia State	A soldier of Nigerian military	A bus driver	Nigeria military		

		Max Petroleum Station. While bystanders were shouting and crying, the soldiers escaped.							
96.	Extra judicial killing	Mr. <i>name withheld</i> , a commercial vehicle driver from Ishiagu, Ebonyi State set out on a journey with his friend, <i>name withheld</i> . The driver was taking some yams and garri to Aba and his friend was going on a private business. At Umuikea junction, they were stopped and parked by Road Safety Officers on lockdown enforcement who demanded for bribe. After negotiations the driver	Wednesday April 16 2020, 7:30am	Umuikea Junction, Isiala Ngwa South LGA, toll gate area, along Umuahia Aba road.	Late victim, <i>name withheld</i> .	Civil Defense Officer <i>name withheld</i> .	NSCDC	<p>The witness, name and number withheld () himself narrated his story to an officer of NHRC.</p> <p>In a bid to cover up, the Abia State NSCDC Commandant, A C Nwannukwu said that his officer was aiming for the tires of the vehicle but unfortunately shot the driver.</p> <p>CP Abia State is already investigating the</p>	

		<p>gave one of them ₦1,000.00 and they asked him to go. As he was driving off, another officer shouted, "stop that car," he stopped and an armed Civil Defence officer sitting a very short distance away, rushed to the car, pointed his gun inside the driver's window and shot him. In the confusion that ensued, the friend escaped. The driver was taken to Roland Hospital where he was declared dead. The friend found his way to Aba, called other associates of the driver who accompani</p>						murder.	
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		ed him to the police station where he made statements to the police. The civil defense officer was arrested.							
97.	Extra judicial killing	The police were in pursuit of a motorist alleged to be in breach of the lockdown. The motorist entered a petroleum station, Greenmac Energy Ltd, New Umuahia Road, Aba. The police followed him into the Station in their pick-up, as the motorist escaped through another gate of the Station, a police inspector shot at the moving vehicle, the bullet hit a pump attendant	Sunday, April 5, 2020 2pm	Greenmac Energy Ltd Petroleum Station, New Umuahia Road, Aba.	Inspector <i>name withheld</i> , Ohuru Isimiri Police Division, Ukwu East LGA. Inspector <i>name and number withheld</i> , DPO <i>name and number withheld</i> , CP <i>name and number withheld</i>	<i>Victim, name withheld</i> , male, 26years	Nigeria Police Force	NHRC discussed the incident with the State PPRO and the DPO NPF. The CP found the shooting objectionable and cautioned the police to be very careful on how they use their arms. He said that Inspector <i>name withheld</i> has been arrested and investigation is ongoing. This was confirmed by the DPO.	There is need to communicate the accountability measures taken to the NHRC for proper reporting.

		working at the Station, <i>name withheld</i> . When the police realized what happened, they attempted to escape but were stopped by the Station security men. The police took the victim to Abia State Teaching Hospital, Aba where he was pronounced dead.							
98.	Extra judicial killing, inhuman and degrading treatment	Policemen on COVID-19 lockdown enforcement at the ever busy Uratta junction used the butt of their guns to hit a keke driver, <i>name withheld</i> , from Obokwe, Ukwu West LGA on his head, leaving him with very deep	Friday April 17 2020	Uratta Junction, Aba along Enugu – Port Harcourt Express way.	Unknown police escorts and policemen from Uratta Police Station.	2 victims, <i>names withheld</i>	NPF	CP Abia State has ordered the Police Area Commander, Aba to investigate the incident and report to him. The Area Command said they do not know the escorts or where they	

		<p>wounds and bleeding profusely. He tumbled out of his keke and lost consciousness. The policemen quickly took the body and ran. The crowd thought he was dead and started calling for demonstration; as many people started gathering, one Pastor <i>name withheld</i>, a member of Civil Society for COVID-19 pleaded with them and assured them that the victim was alive and in a hospital receiving treatment. The crowd asked the Pastor to provide proof of life. While the crowd was</p>						<p>came from. It is reported that nobody in Abia State believes them.</p> <p>The Pastor who have been coordinating information between the parties and the Commission.</p>	
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		waiting, two Hilux buses and a highlander filled with escort men dressed in police camouflage showed up. One of them shot into the crowd, instantly killing a youth <i>name withheld</i> , a welder in Aba. As he fell dead in front of Gift G Filling Station, the escorts continued their journey which provoked the crowd to riot, vandalizing and burning a car belonging to a policeman. A day old baby was abandoned at the scene, some youths were arrested and one trader,							
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		<p><i>name withheld</i>, had his legs shattered by a SARS officer <i>name withheld</i>. Through the Pastor's intervention, arrested youths were released.</p>							
99.	Extra judicial killing	<p>On April 19, 2020 around 7pm, a 26-year old man <i>name withheld</i> and others were offloading goods from a vehicle parked in front of <i>name withheld</i> a provision shop at Eni Njoku Road. According to an eye witness <i>name withheld</i>, some policemen drove their patrol van recklessly and hit the vehicle from which</p>	<p>Friday April 19, 2020, 7pm.</p>	<p>Eni Njoku Road, Ebem Ohafia LGA.</p>	<p><i>Constable name withheld</i> and 3 Policemen from Ohafia Police Station.</p>	<p>Deceased, name withheld</p>	<p>Nigeria Police Force</p>	<p>CP Abia State, Ene Okon, said the policemen were on a frolic of their own and were drunk, the vehicle they used was a personal car belonging to one of them, not a patrol van. The policeman involved have been arrested.</p> <p>The Government of Abia</p>	

		<p>the victim was offloading provisions. The policemen threatened to beat the shop proprietor and close his shop for breaching the lockdown Regulations because he and his friends insisted that the policemen must repair the vehicle they damaged. The victim and others joined the argument. One of the policemen pulled a gun and shot the victim and the policemen ran away. The victim was rushed to Federal Medical Centre, Umuahia where he was pronounced dead. When Ebem</p>						<p>Stated condemned the serial shooting of Abians by the police and other law enforcement agencies and instructed the Transition Council Chairman, Ohafia LGA, Prince Fred Idika to visit the family of the deceased and others affected to restore peace in Ebem Community.</p>	
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		youths heard about the death, they started rioting. The police station, the court, vehicles and everything within the police premises were burnt. It took the intervention of soldiers from Goodluck Jonathan Barracks, Ohafia to quell the riots. A lot of youths were arrested and some injured.							
100.	Extra judicial killing	Abia State COVID 19 Taskforce patrolling along Opopo Road, Ogbor Hill, Aba, sighted a commercial keke driver, popularly called <i>name withheld</i> , with passenger	Friday April 17 2020.	Opopo Road, Ogbor Hill, Aba	Known members of Abia State COVID-19 taskforce.	<i>Deceased, name withheld</i> from Abala, Obingwa LGA.	Abia State COVID-19 taskforce	CP Abia State is aware of this and has asked DPO Azuka Police Station to investigate	Need for police to confirm action being taken to the Commission, in writing.

		s coming from the Federal Housing to Opopo Junction. On sighting them, the driver in his bid to escape pursuit, lost control and rammed his keke into an electric pole. The taskforce gave him the beating of his life and he collapsed. They took him to a hospital where he was pronounced dead. His family said the taskforce killed him. The taskforce said that he died as a result of injuries he sustained when he rammed the electric pole.							
ANAMBRA STATE									
101.	Alleged extrajudicial	The Commission learnt	15 th April 2020	Ekeidim Street and	Officers of SARS	2 deceased,	Nigeria Police Force	The NHRC Anambra	As at 18th April

	killings	from the complaint available to her that two victims <i>one name withheld</i> were heading home after playing football with their friends and came across some SARS operatives who were arresting some persons. They noticed that people were running away from from the police men but they confidently made up their minds to proceed to their destination on the ground that they did not break any law that will warrant their arrest. When they got to the front of the beer parlour		Ezogo Street, all at New Tire Nkpor.	and Ogidi Police Station	<i>names withheld</i> , all male.		office proceeded to the locus of the incident on 16th April 2020 and interviewed some eye witnesses who told the Commission the following: 1. That the attack on the two deceased, <i>names withheld</i> was premeditated. 2. that one of the deceased <i>name withheld</i> was the only child of the mother who is also a widow. 3. that the deceased's mother sells yams in front of a beer pub where	2020, the Anambra State Government has promised to bear the cost of medical bills of the welder who is still hospitalized and bear the cost of the burial ceremony of the deceased. The above information was announced by the Governor of Anambra State during his special broadcast to the State on 18 th April 2020.
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		<p>where the policemen had already arrested two persons, the SARS operatives on overhearing their conversation that the arrest is unlawful, confronted them and tried to arrest the two victims but the victims resisted the arrest on the ground that they had not done anything wrong. The SARS operatives who were infuriated by the statements of the victims then began dragging them towards their white Hilux parked at the Ezego junction but the two victims resisted which led</p>						<p>the SARS operatives that shot her son usually comes to drink and harass, intimidate and arrest residents of the area who are not in good terms with the owner of the beer pub, <i>name withheld</i> at her instigation.</p> <p>4. that the owner of the beer pub <i>name withheld</i>, is a mistress of one of the SARS operatives name <i>withheld</i> and that consequently the said SARS operative and his colleague</p>	
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		<p>the SARS operatives to start punching and beating them. In the course of the scuffle, one of the SARS operatives drew a dagger and stabbed, one of the victims, <i>name withheld</i>, on the neck.</p> <p>At this point, the victims on seeing that additional SARS operatives were approaching to help the initial SARS policemen trying to arrest them, began to run away so that they won't overpower them and arrest them. One of the SARS operatives shot at the two victims but they</p>						<p>s always stay at the woman's beer pub terrorizing the inhabitants of the area. At his Mistress instigation, the policeman, <i>name withheld</i> usually carries his gun to go and recover debts from customers owing her, at times beating them to pulp and also shooting indiscriminately.</p> <p>5. that the deceased's mother had issues with the beer pub owner and she threatened the deceased's mother that some</p>	
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		<p>continued running into Ezego Street towards Akachukwu Hospital and Maternity while the SARS operatives pursued them, closely firing at them. The deceased then fell on the ground and the said SARS operative firing the gun came to where he is lying and lifted him up and shot him again after which they took to their heels and ran into their vehicle and drove away in haste leaving one of the victims, Chukwuebu dead while the other victim also later fell on the ground lying helpless after</p>						<p>one will die in her family as they were quarrelling.</p> <p>6. that the said beer pub owner later had issues with the deceased , recently whereat she threatened the deceased but that the deceased told her that she cannot harm or do anything to him.</p> <p>7. On 15th April 2020 the deceased , went to play football with his friends at Ezego and after the football match the deceased together with his friend <i>name</i></p>	
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		knocking at Akachukwu Hospital and Maternity gate which was locked without any help coming to him. Mr. Osondu who was stabbed with a dagger on the neck and shot at the belly then rose from the ground and was searching for help from car owners or Keke but none came to help him, it was a lady that summoned courage to come out of her house to assist him in search of a vehicle or Keke. They later found a Keke which agreed to convey them to Multi Care hospital at Omagba phase 2 Onitsha for						<p><i>withheld</i>, who is a welder and also a married man, were heading home through Ekedim Street New Tyre Market, Nkpor when they saw SARS operative s arresting people.</p> <p>8. As they were getting close to the beer pub where the SARS operative s were stationed, the beer pub owner made a phone call telling the call receiver (which may be one of the SARS operative s) "that is the boy"</p>	
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		medical treatment.						and that as soon as the deceased and his friend came close, the SARS operative s attacked them, ordering and dragging them to enter their white Hilux. However, the two young men refused and resisted the attempt to drag them in to the SARS operative s white Hilux. The deceased 's friend could not bear the punching from the SARS operative s had to retaliate by returning the punches.	
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								<p>9. As a result of the retaliation , one of the SARS operative s drew his dagger and stabbed the deceased 's friend on the neck but he continued to resist the arrest together with the deceased , shouting that they did nothing wrong and that they would not enter the white Hilux.</p> <p>10. The bag of one of the SARS operative s fell on the ground and they left it at that place and escaped</p>	
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								<p>out of fear and guilt following their actions. The said bag contains their belongings.</p> <p>11. The deceased died instantly from the gun shots while his friend ,the welder, who was lying on the ground after being stabbed and shot tried to gain entrance into the gate of Akachukwu Hospital and Maternity .</p> <p>Contrary to the report of the social media and media outlets that the two victims</p>	
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								<p>were dead. The Commission on her visit to Multi Care Hospital, Omagba Phase 2, Onitsha, in the course of her investigation, found out that the welder was on oxygen support, unconscious, responding to treatment and surrounded by his sisters and young wife.</p> <p>12. Contrary to social media reports, the policeman who shot the welder and the deceased are not from Okpoko Police</p>	
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								<p>Station Onitsha but are SARS personnel attached to Ogidi Police Station, Ogidi.</p> <p>13. Eye witnesses and residents of New Tyre told the Commission that the same group of SARS personnel who shot the deceased and his friend, had prior to this incident been terrorizing and causing pandemonium in the area. causing</p> <p>14. The Anambra State Commissioner of Police and the PPRO alleged that a liquid</p>	
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								<p>substance was poured on the SARS operatives by the victims. However, eye witnesses reliably informed NHRC that the alleged substance was brought out by the SARS operatives from their bag which fell out of their possession as they were escaping from the scene of their crime.</p> <p>15. Eye witnesses reliably informed NHRC that the SARS operatives first attacked the two victims and that the two victims did not at</p>	
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								<p>any time take away the rifle from any of the SARS personnel because they were only two. They only resisted attempts to drag them in to the SARS personnel white Hilux.</p> <p>16. The SARS personnel, lover of the beer pub owner, together with his colleagues while drinking at the bar systematically arrests persons who look well-to-do, threaten and put them into their vehicle. En route to the station, they stop to collect</p>	
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								their victims phones in order to search for the victim's bank account balance. When they discover huge moneies in the account balance statemen t, they will compel such victim to transfer the sum of ₦100,000 to the policeme n's personal bank account or be taken to the police station. The victims will usually beg and negotiat e to transfer ₦ 20,000 or sums less than the sum of ₦100,000	
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								<p>demande d which transfers the SARS operative s reluctantl y accepts to set their victims free.</p> <p>17. That the SARS personne l indiscrimi nate shooting and intimidati on of the residents of the area whenever they are drinking at the beer pub usually leaves them in fear and intimidati on.</p> <p>18. That the Commiss ion was reliably informed that it was as a result of the beer pub owner's manifest</p>	
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								<p>instigation and involvement in the incident leading to the attack of the two young men by SARS operatives that caused the angry mob to carry the corpse of deceased to the expressway so that Government, officials of government, the media and the general public will witness what the SARS personnel did. The mob also went to destroy the beer pub which the Commission learnt she locked up immediately the SARS</p>	
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							<p>operative s escaped with their white Hilux.</p> <p>19.TheCo mmission also paid a visit to the bereaved widow in the course of her investigat ion, on 16th April 2020.</p> <p>As at 18th April 2020, the Commiss ion was reliably informed that the Anambra State Governm ent has promised to bear the medical bill of the welder and burial expense of the deceased . There is still need for the perpetrat ors of this crime to be</p>	
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								punished according ly as that will serve as a deterrent to other would be violators.	
102.	Alleged extra judicial killing	On 21st of May 2020, a 22 year old boy Mr <i>name withheld</i> , an only child and an indigene of Adagba Avon village in Enugu Ukwu community in Anambra State was killed by police officers of Nimo Command for defaulting COVID-19 curfew Regulation timeline of 8pm – 6am in Anambra State. According to information reaching the National Human Rights Commissio n through a member of	21/5/20 20	Enugwu Ukwu Communi ty	Police officers from Nimo police station	Decease d, <i>name withheld</i> , male	. His Royal Highnes s, Sir Obumne me Ekpeh disclose d to the communi ty that the Govern ment of Anambr a State through the Commis sioner for Youth Empowe rment and Creative Econom y , has released the sum of ₦500, 000 for the burial rites of the victim schedul ed to take place on 30 th May 2020.		

