

SGBV JUSTICE CLUSTER (SJN) ROUNDTABLE ON BEST PRACTICES

OBJECTIVES:

The objectives for the SJN cluster meeting include:

- To facilitate the acceleration of best practice amongst the various committees of the Administration of Criminal Justice & VAPP Laws of Benue State.**
- To share learnings and dialogue with ACJ Law Monitoring Committees to ensure the discharge of their mandate towards the efficacy of the law and improved justice outcomes for survivors of abuse.**
- To identify the state-specific ACJL and VAPPL and the gaps therein**
- ACJL and VAPPL State specific asks and advocacy target and next step.**

BACKGROUND:

A 1-Day SGBV Justice cluster roundtable discussion on best practices for addressing Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) through the implementation of the ACJL and VAPP laws in Benue State.

The purpose of this dialogue session was to help speed up the adoption of effective practices among the committees responsible for enforcing these laws in Benue State. The participants aimed to exchange insights that can be used to enhance the effectiveness of the laws and improve outcomes for survivors of SGBV in the state.

As duty bearers collectively responsible for these issues, the participants compared the ACJL and VAPP laws, identifying areas where improvements are needed and providing recommendations during focused group discussions.

Lawyers Alert is implementing a project with SCALE that seeks to advocate for the activation implementation of the Violence Against Persons Prohibition Law (VAPPL) and the Administration of Criminal Justice Law (ACJL) in Bauchi, Benue, Enugu, Kaduna, Osun, and the FCT towards speedy justice service delivery and resolution of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) cases.