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# ANNUAL REPORT

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On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am honored to celebrate the remarkable achievements of the Mobile Foundation for Health, Security, and Rehabilitation (MHSR). Since its founding in 2014, MHSR has emerged as a leading force in championing the health and well-being of vulnerable populations, particularly the Sexual Minority Community and other Most-at-Risk Populations (MARPs).

MHSR's unwavering commitment to improving the lives of marginalized communities is evident in its innovative healthcare delivery, capacity building programs, advocacy efforts, research initiatives, and strong partnerships. The organization's focus on young individuals and its utilization of technology and holistic approaches have ensured accessible healthcare services and empowered individuals to navigate healthcare systems, advocate for their rights, and lead fulfilling lives.

### Key Achievements and Future Directions

MHSR's accomplishments are numerous in collaborations with both local and international funders.

As we look ahead, MHSR remains committed to expanding its reach and impact

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### A Call to Action

We invite you to join us in supporting MHSR's mission. Your contributions and support will make a significant difference in the lives of countless individuals. Together, we can build a more just, equitable, and compassionate world for all.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Board of Trustees

Mobile Foundation for Health, Security,  
and Rehabilitation (MHSR)

## MHSR's Year in Review

As we conclude the fiscal year 2024, I'm pleased to reflect on the significant achievements and milestones of Mobile Foundation for Health Security and Rehabilitation (MHSR). Under my leadership, MHSR has continued to make a positive impact on the lives of sexual minorities and other key populations in Nigeria, Africa, and beyond. Throughout the year, we have focused on enhancing our strategic leadership, direction, and project operations to ensure that our programs align with our Vision, Mission, and Objectives. We have also successfully developed partnerships with local and international organizations to expand our reach and build our capacity to deliver services.

One of our major accomplishments this year was the successful acquisition of the Global Equality Trust Fund grant as a consortium. This grant has enabled us to expand our HIV, TB, and malaria prevention and treatment services, reaching even more vulnerable individuals. Additionally, we have extended the KPCARE1 USAID Project with Heartland Alliance Limited by Guarantee for the fourth year running, ensuring continued access to HIV Services and Care for sexual minorities.

To enhance our leadership and management skills, I have prioritized professional development, attending conferences and certified programs. This has allowed me to stay up-to-date on the latest trends and best practices in the field.

Over the past year, MHSR has made substantial progress in improving access to healthcare, empowering communities, addressing social justice issues, and strengthening partnerships. Our programs have provided essential healthcare services, including HIV/STI testing, treatment, and prevention, to thousands of individuals. We have also empowered community members through capacity-building initiatives, enabling them to navigate healthcare systems, advocate for their rights, and become agents of change.

MHSR has been at the forefront of combating stigma, discrimination, and marginalization, promoting human rights, and fostering inclusivity. We have collaborated with government agencies, NGOs, and community-based organizations to create a strong network of support and resources.

LOOKING AHEAD, MHSR WILL CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON EXPANDING OUR REACH TO EVEN MORE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN UNDERSERVED AREAS. WE WILL ALSO STRENGTHEN OUR EXISTING PROGRAMS AND DEVELOP NEW INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS EMERGING NEEDS. ADDITIONALLY, WE WILL ADVOCATE FOR POLICIES THAT SUPPORT THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF SEXUAL MINORITIES AND OTHER KEY POPULATIONS.

Finally, we will invest in capacity-building for our staff and community members to ensure the sustainability of our programs.

I am proud of the progress that MHSR has made in the past year. Our commitment to improving the lives of marginalized communities remains unwavering. With your continued support, we can achieve even greater impact in the years to come.

Thank you.

Ozo .O.Michael  
Executive Director  
Mobile Foundation for Health Security and Rehabilitation  
MHSR-NIGERIA



FROM THE

TEAM



I am delighted to share a message of goodwill and commitment from the Mobile Foundation for Health Security and Rehabilitation (MHSR). As the Program Manager, I am deeply honoured to lead a team dedicated to providing quality services and advocating for the well-being of marginalized communities in Lagos State.