		<p>an NGO located in Enugwu Ukwu, the victim, a trainee apprentice attached to barbing a salon in Enugu Ukwu was said to have closed work and was on his way home in the company of his boss when the police officers sighted them and started chasing them. In the course of the pursuit, he was pushed by the police officers into an oncoming vehicle that knocked him down. The police officers instead of taking him to the hospital took him to the police station where he later died.</p>					<p>The Commissioner was at the Palace to commiserate with the community and the family of the deceased,</p>		
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CROSS RIVER STATE									
103.	Alleged extra-judicial killing	A taxi driver was allegedly beaten to coma by COVID-19 law enforcement officers in Cross River State and later died	April 2020	Marian Road, Calabar	COVID-19 law enforcement officers in Cross River State	A taxi driver	The Nigeria Police Force, and the Cross River State law enforcement agents		
DELTA STATE									
104.	Alleged extrajudicial killing	The complainant alleged that on the 2/4/20, <i>name withheld</i> was on his way to pick his sick father to take him to the hospital. That the Army Officers on patrol along the NPA expressway flagged him down and he refused to stop. That the army officers were eventually able to stop him and without giving him an	2/4/20	Warri, Delta State	Men of the Nigerian Army	Space For Change on behalf of the deceased	The complainant was acknowledged and forwarded by NHRC to the alleged violator through Director Civil Military Affairs Maj. Gen. U. S. Muhammed on 3/4/20 for onward submission to the Chief of Army Staff for investigation and further necessary action	The officers involved in the case were arrested for prosecution in line with Army internal prosecution and no further statement has been heard from the Nigeria Military on the matter..	No official comment received from the military on action taken

		opportunity to explain why he did not stop shot him dead at close range. The complainant demanded an investigation into the death to ensure accountability for human rights violation.							
105.	Extra judicial killing	It is alleged that some members of Anti-cult Unit attached to Delta State Police command mercilessly beat up the victim who is a keke rider and seized his tricycle because he refused to pay ₦100 pass at Otokutu community. After the victim was brutalized and abandoned, he managed to get to the	10th April, 2020	Otokutu, Ughelli South LGA, Delta State.	Anti-cult Unit (community vigilante) and the Nigeria Police Force, Delta State Command	Deceased, name withheld (male)	CID of Delta State Police Divisional Headquarters, Asaba, Area Command Ughelli, Behind Bars Initiative (NGO)	Alleged violators were initially arrested and later set free then re-arrested with the intervention of NHRC and NGO. They are presently in force headquarters Asaba for further investigation and prosecution. They have been charged to court and the	

		community market square where he fell and died on the spot.						matter is ongoing at Orerokpe High Court in Delta State.	
EBONYI STATE									
106.	Alleged extra-judicial killing	<i>Saturday Sun</i> Newspaper of 7th April, 2020 reported a case of murder at Nguzu in Afikpo South L.G.A of Ebonyi State over the enforcement of COVID -19 Regulations 2020 by the State Task Force on COVID-19. The Commission's investigation revealed that the task force went to disperse a gathering suspected to be the burial of a person who allegedly died of COVID –	27 th of March 2020	Nguzu in Afikpo South L.G.A	Not yet identified.	<i>Name withheld</i> (male)	Ebonyi State Task Force on COVID - 19 Afikpo South LG.A Ebonyi State.	Official investigation in respect of the murder is ongoing.	

		19,at the house of a State legislator from the community. It was alleged that in the course of discharge of their duty, a conflict broke out between the boys loyal to the State legislator and the members of the task force working under Afikpo South L.G.A Chairman. One of the boys loyal to the State legislator was allegedly shot and killed. The Commissioner of Police, Ebonyi State was contacted about the incident through his PPRO.							
EDO STATE									
107.	Right to life	A police inspector	08/05/2020	Iyetsen Quarter within	An unidentified	The Nigeria Police	The Nigeria Police		The Edo State

		was part of a team from Auchi Area Command enforcing the COVID-19 curfew between 8pm to 6am. The team came under attack in the cause of their duty and the said inspector was hit in the neck by a bullet. He was rushed to the hospital where he died.		Auchi-Headquarters of Etsakor West Local Government Area of Edo State.	mob	Force			Commissioner of Police has ordered investigation into this matter and pleads with sister agencies, hunters, youth leaders, the traditional rulers and vigilante groups to help with information that will lead to the arrest of the perpetrators of the gruesome murder of the police inspector.
JIGAWA STATE									
108.	Alleged extra-judicial killing	On 20/04/2020 it was revealed that police personnel	20/04/2020	Sankara, Ringim Local Government	Yet to be identified at the time of this	<i>Name withheld (Male)</i>	Alleged police personnel. On 22/04/20	The PPRO revealed that on 20/04/2020 the	The investigation is on going.

		<p>went to enforce the COVID - 19 lockdown at Sankara market which resulted in violence in the area. It was alleged that a ten (10) year old boy was shot in the head. The victim was taken to General Hospital Ringim for treatment. On 21/04/2020 , when the NHRC State Office visited the hospital, the victim was unconscious. The State Office wrote the hospital requesting for the victim's medical report. On 22/04/2020 the victim was referred to Rasheed Shokoni</p>		Area, Jigawa State	report.		<p>20 the NHRC State Office spoke to the Police Command Public Relations Officer (PPRO) on the allegation.</p>	<p>police personnel who went to enforce a village market lockdown came under attack with various types of weapons from the villagers. According to him, the police were able to restore normalcy in the area after using teargas to disperse the marketers. However, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) assured the Police Command that no bullet was fired during the incident. He further revealed that after</p>	
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		<p>Specialist Hospital. Also, on 23/04/2020 the victim was referred to Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital where he later died same day. At the time of writing this report, the NHRC State Office was awaiting the victim's medical report in order to know the next line of action.</p>						<p>normalcy was restored, the Police received the information about the victim and they took him to hospital. The PPRO suspects that the victim might have been wounded by one of the weapons used by the villagers to attack the police. The Police Command is waiting for the victim's medical report in order to ascertain if the injury is a bullet wound or not. The Police Command also</p>	
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								assured the Commission that some arrests were made and investigation has been concluded. The case file has been sent to the Department for Public Prosecution (DPP) for advice.	
KADUNA STATE									
109.	Alleged extra-judicial killing and summary execution	A riot was reported to have started after an inmate died of causes suspected to be COVID-19 related . Some inmates erroneously heard there was directive to decongest and release them due to COVID-19 and to avoid the	31 st March, 2020	Kaduna Custodial Centre	Staff of Kaduna Custodial Centre	7 inmates, <i>names withheld</i> , all male	Kaduna Custodial Centre	Investigation ongoing as directed by Controller General of Nigeria Correctional Service	

		<p>spread of the virus within the facility. The inmates agitated by the poor health and sanitary conditions in the facility and how that is a threat to their lives in the event of a COVID-19 infection, started a riot to be released. It was reported that victims died of gunshots, torture, inhuman and degrading treatment and wounds inflicted on the rioting inmates by prison warders and staff in a bid to quell the riot. It was alleged that the force used was disproportionate resulting in high</p>							
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		numbers of extrajudicial killings, torture and other human rights violation of the inmates							
110.	Alleged extra judicial killings.	Some vegetable traders were barred from using the venue of the weekly "Monday Market" due to the lockdown order imposed by the Kaduna State Government, banning public gatherings. Due to the perishable nature of their produce, the traders pleaded that they be allowed to sell them along the railway tracks at Trikaniya. This	30/3/20	Trikaniya Kaduna State	NPF from Kakuri police station Kaduna	4 deceased, <i>names withheld</i> , all male died on spot from gunshot injuries. Others taken to hospital are 4 gunshot victims including a child, <i>names withheld</i> , all male. The family of one of the victims sought for his discharge from the hospital because they were not satisfied	DPO and officers of Makera-Kakuri police station and CJTF Kakuri	NPF Kaduna initially denied knowledge of the killings	Information from the villagers and A. P. Smart Hospital where the victims were deposited and hospitalised confirm the story

		<p>agreement was made with the CJTF in charge of Trikaniya area.</p> <p>Another Civilian Joint Task Force from Makera-Kakuri, a community close to the area arrived at the spot and without consulting with the task force of Trikania, confronted the traders, vandalizing many of their produce in the process, which led to chaos.</p> <p>The Kakuri CJTF further reported the matter to the police station at Kakuri, and the DPO immediately deployed</p>				<p>with services, he died on his way home, bringing the total number of deceased to 5.</p>			
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		its men to the venue, who without investigation began firing live ammunition at the traders alongside members of the CJTF from Makera-Kakuri.							
KATSINA STATE									
111.	Extra judicial killing	Kastina State Government banned Friday prayer in response to the COVID - 19 pandemic. The Imam of Kusada LGA went ahead to perform Friday prayer. The Area Commander Malumfashi ordered the arrest of the Imam. While trying to effect the arrest, a clash ensued	28 th day of March, 2020	Kusada Local Government Council (LGC) of Katsina State.	The Nigeria Police Force.	<i>Name withheld</i> (Male) Age 27,	Nigeria Police Command Headquarters, Katsina State.	Ninety suspects were arrested while one of them <i>name withheld</i> lost his life as a result of the encounter between the civilians and the Police in Kusada LGC. Investigation is on going. The CP Katsina State Police Command ordered	The NHRC Coordinator visited the Katsina State Police Command to obtain detailed information about the incident .The PPRO of the Katsina Police Command briefed the Coordinator and gave a

		between the police and the youths in area, resulting in the death of one person. The youths also burnt down the police station and police quarters. Ninety (90) people have been arrested and investigation is ongoing.						for the deployment of more Police Patrol Team and a special joint security task force to the area. Normalcy returned to the area.	copy of the press release by the Katsina State Police Command.
LAGOS STATE									
112.	Right to life	On 18/04/2020 the victim who is resident at an estate in Lagos (name withheld), alongside the Chairman of the estate, joined other residents to patrol the streets of the estate at night due to attacks from cult gangs that had taken advantage	18/04/2020	Name withheld Estate, Iba, Ojo, Lagos	Name withheld (Chairman of the Estate Resident Association and Vigilante groups of the Estate in Lagos) and other Vigilante members.	Name withheld	The matter was reported to the police which led to the arrest of the Chairman, name withheld and 4 members of the vigilante group who participated in the killing. The suspects have	The NHRC Lagos State office escalated the matter to Commissioner of Police through the PPRO Lagos State Police Command. The PPRO informed the Commission that the matter	There is a need to keep track of this case and give a formal report to the Commission on the status.

		of the COVID-19 lockdown to unleash mayhem in Lagos State. It was alleged that there were previous misunderstandings between the victim and the chairman, who accused him of being a cultist and ordered members of the vigilante to tie him down and shoot him. He was fatally wounded as a result of the shooting which led to his death.					been transferred to SCID, Panti, Yaba Lagos for investigation and prosecution. They were still in police detention as at the time of writing this report.	was under investigation and the suspects would be prosecuted as soon as investigation was concluded.	
NIGER STATE									
113.	Extra judicial killing	The Inspector General of Police's (IGP) Special Task Force in enforcing the COVID-19	1 st April, 2020	Izom, Gurara Local Government area of Niger State	An officer of the IGP Special Anti Robbery Squad (SARS) attache	<i>Name withheld</i> (Male)	NHRC contacted the Commissioner of Police, Niger State who said he had been	There was no feedback from the Niger State Police Command on action taken.	

		Regulation Order on the market day, had a clash with youths who came out in large numbers to protest the said Order and in the process a man was killed.. , He was shot by an officer of the Police Force working with IGP SARS attached to Gawu Babangida Police Station of Gurara Local Government Area of Niger State. A member of a youth group <i>name withheld</i> called to report the incident.			d to the Police Division of Gawu Babangida in Gurara Local Government Area of Niger State (Male).		informed about the incident. We were informed that the Hakimi of Izom had interaction with the Police on the matter but he could not be reached in order to confirm the story at the time of writing this report.		
114.	Extra – judicial killing	The Police and the local vigilante were on patrol to enforce the restriction Order of the State	Tuesday, 14 th April, 2020	Mararaba Lapai in Paiko, Paiko Local Government Area Of Niger	Police Constable <i>name withheld</i> (Male)	<i>Name withheld</i> (MALE)	The matter was reported to Niger State Police Command.	The NHRC State Coordinator of Niger State spoke with the PPRO	

		Government. In trying to disperse the mammoth crowd at Mararaba Lapai in Paiko Local Government, a police man shot at the crowd and the bullet hit a vigilante man on the head causing his death.		State				Niger State Command (ASP Wasiu Abiodun) who informed NHRC that the alleged violator is in custody of the Police State CID in Minna. The alleged violator was charged to court.	
OGUN STATE									
115.	Alleged extra-judicial killing	A pregnant woman in labour being rushed to a hospital, was alleged to have lost her life moments after being delayed for over an hour, harassed and hit with a torchlight by overzealous policemen attached to Abegi Division of the Nigeria	21/05/2020	Ogun Waterside LGA, Ogun State.	Officers of Nigeria Police Force, Abegi Division, Ogun Waterside.	<i>Name withheld, female</i>	Nigeria Police Force	The State Commissioner of Police has invited the officers involved to the HQ for questioning.	We recommend that an autopsy be conducted to determine cause of death. The police failed in their duty to help a person in medical distress access medical

		Police Force Ogun Waterside LGA, Ogun State in the course of enforcement of COVID-19 Regulations 2020 for the reason that she and 2 other persons accompanying her to the hospital were not wearing masks. The policemen allowed her to go when they saw that she has started bleeding. The woman was confirmed dead on arrival at the hospital which led to protest by the youths of the community.							help.
PLATEAU STATE									
116.	Alleged Extra judicial killing	Security personnel from Operation Safe Haven (OPSH), a	12 th May 2020	Sector 1, Zaria Road, Jos North, Plateau State	Name not yet disclosed by OPSH – The Person	<i>name withheld, Male</i>	Personnel of Operation Safe Haven at Sector	The NHRC State Coordinator, in a follow up call,	Still awaiting further information on police

		Joint Task Force operation, tortured a 20-year-old undergraduate of the University of Jos and then ordered him to run from the detention center. As he obeyed by running, the OPSH guard manning the gate shot at him and killed him.			nel on duty at the gate of Sector 1, Zaria Road Male.		1, Zaria Road, Jos, Plateau State; Joint Task Force Security Personnel; Police Personnel and Soldiers. NHRC State Office visited the Police Station, A Division, where the father of the deceased reported the death. They interviewed other victims/ witnesses who had been tortured along with the deceased. A letter has been	demande d that the accused be handed over to the police , but OPSH assured her that internal investigation is ongoing. The State Commissioner of Police told the Coordinator, when she called him on the phone, that he would ensure that the suspects were prosecuted when they are handed over to the police	investigation
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							<p>written to the Operation Safe Haven, demanding that the Officer be handed over to the Police for prosecution.</p> <p>Another letter has been written to the CP requesting for investigation and prosecution of the violator.</p> <p>The State Coordinator and two Staff of the Commission visited the family of the deceased and conveyed the sympathy on</p>		
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							behalf of the Commission and released a press statement condemning the action.		
RIVERS STATE									
117.	Alleged Extra judicial killing	Police attached to the Rivers State Task Force shot a traffic police woman. NHRC was informed that the deceased was pleading with the Task Force not to arrest a shoe trader who was resisting arrest around Eneka area. The police man attached to the Task Force threatened to shoot the shoe trader if he does not stop resisting arrest, he pointed the gun at the	24 th April, 2020	Eneka Market ,Rivers State	Nigeria Police Force officer attached to the Rivers State Task Force. The officer is known as Sgt <i>name withheld</i> of Rivers State Command.	Sgt <i>name withheld</i> attached to Eneka Division.	Nigeria Police Force	A statement issued by the Force Public Relations Officer indicated that the officer involved has been arrested, disarmed and will be subjected to orderly room trial. He also confirmed that two other persons were also arrested with the erring Police officer.	There is need for constant re-orientation of the police officers on the importance of abiding by the rules of engagement.

		trader who dodged the bullet, the bullet hit the deceased in the head.							
TARABA STATE									
118.	Extra – judicial killing	NHRC received a report that soldiers from Karim Town in enforcing the COVID-19 Regulations 2020, attempted to disperse the youths of Jen village of Karim-Lamido who were intent on observing the Mihu Hunting Festival which occurs every first Saturday of May. The Serkin Jen-Samaila Agwaru and vigilante groups informed the youths not to observe the said festival but they were	2/5/2020	Jen, Karin-Lamido LGA	Nigerian Army (8 Soldiers from Karin)	Four (4) deaths (<i>names withheld</i> , over 30 others injured <i>names withheld</i> .	FMC Chief Medical Director and the victims' relatives were contacted. The O/C Nigerian Army in Jalingo was also contacted and he promised to revert back to NHRC after briefing his Commanding Officer in Baruwa.	All the victims at Federal Medical Centre are responding to treatment, though the relatives alleged that they are running out of funds to continue with treatment.	

