

RULE OF LAW AND ANTI-CORRUPTION IN NIGERIA

The Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC) Programme is working to enhance good governance by strengthening the rule of law and curbing corruption. Our main objective is to back the government's justice and anti-corruption agenda by supporting the adoption and implementation of relevant legislation, policies and strategies in the sector.

We work at the federal level and in Lagos, Kano, Anambra, Edo and Adamawa states. The five-year programme (2017–22) is funded by the European Union and implemented by the British Council.



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WHAT WE DO

Reforming the criminal justice system

We support the adoption and implementation of criminal justice laws at the federal and state level, including the Administration of Criminal Justice Act and associated bills like the Nigerian Correctional Service Act. We strengthen institutions, systems, procedures and administrative structures to advance the priorities of the laws, and establish monitoring and co-ordination structures, including justice sector reform teams and the administration of criminal justice monitoring committees.

Ensuring women, children and people with disabilities have access to justice

We work to support the adoption and implementation of laws aimed at increasing access to justice for vulnerable groups, including the Violence Against Persons Prohibition Act, the Child's Rights Act, and the Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act. We support the Legal Aid Council to provide legal assistance for vulnerable groups, in partnership with state and non-state actors.

Improving the performance of anti-corruption agencies and how they work together

We enhance co-ordination among target anti-corruption agencies through strengthening of oversight agencies and coordination platforms. We improve transparency, accountability and integrity to combat corruption in key sectors: criminal justice, public procurement and extractives. We build the capacities of anti-corruption agencies to prevent corruption with a focus on risk assessments and the management of asset declarations.

Enhancing the voice of Nigerians in justice sector reforms and curbing corruption

We support engagement, dialogue and public awareness on the fight against corruption. We strengthen the capacity of government and civil society to engage in public dialogue. We work with citizens, civil society and media to track, investigate and report corruption.

OUR APPROACH

Working collaboratively

We work across the justice sector at the federal and state level – with the judiciary, lawyers, police, anti-corruption agencies and civil society organisations – to co-ordinate justice and anti-corruption efforts and strengthen capacity to deliver fair and equitable services.

Building on experience

We build on the lessons learned from programming on justice, conflict and security in Nigeria, including the Nigeria Stability and Reconciliation Programme (NSRP) and Justice for All Programme (J4A) – both funded with UK aid from the UK government and implemented by the British Council.



HOW WE WORK

We deliver our programme of support through:

- **Technical assistance**
- **Capacity strengthening**
- **Financial assistance**
- **Knowledge management**

PROGRAMME IN NUMBERS

(as at June 2020)

Approximately

592,792

persons have directly or indirectly benefited from RoLAC interventions



48

policy and/or practice changes were introduced and implemented



Justice reform teams now present at the federal level and in

29

states



EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- 1** Delivery of criminal justice is more timely, effective and transparent.
- 2** Access to justice is improved for women, children and persons with disabilities.
- 3** Improved performance and co-ordination among anti-corruption agencies to tackle corruption in key sectors: criminal justice, public procurement and the extractive industries.
- 4** Civil society, government and the private sector constructively engage on criminal justice reforms and the fight against anti-corruption.

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