



STAKEHOLDERS' MAPPING AND ANALYSIS
LITIGATING REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE IN NIGERIA - (LIRN)
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STAKEHOLDERS MAPPING AND ANALYSIS

This is the full stakeholder mapping and analysis report on the Litigating Reproductive Justice in Nigeria (LIRN) project. The preliminary report submitted prior has been expanded to include details of mapped stakeholders and actors and the specific skill-set of the Legal Support Network (LSN) members. Also included in the report is the analysis of strengths and level of influence of identified stakeholders on the Project and areas of Partnership and engagement.

BACKGROUND

This stakeholder mapping and analysis was undertaken on the Litigating Reproductive Justice in Nigeria (LIRN) Project, financed by Afyna Na Ahaki (Ahaki) and implemented by Lawyers Alert in FCT and Lagos state, Nigeria.

The mapping exercise had two objectives:

- Identify and prepare a comprehensive list and analysis of stakeholders to be engaged on the LIRN project to aid its implementation and significantly influence its success.
- Identify and assess the importance of key people, groups, or institutions leading the SRHR and safe abortion interventions and narrative in the project locations, their capacities, and previous engagements on reproductive rights concerns, Litigation, and their willingness to belong to a network of experts on SRHR in the project states.

THE SCOPE OF STAKEHOLDERS' MAPPING

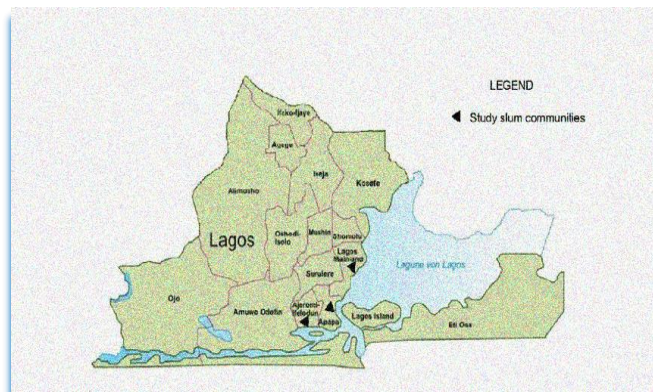
Scope

The stakeholders mapped comprised of groups or persons who:

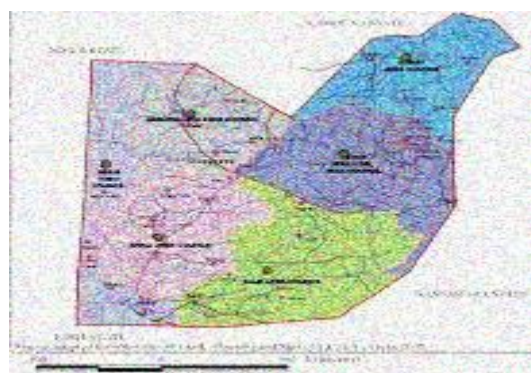
- Are active actors and rights-based organisations directly involved in SRHR issues in project locations and at the national level.
- Have the ability to influence the outcome of project objectives and interventions, either positively or negatively.
- Can actively influence the process outcomes.
- Have the potential of replicating project results in non-project states

Geographical areas covered in the mapping

The stakeholders' mapping was conducted in the two project locations; Abuja and Lagos.



A map of Lagos state



A map of the FCT, Abuja

THE APPROACH IN UNDERTAKING THE STAKEHOLDERS' MAPPING

The methodology adopted for the identification of the stakeholders included a desk review of lawyers, CSOs, national partners, and the media that Lawyers Alert (LA) has previously engaged, covering a wide range of human rights issues, especially reproductive rights and SIL for women, girls, and other vulnerable groups. This formed the preliminary list of stakeholders.

Scheduled phone conversations were held with identified stakeholders on the preliminary list - lawyers and representatives of rights-based organisations. This was to ascertain stakeholders' consent, interests, and willingness to participate in project implementation, especially as it relates to achieving project goals. Space was created for lawyers new to reproductive rights who expressed deep interest in working in the thematic area.

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Stakeholders' analysis by criteria

The analysis of stakeholders covered three main criteria:

1. Relevance, importance, and interest of stakeholders in the project focus and theme.
2. Role in engagement on the Project at the individual and organisational level.
3. Collaborative efforts



Relevance, importance, and interest

Stakeholder interest and relevance relate to their actions and previous work on reproductive rights. Their involvement in victim representation, advocacy, awareness creation, women empowerment, and gender equity concerns. These complement the work that Lawyers Alert intends to do on the LIRN project.