		<p>defiant.</p> <p>A clash ensued between the youths and the soldiers, one of the youths stabbed and disarmed a soldier with an arrow. This provoked the soldiers who started shooting at the running youths. Some were hit by stray bullets while many sustained injuries. The mayhem resulted in four (4) deaths and over 30 others injured. 8 persons are currently receiving treatment at Federal Medical Centre, Jalingo, 2 persons are at the State Specialist Hospital and other</p>							
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		injured victims are being treated at Primary Health Centre, Jen. This report was obtained by NHRC from some of the victims at FMC during investigation.							
ZAMFARA STATE									
119.	Alleged extra-judicial killing	The Commission received a complaint on 12 th May 2020 that personnel of the Nigerian Army on joint operation with the Nigeria Police Force at a road block on Kauran Namoda entrance gate Sabon Gari, shot and killed 35 year old <i>name withheld</i> . The State actors were shooting at another	12-05-2020	Kauran Namoda LGA	Nigerian Army	<i>Name withheld</i>	Nigerian Army	NHRC wrote to the Nigerian Army Command in Zamfara State for investigation. They responded by Affidavit denying all the claims.	

		driver but accidentally hit and killed the deceased who was being conveyed in a Golf car while injuring another person as well.							
EXTORTION									
ABIA STATE									
120.	Extortion, inhuman and degrading treatment	Some Nigerian soldiers were allegedly extorting money from drivers while enforcing lockdown and subjecting drivers to inhuman treatment.	10/4/2020	Isiala Ngwa junction	Nigerian Soldiers	Commercial Drivers	Nigerian Soldiers	No Response from Military yet.	This is allegedly a regular spot of extortion by State actors.
121.	Extortion	Some policemen were allegedly extorting money from drivers during the COVID-19 Regulation 2020 enforcement at M.C.C Junction Aba	9/4/2020	M.C.C Junction Aba, Abia State	Nigeria Police Force	Commercial drivers	Nigeria Police Force	No response received	

122.	Extortion	Some policemen were allegedly extorting money from drivers during the COVID-19 Regulation 2020 enforcement at Umuikaa Junction	10/4/2020	Umuikaa Junction	Nigeria Police Force(SARS)	Mr. <i>name withheld</i> , male	Nigeria Police Force	No response received	
ADAMAWA STATE									
123.	Alleged Unlawful Restriction and Seizure of Property	On the 27/4/2020 at about 2:32pm the Commission received a call from namewithheld alleging that while he was taking his brother's convulsive child to the hospital in company of the father the police at the checkpoint in Mubi South stopped them and an officer followed them to the Mubi General hospital where the	27/4/2020	Kolere Ward Along Mubi North LG Secretariat Road Ahmadu Bello Way	Nigeria Police Force Mubi Area Command	Namewithheld (Male)	. The case was reported to the DC/CID NPF via phone call on the 27/4/2020 who said the complainant should go to the Area Command, promising to put a call to the Area Commander.	The car has been released to the complainant on 28/4/2020	

		child was admitted before they nowseised their car.							
AKWA IBOM									
124.	Alleged seizure and confiscation of property	The victims who are traders at the Abak market square reported that some policemen from Abak Division stormed their market in 2 patrol vans and carted away their food stuff which they displayed for sale. They also claimed that they were harassed and one of them arrested.	21/4/2020	Abak Market square	Some police officers from Abak police division (M),	Name withheld and several others. Male & Female.	The NHRC Hqts was contacted and the state office was directed to intervene which was done. After series of engagements with the police and local government officials, the goods were released.	The traders were very happy with the release of their goods and thanked the Commission for their prompt intervention.	
125.	Alleged seizure of property.	The NHRC State Office received a call from one Mr. Ubon Christian alleging that some Police Officers came to their	21/4/2020	Ikot Ambang market in Ibiono Ibom L.G.A	Some unidentified police officers (M)	Name withheld and other traders, Male & Female	The victims claimed that the policemen came in a commando style and carted their goods away in	Given that the victims could not identify the police officers, the NHRC state office contacted the state PPRO	

		market at Ikot Ambang market in Ibiono Ibom L.G.A in a van and a tipper, carted away all their food stuff displayed for sale, and they are seeking the Commission's intervention.					less than twenty minutes and in the ensuing pandemonium, they could not identify any of them.	who promised to investigate and revert. The PPRO averred that the matter was speculative since there was no formal complaint and effort to contact the complainant for more facts were futile.	
CROSS RIVER									
126.	Alleged harassment and extortion	The CRS COVID-19 Response Team attempted to extort money from the victim for not wearing nose/face mask	15/4/20	Adjacent to NPF Area Command Headquarters, Akim Barrack by IBB Way Calabar	CRS COVID-19 Response Team	<i>Name withheld male</i>	Upon noticing that the victim was calling NHRC Calabar office, they let him go.	Victim has been released	Matter resolved
DELTA									
127.	Extortion	Complainants reported that task force of the State and the Nigeria Police	10th April 2020	Ugheli	Task force and Nigeria Police Force	Deltans	This was brought to the attention of the state PPRO	No official response received from the Police Command on the issue.	

		were detainings sential service providers and procurers, extorting sums between N5, 000 to N10, 000 before releasing them.							
128.	Extortion Illegal Seizure/ Confisca tion Of Asset	Officers of Nigeria Police Force and the State Task Force were allegedly extorting sums between N3,000 to N 5,000 from people to allow them in and out of the State.	10th April 2020	Ugheli- Oghara - Ologbo Road	Task Force and Nigeria Police Force		This was brought to the attention of the State PPRO	The Police refuted the allegation .	

129.	Harassment, Discrimination and unlawful seizure of property	It was alleged that police officers from Obiaruku Police Divisional Headquarters in Ukwuani, Local Government Area, Delta state had devised new tactics of intimidating the residents of the area, especially motorcycle riders. They employed the services of vigilante groups and Man O' War to mount roadblocks, stop vehicles, especially motorcyclists to harass, intimidate and extort money from them on behalf of the police officers. Any cyclist who	26th April, 2020	Obiaruku, Ukwuani local government area, Delta State.	Nigeria Police Obiaruku Divisional Headquarters in collaboration with unidentified members of Man O' War & Vigilante groups.	Names withheld (males)	Commissioner of Police Delta state.	The matter was brought to the attention of the DPO but he denied the allegation	
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		refuses to pay, his motorcycle would be impounded by the vigilante/M an O' War men, and parked in the premises of Obiaruku police Divisional Headquarters, waiting for the owners to claim them on payment of certain amounts.							
EDO STATE									
130.	Unlawful seizure of property and extortion .	There was an invasion of Streets by Oredo Local Government Task Force. The said team headed by Edosa AKA Igwe allegedly carted away generators and other items including working tools. . They owners of the seized items were	10/04/2020 And 16/4/2020.	Oredo Local Government Edo State Agho Street and adjoining Lanes of off Ekehuan Road	Task Force of Oredo Local Government council	Barbers, Petty Traders, - and Vulcanizers Males and females	Oredo Local Government Edo State	No Response	Investigations is on-going

		requested to pay the sum of twenty thousand naira each before their seized items would be released as they were alleged to have violated the stay at home directives. The Task Force Team also alleged to have been extorting five thousand naira each from commercial bus drivers accused of violating the lockdown guidelines issued by the State Government							
EKITI STATE									
131.	Alleged extortion	Okada Riders flouted the COVID-19 Order of the State Government, and were apprehend	30/3/2020	Fajuyi Pavilion , Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	Security agencies	Okada riders	Commissioner of Justice and Attorney General of Ekiti State		

		<p>ed by police officers who assembled all the Okada riders at Fajuyi area of Ado-Ekiti. The attention of the Commissioner of Justice and Attorney General of Ekiti State, was called to the scene, he discharged all the okada riders but promised to enforce the order subsequently. After the departure of the AG, the police officers re-arrested all the okada riders, reassembled them at the Ekiti State Police Command Headquarters, and demanded huge sums of money from them.</p>								
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ENUGU									
132.	Unlawful seizure of property and extortion .	Some policemen allegedly seized the property of a food and drinks seller at Nanka Street, New Haven and money extorted from him before his property was released.	Wednesday 1 st April, 2020.	Nanka Street New Haven, Enugu.	Police officers from New Haven Division al Headquarters, Enugu.	<i>Name withheld;</i> Male.	The Nigeria Police, New Haven Division al Headquarters, Enugu. The DPO could not be reached.	Nil	The victim paid some amount of money before his property was released.
133.	Unlawful seizure of property and extortion .	Some traders who sell drugs, food stuffs and beverages were locked out of their shops by the State Government.	Wednesday 1 st April, 2020.	Ogbete Main Market, Enugu.	Enugu State Government.	Males & Females	Enugu State Government.	Nil	The traders that deal on perishable goods have suffered great losses as a result of this.
134.	Extortion and denial of socio economic rights.	Some pedestrian traders of food itemstrading at the border of Enugu and Anambra States, Amansea River were forced to part with sums between N500 &	14 th /15 th April, 2020	Amansea River between Enugu/ Anambra States boundary.	The Nigerian Army	Males/ females	The Nigerian Army	None	This is allegedly a regular spot of extortion by State actors.

		₦1,000 by military officers							
135.	Alleged intimidation and extortion	<i>Punch</i> Newspaper of 10/4/20 reported that residents of Enugu State accused men of the Nigeria Police Force of various acts of intimidation and extortion across the State during the lockdown. It was also reported that on 4/4/20, Police officers from Ogui Road Police Station raided some shops at Nwosu Terrace, P & T Quarters, Enugu and arrested some shop owners and their sales persons. During the raid one shop	4 th and 8 th of April, 2020	Enugu State	SARS officials , from Gulf Estate Enugu Police officers from Ogui Road Police Station	1 <i>Names withheld</i> , 3 males and 1 female	Nigeria Police Force	None	

		<p>proprietor, <i>name withheld</i> and his sales girl were arrested and forced to pay the sum of N8,000 to secure bail. Again, on 8/4/20, SARS officials raided the same street and arrested some boys in a saloon. The arrested persons 3 males, <i>names withheld</i>, were taken to SARS office at Gulf Estate, Enugu and forced to pay the sum of N5,000 each to secure their bail</p>							
136.	Alleged harassment and extortion .	Policemen allegedly extorted money from bus drivers and tricycle operators.	11 th – 16 th April, 2020	Abakpa Bridge Enugu.	The Nigeria Police, Thinkers Corner Division , Enugu.	Males/ Females	Nigeria Police Force	None	
137.	Alleged harassment	Police officers	11 th – 16 th	Texaco, Ukwuak	The Nigeria	Males/ Females	Nigeria Police	None	

	ent and extortion .	allegedly stationed themselves at Texaco, Ukwuaki and Liberty, Abakpa, Enugu, extorting monies from commercial transporters. Tricycle operators paid ₦50 each and bus drivers paid ₦100 to the police.	April, 2020	i and Liberty Abakpa , Enugu.	Police, Abakpa Division , Enugu.		Force		
138.	Alleged harassment and extortion .	Police officers at Enugu metropolis extorted monies ranging from ₦5,000 to ₦10,000 from tricycle operators and bus drivers who carried more than two persons per seat.	10 th – 16 th April, 2020.	Enugu metropolis.	The Nigeria Police, Enugu State Command.	Males/ Females	Nigeria Police Force	None	
139.	Alleged harassment and extortion .	Police officers extorted money from and threatened the lives of tricycle operators who	14 th – 16 th April, 2020.	Enugu metropolis.	The Nigeria Police, Enugu State Command.	Males/ Females	The Nigeria Police Force	None	

		operated beyond the State Government's stipulated lockdown time of 7:00 pm.							
140.	Alleged harassment, intimidation and extortion .	A group of men who claimed to be officers of Enugu North L.G.A Task Force extorted money from traders in New Haven, who deal on beverages which were classified as an essential service,.	22 nd April, 2020.	New Haven Enugu.	Males	Males & females.	Enugu North L.G.A, Enugu State.	This was brought to the attention of the PPRO Enugu but no response yet	
141.	Harassment and extortion .	On Saturday 9 th May, 2020 Police Officers from Enugu State Police Command numbering about six mounted a road block at Airport Corner, Enugu for a stop and search. In	9 th May, 2020.	Airport Corner, Emene.	Males.	Males and Females .	The Nigeria Police, Enugu State Command.		

