

GAVEL.

**ANNUAL
REPORT.
*2020/2021***

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Gavel is a non-profit human rights-focused organization aimed at increasing the pace of justice delivery through access to justice, digital technology, and citizens' engagement.

The year 2020 availed us of a remarkable opportunity to provide free and prompt legal support to indigent persons in fundamental rights violations, banking fraud, labour-related issues, and digital rights violations.

We took our core strength to the forefront by pulling in resources to counter the current trend of sexual and gender-based violence, violation of fundamental human rights, and police brutality cases before and during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The year 2020 started with a strategic meeting designed to inspire and remind team members of the organization's core values, vision, mission, and objectives. Timelines were created for each projected goal, and a course of action was developed to implement the projected activities.

This report identifies our research, technological strides, legal support impact, citizens engaged, and strategic relationships formed.

We legally intervened in 934 cases, and we handled over 100 cases bordering on sexual and gender-based violence.



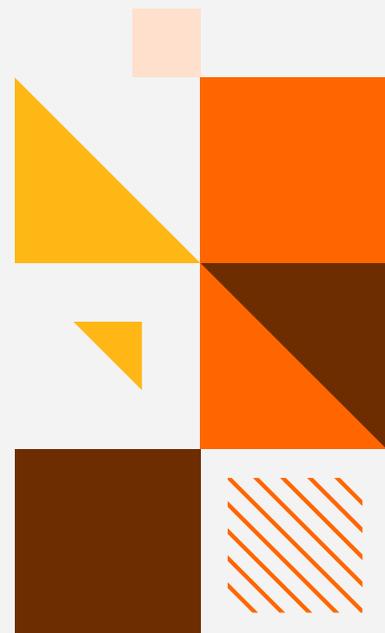
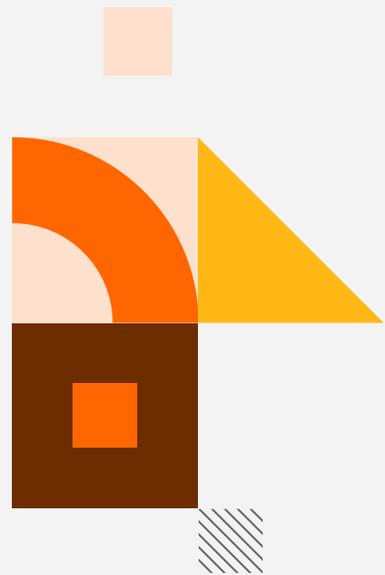


Our Vision

Gavel envisions a world where justice delivery is fast and fair.

Our Mission

Using technology and innovation to increase the pace of justice delivery in the world.





Would you like to see super cool numbers?



● OUR WORK IN NUMBERS

160
Volunteer Lawyers across 24 states.

 **33** States High Court data analyzed

78 written petitions were dispatched from June 2020 – July 2021



 Identifying, tracking, and providing prompt legal support to **100** pre-trial detention inmates.

691 cases on other legal complaints handled from June 2020 to July 2021



 **176** cases handled on issues relating to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV)

A total of **934** persons represented and given legal advice during the year.



 Two hundred and **229** persons legally represented during the covid-19 pandemic.

Wetin Gavel dey do sef?

◆ ■ Our Activities

ACCESS TO JUSTICE



We are the Big Chief when it comes to Police Brutality/Human Rights Interventions

Incidences of fundamental rights breaches are rife in Nigeria, and many are linked to police brutality. A vast majority of the officials attached to this unit are ill-reputed for their harassment and brutal assaults on innocent citizens on the streets and in police custody.



With our network of 160 volunteer lawyers, we utilize our social media pages and other platforms to connect victims of fundamental rights-related complaints to the Lawyers closest to them.

Similarly, our 7-man quick response legal team are always at the forefront to defend arrested persons or victims of human rights abuses to achieve substantive institutional reforms to curb the menace of police brutality and human right abuses being perpetrated by recalcitrant officers. Thus, we partnered with the Police Complaints Response Unit and actively advocated for the passage of the new Police Act 2020.

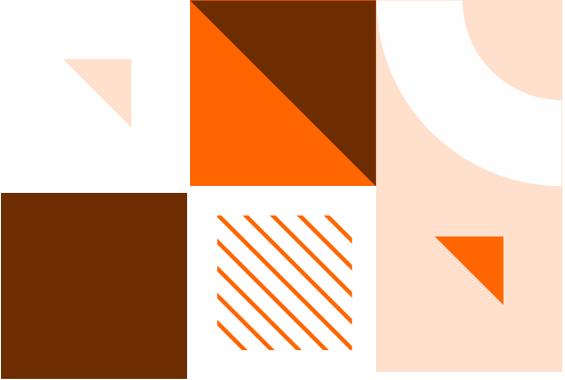
Below is an excerpt from a case bordering on police brutality and human rights violations:

PETITION NO. LASG/JPI/59/2020 BETWEEN SULAIMON RAHEEM V. FSARS

On 10/1/2016 the petitioner, who went to watch a football match at Amoo Street, Agege, was returning home on a motorcycle when Corporal Sunday David (now deceased) recklessly crossed the road with his Toyota Camry Car, knocking down the petitioner and the motorcycle rider in the process. The petitioner, who at the time did not know that the deceased officer was a policeman, got up and started to protest against the officer's reckless driving. Rather than apologize for his wrongful act, the deceased officer surprisingly drew out his gun and fired point-blank at both the petitioner and the motorcycle rider, killing the latter instantly. The bullet from the deceased officer's gun hit the petitioner on the neck and came out from his back, thereby affecting the petitioner's spinal cord. The petitioner was unconscious for about three weeks before his doctors could resuscitate him. Although the petitioner has had a series of surgeries and physiotherapies, among other treatments at different hospitals, including Orile Agege General Hospital, Ile Epo; Ikeja General Hospital; Lagos State University Teaching Hospital; Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta; Owa Trado-orthopedic Centre Alakuko, Lagos; Mecure Medical Centres, Oshodi and Lekki; Clinix Medical Centre Gbagada; Faith Specialist Orthopedic Hospital, Otta, Ogun State for five years, he still cannot walk on his own without the aid of crutches, walking frame or wheelchair.

Upon the conclusion of the hearing by the Panel, the Panel found in favour of the petitioner and awarded the sum of N8, 000,000 to him as compensation. The Panel further held that it would have recommended stiff punishment against the erring officer (now deceased) but for the fact that the officer is dead.

The Petitioner was flown to Bangladesh for further treatment of his spinal cord injury upon cashing the N8, 000, 000's cheque.



Oh Yes, we sailed through and built resilient

COVID-19 Legal Intervention

Covid19 was not only a health care challenge, and it brought about legal, economic, logistic and other challenges for persons, communities and entities. To help resolve some of these issues, Gavel provided legal assistance to many who ordinarily are outside objective but necessary. For instance, a young man took a loan from a bank and was worried about how he would repay it since his business had been hindered by covid. We advised him based on the principles of force majeure, and fortunately, he was given a loan extension based on our advice.

According to the National Human Rights Commission Report in March, eighteen (18) lives were lost during the COVID-19 pandemic due to the high-handedness of law enforcement officials. Deaths arising from security agencies are filtered into the media every day. The pandemic indeed exposed many Nigerians to human rights abuse and violations from security agencies.

On the 2nd of April, 2020, a military officer allegedly killed a young man in Warri, Delta State, while police officers have been seen brutalizing citizens, extorting and destroying citizens' goods to enforce lockdowns and curfews. Issues emanating amidst the Covid-19 Pandemic geared Gavel into conducting a webinar session on "Human Rights and Emerging Issues during Covid-19". The guest speaker, who was the Lagos Police Command Public Relations Officer, DSP Bala Elkana, further enlightened the general public on their right and how to respond to police misconduct.

Citizens' Gavel runs an online complaint platform where two-Third (2/3) of these online complaints are received and worked on from January 2020 to date. Citizens' Gavel, no doubt, is one of the go-to entities for human rights and police brutality complaints in Nigeria. We leverage on social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, where young persons who have been physically and emotionally battered by their experience flock to vent about the injustice meted out to them by the Police and other law enforcement officials.

We have massive coverage on both platforms, and this has helped Gavel respond to police brutality issues and request legal advice from victims of human rights violations nationwide. The COVID-19 pandemic and its resultant lockdown created

a unique difficulty during this period as courtrooms and other public offices were primarily closed. This undoubtedly made approaching the temple of justice for recompense for victims of police brutality a tad difficult.

In crossing this hurdle, we worked with different accountability entities within the security apparatus while leveraging personal relationships built over the years to ensure security agencies are accountable and people get justice. We have a solid relationship with the Police Complaint Response Unit. We currently work hand in hand to ensure that cases of police brutality, fundamental rights, sexual and other forms of abuse are thoroughly investigated, and erring officers are adequately disciplined.

We monitored and documented incidents of illegal arrests, cases of extorted funds, assaults and brutalities during the COVID-19 pandemic, and we were able to represent over two hundred and fifty (250) persons during the COVID-19 pandemic in Lagos and Abuja.

Corrections (Prison) Decongestion.

Oh yes, where we all never want to be, but many get there because of the faulty system.

As part of our efforts to decongest Prisons, our efforts were recognized. We were made an Oyo state and Federal technical committee member on non-custodial sentencing. Nigeria's pre-trial detention fluctuates yearly between 68%-73% of the prison population. We are working on reducing the numbers. We regularly conduct prison visitations to take up cases of vulnerable and indigent persons. However, our strategy is closely linked to our police intervention to stop many from getting into the correctional system by stopping and preventing inordinate arrest and detention.

We have begun work in non-custodial sentencing aimed at reducing the number of convicted inmates sent to prison and will promote rehabilitative methods of punishment and reduce recidivism. Our work on prison decongestion has been a little derailed by the Covid-19 pandemic, which resulted in the wheel of justice is grounded to a halt. We, however, facilitated the draft of non-custodial law for Oyo State, which is now before the house of assembly and advocated for the use of non-custodial measures in sentencing across the country.