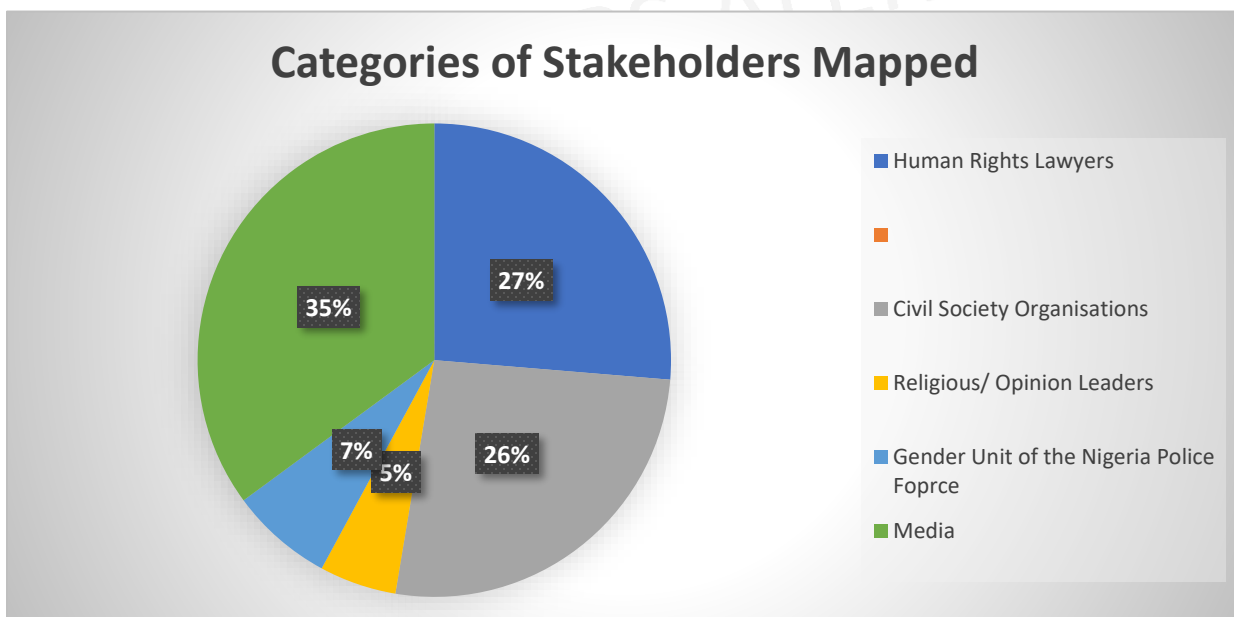
Role of stakeholders in advancing reproductive rights.

While identified stakeholders are active in other thematic areas, especially the government agencies, all the listed stakeholders are active in interventions around reproductive rights, Justice, and to some extent, SIL. Lawyers Alert sees a window of opportunity that can be leveraged to advance the project objectives

Collaborative Efforts

Organisations working on reproductive rights in Nigeria, as regards safe abortion, are few, and collaborative efforts and synergy among these organisations are limited. This underscores the relevance of the legal support network that would be set up on the Project; it will synergise network members' efforts and will go a long way to ensuring maximum impact and results. Also, this assesses the previous collaborations of which the mapped organisations are a part, providing the opportunity for strategy learning, sustainability, and continuity.

The table below details the list of all stakeholders mapped on the LIRN project. While the list of stakeholders working on the theme in the country is not exhaustive, this mapping emphasised the criteria of knowledge base, previous work, experience, and consent to joining the legal support network. In addition, the project location was a key factor in determining the list of stakeholders. A total of sixty -eight (68) service providers under six (6) categories; CSOs, Legal Service Providers, Human Rights Lawyers, Religious Leaders, the Nigeria Police Force Legal Unit, and the Media were mapped on the preliminary list. The expanded list highlights the most relevant stakeholders to the mapping objectives.



A chart showing categories of stakeholders mapped

STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS

1. National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)

The National Human Rights Commission of Nigeria was established by the National Human Rights Commission Rights 1995 (as amended) in line with Resolution 48/134 of the United Nations General Assembly, which urges all member states to establish independent National Institutions for the promotion, protection, and enforcement of human rights.

The Commission serves as an extra-judicial mechanism for the respect and enjoyment of human rights. It also provides avenues for public enlightenment, research, and dialogue to raise awareness of Human Rights issues.

The Commission has eleven focal areas of intervention:

- a. The Rights of Women and Gender-Related Matters
- b. Child Rights
- c. Freedom of Expression and the Media
- d. Human Rights Defenders
- e. Labour
- f. Right to Health
- g. Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons, Migrants, and Asylum Seekers
- h. Environment, Niger Delta And Development
- i. Food and Shelter
- j. Right To Education
- k. Freedom of Religion or Belief and Peaceful Assembly

The Commission has two mandates that are relevant to the Project;

- Deal with all matters relating to the promotion and protection of human rights as guaranteed by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination, the International Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights and other international and regional instruments on human rights to which Nigeria is a party.
- And undertake studies on all matters of human rights and assist the Federal, State, and Local Governments, where it considers it appropriate to do so, in formulating appropriate policies on guaranteeing human rights. Etc.

The commission partners with Development Partners such as OSIWA, UNFPA, UNHCR, and UNICEF to realize the stated mandates and many others through interventions in varying human rights-related issues, ranging from SRHR to internal displacement.

The Commission's importance on the Project stems from its mandate aligning with the project goal: to create access to Safe Abortion and Reproductive Justice for Women and Girls in Nigeria. Therefore, the Commission's activities and scope are highly relevant to the project objectives, and getting its' buy-in will greatly improve the Project's prospects for success. In addition, the Commission is the apex government agency responsible for civil rights protection and legal interventions. This means the Commission is the most significant government actor regarding issues around SRHR. Therefore, the agency's buy- is instrumental to the Project's impact.

2. Legal Aid Council

Legal Aid Council, Nigeria (LAC) was established by the Legal Aid Act 2011 by the Nigeria government. The mandate of the Legal Aid Council is to provide free legal assistance and representation, Legal advice, and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) to indigent Nigerians in conflict with the law towards enhancement of access to Justice in Nigeria.

The Council maintains the Civil Litigation Service to assist indigent persons in accessing such advice, assistance, and representation in Court where the interest of Justice demands to secure, defend, enforce, protect, or otherwise exercise any right, obligation, duty, privilege, interest or service to which that person is ordinarily entitled under the Nigerian legal system. The Council has a presence in and operates in all six- geopolitical zones in the country.

Its main focus areas are Criminal Justice, Family, Gender-based violence, Generalist Legal Services, Labor & Employment, and Women's Rights

With its presence in all federation states and an existing platform for litigating women's rights, Legal Aid Council is a critical stakeholder on the Project. Lawyers Alert has an existing partnership with the Council. The organisation will build on existing structures established by the Council to push limits and barriers to advancing SRHR in the country, impact project reach beyond project states, and explore the possibility and fluidity of cascading results beyond project states. Also, its membership in the Network established on the Project is paramount.