		the process they extorted monies from motorists and tricycle operators who either themselves or their passengers. were not wearing facemasks before being allowed to continue with their journey. These Police Officers wore no facemasks and their action put the lives of the motorists, tricycle operators and passengers at risk and also violated the directive of the Governor that everyone in public places should wear a facemask							
142.	Alleged Discrimi	The victims of this	27 th April,	Ugbo Okonkw	Enugu State	Males & Females	Enugu State	The Commiss	

	nation and extortion .	alleged violation are shops owners who deal on various commodities at Ugbo Okonkwo, New Haven, Enugu. The officials of Enugu State Task Force on COVID-19 on 27 th April, 2020 invaded the area with their Patrol Vehicle and closed down some shops. Some of the shop owners whose shops were closed, bargained with the members of the Task Force and paid some money before their shops were opened. Other shop owners who refused to bargain and pay monies to these	2020.	o, New Haven, Enugu.	COVID-19 Task Force. Males.	.	COVID-19 Task Force.	ion intervened at the shops were opened.	
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		officials were not allowed to open for business. None of shop owners was arrested but their shops were closed down by the team							
IMO STATE									
143.	Alleged extortion and police brutality	Police officers at the World Bank Umuguma Junction, Owerri were stopping and extorting money from vehicle drivers and pedestrians to allow them pass during the lockdown	9 th April 2020	World bank by Umuguma Roundabout	Nigeria Police Force, Anti-Cult Unit	Motorists and pedestrians	No response from Nigeria Police Force yet.	An officer of the Commission intervened by approaching the team leader who was unprofessional and refused to communicate. Calls and text messages were immediately sent to the police P.P.R.O for further action.	
144.	Extortion	Some policemen were allegedly extorting money	14 th April 2020	Jacob Zuma Road	Rapid Response Squad (NPF)	Motorists and pedestrians	NHRC Imo State informed the PPRO	Police refuted the allegation	

		from motorists and pedestrians to pass the checkpoint at Jacob Zuma Road Owerri					NPF		
145.	Extortion	Some men of the Imo Civil Guard were allegedly extorting money from people at Orlu Road Roundabout for violating the COVID-19 lockdown Regulation 2020	15 th April 2020	Orlu Road Roundabout	Imo Civil Guard	Motorists	Imo Civil Guard claimed they have not been paid salaries for months. This was brought to the attention of the PPRO Imo state.	NHRC reported the matter to the Police for action	
146.	Alleged Extortion, inhuman and degrading treatment	The New Telegraph and the Nation online reported on the 29 th May, 2020 that over 50 trucks conveying various essential food items and palliatives were impounded by the board of internal revenue Imo State	29/4/2020	Imo International Conference Center by Orlu road roundabout	Imo State Government enforcement unit Board of internal Revenue	Names withheld.	The State Coordinator of the Commission contacted the Editor New Telegraph and he confirmed what was written on the paper and he forwarded a voice	Chairman Heavy Duty and Haulage Transport Association of Nigeria (Hqrs Abuja) stated that the Commissioner for transport Imo state intervened on the matter and the truck drivers were	.

		on Tuesday 28 th may, 2020 and were released on after three days while about 20 trucks were impounded on Wednesday. According to online news every effort made by the drivers to proceed was abortive even when the drivers showed their task force members authorization pass from Federal Government.					record to buttress his point. The Commission further contacted the National President of the Heavy duty haulage, Engr for further investigation on the matter.	released without paying a fine, though some of the drivers suffered delay for three days.	
KWARA STATE									
147.	Unlawful confiscation of property	The Commission received a call from a complainant, <i>name withheld</i> , of Kwara State who stated that while he was driving his	3 rd April, 2020	Oro, Irepodon Local Government of Kwara State.	Nigeria Police Force	<i>Name withheld</i> , male	The NHRC State Coordinator immediately called the DPO in charge of the division	The motorcycle was released to the complainant on the same day he lodged the complaint as a result of	

		motorcycle to go and pick some vegetables for his family in Oro, Irepodun Local Government of Kwara State, he was stopped by officers of Nigeria Police Force and his motorcycle was impounded without his being allowed to offer explain that his motor cycle was for private not commercial purpose. The PPRO was immediately contacted and the DPO Oro division.					who promised to personally release the motorcycle to the complainant on that same day. The motorcycle was released to him as promised without extortion.	NHRC's intervention.	
LAGOS STATE									
148.	Alleged extortion	The complainant alleged that during the lockdown police officers impounded a truck conveying	03/4/20	Agege, Lagos	Police officers at Ikotun Police Station	Meat Sellers in Agege	Lagos State Police Command was contacted and the response was that it		

		livestock to various slabs in Lagos, demanding the sum of N 3,000.00 and effecting unlawful arrest of their members.					was noted for further action		
149.	Alleged Extortion	A complainant, <i>name withheld</i> , called to report the arrest and detention of his friend, <i>name withheld</i> , at Idimu Police Station. He claimed the friend went to buy food when he was picked up by the Police, who collected the sum of N 20,000 for his release but were yet to release him	14 th April, 2020	Idimu Police Station	Police (Idimu Police Station)	<i>Name withheld</i> , male		On follow up by NHRC, the complainant reported that his friend had been released but the money extorted was not refunded	
150.	Alleged seizure of Property	The complainant Name withheld from Ijede area of Lagos reported that on	03/04/2020	Ijede, lagos	Nigeria Police Force	Name withheld, Male	Lagos State Police Command	The Lagos State Ppolice Command through the PPRO alleged	

		Friday evening about 5:53pm he went to get some drugs for his seven months pregnant wife. . On his way back home, Ijede Police Patrol Team stopped him and seized his motorcycle for violating COVID-19 lockdown Regulations 2020. He showed them the drugs he bought for his pregnant wife, but they refused to listen.						that a lot of people are using the excuse of buying drugs to violate the Order whereas there are pharmacies within walking distance in every community. Moreover , the complainant was riding a motorcycle which is banned in Lagos State	
151.	Alleged Seizure of Property	The complainant, the CEO of an Entrepreneur Services at Oke Afa Ejigbo Lagos <i>Name withheld.</i> alleged that on Friday 3rd	03/04/2020	Jakande Estate Oke Afa Ejigbo Lagos	Nigeria Police Force	<i>Name withheld, Male</i>	Nigeria Police Command, Lagos State	The Police alleged that the motorcycle was seized for violation of lockdown and request for release	

		of April 2020, at about 11 pm one of his staff <i>Name withheld</i> called to inform him that the police from Ejigbo Police Station came to the Canal View Estate, Opeyemi area, Jakande Estate, raided the area and took away his okada. He went to the station to know the reason why the okada that was parked will be carried away, all efforts proved abortive.						will not be entertained until after the lockdown period	
152.	Alleged Seizure of Property	The complainant alleged that his client's Mitsubishi space wagon car was impounded by policemen attached to Oworonsho	07/04/2020	Oworonshoki, Lagos	Nigeria Police Force	<i>Name withheld</i> , Male	Nigeria Police Command, Lagos State.	The Nigeria Police, Lagos State Command will only release vehicles impounded during lockdown, after the lockdown	

		ki Police Division. The client according to him works as a clearing agent under the Nigerian Port Authority who were exempted from the current COVID-19 lockdown Regulations in Lagos State, The incident happened on the 7/4/2020 around 10:05 am. The car was seized at Oworo-olojojo bus/stop and taken to Oworonsho ki Police Division.						is lifted.	
153.	Alleged Seizure of Property	The complainant, a resident of Amuwo Odofin. Reported that on the 2nd of April, 2020 he went out around 9pm to get medication for his 10 months old	02/04/2020	Amuwo Odofin, Lagos	Nigeria Police Force	<i>Name withheld, Male</i>	Nigeria Police Command, Lagos State.		

		sick son at Blue Sea Pharmacy Store. On his way back home he was stopped at Apple Junction by the police in company of the Area Commander of Area E Command, Festac. He and other vehicle owners were taken to the police station without audience. and his Toyota Camry 2008 vehicle was impounded.							
154.	Alleged Seizure of Property	The complainant, a resident at a place in Ilesamaja Lagos, Name withheld, alleged that her infinity jeep was impounded by police, when she was going	03/04/2020	Name withheld Ilesamaja Lagos,	Nigeria Police Force	Name withheld Female	Nigerian Police Command, Lagos State.	The Lagos State Police Command through the PPRO alleged that a lot of people are using the excuse of buying drugs to violate	

		to buy some drugs for her sick mother. She was informed that the car has been taken to Ikorodu.						the Order whereas there are pharmacies within walking distance in every community.	
155.	Alleged Seizure of Property	The complainant, a diabetic patient resident at Isolo, Airport road Lagos alleged that on the 6/4/20 he drove out of the house to buy his drugs and that of his son who was sick. That when he got to a checkpoint mounted by the Police men from Aswani Police station along Isolo Road, he was asked to park which he did and when he explained his reason of leaving his house, they	6/4/20	Lagos State	Men of Nigeria Police Force, Aswani, Police Station, Lagos State Command	<i>Name withheld, Male</i>		The complaint was referred to the NHRC State Coordinator Lagos State, who reached out to the DPO, Isolo Police Station immediately. The DPO refused releasing the impounded vehicle and insisted that the complainant's defense was an afterthought since there is a pharmaceutical store of a treackable distance	

		ordered him to drive to their station and impounded his vehicle.						from his residence . He also demanded for his drug prescription from the hospital.	
156.	Alleged Seizure of Property	The complainant, a Pastor of RGCC City of Refuge Parish Awoyaya, Lagos, alleged that the church delegated one of their female members to Ojigbo Market on the 3/4/20 to purchase three and half bag of rice for the less privileged in the church. That on her way back from the market, she boarded a bus that could not get to their residential area and stopped her at Aja axis. That	3/4/20	Ajaa, Lagos State	Officers and men of the Police Area Command Ajiwe Ajaa, Lagos State Command	<i>Name withheld,</i> Male	Complaint forwarded to the Lagos State Coordinator on the 3/4/20 for his action		

		she called her husband to come and pick her up. While they were returning home, the husband's bus was impounded by Officers from Area Command at Ajiwe Ajaa. He requested for t the NHRC to reach out to the Area Command and effect their release.							
157.	Alleged violation of right to property	It was reported that Policemen attached to Lagos State Task Force on Environmental and Special Offences Enforcement Unit destroyed goods and properties in a bar and phone accessory store in a bid to enforce the COVID-19 Regulations 2020 of	28/3/20	Lagos State	Policemen attached to Lagos State Task Force on Environmental and Special Offences Enforcement Unit	Punch newspapers	Nigeria Police Force and Lagos State Government	The Police officials responsible were allegedly arrested and subjected to disciplinary measures	There is need to communicate the specific measures taken in this case

		Lagos State.							
158.	Alleged Seizure of Property	NHRC received a complaint from a man alleging that H his car was impounded when he was taking his wife to the hospital as she is due for a surgical operation the following day.	4/4/20	Suruler e Lagos	Nigeria Police Force	<i>Name withheld</i> (Male)	Nigeria Police Force		
159.	Alleged Seizure of Property	NHRC received a report from complainants who alleged harassment and seizure of their food stuffs in the market by policemen.	4/4/20	Isolo Jakande Estate Lagos	Nigeria Police Force	Market women	Nigeria Police Force		
160.	Alleged Seizure of Property	The NHRC received a report from a complainant who alleged that he engaged an Okada motor cycle rider to take him to buy some drugs from the pharmacy for his wife.	5/4/20	Lagos	Nigeria Police Force	Name withheld, Male	Nigeria Police Force	The Police said that motorcycles are not allowed to operate in the area. and that the motorcycle rider will be charged to court.	

		The <i>Okadaman</i> was arrested and his motorcycle impounded .							
161.	Alleged Seizure of Property	The NHR received a report from a complainant who alleged that his car was impounded on his way to see his wife who was in labour in one of the hospitals.	7/4/20	Idimu Lagos	Nigeria Police Force	Name withheld, Male	Nigeria Police Force		The car was released after paying the sum of N3000 same day.
162.	Illegal Arrest and Extortion	On 27/04/2020 the Victim drove to Ikeja City Mall at Alausa to buy some fruits at Shoprite. He was stopped by policemen attached to Lagos State Rapid Response Squad which office is very close to Ikeja City Mall.. He explained that he was	27/04/2020	Alausa, beside Ikeja City Mall, Ikeja, Lagos	namewi thheld and others attached to Rapid Response Squad Lagos State	Namewi thheld (Male)	Nigerian Police, Lagos State Command	The matter was reported to the police through the PPRO Lagos State Command. The PPRO promised to investigate the matter but we are yet to receive feedback from him.	The matter was escalated to the Commissioner of Police by the Commission Lagos State office through the PPRO Lagos State Police Command. The PPRO inform

		on his way to Shoprite to buy food. His explanation was not accepted as one of the policemen entered his car and told him to drive into the Lagos State Task Force Office. At the task Force office, he was asked how much he had with him and he told them N5,000.00 which he wanted to use to buy fruit at the Shoprite. One of the policemen namewithheld allegedly forcefully collected N4,000.00 from him and told him to go.							d the Commission that the matter will be investigated.
NASSARAWA STATE									
163.	Alleged extortion and discrimination	Men of the NPF were accused of discrimination in the enforcement of the	13/04/2020	Along UAC Road, shops and markets, Lafia	Nigeria Police Force	Males and females.	Nigeria Police Force	None	

		COVID-19 Regulation 2020 targeted at non-indigenes and extorting them of their money.							
164.	Alleged extortion	Shop owners in the local markets in Awe Local Government Area of Nasarawa State alleged that they were forced to contribute two hundred naira (N200) each to the policemen in the area to allow them open their shops	16/04/2020	Awe local market, Awe LGA, Nasarawa State	Nigeria Police Force	Males and females.	Nigeria Police Force	None	
165.	Alleged confiscation of property and extortion	Two (2) people who stopped to buy fruits from a fruit seller were arrested and their motorcycles confiscated by policemen from the 'E' Division in Shabu, Lafia LGA.	02/05/2020	College of Agriculture, Ombi II, Lafia LGA, Nasarawa State.	Men of the Nigeria Police Force from 'E' Division, Shabu, Lafia, Nasarawa State	Two victims, <i>names withheld</i> , male.	Nil	The attention of the Police was drawn on the matter for their comment.	

		The victims tried to explain to the policemen that they were not commercial motorcyclists but were told pay or have their motorcycles seized. This happened in a bid to enforce the ban on commercial motorcycle in Nasarawa State.							
166.	Alleged confiscation of property and extortion	Men of the Nigeria Police Force from the 'E' Division in Shabu, Lafia LGA in enforcing the ban on commercial motorcycle in Nasarawa State were alleged to have stopped an elderly man who was conveying a mentally retarded relation to the hospital	04/05/20	Around College of Agriculture, Ombi II, Lafia, Nasarawa State.	Men of the Nigeria Police Force, 'E' Division, Lafia, Nasarawa State	<i>Name and number withheld (M)</i>	Nil	Nil	A legal practitioner with Citizens Center for Justice, Leadership and Peace informed the Commission of the matter.

		on his motorcycle. Several pleas to the policemen to release them fell on deaf ears as they were left stranded by the roadside while . one of the policemen rode the motorcycle to the police station in Shabu where the viction was asked to report and explain himself. .							
167.	Alleged confiscation of property and extortion	In the course of enforcement of the ban on commercial motorcycles in Nassarawa State, men of the Nigeria Police Force from the 'E' Division in Shabu, Lafia LGA were alleged to have confiscated	04/05/2020	Around College of Agriculture, Ombi II, Lafia, Nasarawa State	Men of the Nigeria Police Force, 'E' Division, Lafia, Nasarawa State	Two victims <i>Names withheld</i> , males	Nil	Nil	A legal practitioner with Citizens Center for Justice, Leadership and Peace informed the Commission of the matter.

		the personal motorcycle s of two (2) people who were on their way to buy ice blocks for their business, they were not carrying passenger s. They were asked to report at the police station to explain themselves .							
OSUN STATE									
168.	Alleged Unlawful confiscation and seizure of property	On 1/5/2020, the complainant- namewithheld reported to the Commission that his car and mobile handset were seized by men of Nigeria Police at Lameco area of Osogbo LGA, Osun State. He alleged that his car and	1st May, 2020	Lameco Area in Osogbo , LGA, Osun State.	Men of the Nigeria Police Force operating at Lameco area, Osogbo , Osun State.	Namewithheld Male	The CP could not be reached as he was in the border with his team to monitor the Osun State border. The o/c SIB who led the team that impounded the car was contacted and he informed	The matter was resolved as the Commission intervened on the matter and the complainant's car was released to him without making any payment.	