Watch out! We ideate and build the super cool apps here!

JUSTICE LAB

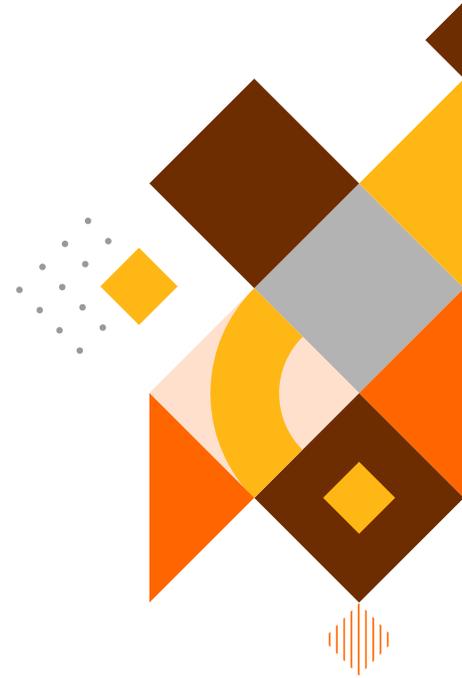
Justice Lab.

This is the technical arm of Gavel tasked with the development of innovative technology. It is a platform where ideas that precede the development of our tech tools are hatched. Through the justice lab, we have rolled out tech innovations called 'Justice Clock', 'Rename', and 'Podus' to help boost the overall pace of justice in the country. In 2019, as part of the ways to drive innovation in the Justice Lab, we organized a discourse designed to identify the justice delivery sector's problems and proffer a way forward with the major stakeholders in attendance.

In attendance, we had the former Attorney General of Oyo state, in the person of Seun Abimbola SAN, the Deputy Chief Registrar of Oyo State judiciary, among others.



Do you know what happens when you have missing files? This app ensures no one gets forgotten.



JUSTICE CLOCK

Justice Clock.

This is a tech platform designed as an online case management platform to help achieve the objectives of the Administration of Criminal Justice Law in Nigeria and provide a case monitoring platform for justice sector actors (Judiciary, Ministry of Justice, Police, Correctional Centres) that can stand at par with international best practices.

The web-based platform serves as a central database and provides information-sharing features amongst stakeholders, particularly the directorate of public prosecution. It eases the flow of information sharing and synergies and coordinates the efficient working of personnel while creating an easy to navigate database for prosecutors.

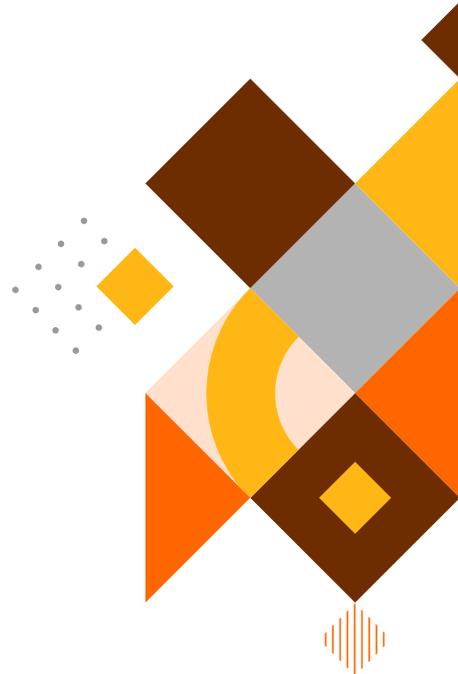
Each justice clock case management is not the same. It is designed to reflect each state's administration of criminal justice law and existing case flow while eradicating the tedious nature of the analogue/file-moving system that tends to slow down legal processes in Courts or at the Ministry. It is fully functional in Lagos and Ogun States, while talks are in for deployment in more states.



Fun Fact-

In the year under review, Gavel was before the senate committee on police affairs to advocate for the passage of the new Police Act, 2020

Do you know Gavel? We probably met here- didn't we?



ADVOCACY

Public Advocacy Integration:

Understanding the importance of social media and how it adds value to an organization, Gavel finds it imperative to utilize social media platforms to highlight all the best aspects of our organization without leaving virtual questions about our organization unanswered. Our Facebook page, since Sept 2019, has recorded well above 1000 page likes and follows, while our Instagram page has recorded not less than 800 new organic followers. Our Twitter page, of course, has recorded over 56.4k followers.

Our monthly email newsletter with not less than 250 subscribers usually contains essential updates and news that create awareness for the general public to understand better and know Citizens' Gavel and our services. This is usually detailed and an avenue that provides our audience with a broader picture of what Gavel stands for. It highlights the critical updates of each month.

Gavel also has a growing YouTube Channel where we showcase and document our work and advocate for social change.