The Council provides legal services regarding any breach or denial of rights, obligation, duty, privilege, or service and the representation before any court or tribunal for such civil matters.

3. Women Advocate Research and Documentation Centre (WARDC)

Women Advocate Research and Documentation Centre (WARDC) is a non-profit civil rights organisation established in 2000. To promote respect for human rights, gender equality, equity, the rule of law, accountability, and social Justice in Nigeria.

WARDC is one of the foremost organisations in women's rights advocacy and provision of pro bono legal services for women who are victims of gender-based violence and other women's rights abuse in Nigeria.

WARDC's work is centered on asserting women's emancipation at all levels of society, protecting rights, and promoting equity in gender relations through advocacy, reporting, impact litigation, research, and documentation. The Organization is one of the few who advocate for safe abortion in Nigeria.

Over the years, Lawyers Alert has partnered with WARDC on projects that a core to both organizations' mandates and thematic focus areas; Women's rights, Litigation, and pro bono services, especially for women and children. Etc. These thematic areas of intervention and the core mandates are relevant to and align with the project objectives and goals.

Lawyers Alert is partnering with WARDC to leverage the organisations existing structures to speed up actions, especially in government stakeholder engagement toward achieving the project goal.

4. The Planned Parenthood Federation of Nigeria (PPFN)

A national healthcare provider and an advocate of sexual reproductive Health and rights (SRHR) in Nigeria. Work addresses pressing reproductive-related problems such as unwanted pregnancies, child abandonment, and unsafe abortion. PPFN emphasises promoting universal access to SRH services that are stigma-free, effective, and affordable for everyone, including people with disabilities (PWD). PPFN's mission and focus have been promoting integrated health services directly impacting poor and vulnerable groups, especially women, adolescents, children, key populations, and disabled persons.

With operations in five states, including the project states, the relevance of the PPFN to the Ahaki project stems from the fact that the interventions of the PPFN, especially on litigating SRHR, respond to a large extent to the objectives of the Project, especially as it borders on safe abortion-related services. Lawyers Alert partnership with PPFN will explore inroads and access to victims of reproductive rights.

5. Association for Reproductive and Family Health (ARFH)

ARFH, an indigenous non-profit organization committed to improving the quality of life of under-served and vulnerable communities in Nigeria, advocates Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH) and Family Planning (FP) programming in Nigeria. ARFH, since its inception, consistently contributes to improving the quality of life of rural poor, vulnerable, and disadvantaged populations.

As one of the leads on Health & community system strengthening in Nigeria, ARFH implements cross-cutting programs, such as Sexual & Reproductive Health (including Family Planning), Orphans & Vulnerable Children (OVC), and advocates for the domestication of health policies and their implementation.

With over 20 partners and a scope of 36+1 states in Nigeria, ARFH works closely with the communities in training and responding to the development of SRH issues, engaging community structures, and the administration in planning and executing the programs. In partnering and engaging with ARFH, Lawyers Alert will leverage existing structures established by ARFH in SRH to push forward the projects' objectives.

6. Girls not Bride

Girls Not Brides is a global network of more than 1,600 civil society organisations from over 100 countries committed to ending child marriage and ensuring girls reach their full potential. They work to end child marriage and ensure that all girls worldwide can stay in school, stay healthy, and have the futures they dream of.

The member organisations work across sectors – including health, education, human rights, and humanitarian contexts – and range from small grassroots actors to large international organisations. Some are programme implementers and service providers, while others focus on research and advocacy to bring child marriage to national, regional, and international attention.

Member organizations inform the global Partnership's strategy, activities, and messaging with their experience, unique understanding, and longstanding work with girls and communities affected by child marriage.

Girls Not Brides advocates for local and national governments, regional bodies, and global institutions to direct money and resources toward ending child marriage. An advocate for child marriage laws, policies, and programmes that empower girls and their

communities.

The Girls not Bride network builds alliances and support towards litigating safe abortion, advocating for the rights of girls to choose, etc.

Notable among such organisations include:

- a. Alliance for Community Transformation Uganda (ACT UGANDA)
- b. The Anderson-Rogers Foundation
- c. ONG SOS-VITA
- d. Initiative des Jeunes Filles en Action (IJEFA)
- e. Associacao Mocambicana para o Desenvolvimento da Familia (AMODEFA)
- f. Common Action for Gender Development (COMAGEND)
- g. The GNB network goals, objectives, and in-country activities align with the Project's objectives. GNB has continued to play key roles in pushing forward the project narrative by working with stakeholders across the African, Asian, and American continents.

7. Education as a Vaccine (EVA)

Education as a Vaccine (EVA) is a non-profit organization founded in 2000, registered in Nigeria and the United States, to improve the Health and development of children, adolescents, and young people.

Using child and youth-friendly approaches, the Organization strengthens the capacities of children, young people, and other stakeholders to facilitate and sustain social change in Health, protection, and education through integrated programming.

The organizational programming priorities are aligned with achieving at least 7 Sustainable Development Goals focusing on providing innovative, efficient, and effective sexual and reproductive health, child rights, and youth-friendly services. In addition, EVA implements projects and activities to improve contraceptive access for adolescent girls and young women and community outreaches to inform and educate women on family planning and unsafe abortions.