		handsets were confiscated for allegedly flouting the lock down regulations .					the Commission that the complainant was using his car to carry passengers.		
RIVERS STATE									
169.	Alleged extortion	The police stationed at the State borders extort between the sum of ₦2,000 and ₦3,000 from travellers to allow them leave the State in violation of the lockdown while turning back those who are unable to pay.	30 th March to 4 th May, 2020	Rivers State border Elele on Owerri-PH Road.	Nigeria Police Force & Rivers State Task Force.	Motorists and travelers	Nigeria Police Force	NHRC reported the matter to the Police Authority for action. The Nigeria Police Force, Rivers State Command set up a monitoring team to monitor the alleged extortion.	
170.	Confisca	The Rivers	24 th	Rumuo		Market	Rivers		

	tion, destruction and looting of goods/food items in the markets	State Task Force destroyed goods and food items at Rumuokoro market in addition to confiscating and looting some of the goods	April 2020	koro market, Rivers State	Rivers State Task Force Team comprising other security agencies and other Government officials.	men and women	State Task Force.	No abatement in sight as this is a daily occurrence happening in different parts of the State. Due to the public outcry, the Rivers State Government disbanded the task force.	
171.	Alleged violation of rights to Property	The NHRC received a report from a complainant alleging that Since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, the Nigeria Police Force and the Rivers State Task Force have been going around confiscating and destroying goods of some traders. Information from investigation, was that	30 th March, 2020 to 4 th May, 2020	Rivers State	Nigeria Police Force	Traders	Nigeria Police Force	These traders were never arrested or tried in any court for disobeying the laws of the land. The NHRC intervened by reaching out to the Police Authority in River State. Due to public outcry over the issue, the Rivers State	

		that the Rivers State Government banned street trading before the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic hence the confiscation and destruction of traders' goods.						Government disbanded the Task Force Team.	
172.	Alleged violation of rights to property	The NHRC received a report from a complainant who alleged that the Rivers State Task Force on Enforcement of COVID-19 Regulations 2020 stormed Mgbuoshi mini axis and destroyed good/food items. This has been occurring on a daily basis.	16 th April 2020	Mgbuoshi mini Port Harcourt	Rivers State Task Force. Members of the Task Force Team that parade round the State are all male.	Market men and women	Rivers State Task Force	No abatement in sight as this is a daily occurrence happening in different parts of the State. Due to the public outcry, the Rivers State Government disbanded the Task Force Team.	
YOBE STATE									

173.	Alleged extortion of motorists	Motorists travelling along Potiskum road were extorted of sums between ₦200 to ₦2000 per vehicle to the Mopol officers on the road.	9 th April, 2020	New bypass roundabout along Potiskum-Fika road	Mopol Policemen stationed at the checkpoint, all male	<i>Name withheld</i> Driver, <i>Name withheld</i> -All Male and other motorists.	Nigeria Police (Mopol) posted for special duty to the State. The matter referred to the COVID-19 Committee on Prevention & Control.	The State Government inaugurated a Subcommittee on Security, Lockdown and Enforcement that commenced patrol of entry and exit gates in the State.	
FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY									
174.	Alleged extortion of motorists	Some policemen were allegedly extorting sums as much as ₦5,000.00 from motorists along Kubwa - Bayerchi Road in Abuja.	9/4/2020	Kubwa Abuja	Nigeria Police Force	Nigeria Police Force	A text message was sent to the published Police helplines in Abuja.	NHRC sent a letter to the FCT Commissioner of Police requesting an investigation and feedback but no response has been received.	
175.	Alleged seizure of property	The complainant called on behalf of his uncle, Name withheld and alleged that his uncle drove out to buy drug for his	3/4/20	Kuje, FCT	Officers of Nigeria Police Force, Kuje Police Station, FCT, Command	Name withheld, Male		The NHRC followed it up with the Kuje Police Station and the items were released to the victim on the same	

		pregnant wife and the Task Force Team on Enforcement of COVID-19 Regulations 2020 stopped him along Psali junction, in Kuje and after explaining the reason he was out, they seized his office ID card and driver's License. That his Uncle went to Kuje Police Station and the Police Officer he met at the station denied him audience.						day of the incident.	
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SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

AKWA IBOM STATE

176.	Alleged child defilement/sexual and gender based violence.	The NHRC received a complaint of a 14 years old girl (<i>Name withheld</i>) who has been allegedly defiled by her father and his	19/4/2020	Eket	Father Name withheld and his friend. Two Males	Name withheld, Female	The complaint went viral and UNDP drew the attention of NHRC, who later contacted the the	The victim has now been rehabilitated by the NGO of the Governor's wife's in Akwa Ibom State.,.	

		friend, after the death of her mother. The father was arrested but later released on bail. She further claimed that she is now being branded a witch by her father and family members.					person who posted the incident for NHRC intervention. The Commission thereafter was informed that FIDA had taken the victim to their shelter pending further investigation on the matter.		
177.	Alleged forceful marriage /sexual and gender based violence	The victim, name withheld, alleges that her father has been obtaining favour from a man whom he promised to give her out in marriage in exchange against her wish but her parents kept mounting pressure on her. , she seeks	23/4/2020	Ikot Akapn Udo Village, Oruk Anam L.G.A.	Names withheld, Two Males and One Female	Name withheld, Female	The victim's phone number has been unreachable. We had asked her to avail us of her father's contact details with a view of calling him to order. We shall keep trying to	The victim has the state office phone number and we counselled her on how to get help in case of emergency, the Commission has not heard from the complainant since then.	

		the intervention of the Commission She threatens to commit suicide if she is forced to marry the man against her will.					reach her using our partners in Oruk Anam since she told us her village.		
178.	Alleged defilement & Impregnation of Minor/battery, inhuman e & degrading treatment.	The complainant, name withheld reported that her younger sister namewithheld aged 16. was allegedly impregnated by a neighbor namewithheld. That since then , the .alleged violator has refused to provide for her welfare and beats her up whenever she ask for support.	13/4/2020	Anua Offot Village, Uyo.	Name withheld, Male	Name withheld, Female	The alleged violator was contacted and cautioned to stop further battery of the victim and was equally advised to provide for her and the unborn child, which he accepted. Formal session shall hold after the lockdown.	The victim confirmed a change in the respondent's attitude and informed the Commission that he is taking care of her.	
179.	Alleged violation of right to dignity of human	The victim alleged that her siblings all males violate her rights at	15/4/2020	Uyo	Names withheld (Males),	Namewithheld ,Female)	Upon the receipt of the complaint, the respondents	The victim informed Commission that her brothers	

	person, freedom from discrimination	will and beat her up whenever she airs contrary view regarding family affairs; she claimed that this has been on recurrent bases after the demise of their parent. She pleaded the commission's intervention.					were cautioned to stop further battering of the victim or violation of any of her rights. The parties will be invited formally to the Commission's office after the lockdown	have stopped the battery, verbal abuses and threats, so far but blamed her for reporting the matter. She later informed the Commission that her brothers have changed for good and are putting up positive attitude after Commission's intervention.	
180.	Alleged right to freedom from Discrimination	It was alleged that persons with disabilities were not included in the distribution relief materials in the warehouse of State Emergency Management	01/04/2020	Bayelsa State	Gov. Douye Diri, others namewithheld (SEMA)	Persons Living with Disabilities	: SEMA, Bayelsa State. Was contacted after the report by the Commission to intimate them of the development, the Commission	The state government directed the SEMA to release 150 bags of garri to the victims on 7 th April, 2020	With the intervention of the Commission, the matter was resolved.. The state government gave 150 bags of garri to

		Agency(SEMA). which Governor Diri, gave SEMA the consent to distribute in the state.					sion was given full assurance that adequate remedy will be put in place to avoid such oversight.		the victims.
181.	Alleged rape and threat to life.	The complainant, namewithheld alleged that on the 30th of March 2020 one Barr. Namewithheld who lives in her neighborhood offered her a lift, claiming he was going towards her direction, which she accepted. She claimed that he diverted his car to an isolated guest house, hit her with an object and she became unconscious. That he brought	30/3/2020	Afagha road, Uyo	Name withheld (Male)	Name withheld Female	The Complainant was received and the complainant promised to avail us of further particulars to enable us link up with the Police and treat preliminarily.	The police eventually arrested the suspect and the matter was charged to court.	

		<p>down the passenger seat and raped her. She further claims that upon her regaining consciousness, she found herself naked and he asked her to dress up, warning her not to tell anyone or else, he will kill her. But promised to to give her the sum of thirty thousand naira as compensation. She concluded that after dropping her by the main road, she got home, reported to her husband and promptly went to the hospital for medical examination before reporting to the Commission.</p>							
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BAYELSA STATE								
182.	Alleged Child Abuse	A boy of about 8years old was seriously beaten and battered by his mother. The boy sustained serious body injuries.	15/04/2020	Bayelsa State. Otuedu Community in Ogbia LGA	Mother (F)	Name withheld (M)	Bayelsa State office In line with the Commission's mandate embarked on a fact finding mission on the 16th of April, 2020 to Otuedo Community in Ogbia LGA, a village where the alleged vaolator hails from. All efforts to locate the family proved abortive notwithstanding with the help of the local chiefs of the Community.	In collaboration with an NGO called DO Foundation who took up the matter informed the Commission that the victim is in Government Protective Custody in Bayelsa State. The mother of the victim (the alleged violator) was at that time pregnant and due to deliver so she could not be prosecuted. Also according to the NGO, they were considering given the alleged violator

								clemency due to remose she has shown on the matter.	
BENUE STATE									
183.	Alleged Domestic violence, wife battery	Alleged violator fought his wife and inflicted injuries on her face which resulted to a swollen eyes. He threatened to kill her. The wife ran for safety and reported the matter at the NHRC Benue State Office.	16/04/2020	Behind International market, Makurdi ,	Name withheld, Male	Name withheld	NHRC Benue office.	The Commission intervened by inviting parties to mediation and they were reconciled.	
184.	Alleged Domestic violence, wife battery, abandonment.	The alleged violator fought with the wife and chased her and 2 children out of the house. The victims reported to the police 'B' Division Makurdi, the police called NHRC MKD for	14/04/2020	High Level MKD	Name withheld. Male	Name withheld Female	NHRC Benue office.	Mediation held with the parties and matter settled amicably by the Commission.	

		interventio n.							
185.	Alleged domestic violence against woman	The alleged violator sent her wife and his 12 years old daughter out of the house due misunderstanding and this made the victims to be roaming on the streets of Makurdi . The victims reported at the Benue State Ooffice of the Commissio n for interventio n.	10/04/2020	Apir Makurdi	Name withheld Male	Names withheld Females	NHRC Benue office.	The Commission intervened through mediation and reconciled the family.	
DELTA STATE									
186.	Alleged Sexual Assault	It was alleged that one name withheld raped a minor name withheld (15 years old) a student of JSS 3.	15th April, 2020	Ugbodu Town, Delta State	Namewi thheld (male)	Namewit hheld (female)	The matter was reported to Issele Uku Police station and we were informed that an NGO 'Walk the Talk' is also on the matter. The	The NGO in charge of the matter informed the Commiss ion that the matter has been referred to DPP for advice.	Nil

							NGO in charge of the matter have been contacted to furnish the Commission with the contact of the victim's father so as to carry out further investigation. The complaint has also been sent to the Commissioner of Police and investigation is going on.		
JIGAWA STATE									
187.	Alleged extra-judicial killing	It was revealed that the alleged violator and the victim recently wedded. Last night (23/04/2020) when the alleged violator	24/04/2020	Kankale ru Village, Ringim L.G.A, Jigawa State	Namewi thheld (Male 30yrs)	Namewi thheld (Female 17yrs)	The PPRO confirmed the incident and revealed the alleged violator (suspect) was arrested and	The investigation as the case was charged to court	

		wanted to make love to the victim, she refused which led to struggle between them. The next day morning being on 24/04/2020 the victim was found dead. On 24/04/2020 the State Office of the Commission spoke to the PPRO on the incident.					taken to the Criminal Investigation Department for investigation.		
KOGI STATE									
188.	Alleged Wife Battery and Negligence of Responsibilities	The complainant namewithheld visited the Commission in company of WRAPA, FIDA, CPI and RECAN representatives on the 20/4/20. She stated that she has been battered and assaulted on several	20/4/2020	Lokoja	Namewithheld (Male)	Nameswithheld (Female, 30 yrs), 2 yrs), and (Male, 6 months).	: 1. On 20/4/2020 letters requesting investigation into the matter was written to the Commissioner of Police and Commandant ,	1. The alleged violator was detained by the Army, pending conclusion of investigations into the matter. 2. On a follow-up visit to the Commissioner of police, he promise	

		occasions by her husband (alleged violator), and sometimes she and her two kids get locked out of the house and abandoned without care. She stated that steps to redress the situation before now has been frustrated by allies of the alleged violator in the Charimegu meri Army Barracks in Lokoja.					<p>Nigeria n Army, Chari Maigu meri Barrac ks, Lokoja, Kogi state.</p> <p>2. Compl ainant/ victims were taken to the clinic for medica l attenti on by the Commi ssion where the financi al involve ment was taken care by the State Coordi nator.</p> <p>3. The Commi ssion approa ched the state Ministr y of Wome n Affairs</p>	<p>d to contact the Army comman dant on the issue.</p> <p>3. On the 24th of April, the complai nant present ed the Commis sion with a letter of withdra wal of her complai nt, claiming that her family has taken over the matter for possible intervent ion and amicabl e resolutio n.</p>	
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							and Social Development and successfully secured accommodation for the victims .		
189.	Alleged kidnap, assault, degrading and inhuman treatment and rape	The case was taken up by NHRC from a video interview made by a Human Rights NGO, the victim stated that she was kidnapped by a group of men from her home in Okene, Kogi state on the order of the alleged violator after she wrote a post on her Facebook wall advising the alleged violator to take care of his family. She	29/3/2020	Okene/ Lokoja	Name withheld Male	Name withheld. Female	Letters were written to the Governor, Kogi State and Commissioner of Police, Kogi State Command requesting thorough investigation into the matter and to avail the Commission of their findings. Efforts to get the alleged violator to respond to the		

		stated that she was assaulted by the alleged violator, striped naked and photographed and raped in the process .					allegations have proved abortive as letter of invitation by the Commission to him has been rejected on 2 different occasions		
190.	Alleged violation of right to health	The victim complained that the alleged violator refused to provide the family with basic items for prevention of COVID-19 and has denied the existence of the Virus.	6/4/2020	Abuja Bula	Namewi thheld Male	Namewit hheld/Female	Husband	The Commission enlightened the alleged violator about the deadly effect of the COVID-19 which is pandemic and gave the victim two pieces of Dettol soaps and face mask.	Matter settled
191.	Threat to life, attempted murder and extra judicial killing.	The Commission received a complaint that a soldier was killed and a policemen, <i>name withheld</i> , attached to the Eagle	Thursday 30th April, 2020 at about 12:15am	NDDC Road, Bomadi in Bomadi Local Government Area, Delta State.	Police men attached to Eagle Net Operation, Nigeria Police Delta State	Sergeant <i>name withheld</i> and an unnamed soldier	The Commissioner of Police Delta State Command and the Commander, Sector 1	The Sector 1 Commander in reaction to the incident assured there will be no reprisal attacks	

		Net Operation of the Nigeria Police Command, Delta State were injured during a fight over curfew compliance in Delta State. ,.			Command and soldiers from military unit in Bomadi .		Formation, Nigerian Army, Delta State.	from the army, noting that the army high command has commenced investigations. The Commissioner of Police has not responded to the text message sent to him.	
192.	Alleged harassment, inhuman and degrading treatment	Mobile policemen and officers of NSCDC allegedly beat up members of the public for not wearing face masks and forced them to buy face masks even when they said they had no money to purchase same, causing serious traffic hold up.	18/04/2020	Ring Road popularly known as Oba Ovoramen Square in Benin City, Edo State	Mobile Policemen, NSCDC (males and females)	Passers bys (Males and Females)	The Commissioner of Police was called on phone severally but he did not pick the calls	Investigation is ongoing	