Do you love weird facts? Look out for our series

Gavel Teach the Law

LAW

This series of educational content is created and usually presented through infographics - a medium that tells stories through data visualization. With these infographics, we have been able to teach citizens various aspects of the law on our social media platforms. This is a weekly activity that has engaged many persons on our social media pages.



Fun Fact-

In the year under review, Gavel and many artistes advocated for an end to SARS.

On SGBV related issues, our legal skills are that of jet-li

Sexual and Gender-Based Violence

SGBV

In contributing to the United Nations' sustainable development goal 5: 'Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls', Gavel, since inception, has and is still providing legal support to women and girls who have experienced any form of Sexual and gender-based violence across Nigeria. According to NDHS, in 2013, nearly 3 in 10 Nigerian women had experienced physical violence by age 15. Expectedly, the number of sexual and gender-based violations complaints from these vulnerable groups (women and children) has progressively increased over time.



With complaints ranging from rape, domestic violence, gender-based violence, defilement, sexual harassment, revenge porn, etc. Thus, Gavel's Gender Rights department was created to provide primary and secondary preventive measures to ending Sexual and Gender-based Violence as well as gender inequality in Nigeria through providing legal support to survivors and educating people on the rights of women and children; putting into consideration the sensitivity of these complaints and ensuring apathy while leveraging on technology and resource capital of one hundred and sixty (160) volunteer lawyers across twenty-four (24) states in Nigeria. The case of Asake is one of the numerous SGVB related cases that we are currently working on;

The Story of Asake (Pseudo name) is a ten-year-old girl who is a survivor of rape who lived in an under-served community in Ibadan with her mother and her brother in a one-bedroom face-me-I-face-you apartment.

On a fateful day at about sunset, their next-door neighbour, Ojo (Pseudo name), had sought the permission of Asake's mother to send her on an errand not far from the compound. Asake's mother obliged. On getting back from the errand, Asake did not meet her motherer in the room (apparently, the mother had stepped out to receive a call), so she had to deliver the message directly to Ojo. While knocking, he had beckoned on her to come inside, and on getting inside, he locked the door and violently raped the little girl to the point that she was bleeding uncontrollably. Her scream alerted other neighbours and her mother, who forced the door open to rescue the poor girl. Unfortunately, it was already late, the deed had been done, and she was bleeding profusely.

This Asake was rushed to a nearby hospital for prompt medical attention; unfortunately, she was rejected. The second hospital rejected her due to the quantity of blood she was losing. She was then taken to the police station, where she was given a police report and referred to a government specialist hospital. The doctors had to carry out a surgical operation on her immediately.

The matter was referred to Citizens Gavel by a social media influencer who had heard about the situation and had reached out to us for legal intervention.

At this time, Ojo had already been arrested, and the matter was transferred from the divisional police station to the Gender Department at Police State CID in the state capital.

The IPO wanted to extort the family to get them a pro bono legal aid lawyer. Still, thankfully we got involved when we did, the extortion was prevented, and we took up the case, ensuring we saw to the best interest of the complainant. We ensured that the IPO visited Asake in the hospital to take her statement while her memory was still fresh.

Not long after, the matter was charged to court. We stayed with the family, watching brief and ensuring that process was simplified for the family, and we sought after their best interest.

The matter has been delayed in court due to the lockdown due to the covid-19 and the nationwide JUSUN strike. We followed up on the legal advice at the DPP's office to ensure the legal advice came out on time.

The matter is currently at the High court.

SGBV

Support to end Sexual and Gender-Based Violence

Prompt legal advice is churned out daily to survivors or victims of sexual and gender-based violence via our social media accounts. Cases are reviewed, and the complaints are received with the help of our team of professional lawyers; depending on the severity of these cases, we provide legal representation or write petitions on behalf of the complainants. Over 50% of the cases we received are via social media.

We provide legal advice, psycho-social support, legal representation, tracking and monitoring of cases, etc., to complaints of SGBV. This ensures that people who may be denied access to justice simply because they cannot afford the cost of justice in Nigeria are represented pro-bono, and their cases are promptly monitored.

Since its commencement, the Gender Rights Department has received 277 cases and provided legal advice for all. However, out of the 277 cases, 198 of these cases were completed and closed, 27 cases have been withdrawn and settled out of court, and 32 cases are still ongoing in court.

Analysis of SGBV Complaints

In the year under review, a total of a hundred cases (176) were received on sexual and gender-based violence issues. The diagram below explains the statistics.