At MHSR, we believe in the power of proactivity, dignity, and quality services. We are committed to reaching underserved communities through innovative approaches, including multisectoral and intersectional strategies. Our focus has now shifted to riverine areas, slums, and ghettos, as we believe there is still much work to be done in these often-overlooked regions.

Our team is actively involved in developing gender-based violence guidelines along side the state agencies, parastatals and sectorial also promoting a deeper understanding of differentiated service delivery that best meets the needs of our target communities. We advocate for a more client-centric approach in all program modules of DSD within the state.

MHSR aim to expand its services and reach for robust-holistic impact

- **Mental Health Support:** We prioritized the integration of mental health services into our programs, addressing the critical needs of individuals facing depression, anxiety, and other mental health challenges.
- **Youth Empowerment:** We implemented programs specifically designed to empower young people within key populations, providing them with education, skills training, and leadership opportunities.
- **Economic Empowerment:** We focused on creating sustainable economic opportunities for community members, helping them achieve financial independence and improve their quality of life.
- **Advocacy and Policy Change:** We will continue to advocate for policy reforms that address the specific needs and challenges of key populations, working towards a more inclusive and equitable society.
- **Community Partnerships:** We will continue to strengthen our partnerships with local organizations, government agencies, and community leaders to create a broader network of support and resources.

I am proud of our accomplishments and the positive impact we have made on the lives of many. We will continue to strive for excellence, innovation, and compassion in all our endeavors.

Thank you for your support and partnership. Together, we can create a healthier, more inclusive future for all.

Gilbert Victor  
Program Manager MHSR  
Mobile Foundation for Health Security and Rehabilitation  
MHSR-Nigeria



At the Mobile Foundation for Health Security and Rehabilitation (MHSR), the Operations/Finance Unit ensures fiscal accountability and strategic resource allocation. This department facilitates informed decision-making, tracking expenditures and ensuring efficient utilization of project funds. Financial insights inform program optimization, driving sustainable health outcomes for the management staffs of MHSR.

### **Safeguarding Standards Across Projects:**

My role as Head of Operations/Finance Manager at MHSR, I ensure proper safeguarding standards across projects through transparent accounting, efficient resource allocation, and compliance with the management team and volunteers, Funder. Our financial management prioritizes different level of transactions initiation and approvals, securing all MHSR assets and properties and fostering trust, accountability, and ethical stewardship of donor funds."

### **Building Strong Internal Systems:**

As Head of Operations/Finance manager, I enhance MHSR's internal financial structures through budgeting, transparent accounting, and adaptive financial reporting. Collaborative oversight ensures seamless financial management, tracking, and analysis. These processes is not a one man discussion but has a level of approval to these processes.

### **Future-Focused operations/Finance Unit Initiatives:**

Leveraging technology and data innovation, we optimize financial management and software package for oprations/finance unit, predictive analytics, and strategic partnerships with software developers. Enhancing financial forecasting, risk management, and compliance, our Finance Unit ensures sustainability and scalability of having a cloud-based software to store data for future references.



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# DATA-DRIVEN DECISIONS:

## ELEVATING HEALTH OUTCOMES THROUGH STRATEGIC LEARNING AT MHSR

At the Mobile Foundation for Health Security and Rehabilitation (MHSR), the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) office is central to fostering a culture of data-driven decision-making. This environment facilitates real-time information flow, allowing us to effectively harness insights related to HIV prevention, testing, and treatment. As part of the KP-CARE1 project, our M&E efforts are deeply committed to serving vulnerable populations, including men who have sex with men (MSMs), their sexual partners, and children. By tracking and analyzing performance, we provide timely feedback that enhances the impact of our services. This coordinated approach transforms data into actionable insights, guiding us towards sustainable health outcomes.

### **Safeguarding Standards Across Projects**

As the Strategic Learning and Information (SLI) lead in M&E for MHSR, I prioritize the dignity, safety, and rights of all individuals across our projects. We integrate safeguarding standards into every aspect of our interventions, ensuring that the vulnerable populations we serve, particularly MSMs and their families, are reached and protected. Our data collection methods, referral systems, and community outreach are meticulously designed to prevent harm, respect confidentiality, and empower beneficiaries. These safeguarding principles underpin our ethical responsibilities, fostering trust and accountability within the communities we serve.