193.	Alleged inhuman and degrading treatment	<p>The complainant, <i>name withheld</i> sent a complaint by video to the Commission. alleging that on 15th April 2020, on his way to withdraw money from the bank in Umunze, for purchase of food items, he was stopped by policemen stationed at Umunze market roundabout who demanded money from him to allow him pass. Upon his refusal to yield to the extortion, they shot out his two front tyres, accused him of violating 'the no movement directive of the Anambra State</p>	15 th April, 2020	Umunze	Umunze Police Station	<i>Name withheld</i> , male	The matter was reported to the Police for investigation and feedback	The Umunze Police Station refused to identify the alleged violator(s).	
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		Government and further threatened to kill him if he stepped out of his vehicle while other cars and pedestrians moved around freely and unhindered in the market. noted that and .							
194.	Alleged intimidation, harassment and torture	The victim, a staff of a telecommunications company, alleged that he was arrested by personnel of Kano State Road Traffic Authority (KAROTA) during the lockdown period, despite presenting his permit to move around. He stated that he was forcefully dragged to the KAROTA office, was strangled and his right eye was injured	17/4/20	One only identified by the victim as <i>name withheld</i> of Kano State Road Traffic Authority	Muhd Ghali Inuwa, a male.	Kano State Road Traffic Authority		The NHRC State Coordinator contacted the Public Relations Officer (PRO) of KAROTA by phone. The PRO advised the complainant to channel his grievances to the Managing Director (MD) of the agency. A call was made to the MD	

		as a result of finger assault . He was later released without any charges.						who expressed his displeasure on the violation and stressed that a staff of the Commission should accompany the victim to their office for identification of the culprit and possible discipline	
195.	Alleged assault, harassment and battery	The Complainant, <i>name withheld</i> , is alleged that on the 29 th of April, 2020 a Principal Nursing Officer with the University of Uyo Teaching Hospital was assaulted, harassed and battered in her work place by one Corporal <i>name withheld</i>	29/4/2020	University of Uyo Teaching Hospital , Uyo.	Corporal <i>name withheld</i> , Police Officer (Male)	Mrs. <i>name withheld</i> (Female) Nurse	The matter was reported to NHRC. The Chief Medical Director (CMD) of UUTH called for a meeting with the National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives as the nurses' body threaten	Intervention is on-going.	UUTH is demanding for an apology from the Nigeria Police Force. The police are yet to respond to their demand

		attached to SARS, Eket Division. He further stated that the alleged violator brought his wife unconscious to the UUTH after a cesarean operation in a private health facility where she had complications, the wife died after all efforts to save her life failed. The alleged violator resorted to battering the nurse on duty.					ed to go on strike. The matter has been amicably resolved . Nevertheless, interface with the State Police Command to check the excesses of the operation of their men is still in view.			
196.	Alleged violation of right to health and safety	The complainant alleged that his employer requested he render outdoor internet facilities to some foreigners who just came from a trip abroad. He stated his fear for his safety	1/4/2020	Ajao, Lagos	Telecommunication outfit		<i>Name withheld, male</i>		Complainant satisfactorily advised	

		this period of COVID-19. The company is one of those telecommunication outfit approved by the government to render essential services.								
197.	Alleged violation of right to health	The complainant alleged that health care givers at a Fertility clinic, <i>name and address withheld</i> in Abuja were attending to patients without protective gears like hand gloves and face masks despite the Corona virus pandemic in the country. The said complainant pleaded that NHRC should intervene to curb the spread of the deadly virus	2/4/2020	Asokoro, Abuja	<i>Name withheld</i>	Concerned citizen on behalf of the patients		NHRC contacted the said clinic on same date of the report on <i>number withheld</i> at about 3:03 pm. The Hospital's Customer Relation Officer admitted that they had run out of protective gears and their staff have been working without any form of protection. The hospital was advised to stop attending		

								to patients immediately and procure the necessary materials needed or shut down the hospital until the needed protective gears are provided for the staff and for the safety of the public.	
198.	Alleged unlawful restriction	The complainant alleged that policemen prevented him from carrying out his duty despite being one of the government approved agencies to render essential services.	2/4/2020	Lagos	Nigeria Police Force	<i>Name withheld</i>		Complainant advised accordingly	
199.	Alleged unlawful confiscation and seizure of property	On 1/5/2020, NHRC received a complaint from the complainant, <i>Mr name withheld</i> , that his car	1st May, 2020	Lameco Area in Osogbo, LGA, Osun State.	Men of the Nigeria Police Force operating at Lameco area, Osogbo	<i>Name withheld/ Male</i>	The State Commissioner of Police (CP) could not be reached. On	NHRC stepped in to resolve the matter by requesting the release of the	

		and mobile handset were impounded by the Nigeria Police at Lameco area of Osogbo LGA, Osun State for allegedly flouting the COVID-19 lockdown Regulation 2020.			, Osun State.		contacting the o/c SIB who led the team it was discovered that the complainant's claim that he wanted to buy drugs for his wife could not be substantiated though there was an empty carton of drug and one hospital card.	car, it's confiscation having served. as a warning. The car was consequently released to the complainant along with his telephone. The complainant came to thank the Commission for her prompt intervention stating that he had never experienced a situation where he was granted his request at a police station without payment of any form until the Commission intervened.	
200.	Alleged unlawful arrest	The Victim, Mr. <i>name withheld</i> , a	27/4/2020	Uyo. Metropolis	Police Officers from	Mr. <i>name withheld</i>	The Commission's	The matter is now	

	and detention	social media influencer was arrested by men of the Nigeria Police during the early hours of Monday, 27 th April, 2020 for posting a release titled “if you are in Akwa Ibom, run and Hide for your dear life!”, on his Facebook wall. He was thereafter arraigned in a Chief Magistrate Court, Uyo for defamation . During his arraignment, it was noticed that he coughed persistently based on which the Court directed that the victim be placed on 14 days Isolation at Ibom Specialist Hospital.			Akwa Ibom State Command (Male)	(Male)	attention was drawn to the matter on social media. . Information from local news channels indicated that he has been arraigned in court and the matter adjourned to the 14 th of May, 2020.	before the Chief Magistrate Court, hence it is <i>sub judice</i> .	
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		The matter was adjourned to 14 th May, 2020.							
201.	Alleged violation of right to freedom of religion, assembly	It was reported that some muslim faithfuls violated the stay at home order by holding mosque services	18 th April , 2020	Zaria		Mallam <i>name withheld</i>	Sheikh <i>name withheld</i> , Chairma n <i>name withheld</i> mosque, Zaria		
202.	Alleged unlawful arrest and unlawful detention	The complainant, Mr. <i>name withheld</i> (M) complained that he was arrested and detained by men of SARS for an allegation he knew nothing about.	24/04/2020	Yenagosa, Bayelsa State	Sgt. <i>name withheld</i> , Commissioner of Police, Bayelsa State (Male)	Mr. <i>name withheld</i> (Male)	SARS, Bayelsa State Police Command	The complainant was arrested for allegedly embezzling light bill collected by the Community's Light Committee which he is the secretary . However, the Commission intervened in the matter and he has been granted bail by the police and released from police custody.	He has been released on bail due to the intervention of the Commission

203.	Harassment, intimidation and unlawful seizure of property	The complainant alleged that his vehicle, a Toyota Camry LE 2003 model was impounded by men of the Nigeria Police, Delta State headquarters Asaba on Saturday 25th April 2020 at about 11:00am along the Lagos-Benin Express Road, on his way to the market to procure household necessities. He stated that the lockdown Order permitted markets to operate three times in a week (Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays), from the hours of 8.00am to 5.00pm for procurement of essentials.	Saturday, 25th April 2020.	Lagos-Benin Express Road, before Summit junction Asaba.	Men of the Nigeria Police Force, Delta State Command Asaba.	Mr. <i>name withheld</i> (male)	At the intervention of NHRC, the vehicle was released to the complainant on Monday 27th April, 2020.	The impounded vehicle was released to the complainant unconditionally and the matter was closed.	
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		They demanded money from him which but he refused to give in to the extortion. In anger, the police officers collected his vehicle keys, confiscated and impounded and drove the vehicle to the Delta State Police Command headquarters, Asaba.							
204.	Harassment, discrimination, unlawful seizure of property and Extortion .	The Commission received a complaint where it was alleged that police officers from Obiaruku Police Divisional Headquarters in Ukwuani, Local Government Area, Delta State employed the services of vigilante groups and Man O'	Sunday 26th April, 2020 at about 11:00am	Obiaruku, Ukwuani Local Government Area, Delta State.	Nigeria Police Obiaruku Divisional Headquarters in collaboration with unidentified members of Man O' War & Vigilante groups.	Mr <i>name withheld</i> & others (male)	Commissioner of Police Delta State.	The police are yet to respond to the matter.	

		War to mount roadblocks, stop vehicles, especially motorcyclists to harass, intimidate and extort money from them on behalf of said police officers. The motorcycle of any cyclist who refuses to pay is impounded till the owners claim them upon payment of certain amounts.							
205.	Alleged extrajudicial killing	The complainant alleged that on the 2/4/2020, the victim, <i>name withheld</i> , on his way to pick his sick father to the hospital was flagged down by Army Officers on patrol along the NPA	2/4/20	Warri, Delta State	Men of the Nigerian Army	Space For Change on behalf of the deceased		The complaint was forwarded to Director Civil Military Affairs on 3/4/2020 for onward submission to the Chief of Army Staff for investigation	

		Expressway but he refused to stop. That the army officers were eventually able to stop him and without giving him an opportunity to explain himself, shot him at close range and he died. The complainant demanded an investigation into the death of the victim.							
206.	Alleged unlawful restriction	The complainant, a food vendor, alleged that men of the Nigeria Police Force unlawfully harassed her and stopped her from rendering essential service of food delivery to military personnel on duty during the	4/4/2020	Alakuko Lagos	Nigeria Police Force		Nigeria Police Force	Resolved	

		COVID-19 pandemic despite her permit for movement in her food branded van.							
207.	Alleged harassment and unlawful restriction	The complainant alleged that a number of residents on his street including himself were harassed by four soldiers of the Nigerian Army	4/4/2020	Amukoko (IFLG) Lagos	Soldiers of Nigerian Army		Nigeria Army	No response	
LAGOS STATE									
208.	Domestic Violence	NHRC received a complaint from the victim who alleged that during the lockdown period, her husband threatened to kill her with a knife. According to her she had to go to her neighbor's house with her children for safety of her life.	8/4/20	Osapa London Lekki, Lagos State	Name withheld (M)	Name withheld (F)	OPD Domestic Violence Team and Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Team (DSVRT)		The complainant was advised to report at the nearest police station and was also given the contact of Office of Public Defender, Lagos, Domestic

									ic Violence intervention lines covering Lekki area.. She called back that her husband lied to OPD. We contacted her husband directly who countered her report, and also contacted OPD to verify information they got from their investigation. Having done all this, the complainant/Victim was advised to go back to the house.
209.	Alleged Domestic	The complainant alleged	3/4/20	Agboigbala Bustop	Names withheld	Names withheld Mother	Domestic and sexual		NHRC was informed

	Violence	that the father of her baby kept her and her baby with his parents while he lives alone at Marina in Lagos Island, that he listens to only the instructions from his mother and that during this lockdown they took a decision to send her out with her baby. She claimed she had no alternative provision of where to stay during this COVID-19 lockdown. On the 8/4/20 she gave a distress call that she has been sent out and that they had taking her 5month old baby away from her. We had to speak to the		Matogun, Iju Ishaga Area Lagos State	Male and Female	and her babygirl	Violence Response team (DSVRT) Lagos State		d by the complainant on 9/4/20 that the violators were pleading with her and requesting that she withdraws the matter from the National Human Rights Commission. She claimed to have refused and alleged that she has suffered so much humiliation in their hands and wants the matter to be properly investigated and resolved.
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		violators since she was still within the compound and cautioned them to allow her and her baby to stay for the sake of safety. The matter was brought to the attention of DSVRT Lagos State.							
NASSARAWA STATE									
210.	Alleged inhuman and degrading treatment, threat to life and confiscation of property	Men of the Nasarawa State Youth Empowerment Scheme (NAYES) were alleged to have caused a commercial motorcycle rider and a passenger he was carrying to crash and fall. They stuck a stick into the wheel of the moving motorcycle while it was in motion which	04/05/2020	Stadium Junction, Bukan Sidi, Lafia LGA, Nasarawa State	Men of the Nasarawa State Youth Empowerment Scheme (NAYES).	<i>Name withheld (F)</i>	Nil	Nil	A staff of the Commission interviewed the victim but she was not ready to provide further information. She stated that she is alright and does not wish to pursue that matter further. However, the

		caused them to fall. This happened in a bid to enforce the ban on commercial motorcycle in Nasarawa State.							rider and his motorcycle were taken to NAYES office.
ZAMFARA STATE									
211.	Alleged Rape	The Commission on 22 nd April 2020 received a complaint from one name withheld where he informed the Commission that the alleged violator raped his three daughters.	22-04-2020	GUSAU LGA	Name withheld, Male	Names withheld all Female	Nigeria Police Force	The alleged violator was arrested, detained and was later charged to court.	
212.	Alleged Rape	The Commission on 14 th April 2020 received a complaint from an NGO on allegation of rape against one name withheld at Kaura Namoda. The matter was subsequently reported	14/04/2020	Kaura Namoda LGA	Namewi withheld Male	Namewi withheld Female	The matter was reported to the Nigeria Police Force. The alleged violator has been arrested awaiting prosecution	The alleged violator was arrested and later arraigned in court for prosecution.	

		to the Police and the alleged violator has been arrested awaiting prosecution.							
FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY									
213.	Alleged Domestic Violence	The Complainant alleged that his younger sister who is eight months pregnant was beaten by her husband and during the process she was injured. He took the sister to the hospital while the husband went to his house with a police officer to arrest the complainant.	15/4/20	Abuja Kubwa	Husband	wife		The case was reported to Kubwa Police division for investigation and prosecution. The Commission made sure that the victim is protected.	.
214.	Alleged Domestic Violence	A complainant name withheld complained on behalf of his neighbor's wife, who has been constantly assaulted/a	16/4/20	Bwari Abuja	Victim's husband	Name withheld		The Commission requested for the contact of the victim to be able to contact her but the	

		bused by her husband for the past three years they have been living together. Presently the victim has left the husband's house to an unknown destination.						complainant has not made it available	
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ANNEXURE B

PRESS RELEASE ON THE TREATMENT OF ALMAJIRI DURING THE ENFORCEMENT OF COVID 19 REGULATIONS 2020

29 May 2020

Almajiri: Human Rights Commission calls for a program of action

Following recent developments regarding the relocation of Almajiri children across the country necessitated by the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Human Rights Commission has called for the development and implementation of a program of action by Northern States governments to permanently address the challenges posed by the Almajiri system to children and the larger society. In an Advisory Opinion issued in Abuja and signed by the Executive Secretary of the Commission, Mr Tony Ojukwu, the Commission noted that the “Almajiri children are exposed to increased vulnerabilities and risks, including death, trafficking, kidnapping, drug use and addiction, recruitment into terrorism, violent crimes, sexual and other forms of assault and forced/child marriages.”