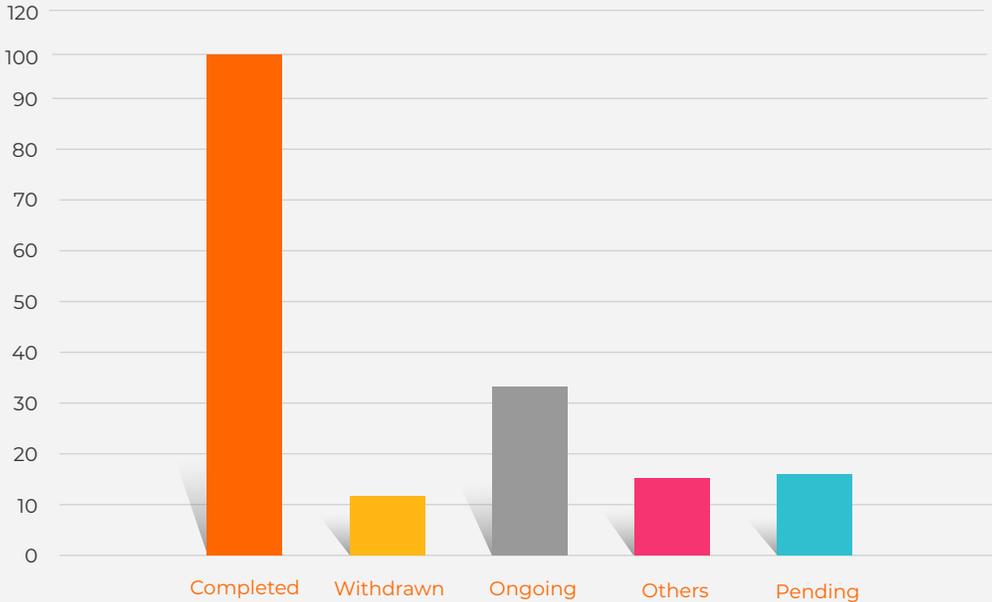
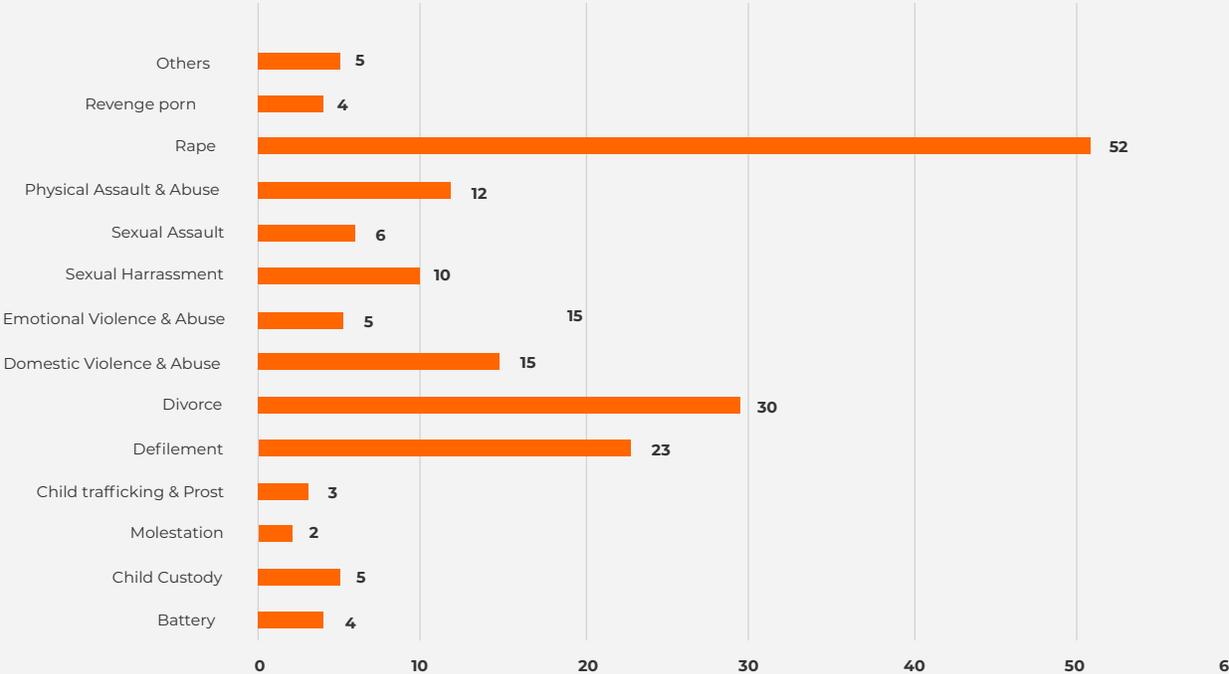


Figure 2: Status of Complaints

Categories of SGBV Cases



52 cases were rape-related, 16 cases were sexual harassment-related cases, 23 cases were on defilement, 19 cases were on domestic violence, 5 cases were on child custody, 3 cases were on human trafficking and prostitution, 30 legal advice were given on cases bordering on divorce, 15 cases on domestic violence, 5 cases on emotional abuse, 24 cases were categorized under others: child molestation and abuse, Physical assault, divorce, etc.

Analysis of general legal complaints

Six hundred and ninety-one (691) cases have been handled. Two hundred and fifteen (215) cases relating to civil affairs, eighty-two (447) cases on criminal related issues, and sixteen (16) other legal issues.