### **Building Strong Internal Systems**

A critical focus of my work is strengthening MHSR's internal structures. We employ rigorous monitoring systems to ensure that our data collection, reporting, and evaluation processes are transparent and responsive to the evolving needs of the KP-CARE1 project.

This collaborative approach allows each team member to contribute to a seamless system that effectively tracks, analyzes, and improves our programmatic interventions. By building a robust internal foundation, we create a sustainable model for delivering health services to underserved populations, enhancing our long-term impact and scalability.

### **Future-Focused SLI M&E Initiatives**

Looking ahead, our M&E strategies emphasize leveraging technology and data innovation. We aim to expand our data analytics capabilities, using insights not only to measure past performance but also to predict and shape future health outcomes. Through strategic partnerships, capacity building, and advanced tools, our SLI M&E initiatives will continue to evolve, ensuring we remain at the forefront of HIV prevention and care in Lagos State. My role as Deputy State Coordinator for NYNETHA, Lagos Chapter, enhances this vision, allowing me to integrate youth perspectives into our initiatives and ensure their relevance in the ongoing fight against HIV/AIDS.





## UPHOLDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND INTEGRITY AT MHSR

At MHSR, compliance isn't just about following rules—it's about embedding a culture of accountability, transparency, and ethical standards across all of our projects. As the Compliance and Logistics Officer, I have had the responsibility of ensuring that our operations meet the rigorous standards set by donors, governmental regulations, and internal policies, especially on pivotal projects like KP-Care 1, GEF among others.

### Safeguarding Standards Across Projects

One of the most significant projects this year has been KP-Care 1, focusing on HIV prevention and care for key populations (KP) within vulnerable communities. My role involved conducting thorough audits, ensuring adherence to grant conditions, and performing regular risk assessments to mitigate any potential challenges. I also spearheaded the compliance checks for the GEF project, ensuring that environmental sustainability standards were not only met but exceeded, aligning with global benchmarks.

### Building Strong Internal Systems

Beyond external regulations, I work closely with internal teams to build resilient systems that uphold MHSR's integrity. This includes collaborating with departments like finance, and M&E to ensure seamless compliance across all operational fronts. The goal is to create an organization-wide culture where every team member is not just aware of compliance but plays an active role in maintaining it.



### Future-Focused Compliance Initiatives

Currently, we are rolling out advanced automated tools for real-time compliance tracking and reporting. This system is enabling us to efficiently scale our operations as we take on larger projects. Alongside this, we have implemented continuous training programs to ensure that all staff are equipped to navigate the ever-changing regulatory landscape with confidence.

Through these proactive initiatives, we are reinforcing MHSR's position as a leader in health advocacy and service delivery. Our commitment to maintaining the highest levels of transparency and accountability remains at the forefront of all we do.

With a robust compliance framework in place, we are safeguarding the long-term sustainability of our programs, ensuring that we continue to serve our beneficiaries with the utmost integrity.





# ORGANIZATION PROFILE



## VISION

To envision an equitable world where everyone has access to quality healthcare, human rights, and the opportunity to live with dignity.

## MISSION

Our mission is to foster a society where health equity, human rights, and social justice are prioritized, ensuring that all individuals, particularly those from marginalized communities, have access to quality healthcare and support services.