8. Federation of Female Lawyers (FIDA)

FIDA Nigeria is a non-profit, non-political, voluntary association of women called to practice law in Nigeria. FIDA Nigeria's primary role is to protect, promote and preserve the rights of women and children in Nigeria. Its core values are transparency, accountability, teamwork, integrity, mutual respect, commitment, and service, and we are non-partisan. Its main objectives are to: promote the principles and aims of the United Nations in its legal and social aspects; establish friendly international relations based on equality and mutual respect for all peoples; promote the study of comparative law; proffer advice to the Government in cases relating to women and children.

FIDA Nigeria actualizes its objectives through free legal representation for indigent women and children, advocacy and Policy campaigns, education and training, mediation and counseling services, and publishing information resources.

FIDA Nigeria has formally inaugurated branches in 36 states of the federation as well as the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. These branches are headed by duly elected State Officers and overseen by the National Executive Officers and staff of the National Secretariat.

The organisation's activities are hinged around advocacy for gender-responsive bills, SRHR, and women's and girls' rights. The activities are conducted in the states and at the level federal level. FIDA has partnered with Lawyers Alert on issues bothering SRHR

interventions in the six-geopolitical regions in the country, as well as litigating women's rights as rights defenders. FIDA is a core stakeholder on the Project; its presence in all project states and longstanding partnerships will be leveraged in achieving project goals and sustainability.

9. WEFON

Women for Equity and Fairness Organisation of Nigeria (WEFON)

Every member has more than a passing interest in public decision-making, governance, politics, sustainable development, and human rights. It is a pressure group committed to equal participation of men and women in all spheres of public life and rights defenders.

Women, Gender Equality activists constitute the organisation's membership, affiliated with Gender and Development Action (GADA) in Lagos state; WEFON is female-led and focused on gender inclusiveness and women's rights, including reproductive rights. Its activities are hinged around advocating for the inclusion of women, review of non-inclusive and discriminatory policies, and being pro-choice. The organisation is significant to the Project, especially as its activities are around one of the project states.

10. Dorothy Njemanze Foundation

DNF is a Civil Society Organisation that seeks to create a better society by fighting sexual and gender-based violence and promoting social values and ethics in defense of our shared humanity.

Victims are survivors of sexual and gender-based violence are given medical support, counseling, legal advice, short-term shelter, and Litigation. Influencing attitudinal change through media advocacy and awareness and sensitization around the need for deliberate and improved welfare for first responders.

The organisations mission is hinged on promoting basic ethics and values in society through encouraging social responsibility, orientation, and re-orientation by properly addressing abuse-related issues to heal and re-integrate victims.

The organisation acts as a first responder for SGBV victims and survivors. DNF has partnered with Lawyers Alert on rights abuse and marginalisation projects. As a core partner organisation, DNF will be a member of the legal Network of CSOs supporting project implementation towards actualising its outcomes.

11. Nigeria Association of Women Journalists – NAWOJ

The Nigerian Association of Women Journalists (NAWOJ) promotes the interests of female journalists in Nigeria in light of the challenges women face in the profession. NAWOJ demands equality among the sexes and advocates for the rights of the marginalised population, especially women and girls. They seek out measures for inclusivity in the workplace and a more conducive work environment for women journalists.

NAWOJ advocates for gender equity and access for all women.

NAWOJ brings publicity and editorial content to the issues, influences public, and Government opinion on issues bothering SRHR, human rights, equality, etc.

12. IPAS

Ipas works globally to advance reproductive Justice by expanding access to abortion and contraception.

All people have the right to make fundamental decisions about their bodies and Health. Work with partners across Africa, Asia, and the Americas to ensure that reproductive health services, including abortion and contraception, are available and accessible to all.

Beyond guaranteeing the right to abortion, Ipas works across institutions and communities to build sustainable abortion ecosystems. Where people have the information, they need to make decisions about reproductive Health. The organisation has established community and health-system support for human rights and abortion access, and laws and policies support full bodily autonomy. This is done because economic, cultural, religious, and systemic barriers prevent many people from accessing abortion care even where it's legal and available.

Ipas Nigeria Health Foundation works to increase women's access to vital reproductive Health and family planning services and to ensure that high-quality treatment for complications of unsafe abortion (post-abortion care) is available. Ipas Nigeria Health Foundation collaborates with alliances and partners to advocate for laws and policies that address sexual violence—and to develop youth champions for safe, legal abortion. We also train police officers on the abortion law and the consequences of unsafe abortion, reducing unjustified accusations and arrests of women seeking life-saving reproductive health services and the providers who care for them. At the community level, Ipas works to increase knowledge about sexual and reproductive Health, reduce abortion stigma, and ensure women know where to seek care for complications of unsafe abortion.

13. Nigeria Police Force (NPL) Gender Unit

Nigeria Police Force – FCIID Gender (Force Criminal Intelligence and Investigation Department) platform is an initiative of the Nigeria Police Force designed and created to enhance citizen reporting of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence cases and the Abuse of Children in Nigeria.

The unit has dedicated phone lines for reporting GBV in all the states and analysing incoming data in real time.

The NPF – Gender unit is significant in arresting and prosecuting individuals on all matters relating to Gender, SGBV, and human rights, among others. The police are the law enforcement arm of the Government. Invariably, the buy-in of the police, sensitization of the unit, and its involvement in the Project will greatly improve project acceptability and outcomes.

Furthermore, Lawyers Alert has worked closely with the police Gender Unit to offer victims and survivors legal services. The Partnership will be leveraged in implementing the LIRN project.

LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

1. Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)

The Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) is the non-profit, umbrella professional association of all lawyers admitted to the Bar in Nigeria and a member of all statutory bodies that regulate the Nigerian Bar and Bench. As the oldest professional membership organization and Africa's most influential Network of legal practitioners, NBA has over 140,000 lawyers in 128 active branches across the 36 States and the Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria. It is organized into three practice Sections, eleven Fora, and two Institutes, all supported by one National Secretariat.