Impressions on online engagement

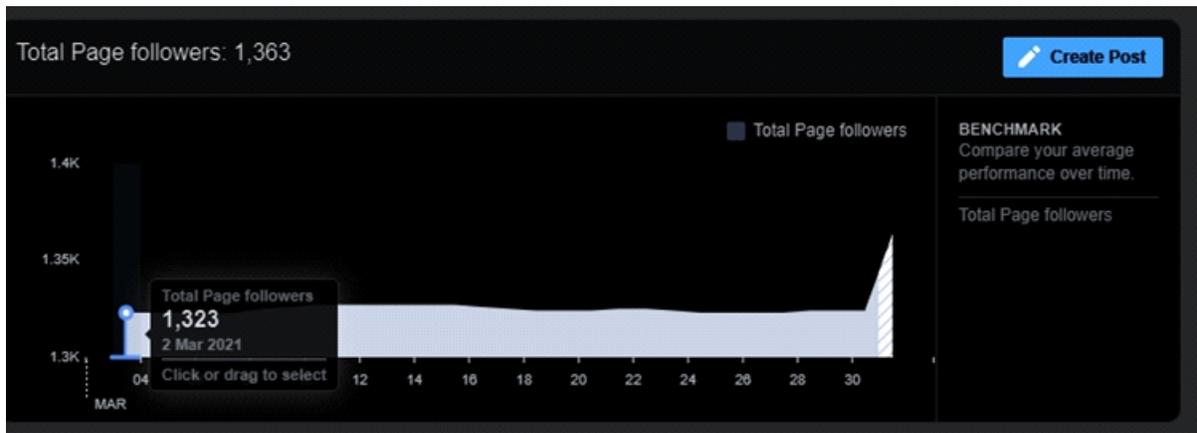
Across all our social media pages, we have uploaded over 120 posts, 113 infographics updated, Average of 30 new followers on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter recorded every month. In the year under review, Gavel has 1,409 followers on Instagram, 1,363 followers on Facebook, 632 Followers on LinkedIn and 54.8k Followers on Twitter.



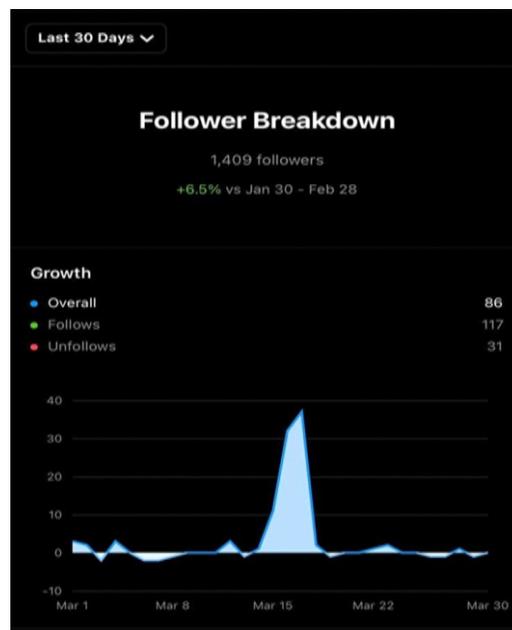
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 #OCCUPYLEKKITOLLAGA... 11 March 06:24		686	48	6
 All appeal and effort to ... 9 March 02:30		546	34	3
 UPDATE: The Lagos Stat... 12 March 05:10		512	35	4

The above image represents the top 5 social media posts with the highest engagement. The most engaging of the five posts were uploaded to give awareness to one of our successful legal interventions, while the other four most engaging posts were equally about legal interventions for human rights violations.





This explains how we started the month with 1,323 followers and how the month ended with 1,363 followers; hence, we incurred a total of 40 new followers on our Facebook in March, which brings us the probability of 30 new followers each month following my manual observation.



The above demonstrates the followers' breakdown of our Instagram page in March, where we recorded a total of 117 new followers, surpassing the quarterly target of 100 new followers per quarter.



Second Quarter Analysis (2021)

Between April and June 2021, 147 posts were uploaded on all social media pages, while 80 infographics were updated on social media platforms. An average of 30 new followers on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter are recorded every month. In the quarter under review, Gavel gained many followers across our social media platforms. A total of 1,472 followers on Instagram, 1,605 followers on Facebook, 712 Followers on LinkedIn and 54.8k Followers on Twitter.

Social Media Posts	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	Change	Target
Number of posts Uploaded	120	147	+27	125
Number of Infographics Uploaded	113	80	+33	75
Number of Twitter Follower	54.1k	54.8k	+700	50+
Number of Facebook Follower	1,363	1,605	+242	50+
Number of Instagram Follower	1,409	1,472	+63	50+
Number of LinkedIn Followers	632	712	+80	50+

Third Quarter Analysis (2021)

127 pieces of content were developed and shared as posts on all social media pages, and 76 infographics were updated on social media platforms. An average of 200 new organic followers was recorded every month on our Instagram page within the quarter. An average of 25 new organic followers are recorded every month on our Facebook Page. While we recorded an average of 50 new followers was recorded every month on our LinkedIn Page within the Quarter. The total number of followers across our platforms is; 2,095 followers on Instagram, 1,692 followers on Facebook, 901 Followers on LinkedIn and 54.7k Followers on Twitter.