The Commission further noted that the Almajiri Children suffer multiple violations of human rights which go contrary to the provisions of the 1999 Constitution of Nigeria, the Child Rights Act, the Child Rights Laws (applicable to some states), Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC) and other international human rights instruments relating to the protection of the rights of the child.

The Commission called on Northern States to develop a multi-sectoral “program of action for the transfer, return and rehabilitation of Almajiri children”. A major step towards achieving this will be an obligation on the part of affected states to “put in place financial, institutional and programmatic frameworks to urgently address the needs of the Almajiri children”, the Commission advised. Further to this, the Commission also called for “adequate protection programs, basic support services and empowerment programs to address poverty and other socio-economic vulnerabilities that made the parents to send out the children in the first place.”

The three paged Advisory enjoined States to “put in place adequate plans for the enrolment and retention of Almajiri children in schools, including access to existing programmes such as school feeding and free education aimed at addressing the educational needs of the children in line with their rights to basic and compulsory

education as guaranteed under the CRA and the Universal Basic Education Act.”

The Advisory Opinion issued in line with the mandate of the Commission in section 5 (l)(m)(o) of its enabling Act contains obligations for the transferring and receiving States. In issuing the Advisory, the Commission enjoined State authorities to ensure that actions targeting the transfer, relocation and rehabilitation of the Almajiri Children are in the best interest of the children. This is in line with global best practices and principles enunciated in the Convention on the Rights of the Child which Nigeria is a signatory and has domesticated in the Child Rights Act and Laws as applicable in States.

The Commission went further to advise that “the best interest of the child” principles will be violated “in circumstances where the Almajiri children have been relocated to places outside their homes or states of origin, leading to the denial of access to their parents or guardians (necessary for children) or home governments for a structured development, and may defeat the benefits from this current initiative.” It will also be a violation of the principles “where the process of return exposes the child to danger, vulnerabilities, rejection, inhuman and degrading treatments and further denial of access to education, healthcare, food, shelter and protection.”

End

ANNEXURE C

PRESS RELEASE ON THE STANDARD MINIMUM GUIDELINES FOR COVID 19 PATIENTS IN NIGERIA

Human Rights Commission releases Guidelines for the protection of COVID-19 patients

The National Human Right Commission has released a set of Standard Minimum Guidelines for the protection of the rights of COVID-19 patients in treatment centers across Nigeria.

Speaking to journalists in Abuja, the Executive Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of the Commission, Mr. Tony Ojukwu stated that the Guidelines were issued in line with the mandate of the Commission to protect and promote human rights in accordance with its establishment Act.

In particular, section 5(l) of the National Human Right Commission (Amendment) Act of 2010 mandated the Commission to “prepare and publish, in such manner as the Commission considers appropriate, guidelines for the avoidance of acts or practices with respect to the function and powers of the Commission under this Act”.

Mr. Ojukwu also added that “the Guidelines are in line with Nigeria’s obligations under the 1999 Constitution and other national and international human rights laws and instruments to which Nigeria is a party.”

The Guidelines contain human rights guarantees such as the rights to life, health, dignity, privacy, religion and protection against discrimination. It also contains provisions aimed at ensuring access to adequate accommodation, food, water and sanitation, information and communication for patients at COVID-19 treatment centres and facilities in Nigeria.

According to Mr. Ojukwu, “persons who have tested positive to COVID-19 and placed in treatment centres are in extreme vulnerable situations and their human rights to life, health and personal dignity should be of paramount concern and a major responsibility of the state.”

He further stated that “the Guidelines have been designed to reflect the physical, emotional and mental needs of COVID-19 patients and have provided a basis for the protection of the rights of every patient without any form of bias or discrimination, including vulnerable persons such as children, persons with disabilities and older persons.”

Following incessant violations of the rights of patients in treatment centers in some parts of the country resulting in protests and in some cases, abscondment of patients, the Commission deemed it fit to issue the Guidelines in order to ensure that the basic rights of patients are guaranteed and protected.

While commending governments and health authorities at federal and state levels for the efforts already made to put facilities in place at the centres and for other palliatives, Mr. Ojukwu urged them to “study and put mechanisms in place to implement the Standard Minimum Guidelines”, noting that patients whose rights have been violated will have the option of seeking redress before the Commission or in courts of law as provided by the Constitution.

Other major highlights of the Guidelines are the protection of medical personnel and staff of the treatment centres, persons in intensive care units and the participation of patients in clinical or drug trials.

End

13 May 2020

ANNEXURE D

STANDARD MINIMUM GUIDELINES FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF COVID-PATIENTS IN TREATMENT CENTRES IN NIGERIA (2020)



National Human Rights Commission
Federal Republic of Nigeria

Standard Minimum Guidelines for the Human Rights of COVID-19 Patients in Treatment Centres in
Nigeria (2020)

[Made pursuant to section 5(a)(d)(l) and section 6(g) of the National Human Rights Commission(Amendment)Act,2010]

About the National Human Rights Commission

The National Human Rights Commission of Nigeria (the Commission) was established by the National Human Rights Commission Act of 1995 (the Act) as a National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) charged with the mandate of protecting and promoting human rights in Nigeria as guaranteed by the Nigerian Constitution, the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights, the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and other international human rights treaties to which Nigeria is a party.

The mandate of the Commission was further strengthened in 2010 through an amendment to the establishment Act, making the Commission more independent and giving it quasi-judicial powers to institute investigations, summon persons, receive evidence and to award compensation and enforce its decisions on human rights violations in Nigeria. The Commission has also been conferred with the powers to visit any place of detention with a view to ensuring that detainees' rights are not violated and to institute civil actions, to assist victims of human rights violations and to seek appropriate remedies on their behalf.

Standard Minimum Guidelines for the Human Rights of COVID-19 Patients in Treatment Centres in Nigeria (2020)

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STANDARD MINIMUM GUIDELINES FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF

COVID-19 PATIENTS IN TREATMENT CENTRES IN NIGERIA (2020)

Made pursuant to section 5(a)(d)(l) and section 6(g) of the National Human Rights Commission (Amendment) Act, 2010

Part 1

Introduction, Principles and Application

1.0 Preamble

- 1.1** The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic across the world has created unprecedented challenges to governance and the enjoyment of human rights. Across Africa and the developing world, COVID-19 has created an emergency humanitarian and human rights situation, especially in countries with little investments in the health sector. The pandemic has further exposed the underlying issues of inequalities and poverty which hitherto have had roots within and across countries.
- 1.2** In response to the pandemic, governments and health authorities have imposed restrictions on movements and assemblies which have had massive impacts on national and global economies. The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has made efforts at containing the virus. At national and state levels, governments have put in place financial and institutional measures such as setting up testing infrastructures, Treatment Centres, initiated processes towards identifying a vaccine for the cure of the virus and instituting cash transfer and palliatives for the poor and needy.
- 1.3** The operation of the Treatment Centres (hereinafter referred to as the Centre) is crucial to the recovery and good health of persons who have tested positive to COVID-19. The Centres are also important in stemming the spread of the virus and ensuring the well-being of the rest of the population. In view of their special nature as health institutions and holding facilities, the Centres are required to observe all human rights and medical ethics to secure the rights, dignity and well-being of the patients and thereby build trust in the ability of the government to provide for the security and welfare of the people.
- 1.4** The National Human Rights Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) in exercise of its powers and functions under section 5(a), (d), (l) and section 6(g) of the enabling Act hereby issues the following Standard Minimum Guidelines for Human

Rights to be observed in the treatment of persons admitted to the Centres and in the management of the Centres thereof.

Objectives

1. Provide for basic human rights protection for COVID-19 patients, healthcare professionals and other persons in Centres and other treatment facilities across Nigeria.
2. Ensure the application of international and national human rights standards in the treatment and care of persons admitted to Centres and other treatment facilities across Nigeria
3. Secure institutional and professional accountability of health authorities and healthcare personnel in the Centres and other treatment facilities in line with human rights standards
4. Fulfil the constitutional responsibility of the government to provide for the security and welfare of the people.

3.0 *The Basic Principles and Application*

- 3.1** The purpose of the treatment of COVID-19 patients shall always be to secure their rights to life, the highest attainable standard of health and dignity of human person.
- 3.2** The treatment of patients shall take into consideration, the overriding public interest and especially, the protection of other members of the public from infection.
- 3.3** Government and the Centres shall endeavour to administer the highest attainable medical treatment and care for all patients without bias and discrimination based on the following Standard Minimum Guidelines.
- 3.4** These Standard Minimum Guidelines shall be applicable to all treatment centres and other facilities (whatever name called) managed by the federal and state governments and the private sector; and to all healthcare professionals and support staff involved in management and treatment of COVID-19 patients.

Part 2
Human Rights Guarantees and Provisions

4.0 *Right to Adequate and Timely Medical Information*

- 4.1. Any person who has tested positive for COVID-19 shall be entitled to a ~~prompt~~ notification of the result of such test not more than 24 hours after the said test. Such result shall be in a paper form or other electronic or telegraphic form of which the patient shall have access to. The communication of such test result shall respect the patients' right to privacy of his medical records, unless as may be necessary under existing medical protocols or to secure the rights of the public.
- 4.2 Upon admission to the centre, every patient shall within a reasonable time (not exceeding 24 hours) be given a welcome pack containing information on the Centre's facilities, operations and other information needed for a hitch-free settling into the environment.
- 4.3 Every patient admitted to a Centre shall be entitled to adequate and timely medical information, including the diagnosis and treatment plan, and other information such as specific drugs and other medicaments to be administered by the Centre, their side effects, options and alternatives.
- 4.4 The Centre shall cause to be published, a list of human rights guarantees ~~a~~ enunciated in these Standard Minimum Guidelines in such format as it is available to all patients and medical personnel and support staff.
- 4.5 Every information requested by the patient or given to the patient shall be communicated in the language which the patient understands. The Centre shall provide a reasonable interpretation to ensure efficient communication with the patient. In the case of hearing or other associated impairment, the necessary assistance and facilities shall be provided.

5.0 *Equality and non-discrimination of COVID-19 Patients*

- 5.1 No patient shall be subjected to discrimination on grounds of ethnicity, tribe, state of origin, nationality, religion, social status, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age, political affiliation, or any other grounds as provided for by the 1999 Constitution of Nigeria (hereinafter referred to as the Constitution).¹
- 5.2 All patients shall be treated equally and in line with medical procedures and protocols laid down by the National Centre for Disease Control and other relevant health

authorities and institutions without any discrimination, favour, or bias whatsoever.

- 5.3** The Centre shall ensure that any deviation from 5.2 shall be in relation to managing specific medical cases of patients or for giving attention to patients with the most vulnerable and life-threatening conditions and shall not be a form of discrimination, favour or bias.
- 5.4** For the purpose of the fore-going paragraph, it shall be the duty of government and the management of each Centre to guarantee the following for every patient:
- a. Access to the treatment Centre upon testing positive to COVID-19.
 - b. Access to every form of information and communication as enunciated in these Standard Minimum Guidelines.
 - c. Access to the highest standard of treatments, medicaments and medical care available at the Centre.
- 5.5** The Centre shall ensure adequate gender considerations in its operations and in the implementation of these Standard Minimum Guidelines.
- 5.6** Governments and the Centre shall ensure that at all times, references to the Centres as 'isolation centres' shall be discouraged. This is to eliminate stigma and boost the confidence and psychological standings of patients.
- 5.7** Government shall work with relevant media institutions and non-state actors to ~~raise~~ awareness and educate the public against stigma and discrimination of COVID-19 patients and survivors.
- 5.8** The National Human Rights Commission shall work with state and non-state actors to implement advocacy and campaigns aimed at educating the public and creating awareness against stigma and discrimination of COVID-19 patients or survivors.

¹ Section 42 of the Constitution

11.0 human rights instruments.

11.1 Every admitted patient shall be informed of their right to privacy and the confidentiality of their health status.

11.2 In cases where patients elect on their own to reveal their identities and status to third parties or to the public, the Centre shall provide counselling before and after

such revelation.

- 11.3** The Centre shall keep the medical records and identities of the patients and shall not expose or reveal same to third parties without the informed and written consent of the patient or their elected family or legal representatives.
- 11.4** In established situations of the abscondment of a person who has tested positive to COVID-19 or a patient from the Centre, the government and the health authorities may in such circumstances as it deems fit, reveal identity of the patient or person, only for the purpose of identification and tracking.
- 11.5** In every case, in the situation referred to in the foregoing subparagraph, governments and the health authorities shall take adequate consideration of the rights of third parties and their immediate family members. In all situations, government shall not reveal the physical address of the dwelling place of the patient to the public.

12.0 *Access to Communication and Information*

- 12.1** The Centre shall ensure that every patient will have access to communication and information.
- 12.2** The Centre shall ensure that patients will have access to their personal communication gadgets and to other communication facilities, including telephones and internet for patients and medical personnel.

The Centre shall provide access to news and entertainment as it deems appropriate for the benefit of all patients. These shall include but not limited to television, newspapers, and magazines.

³ Section 38 of the Constitution

Part 3 **Protection and Guarantees for Vulnerable Groups**

13.0 *Special considerations for infants and children*

- 13.1** The Centre shall ensure that the treatment of infants and children meets the highest national and international human rights standards and will always be geared towards

securing the best interest and well-being of the child in accordance with global, regional and national child rights instruments including the Child Rights Act and Laws.⁵

- 13.2** No infant or child shall be denied access to treatment and healthcare services in the Centre or discriminated against for any reason whatsoever.
- 13.3** The Centre shall be a safe and protective environment for children. Safeguards shall be put in place to prevent abuse and harm to the children.
- 13.4** Health personnel and support staff shall be friendly, patient and as much as possible treat the children with the care, compassion, and dignity.
- 13.5** The Centre shall ensure the presence of pediatricians and qualified childcare professionals to provide specialised care for the physical and mental health issues of children.
- 13.6** In furtherance to the provision of this paragraph, the Centre shall ensure that:
 - a. Children's accommodation shall be separated from adults and decorated with appropriate colours, child friendly images and with toys.
 - b. As much as practicable, a family member or minder is with the child at all times to ensure the emotional and psychological wellbeing of the child and in line with treatment protocols.
 - c. Adequate nutritional arrangements are put in place for the mental and physical well-being of the child.
 - d. Adequate provision is made for safe recreational facilities and spaces for children.

14.0 *Treatment of Persons with Disabilities*

- 14.1** The guarantees provided for in the foregoing Standard Minimum Guidelines shall be applicable in all ramifications to persons with disabilities.
- 14.2** The Centre shall ensure that persons with disabilities are not discriminated against in the provision of treatment, care and other services at the Centre.
- 14.3** The Centre shall ensure that appropriate infrastructures and accommodations are put in place for patients with physical and other forms of disabilities to ensure access and

ease of movements within and around the facility.

14.4 The Centre shall ensure that there are support staff to assist the visually impaired and other patients with various forms of disabilities and impairments, including movement, speech and hearing.

14.5 The Centre shall put in place facilities to aid access to information and communication for persons with disabilities in order to facilitate their communication, mobility, entertainment, general well-being and recovery.

15.0 *Special considerations for older persons*

15.1 The guarantees provided for in the foregoing Standard Minimum Guidelines shall be applicable in all ramifications to older persons.

15.2 The Centre shall ensure that older persons are not discriminated against in the provision of treatment, care and other services at the Centre.

15.3 The Centre shall ensure that older persons will have access to assistive devices and aids to support their mobility, accommodation and general wellbeing.

15.4 Older persons shall have access to specialised medical care and support to address their on-going medical needs and pre-existing conditions.