The NBA mandate promotes and protects human rights, the rule of law, and good governance in Nigeria. It has an observer status with the African Commission on Human and People's Rights and a working partnership with many national and international governmental and non-governmental organisations concerned with human rights, the rule of law, and good governance in Nigeria and worldwide.

The NBA offers a unique National platform that is significant and influential in achieving policy reviews and court outcomes. An umbrella organisation upholds, protects, and preserves citizens' rights and is a critical stakeholder in influencing Policy and outcomes. In addition, the NBA has, over the years, worked to promote pro-bono services to the indigents of society and timely and affordable access to Justice.

2. The coalition of Lawyers for Human Rights, COLaHR

The Coalition of Lawyers for Human Rights, COLaHR, is a Coalition of Human Rights Lawyers working on issues of Persons Living With, Affected By, or Most at Risk of HIV. CoLaHR consists of Volunteer Lawyers across 23 states in Nigeria. The coalition's mandate is to provide free Legal Assistance and Interventions for Nigeria's Key Populations and Vulnerable Groups. Over the years, the coalition has expanded its mandate to include advocacy-based interventions in SRHR, GBV, and Litigation, among others.

The coalition operates principally from Abuja but has projects running in the states. The COLaHR platform is most significant to the Project as its members are predominantly rights defenders and have over time, provided pro-bono services to marginalized communities.

3. Federal High Court

Was set-up by the Nigerian Government and given the mandate to facilitate the expeditious determination of Civil Causes and Matters before the Court.

As a premier Court of first instance, the Federal High Court has recorded impressive growth since its inception in 1973. As a result, it has become an important pillar amongst the Courts in the Federal Judiciary of Nigeria.

4. Media

Lawyers Alert works with select media personnel who carry out rights-based reportage within project locations and implementation activities, emphasising SRHR. The media personnel selected from different media organisations – paper, tv, radio, online – etc., and some of whom are representatives of a coalition of media personnel have been trained on issue-based reporting, ethical reportage of SGBV issues, and champions of changing negative social norms. These media personnel are in all six geopolitical zones and states where LA implements activities. The media organisations include Leadership, Daily Trust, Africa Independent Television (AIT), Nigerian Television Authority (NTA): the Guardian, and Radio Nigeria.

Name of Organization	Relevance, importance & interest	Role of stakeholders in advancing reproductive rights.	Collaborative Efforts	Gaps Identified
National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)	<p>NHRC is the sole government agency responsible for safeguarding the rights of citizens as contained in the constitution and the instruments to which the country is a party.</p> <p>The NHRC works in areas relevant to project objectives, such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rights of Women and Gender-Related Matters Child Rights Freedom of Expression and the Media Human Rights Defenders Labour Right to Health 	<p>Assist the Government in the formulation of appropriate policies on guaranteeing human rights. Etc.</p> <p>Deal with all matters relating to the promotion and protection of human rights as guaranteed by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.</p>	<p>NHRC partners with development partners such as OSIWA, UNFPA, UNHCR, and UNICEF to realise its mandates in varying human rights-related issues, ranging from SRHR to internal displacement.</p>	<p>The agency regulates human rights concerns in the country. However, it does not have the right to review policies. Therefore, engaging the NHRC would focus on securing buy-in, commitment, and support. If the agency adds its voice to safe abortion as a citizen's right, the Project's impact and sustainability will be more visible.</p>
Nigeria Police Gender Unit)	<p>The Nigeria Police Force is the agency responsible for enforcing laws. The Gender Unit in every state of the federation, including the FCT, is mandated to respond to issues of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and abuse of children and protect the rights of women, children, and young adults. The police gender Unit can be instrumental to right defenders' access to survivors and victims.</p>	<p>Collaborations on access to data on SRHR victims and access to victims by rights defenders.</p>	<p>The NPF Gender Unit has ongoing collaborations with LA.</p> <p>The unit has participated in training and sensitizations on SGBV, SRHR, and the review of restrictive laws.</p>	<p>Improved training and understanding of the concepts of SRHR and Justice.</p> <p>Partnership with the private sector actors around SRHR would need to be enhanced</p>

<p>Legal Aid Council</p>	<p>Interventions of LAC are related to providing free legal assistance and representation, Legal advice, and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) to indigent Nigerians in conflict with the law towards enhancement of access to Justice in Nigeria. Including. General Legal Services and Women's Rights. LAC has offices in all six geopolitical zones of the country.</p>	<p>LAC undertakes development initiatives in the areas of SRHR violation and human rights. Prison decongestion, etc The agency is saddled with the responsibility of defending citizens' rights, legal defense in courts & Litigating SRHR</p>	<p>LAC partners with the Federal Government, development experts, CSOs, rights defenders, Attorney General Alliance (AGA), etc</p>	<p>Absence of public awareness around the extent of LAC work on legal defense for citizens, especially on SRHR & Justice</p>
<p>Women Advocate Research and Documentation Centre (WARDC)</p>	<p>A non-profit civil rights organisation established to promote respect for human rights, gender equality, and equity, the rule of law, accountability, and social Justice in Nigeria. WARDC's relevance is that it is among the few organisations in the country that advocate for safe abortion and provides pro bono legal services for women who are victims of gender-based violence and other women's rights abuse in Nigeria. In addition, conduct impact litigation, research, and documentation. The organisation has a staff strength of 30+ persons and is implementing programs in over ten states.</p>	<p>Currently involved in strengthening CSOs and women's movement capacity on GBV/SRHR, with the view to ending SRHR issues/violations in six states within the country Strengthening private sector institutions to combat SRHR issues and promotion of safe abortion</p>	<p>WARDC is collaborating with Lawyers Alert on projects that a core to both organisations' mandates and thematic focus areas; Women's rights, Litigation and pro bono services, and SIL. Lawyers Alert will leverage WARDC's existing structures and replicate strategies for achieving the project goal.</p>	<p>Gaps were identified in the availability and accessibility of data on victims and resolved cases.</p>