Social Media Posts	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	Change	Target
Number of posts Uploaded	120	147	127	-4	125
Number of Infographics Uploaded	113	80	76	-4	75
Number of Twitter Follower	54.1k	54.8k	54.7k	-100	50+
Number of Facebook Follower	1,363	1,605	1,692	+242	50+
Number of Instagram Follower	1,409	1,472	2,095	+63	50+
Number of LinkedIn Followers	632	712	901	+189	50+

2020 Timeline (June - December)

JUNE

- Gavel joined the ACJMC on the Magistrate's visit to Gwagwa Police Station, Abuja, FCT. Senior Magistrate Onyiye Okeke led the delegation to the station.
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- Visit to the Ministry of Women Affairs to deliver an enlistment letter.
- Visit to Ministry of Women Affairs and NSCDC.

JULY

- Gavel was represented at a forum with CSOs to discuss corrections and restorative justice in Nigeria.
- Gavel had a Courtesy visit to DPP.
- Tracking of legal advice from MOJ, Portharcourt.

AUGUST

- Gavel Joined the Oyo State Min of Justice SGBV's team to respond to complaints of SGBV.
- Gavel representative met with the chief judge of Oyo State on our technology drive for the high court.
- Gavel was represented at training on case management organized by Child protection network, Oyo State.
- Gavel visited the Suleja Prison in Niger state in the company of David Idris to interview inmates who have no legal representation. nine inmates were interviewed.
- Gavel joined the ACJMC team and Hon Magistrate Omolola on a visit to the Garki Police Station for the routine visit of the Magistrate to inspect the detention centre and interview suspects in custody.
- Gavel joined the Oyo State rapid response team on a courtesy visit to the NBC.
- Gavel went to Abeokuta to train lawyers at the Ministry of Justice on the usage of justice clock.

2020

2020 Timeline (June - December)

SEPTEMBER

- Gavel Interfaced with STER on possible SGBV cases.
- We received letters from the Nigerian Correctional Centre, Alagbon, allocating five(5) inmates to us for probono cases from Kirikiri Medium Prison, Lagos.
- Copies of the letter were delivered to the office of the IGP and PPRO as advised by the CRU concerning the rewarding police officers.
- Gavel teach the law and POLICE REFORM ACT infographics were shared on our social media platforms.

OCTOBER

- Gavel team secured the release of the six Ogbomoso protesters that were arrested.
- Live chat on fundamental rights and what to do in case of police brutality and extortion was conducted and transmitted via our Facebook and twitter handle.
- A petition was written to the ICC on the killing of protesters in Lekki.
- Proper monitoring of the end SARS protest, making provision for standby/immediate legal intervention.
- Gavel mobilized lawyers from states all over the federation for the purposes of freeing arrested protesters.
- Reviewed and edited petitions were sent to Lagos, Oyo and other states House of Assembly.
- Gavel attended the Panel set up by the House Committee on Judicial matters in Lagos.
- We were at the Splash radio station to monitor and live stream our programme on fundamental human rights via our Facebook page.
- Gavel was represented in Abuja at a meeting of Legal Aid Service Providers organised by LACON.
- The lecture on Technology for prisons was delivered via the Zoom platform.

2020

2020 Timeline (June - December)

NOVEMBER

- Gavel Monitored the sitting of the Lagos State panel of Inquiry and Contacted volunteer lawyers in other states that the panel of inquiries has been newly set up.
- Gavel Handled new rape cases referred from STER and Followed up with SGBV complainants from Twitter and STER.
- Monitored and live-streamed radio programme with splash via our twitter page and it recorded above 300 views.
- We did letters to the CRU, Director Magistrate and the ACJMC on the situation of the detention facility at the FCID.
- We dispatched a letter to the IGP empathizing with the Nigeria Police and advising them to utilise the judicial panel of inquiry in order to be compensated for the damages suffered by hoodlums in the course of various attacks on Police formations.
- We visited the Suleja Correctional Centre to ensure the release of two inmates whose cases had been struck out.
- Gavel led a team of lawyers from Abuja to the Suleja Correctional Centre to give a return of cases worked on and to pick up new cases for pro bono legal defence.
- We dispatched a letter to the Chief of Army Staff offering to offer pro bono legal service to Soldiers who have been accused of breaching the Social Media Code.

DECEMBER

- Gavel gave a virtual lecture for the volunteer lawyers of the reformers Organisation.
- Gavel was represented in the Police Reform town hall meeting held by PLAC in partnership with Channels TV at the Lagos studio.

Gavel attended the Reforming Pretrial Detention In Nigeria Project Interagency Meeting hosted by PWAN and informed them of our intervention in rendering legal aid to indigent inmates at the Suleja Correctional Centre.

2020

DECEMBER

- We attended the proceedings of the Judicial Panel of Inquiry on Human Rights Abuse by SARS and other Police formations in Abuja.
- Content creation for trivia Tuesday i.e(5 questions about legal terms and options to sensitize the general audience on common legal terms).
- Research on ECOWAS court of justice was conducted.

