

## Sexual Assault Referral Centre: Improving the Response to Gender Based Violence in Enugu



In collaboration with the Enugu State Government and the Women's Aid Collective (WACOL), the Justice for All (J4A) programme has successfully replicated the Lagos Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) in Enugu.

The Enugu centre, known as the Tamar SARC, is linked to three J4A supported model police stations through their Family Support Units (FSU). Like the Lagos SARC, cases will be referred to the Enugu Tamar SARC primarily by means of the FSUs, other police stations and self-referral.

Since its inception in March 2014, the centre has dealt with six cases, two of them sexual assault cases and four rape cases. Three cases were referred by WACOL, one by the police and the other two were self-referred.

*"I am short of words for what you have done for my daughter... and I commend your good work. I am very happy with the centre and their staff. God bless you all."*

Father of the victim

One major success was the treatment of a six year old female assault victim whom the Tamar SARC staff counselled and gave medical treatment. The perpetrator was taken to the Enugu State Criminal Intelligence Department (CID) for further investigation. The Tamar SARC staff continue to work with the police to monitor the investigation.

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## Longest Serving Awaiting Trial Prisoner Released in Enugu

In partnership with the Prisoners Rehabilitation and Welfare Action (PRAWA), the J4A programme is implementing a Clearing House project in Enugu and the Federal Capital Territory. The aim of the Clearing House is to reduce the number of Awaiting Trial Prisoners (ATPs) in prison custody, as well as reducing the average number of days spent in custody by ATPs.

The project recorded a significant milestone in February 2014 when its pro bono lawyers secured the release on bail of Mr Hyginus Ajibo, the longest serving ATP in Enugu State. Mr Ajibo had spent 16 years in prison awaiting trial for murder.

His case was discovered through the Clearing House project that periodically reviews the Nigerian Prison case management system with a view to identifying overdue ATP cases.

The project ensured he was released from custody and acquired a temporary place of residence pending the determination of his case. The Clearing House project has also started reintegrating Mr Ajibo into the community.



Enugu's longest serving ATP signing release documents

## Kano State Launches First Divisional Intelligence Unit

Intelligence led policing is one of the approaches central to the success of Model Police Stations across Northern States. In Kano State, J4A therefore supported the creation of a Divisional Intelligence Unit (DIU).

On April 8th, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) at Sabon Gari Model Police Station, Chief Superintendent (CSP) Bello Shaibu launched the new DIU in the Divisional Headquarters. The DIU will provide the DPO, his management team and all police officers under his command with the first divisional crime intelligence capacity in Kano State.



DPO of the Sabon Gari Model Police Station and J4A consultants discuss the launch of the new Divisional Intelligence Unit

In each of the model stations, J4A staff are working with the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) and other key stakeholders to build a Community Policing culture and to help NPF officers increase their awareness about gender, human rights and serving the less privileged members of society.

***“The Divisional Intelligence Unit in Sabon Gari has brought about a radical change in the performance of the police duties, especially when dealing with crimes and criminality. It has started to move us from reactive policing to proactive policing.”***

CSP Bello Shaibu  
DPO Sabon Gari

## Deputy Inspector General of Police embarks on a National Tour of Model Police Stations

During March, the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Akano and a team of senior officers from the Force Headquarters commenced a tour of the Model Police Stations (MPS), supported by J4A.

The tour was aimed at identifying the impact of the various MPS sites across Nigeria. The DIG visited MPS sites in Kano, Kaduna, Niger, Enugu and Lagos and interviewed delivery teams, divisional police officers, zonal officers and the Commissioners of Police in the respective states.

In Kano State, the DIG expressed optimism for the newly started programme and the police officers stated that citizens are now more comfortable reporting crimes to the police.

In Enugu State, NPF officers disclosed that members of their communities are more engaged and that there is now a regular information flow from the public. Furthermore, due to J4As training on human rights, abuses in their police stations have been reduced and the public have increased confidence in the police. In Lagos State, police officers working in J4A MPS sites shared similar views.

***“Our members are treated well and feel comfortable to talk to the police... we are seeing the results of their training.”***

Alhaji Isa Chiroma, Chairman  
Community Safety Partnership, Niger State

A report on the outcomes and impact of the J4A supported Model Police Stations has been submitted to the Inspector General of Police to inspire replication of J4A initiatives in other police stations.

***“As a result of the J4A collaboration...a lot has been achieved, 'B' Division recently conducted a crime audit which showed a reduction in crime.”***

Assistant Superintendent of Police and  
Community Policing Lead, Niger State

## The Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit at the Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs Achieves Results in the Fight Against Corruption

In partnership with the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC), J4A is supporting the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Units (ACTUs) within various government ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs). Their mandate is to ensure accountability and transparency in the MDAs to prevent corruption.

The ACTUs operate on a new model of decentralization and 27 senior managers have been deployed at MDAs. J4A has held a number of capacity building events, including training to redefine the roles and responsibilities of the ACTUs, leadership and the use of operational tools and reports.

The ACTU at the Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs is already achieving results. The newly trained manager of the ACTU performed a corruption risk assessment of the work of various departments in the ministry. Three sectors were identified to be highly prone to corrupt activities. In response, an anti-corruption training plan has been developed for the three high risk sectors.

***The ACTU at the Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs discovered corruption in the construction of a N350 billion highway project***

Upon investigation the same ACTU discovered corruption in the construction of a N350 billion highway project that stretches from the east to the west of the southern part of the country. As an immediate action, a team of ACTU members visited the project to inspect and identify the lapses in financial management. A report is currently being drafted by the ACTU for submission to the ICPC for immediate action.

## Working Group of Eight Marks International Women’s Day

The Working Group of Eight (WG8), a coalition of CSOs supported by J4A, organised a walk against gender based violence to mark the International Women’s Day on March 7th. It was aimed at increasing awareness and responsiveness to gender based violence.

The group walked from the Sexual Assault Referral Centre, known as the Mirabel Centre, to the Lagos State Police Command. To create public awareness about sexual violence, the group shared handbills and stickers with messages such as “Don’t stand by, stand up and take action against rape”, "It does not matter what she was wearing or what she was doing 'No' does not mean 'Yes' Stop Rape", and " Violence against women is a crime".

A post-walk briefing was held with the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Ogundeji F.G. He noted that the Nigerian Police were doing their best in accordance with the law to arrest and prosecute perpetrators of sexual violence. The DCP stated that a six months training course has been designed to train police officers on how to handle domestic violence cases.



WG8 members raise awareness about gender based violence



WG8 visit the Lagos State Police Command

The DCP encouraged WG8 to report any police station that is mistreating cases of sexual violence. He assured the group of the police force’s commitment to collaborate with civil society organisations on gender related violence in Lagos State.

***“The police force is committed to working with civil society against gender related violence in Lagos State.”***

Deputy Commissioner of Police, Lagos State

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