<p>The Planned Parenthood Federation of Nigeria (PPFN)</p>	<p>A national healthcare provider and advocate of sexual reproductive Health and rights (SRHR) in Nigeria. Addresses reproductive-related problems such as unplanned pregnancies, child abandonment, and unsafe abortion. Emphasise promoting universal access to SRH services that are stigma-free, effective, and affordable for everyone, including people with disabilities (PWD). PPFN has 18 clinics scattered across the country, and coverage of its services in all 36 states, including the FCT</p>	<p>Create awareness and provide safe abortion services. Partnered with HowToUseAbortionPill.org to develop a free online medical abortion training course to equip healthcare workers with the necessary skills to provide care for women seeking medical abortion up to 13 weeks gestation. physicians, midwives, pharmacists, medical students, and community health workers are the target built clinics across several states in the country</p>	<p>International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) partnered with HowToUseAbortionPill.org Family planning services. Other partners include: Federal Government, UNFPA, Mac Arthur Foundation, Plan International, and other local CSOs</p>	<p>While the PPFN's influence and relevance on the Project are high, the Partnership is high-level based.</p>
<p>Association for Reproductive and Family Health (ARFH)</p>	<p>ARFH is an indigenous non-profit Organization committed to improving the quality of life of under-served and vulnerable communities in Nigeria. It advocates Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH) and Family Planning (FP) programming in Nigeria. Leads on Health & community system strengthening and implements cross-cutting programs, such as Sexual & Reproductive Health (including Family Planning), advocates for the domestication of health policies and their implementation. It has over 20 partners and a scope of 36+1 states in Nigeria</p>	<p>Medical Centres that offer a wide range of sexual and reproductive health services, providing male and female expanding access to emergency contraceptive services health promotion and outreach activities, counseling, and referrals</p>	<p>Partnership with local and international development organisations. Federal Ministry of Health (FMoH), The Global Fund, DFID, Ford Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, etc., to provide reproductive health skills.</p>	<p>ARFH engagement and level of reproductive health rights are in-depth, but the interventions around safe abortion are limited.</p>

Girls, not Bride	A global network of more than 1,600 civil society organisations from over 100 countries working on ending child marriage. The Network builds alliances and support towards litigating safe abortion, advocating for the rights of girls to choose across partner organisations and countries	Comprehensive state and regional data on reproductive rights and child marriage can drive advocacy for policy reforms. First responders	Collaborations with seventy-three local CSOs on review of policies around minimum legal age for marriage	The Girls, not Bride intervention areas constitute a part of SRHR and Justice rights; however, it is not focused on reproductive rights and safe abortion
Federal High Court	The FHC's relevance is in its mandate to facilitate the expeditious determination of Civil Causes and Matters before the Court, an important pillar amongst the Courts in the Federal Judiciary of Nigeria.	Hearing of civil and criminal cases around reproductive rights and Justice. The mandate of delivering judgments in SIL.	Collaborate with other arms of the judiciary in Nigeria on passing judgments on critical civil and criminal cases.	Laws restricting the procurement of abortion are yet to be reviewed. No judgment on reproductive rights in favour of safe abortion
Nigeria Association of Women Journalists NAWOJ	Nigerian Association of Women Journalists (NAWOJ) promotes the interests of female journalists in Nigeria in the workplace, demands equality among the sexes, and advocates for the rights of the marginalised population - women and girls. In addition, NAWOJ brings publicity and editorial content to human rights issues and influences public and Government opinion on issues bothering SRHR, human rights, equality, etc. NAWOJ has offices and members in all 36 states of the federation.	Spotlight on SRHR violations across the country and put the same in the mainstream discussion to create awareness and push both government and private sector interventions The human rights-based approach to reporting	Collaborates with local and international development actors in pushing narratives that spark conversations. Currently partnering with LA on implementation /review of laws that will give more women more access- to SRHR services in six states in the country	One of the gaps that the organization needs to address is the focus on human rights, SHR, and equality of sexes without attention to safe abortion
IPAS	Relevance is in advancing reproductive Justice by expanding access to abortion and contraception.	It is involved in training police officers on abortion law and the consequences of unsafe abortion. Community awareness and sensitization to increase	Have partnerships across Africa to push for the availability and accessibility of reproductive health services, including	There are no significant gaps in Ipa's work around safe abortion. However, legal service delivery and

	<p>Works across institutions and communities to build sustainable abortion ecosystems while creating awareness of the rights of humans to make decisions about their reproductive Health.</p> <p>Increased women's access to vital reproductive Health and family planning services and high-quality treatment for complications of unsafe abortion (post-abortion care). The organization implements projects across all the country's six geopolitical zones.</p>	<p>knowledge around sexual and reproductive Health, to reduce abortion stigma, and SRHR services provision for complications of unsafe abortion.</p>	<p>abortion and contraception. Have built alliances and partners with local organisations to advocate for laws and policies that address sexual violence and engage youth champions for safe, legal abortion.</p>	<p>Litigation can be improved/upscaled</p>
<p>Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)</p>	<p>The Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) is the non-profit, umbrella professional association of all lawyers admitted to the Bar in Nigeria and a member of all statutory bodies that regulate the Nigerian Bar and Bench. NBA has over 140,000 lawyers in 128 active branches across the 36 States and the Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria. The NBA mandate promotes and protects human rights, the rule of law, and good governance in Nigeria. NBA offers a national platform that is influential in achieving its objectives.</p>	<p>The NBA has an observer status with the African Commission on Human and People's Rights and partnerships with many national and international governmental and non-governmental organisations concerned with human rights, the rule of law, and good governance. The organisation currently intervenes around policy reviews, court outcomes, provision and promotion of pro-bono services to the indigents of the society, and timely and affordable access to Justice.</p>	<p>NBA collaborations across national and international regions, currently partnering with the House of Representatives to further the objective of law reforms in the country.</p>	<p>The NBA's interventions are not around advocating for SRHR and safe abortion. The organisation's focus is on defending human rights</p>