## THEMATIC AREAS (ROLES/ OBJECTIVES)

- ❖ Innovative Healthcare Delivery: Provide accessible healthcare services, including HIV/STI testing, through cutting-edge technology and community-based approaches to ensure effective prevention and treatment.
- ❖ Holistic Capacity Building: Empower community members through training and skill development programs, enabling them to confidently navigate healthcare systems, advocate for their rights, and become agents of change for personal and community well-being.
- ❖ Equity and Social Justice: Combat stigma, prioritize mental health, and promote human rights through tailored support services, advocacy, and inclusive practices that address the unique needs of marginalized communities.
- ❖ Research and Knowledge Sharing: Conduct and disseminate research to inform policy, improve practices, and drive systemic change in the areas of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria prevention and treatment.
- ❖ Psychosocial Care and Support Provide comprehensive mental health services, including culturally appropriate counseling, therapy, and crisis support, while establishing peer-led support networks to foster resilience and connection.
- ❖ Safe Housing Offer emergency shelter and transitional housing options for individuals experiencing homelessness or unsafe living conditions, supporting their transition to independent living.
- ❖ Music and Edutainment Creative Expression: Utilize music and arts as therapeutic tools to promote emotional well-being and self-expression. Community Outreach: Use music and edutainment to raise awareness about mental health, HIV/AIDS, and other social issues.
- ❖ Support Group Establishment Peer-Led Groups: Facilitate the formation of support groups based on shared experiences and needs. Group Counselling: Offer group counselling sessions to address common challenges and foster mutual support.

## CORE VALUE

- ❖ **Confidentiality:** We prioritize the privacy and trust of our stakeholders, ensuring that all interactions are conducted with the utmost discretion.
- ❖ **Acceptance of Diversity:** Embracing the dignity and equality of all genders and identities, regardless of sex, orientation, economic, or health status.
- ❖ **Support for Self-Determination:** Advocating for the autonomy and empowerment of MARPs, particularly within the Sexual Minority Community.
- ❖ **Professional Ethics:** Upholding the highest standards of integrity and accountability in all our

# PROGRAMS IMPACT



# INTERNAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

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## NeRCi INTERIM NATIONAL COORDINATOR

Michael Osahoh is a Nigerian human rights advocate specializing in sexual minority health and rights. With a Bachelor's degree in Applied Biochemistry from Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, he has over six years of experience in the NGO sector, working with organizations like TIER, CRH, PC, and QA.

As the Executive Director/Founder of MSHR Nigeria, Michael champions social justice and the dignity of all individuals. His work includes peer education, community mobilization, and advocacy for mobile health services. He's also a former interim national coordinator of Network for Right and Community Inclusion and a past member of the Nigeria Key Population Health and Rights Network executive team Lagos State.



G I L B E R T C V I C T O R

## NKPHRN LAGOS STATE COORDINATOR

GILBERT the program manager; was nominated for the selfless position for his years of program impact in the community in Lagos state of which is a testament to his successful program implementation through MHSR, so far he has interfaced with government parastatals, agencies, civil social organization, advocating for intersectional and multisectorial approach in promoting health and human rights of the key populations in Lagos state Nigeria



# INTERNAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT



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## IGBOKWE GEFTA

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### **NYNETHA LAGOS STATE DEPUTY COORDINATOR**

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As Deputy State Coordinator for NYNETHA, Igbokwe Gefta leads youth-driven HIV prevention efforts in Lagos. He oversees community outreach, partnerships, and access to HIV services for marginalized groups. empowers young people to combat HIV/AIDS in Lagos as NYNETHA's Deputy State Coordinator. He oversees community programs, partnerships, and access to HIV services, including HIVST kits.

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## SHOLA USMAN OLAIDE - ADEBOLA

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Ishola Usman Olaide-Adebola plays a pivotal role in WAVA's HPV Vaccine programming in Nigeria, serving as the focal person in Lagos. As Head of Operations/Finance Manager for MHSR, it ensures seamless project execution, financial stewardship, and strategic planning. It expertise facilitates effective vaccine distribution, outreach, and education, significantly contributing to the program's success in protecting Nigerian girls against cervical cancer. It leadership and dedication drive impactful change in public health.

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# THE IGBOYA LAGOS GAMES

## (ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMING THROUGH SPORT)

This report highlights the imperative for urgent action to address the systemic challenges faced by queer individuals in Nigeria while showcasing the potential of community-based initiatives like the Igboya Lagos Games to inspire positive change. The games not only provided a platform for sports and entertainment but also laid the groundwork for sustained collaboration among the involved stakeholders.

By uniting under the banner of sports, the Igboya Lagos Games showcased the potential of collective action to address community challenges. The event served as a catalyst for positive change and inspired hope for a brighter future. As we move forward, it is essential to build upon the momentum generated by the games to create lasting impact and strengthen the fabric of our community.