2021 Timeline (January - July)

JANUARY

- Gavel attended a meeting at the Force PRO's office and CRU in relation to the Askari Wey Correct project of the Organisation. (A project that awards/recognise the good work and officers of the Police force).
- Created content for design and awareness for 100 days of Lekki Massacre on our social media pages.
- Meeting with the JDPC on the building capacity projects.
- Advocacy visit to civil defence office and DCP for the training of security agencies across Oyo State.
- Gavel conducted a Radio Interview: Arrest practices of law enforcement officers and compliance with Fundamental Human rights at the Splash FM.

FEBRUARY

- Gavel regularised our position at the Judicial panel of inquiry by doing a letter to the Executive Secretary of the National Human Rights Commission.
- #OCCUPYLEKKITOLLGATE: Gavel worked on the perfection of Bail of 40 defendants in this case.
- Gavel attended the proceedings of the panel of the judiciary in Abuja.
- Gavel was represented at the Civil Justice Transformation Dialogue.
- Gavel joined the ACJMC team, NBA, NULAI to visit the Lugbe Divisional Headquarters in the company of the Chief Magistrate of Lugbe District, under Section 34 of the ACJA.

2021

2021 Timeline (January - July)

FEBRUARY

- Gavel had a virtual meeting with volunteer lawyers and partner organizations on preliminary findings of the Judicial panel of inquiry.

MARCH

- Gavel joined the ACJMC team on the Magistrate's visit to the Bwari Division of the Nigeria Police Force.
- Gavel attended to new cases of SGBV.
- Gavel attended a 2-day workshop on the Police Act 2020 organised by PWAN for CSOs.
- Gavel Team Lead made a presentation at the House of Representatives at the Public Hearing on the Police Commission Bill 2020.
- Gavel attended Day 2 of the Validation Workshop on Police Regulation held by PWAN. We intervened in the discussion about the CRU highlighting our partnership with the unit over the years and going forward.
- Gavel hosted the non-custodial committee meeting in Oyo State.

APRIL

- Gavel interviewed new complainants on their cases of SGBV.
- Gavel was represented at the SERAP PROGRAMME at Raddison blu hotel, Lagos.
- Initiation of Podus website and Meeting with CPN.
- Gavel did a summary on Judgement sum on cases who had gotten judgement in courts but have approached the panel to enforce such judgements.
- A total of 42 cases was handled for the month of April: twenty-seven (27) from various social media platforms and 15 via other platforms.
- Maiden Edition of Gavel Teach the Law on Screen was conducted.

2021

2021 Timeline (January - July)

2021

MAY

- Gavel was represented at Lagos state ministry of justice for the launching and deployment of the justice clock.
- Collaboration with SBM intelligence research officer and Investigative journalists.
- Gavel had Justice Clock Training for Lagos stakeholders.
- Gavel was represented at the OGP NAP II STAKEHOLDERS MEETING in Abuja.
- Gavel presented a Proposal to the Ministry of Budget in Oyo state for possible collaboration.
- Gavel was made a Panellist at the OPG program discussing If the Nigerian Police Force is a Friend to the Citizens? – The current state of the Police, Police Brutality, #EndSARS protests and remedial actions to reform the Police.

JUNE

- Gavel visited Baba courts and Ebute-metta courts to retrieve cases and date.
- Visit to Kirikiri Maximum Custodial centre with the Honourable AG.
- Gavel was represented at Amnesty International's Talk Your Truth Campaign Lunch.
- Gavel participated in the Intergenerational Fireside Dialogue on Nigeria's Civic Space organised by Global Rights in Abuja.
- We joined the ACJMC team on a Magistrate visit to the FCID Area 10 where about 60 suspects were interviewed.
- We filed an Originating Summons in the Federal High Court on behalf of Paradigm Initiative.
- Seventy-five cases were handled for the month; 30 cases via our social medial handle while 45 via other platforms.

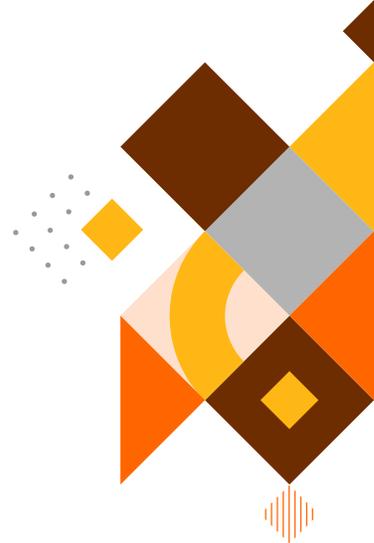
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JULY

- Gavel worked on a press release on the subject of Section 34 of the ACJA and the ACJL of the various states.
- Gavel was represented in a meeting with the urban alert team to discuss our pre-action notice sequel to our impending suit on electricity prepaid meters.
- Gavel visited the Oyo State Min of Women Affairs for a discussion with the child's rights department for possible collaboration.
- Gavel released a Statement on amended ACJL Lagos on parading of the suspect.
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