<p>Federation of Female Lawyers (FIDA)</p>	<p>A voluntary association of women called to the practice of law in Nigeria. Focused on protecting, promoting, and preserving women's and children's rights. Interventions hinged around advocacy for gender-responsive bills, SRHR, and women's and girls' rights. FIDA has membership and offices in all 36+1 states of the country</p>	<p>FIDA gives pro bono services to female inmates around human rights infringements</p>	<p>Partnered with Lawyers Alert on issues of SRHR litigation, policy review, and legal representation in the six-geopolitical regions in the country.</p>	<p>Legal services offered are within human rights and some areas of SRHR. The Organization is silent on interventions around reproductive rights. There is a need for the Organization to use its structures to support the review of policies around safe abortion and Litigation</p>
<p>Dorathy Njemanze Foundation</p>	<p>DNF is a Civil Society Organisation fighting sexual and gender-based violence and promoting social values and ethics. DNF gives medical support, counseling, legal advice, Litigation, and short-term shelter to victims and survivors of sexual and gender-based violence. Influence attitudinal change through media advocacy The organization acts as a first responder for SGBV victims and survivors. N=DNF has its head office in the FCT.</p>	<p>DMF is a first responder to SGBV issues and is currently advocating to review SRHR restrictive laws in the country. Legal representation and Litigation Currently operates a shelter for victims of SGBV in Abuja</p>	<p>DNF has partnered with Lawyers Alert on rights abuse and marginalisation projects. As a core partner organisation,</p>	<p>Is not currently litigating SRHR but is a partner with LA on interventions in SRHR especially SGBV</p>
<p>WEFON</p>	<p>Women for Equity and Fairness Organisation of Nigeria (WEFON) Works in public decision-making, governance, politics, sustainable development, and human rights. It is a pressure</p>	<p>Currently advocating for the inclusion of women, review of non-inclusive and discriminatory policies, as well as pro-choice.</p>	<p>WEFON is a collaboration and Partnership involving different female-led organisations working around issues of human rights and SGBV.</p>	<p>Is not currently litigating SRHR</p>

	<p>group committed to equal participation and rights defenders.</p> <p>Women, Gender Equality activists constitute the organization's membership, affiliated with Gender and Development Action (GADA) in Lagos state; WEFON is female-led and focused on gender inclusiveness and women's rights, including reproductive rights.</p>			
The coalition of Lawyers for Human Rights, COLaHR	<p>The coalition of volunteer Lawyers across 23 states in Nigeria provides free Legal Assistance and Interventions for Key Populations and Vulnerable Groups in Nigeria. The network membership comprises legal service providers, rights defenders, and key populations to address issues faced by marginalized populations and victims of SGBV.</p>	Facilitates the protection of Human Rights and also serves as a resource base for relevant materials and relevant data	LA partners with CoLaHR on rights Litigation and the provision of legal services to marginalized populations and victims of SGBV. The platform also advocates for reforms in reproductive rights.	Gaps in the Organization are in the area of awareness of its existence and coordination of legal service delivery and Litigation.
Youth Network for Community and sustainable development YNCSD	<p>A non-governmental organisation working to end all forms of harmful traditional practices in Nigeria, Youth Network for Community and Sustainable Development is a movement catalysing social change by engaging young people and amplifying their voices to speak for human rights,</p>	Robust advocacy, in-depth research, policy negotiation, youth engagements/partnerships, capacity building and development on expanding the existing cadre of abortion service providers in Nigeria through an intergenerational, inter-religious and multidisciplinary approach to achieve organisational goals.	Is currently meeting with LA on possible collaboration around interest objectives.	There are no significant gaps in YNCSD's work around safe abortion. However, legal service delivery and Litigation can be improved/up scaled

	<p>through targeted advocacy to key players, capacity building and development, communications and media engagements, partnerships and program implementation.</p> <p>One of their key focus areas is sexual and reproductive health and rights issues including Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), women's rights, and gender equality—pro-choice and key populations.</p>			
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LEGAL SUPPORT NETWORK (LSN) MEMBERS

Name	Organisation / Role	Experience Base	Areas of Expertise	Years of experience on SRHR
Emmanuella Azu	<p>Chief Executive Officer, Incubator Africa.</p> <p>Program Director WARDC</p>	<p>Ms. Emmanuela Azu is a development legal practitioner with over ten years of experience working on different projects that cut across human rights violations within national, regional, and international spaces, with a special focus on women, young peoples' human, and economic rights, she has worked extensively on diverse women issues; a gender analyst, human right advocate with capacity in Lobbying and advocacy to influence Policy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Rights • SRHR • Economic Rights • Women Rights • SGBV • Gender • Policy Review • Advocacy 	10