15.5 The Center shall ensure that difficult medical decisions affecting older people are guided by a commitment to secure the rights to life, dignity and the highest attainable healthcare.

⁵ The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and African Charter on the Rights and welfare of the Child (ACRWC) are key instruments which have been ratified by Nigeria.

16.0 *Protection of Patients in Intensive Care Units*

16.1 Governments and health authorities shall ensure the establishment of fully equipped Intensive Care Units (ICU) in the Centres to cater for patients in vulnerable and severe medical conditions.

16.2 The Centre shall ensure that every patient shall have access to the ICU on the basis of medical judgement and protocols and not based on economic, social or political status or any ethnic, tribal and other considerations whatsoever.

16.3 The Centres shall ensure that the rights to personal dignity and the highest attainable

standards of health shall remain applicable to patients in ICU.

- 16.4** The Centre shall put in place adequate protective measures to prevent abuse and discrimination against persons in ICU.

17.0 *Participation in clinical and drug trials*

- 17.1** The Centre shall ensure that every patient that is participating in a clinical trial shall give a written consent in the presence of an informed family member or legal representative.
- 17.2** The Centre shall ensure that it provides detailed explanation of possible side effect and consequences of clinical or drug trials to patients.
- 17.3** The health authorities and the Centre shall obtain a written consent from the patients and his informed family member or legal representative before the extraction or donation of body tissues for experiments or further treatments of COVID-19.

Part 4 Implementation Mechanisms

18.0 *Access to complaints and feedback mechanisms*

- 18.1** Every patient shall be entitled to freedom of expression as provided for in the Constitution.⁶ In exercise of this right, patients shall be entitled to express in a formal and civilised manner, in written or verbal form, complaints on the operation of the Centre, treatment, actions or inactions of medical personnel and support staff or other issues of concern.
- 18.2** The Centre shall put in place, mechanisms to receive and address complaints from patients in a timely and responsive manner.

- 18.3** The Centre shall ensure the provision of writing materials and stationeries to the patients to enable them to communicate effectively with the Centre.

19.0 *Access to redress and remedial mechanisms*

- 19.1** Nothing in the foregoing paragraphs shall limit or deny patients from exercising their rights to enforcement of human rights as provided for in the Constitution.⁷
- 19.2** Every patient shall be availed of the expertise and facilities of the National Human Rights Commission to present complaints, seek advice, redress and remedies of violations of human rights provided in the Constitution and as

enunciated in these Standard Minimum Guidelines.⁸

20.0 Implementation and Monitoring

- 20.1** The Commission shall monitor and report on regular basis, the implementation of these Standard Minimum Guidelines.
- 20.2** The Commission shall when called upon, assist governments at national and state levels, the health authorities, private sector and the Centres in designing frameworks for effective implementation of these Standard Minimum Guidelines.
- 20.3** The Commission shall in exercise of its mandate, investigate any allegation of human rights violations arising from the Centres and shall present such reports as appropriate under its enabling legislation.

21.0 Citation

This instrument may be cited as the **Standard Minimum Guidelines for the Human Rights of COVID-19 Patients in Treatment Centres in Nigeria (2020)**.

Issued in Abuja, Nigeria this 13th Day of May 2020

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Human Rights Commission

⁶ Section 39 of the Constitution

⁷ Section 46(1) of the Constitution provides for the right of individuals to seek enforcement of their human rights in a High Court in Nigeria

⁸ Section 5(c) of the National Human Rights Commission (Amendment) Act mandates the Commission to assist victims of human rights violations and seek appropriate remedies on their behalf.

ANNEXURE F

REPORT ON THE USE OF APP TO MONITOR GENERAL HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION BY LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL DURING THE ENFORCEMENT OF COVID-19 REGULATION AND BEYOND

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The National human rights Commission is mandated to protect, promote, monitor, investigate, enforce, document and report human rights violations of everyone resident in Nigeria under the NHRC Amendment Act 2010. The Commission in carrying out its mandate liaises and cooperate with local and international

organizations on human rights for the purpose of advancing the protection and promotion of human rights.

The Coronavirus disease (COVID-19 Pandemic) gave rise to global and national COVID-19 responses that have significant impact on the promotion and protection of human rights of people around the world. As countries all over the world come up with strategies to address this pandemic, it became imperative that such measures that are geared towards successfully addressing public health concerns are in line with international human rights norms and tenets that guarantee the protection of human rights.

Emergency reactions by governments at all levels and indeed the implementation of public health measures in an attempt to reduce transmission and minimize impact of COVID-19 in Nigeria came with huge implications for human rights, such as the right to liberty, freedom of movement, right to privacy, dignity of human person, confidentiality about patients medical records as well as other rights and freedoms of not only persons who have tested positive for COVID-19, but the rights of all persons in Nigeria.

The Law Enforcement personnel were detailed to enforce the “stay at home” order by the Federal Government. Coupled with the record of impunity by the law enforcement officers in the past and the need to protect the right of Nigerians, the National Human Rights Commission signed a contract with the Swiss Confederation represented by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, acting through Human Rights Security Division on May, 2020. The NHRC implemented the following activities under the project:

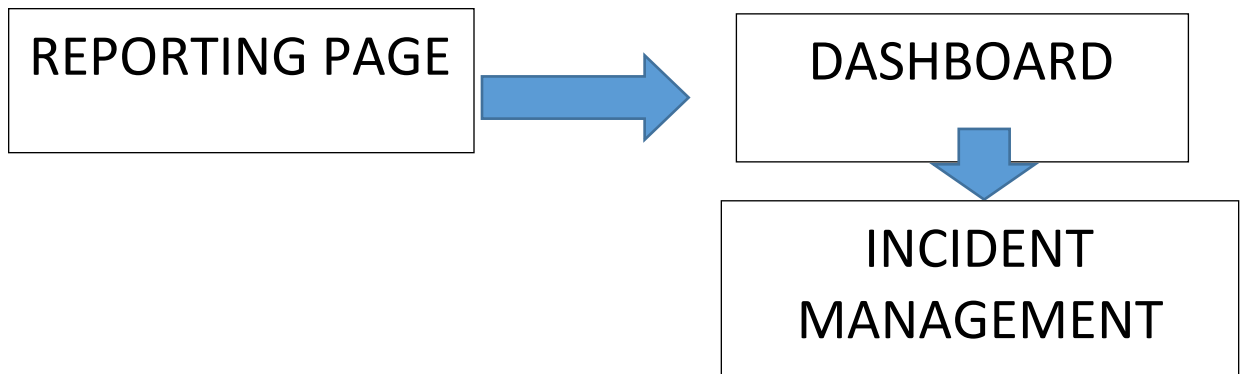
2.0 DEVELOPMENT OF THE MONITORING APP FOR MONITORING OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

The Commission developed a Human Rights Violation Monitoring App with the support of Swiss Federation. The reporting App was used during the COVID-19 regulation enforcement and beyond. As at the time of this report, the general public still report human rights violations and abuses with the use of the reporting platform.

After the lockdown, the Commission realized the need for Commission to upgrade its operations and adapted the App to suit the complaint treatment procedure of the Commission in collaboration with OSIWA, Office of the Vice President (OVP) and Embassy of Switzerland in Nigeria. The App is being upgraded now and being test run to provide the gateway for the digitization of the entire complaint handling mechanism of the Commission.

2.1 COMPONENTS OF THE MONITORING/ REPORTING PLATFORM

The Monitoring and reporting App has *incident report page and Dashboard*.



2.1.1 THE INCIDENT REPORT PAGE

The incident report page of the Monitoring App can be accessed by all through ***reportnhrc.gov.ng***. The general public, Individuals, groups, organizations etc use this link to report incidents of human rights violation across the country. The staff of the Commission who are field reporters and responders also report human rights violations using the developed monitoring app.

2.1.2 THE DASHBOARD

The dashboard shows the report of human rights violations that have been reported through the monitoring App. It analyzes and filters reported cases according to thematic areas, states where the incident originates, the agencies responsible for violation, time line of action on a complaint, number of cases escalated, resolved and cases that are deemed irrelevant.

The page also has an incident management page which is used to track reported cases and action taken on each of the reported cases.

2.3.3 RESPONDERS

The app has three different layers of responders: Field Reporters, the Verifiers and the Escalators.

2.1.4 FIELD REPORTERS

The Field Officers monitor incidents of human rights violation in their locality or jurisdiction and report incidents of human rights violations using the app. The general public also report human rights violation using the developed app. Cases reported by the general public is assigned to the field officers to investigate the authenticity of the reported incident.

2.1.5 VERIFIERS

The verifiers examine reported cases and assign cases to field officers for investigation.

2.1.6 ESCALATORS

The Escalators escalate verified cases to the appropriate Agency for intervention and ensure that reported issues are resolved.

The Monitoring App helped the Commission in carrying out its mandate during the enforcement of COVID-19 regulations in Nigeria. The Commission despite the stay-at-home order was able to protect the rights of people within Nigeria through effective monitoring, reporting and responding to cases of human rights violation during the Lockdown. The report of human right in pandemic released by the commission would not have been without the huge support of Swiss Federation during the reporting period. It will be recalled that the NHRC report on high hardness of law enforcement agents during the enforcement of the lockdown raised national consciousness on this and led to relaxation of lockdown conditions as well as relaxation of high hardness by law enforcement agents during the lockdown. This project is indeed helped the advocacy and awareness on the enforcement of human rights during the Covid-19 lockdown period and helped to save a lot of lives following the awareness created by the Commission from the findings from the App analysis.

3.0 INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

Under the project, the commission procured and delivered some equipment which is being used in day-to-day activities of the Commission, especially at its state offices. This will also strengthen the sustainability of the project. The project procured and delivered the following office equipment:

1. Twelve (12) Numbers of Laptop computers

2. Six (6) numbers printers
3. Three (3) numbers of Photocopiers

This equipment is branded with emblem/logo of the Swiss government to mark ownership and effective visibility of the donor agency (the Swiss Confederation)

4.0 SENSITIZATION OF THE PUBLIC

The Commission under the project sensitized the general public on human rights violation and the need for such violations to be reported through the developed app for intervention. There was a total lockdown and the only means of sensitization was through the media and the internet. The Commission developed e banners and flyers and circulated through different media platform and more especially through the internet. The flyers were designed and interpreted in different languages: English, Yoruba, Igbo and Hausa. This enabled greater understanding and comprehension of the subject under reference.

5.0 TRAININGS AND CAPACITY BUILDING

The Commission was able to do the following trainings in line with the project agreement:

5.1 TRAINING OF NHRC STAFF ON THE USE OF MONITORING APP

The Project was able to train and build the capacity of NHRC staff who serve as responders. The training was conducted in stages: Physical and virtual training.

5.1.1 PHYSICAL TRAINING

The NHRC staff at the headquarters were trained on the 4th to 7th May, 2020 on the use of the monitoring App and also the adapted version to be incorporated in the complaint treatment procedure of the Commission. The capacity of one hundred and thirty staff were built. Participants were drawn from the headquarters, Abuja Metropolitan Office and the Human Right Institute. The participants were trained in 2 batches to ensure compliance with COVID-19 protocols. Each batch was trained for two days.

On the first day of the training, participants were trained on the general objective of the project, the need to monitor in pandemic, general principle of monitoring and techniques for investigation and reporting. The second day was practical application. Participants were taken on the stages of reporting

and the operational techniques on the App. There was also a break out session where Participants were grouped into five. Each group was asked to report a case, manage the case in the incident management page, verify and escalate to ensure that cases assigned were resolved and uploaded with the use of the App.

5.1.2 VIRTUAL TRAINING

The NHRC 36 State Coordinators were virtually trained on the use of the App on the 12th May, 2020. The Capacity of the State Coordinators were built and at the end of the training were able to understand the objective of the project and effectively make use of the App.

5.2 STEP DOWN TRAINING

To ensure that the wider peers of the staff of the Commission understand the use of the App for effective monitoring, reporting and responding to issues of human rights, 36 staff of the Commission drawn from all 36 State offices of the Commission were also trained on the 13th May, 2020. Strategies were developed during the training on how to step down the acquired knowledge to the other staff at the state office. Gradually the Commission will continue training its staff at every opportunity to ensure that every staff masters the use of the app as the Commission is transcending towards electronic means of its operations and complaint treatment. Thanks to the Swiss government for kick starting the digitization of processes and procedures in the Commission through this project.

5.3. TRAINING OF CIVIL SOCIETY GROUPS (CSO's) ON THE USE OF THE PLATFORM

The Commission developed a monitoring app for the monitoring of human rights violation during the COVID-19 regulations in Nigeria. However, the staff of the commission could not be everywhere during the COVID-19 pandemic and needed to collaborate with CSOs to monitor and document human rights violations in Nigeria. The CSOs also lack the capacity to use the electronic app to monitor and document human rights violations for quick response to issues relating to human rights violation in Nigeria.

The capacity of Eighty-two (82) CSO's were built on the use of the reporting platform and the overall project objectives. These set of responders were trained on the 19th to 22nd May 2020. The training was in two batches of 41 persons in each batch.

The first day of the training, participants were trained on the general objective of the project, the need to monitor in pandemic, general principle of monitoring and techniques for investigation and reporting. The second day was practical application. Participants were taken on the stages of reporting and the operational techniques on the App. There was also a break out session where Participants were grouped into different groups. Each group was asked to report a case, manage the case in the incident management page, verify and escalate to ensure that cases assigned were resolved and uploaded with the use of the App.

6.0 PRODUCTION AND PUBLICATION OF COVID 19 REPORT (HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT IN PANDEMIC)

The Commission documented, produced and published incidents of human rights violation reported during the Lockdown period. The Commission hired a copy editor to edit the report. About 20 copies of the report was printed under the project.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

7.0 FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION ON COMPLAINTS

The Commission received complaints from 29 states of the Federation and Abuja namely: Lagos, Enugu, Imo, Delta, Nasarawa, Abuja, Abia, Akwa Ibom, Rivers, Benue, Osun, Niger, Ekiti, Gombe, Kaduna, Ebonyi, Edo, Bayelsa, Zamfara, Kwara, Anambra, Adamawa, Ogun, Cross River, Kogi, Jigawa, Katsina, Plateau, Kano and Borno. The Commission also noted the states with the highest number of complaints and has finalized arrangement to follow up investigation in the following states : Lagos: first and second phase , Enugu, Imo, Delta, Abia, Akwa Ibom, Rivers , Adamawa and Edo to follow up investigations on various complaints received through the Monitoring App during the enforcement of COVID-19 regulations. The investigation will be in two phases. The Follow up investigation is to ensure that the alleged cases are verified and necessary steps taken to ensure that rights of people are protected.

8.0 INTERNET SUBSCRIPTION FOR RESPONDERS

The reporting platform makes use of internet connection. During the COVID-19 lockdown, 88 staff of the Commission who are responders to human rights violation were supported with internet services. These staff used their internet subscription to hook on to the platform and respond to these issues. The Commission has supported in payment of subscription for these staff but the

outstanding cost will be paid to these staff when the second tranche of the fund be made available to the Commission.

10. CONCLUSION

The Commission effectively carried out its mandate of protection, promotion and enforcement of human rights in Nigeria despite the restriction of movement during the COVID-19 regulation Enforcement. The Commission wouldn't have achieved this landmark without the support of the Swiss Federation.

The Commission is immensely grateful to Swiss Embassy and Swiss Federation for supporting it in the discharge of its statutory mandate. The commission is glad to have maintained this partnership over the years and will always be available for continuous partnership with the Swiss Federation for protection and promotion of the rights.

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