Ajare, Hubert Adedeji	Access to Justice Abuja, FCT Project Director/Deputy Executive Director	Seasoned solicitor and Attorney with about 19 years of experience in active legal practice, human rights, and legislative / policy advocacy. Record of achieving exceptional results in advocacy, public interest, and human rights litigation and research.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIL • Policy Review • Advocacy • Legal representation • Human rights 	19
Mojisola	Private Legal Practice and Human Rights Advocate. National Secretary of FIDA	Solicitor and Attorney with 11 years of experience in active legal practice, human rights, digital rights, gender rights, press freedom, and media rights advocacy. Public interest, human rights advocacy, Litigator. Has litigated digital and gender rights cases before the ECOWAS Community Court and National courts, one of the lead lawyers in the Abuja raids lawsuit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Rights defense • SIL • Legal representation • Gender rights • SRHR 	11+
Mrs Doris Ikpeze	Ipas Nigeria Policy Advisor	Former Executive Director at Advocate Against Domestic Violence and Child Abuse. Currently a Policy Advisor at Ipas Nigeria. Has worked in the area of SRHR for over a decade. Advocates safe abortion and reviews of laws that restrict safe abortion in Nigeria. She was among the strong advocates that ensured the passage of the VAPP law in Nigeria.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRHR • Human rights • Gender • Advocacy • Policy review 	10+
Bamidele A Jacobs	Lawyers Alert Director of Legal/ Litigation legal experience in the area of Litigation, legal research, and legal opinion writing	A legal practitioner with over 20 years of experience in legal representation and Litigation, rights defender, and extensive experience in ADR. Currently leads the LIRN project as the Project Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human rights • SRHR • Litigation • Law practice. 	20+
Mr. Bamidele Ibukunle	Director/ Litigation Legal Aid Council (LAC)	Expertise in human rights and criminal justice. Three years of experience working on issues around SRHR. The assistance of indigent persons in accessing such advice, assistance, and representation in Court where the interest of Justice demands to secure, defend, enforce, protect, or otherwise exercise any right, obligation, duty, privilege, interest, or service to which that person is ordinarily entitled under the Nigerian legal system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Rights • Prison decongestions • Legal representation • Litigation • Criminal Justice • Women rights 	30+ (3 years on SRHR)

Dorinda Odonghanro	Equitable Health Access Initiative (EHAI) Public Health Specialist and Gender Advocate	Research-based public health interventions affiliated with GNT as gender advocates for ending child marriage in Nigeria. A volunteer with Child and Youth Protection Foundation (CYPF) Has 14 months of experience working on SRHR issues. Very enthusiastic about advocacy and access to SRHR & Justice for women in Nigeria.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research • Gender advocacy • SRHR & Justice 	14 months
Philip Akpavie	Principal Partner at Philip Akpavie and Associates - Abuja and Lagos	Expertise in civil and criminal Litigation, SRHR litigation, and legal compliance and regulatory advisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRHR Litigation • Legal representation 	8+ years
Grace Iho	Youth Network for Community and sustainable development YNCSD Senior Programme Associate	Sexual and Reproductive Health and rights issues include Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), women's rights, and gender equality—pro-choice and key population.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sexual and reproductive rights advocacy 	5+ years
Isa Best	Leadership Newspaper Consultant at Post News Outfit. Reporter	Monitor and reportage of news and issues around SRHR in Abuja and Nasarawa states.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue-based reportage (SRHR) 	Seven years
Beckley Kofoworola	L.L.B. BL. Barrister, private legal practitioner with over 5 years in human rights. Lawyers Alert South West focal person.	Human rights and gender advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigerian Civil law • Human rights law and international law • SRHR /SGBV advocacy 	5 years
June Idang Etim	Centre for Legal Research and Development FIDA Legal Officer	A member of the Federation for Female Lawyers (FIDA) Abuja branch since 2018. Expertise in Litigation SGBV/ and SRHR.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research • Health • Policy • SRHR Litigation 	6+ years
Ojoma Abrahams	Dorothy Njamanze Foundation (DNF) Legal Officer & Case Manager	Experienced in law practice in Nigeria. First responder, SGBV Abuja. Gender, Human rights defender, and Litigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litigation • SRHR Advocacy 	Six years

Nafisat Ibrahim	Legal Aid Council Legal officer	First responder, Prison decongestion, Rights defender, Currently works as the first responder.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litigation- SGBV 	Four years
Yemi	Nigeria Police Force (NPF) Gender Unit.	An officer of the Gender Unit of Nigeria Police Force. Respond to SBGV and other women, children, men, and youths' rights violations cases.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender and human rights 	18 years in service and four years on SRHR
Zainab Mukhtar	Planned Parenthood Federation of Nigeria Communications and Marketing Officer	National healthcare provider and an advocate of sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litigation • Human rights 	Four years
Baraka Bello	Planned Parenthood Federation of Nigeria (PPFN) Gender Focal Officer	Expertise in gender advocacy and SGBV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy 	Four years
Modupe Asama	WARDC Lagos Gender specialist	Expertise in gender concerns. Interface with SGBV survivors: mediation and monitoring of litigation process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • SGBV 	Six years
Hameed Oyegbade	Media Nation newspaper and affiliations with other news outfits	Nation newspaper and affiliations with other news outfits. Engaged in issue-based reportage covering Abuja, Lagos and Oyo states	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human rights • SRHR 	Seven years



Nigeria need to align efforts, build state capacity, engage the state and support reproductive rights. There would be need to engage the state to see how the provision of legal support of victims/survivors, Article 102.

1. Provide highlights from the reporting period. I will have to include a photo (3 slide max)
2. Decide progress on the current project milestones as per your project objectives
3. Completion of the distribution mapping

In the reporting period, Lawyers Alert engaged a consultant to carry out a detailed mapping and analysis of stakeholders in the project. The aim was to identify key people, groups, or institutions impacting the SDG5 and take stock of previous engagements on reproductive rights. Capabilities of the identified persons and groups were assessed as previous engagements on reproductive rights. Mapping, and willingness to taking to a network of people to assist in the project status. The formed the preliminary stakeholders mapping report.