## The Plight of Key populations Individuals in Nigeria and the Impact of the Igboya Lagos Games

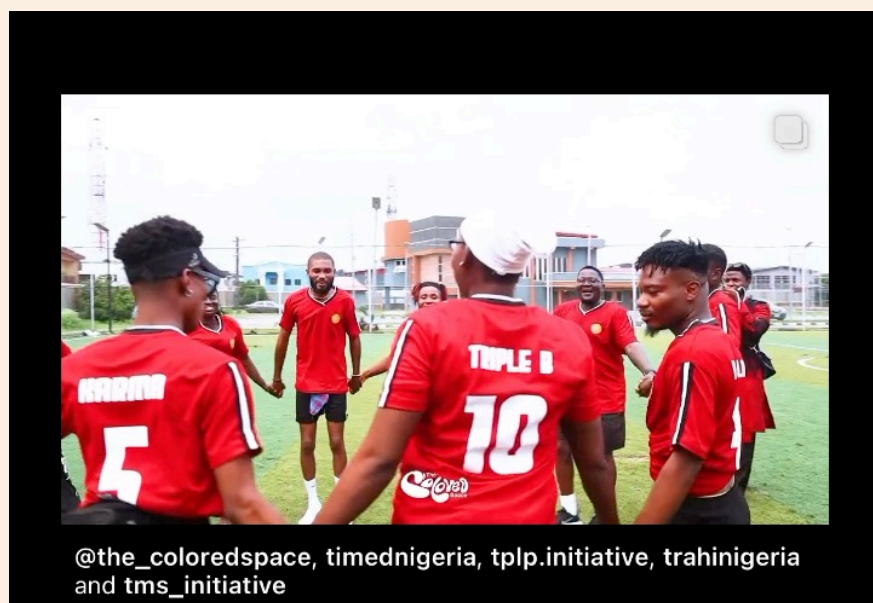
This comprehensive report combines the pressing issues faced by key populations individuals in Nigeria with the inspiring impact of the Igboya Lagos Games, organized by the Mobile Foundation for Health Security and Rehabilitation (MHSR). It aims to draw attention to the severe challenges faced by key populations Nigerians and the potential for community-based initiatives to foster unity, mental health, and social inclusion. Key populations individuals in Nigeria endure significant. The pervasive challenges faced by this marginalized population include:

1. Legal and Human Rights Violations: result in criminalization, arbitrary arrests, and police brutality against key populations individuals.
2. Social Stigma and Discrimination: Widespread societal and family rejection, coupled with economic exclusion, isolates and makes key populations Nigerians vulnerable.
3. Mental Health Crisis: Fear of persecution and discrimination leads to high rates of depression, anxiety, and suicide among key populations individuals.
4. Limited Access to Healthcare: Barriers to essential healthcare services, including HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment, disproportionately affect key populations Nigerians.
5. Economic Disadvantage: Employment discrimination and limited economic opportunities exacerbate financial hardships for key populations individuals.



This underscores the urgent need for human rights protections and support services. It advocates for comprehensive legal reforms, increased public awareness campaigns, and the establishment of robust support networks to protect and empower this vulnerable community. In Fostering unity to promote mental health and well-being through sports and recreation while combating hate, stigma, and discrimination through inclusive approach to create a platform for collaboration and partnership among community organizations; The Igboya Lagos Games marked a historic moment for the community, serving as a beacon of hope amidst challenges of unity, peace, and harmony. Initiated by MHSR, this groundbreaking event brought together five organizations to showcase the transformative power of collective action. Through sports, entertainment, and collaboration, the games aimed to bridge divides, foster unity, and promote overall well-being.

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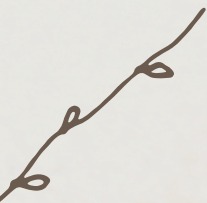
### Objectives:

1. Uniting Community Organizations: MHSR successfully brought together five organizations (MHSR, TRAHN, TMS, TLTP, and TIMED) to co-organize the event.
2. Promoting Mental Health: The event promoted mental health and well-being through sports and recreational activities.
3. Combating Stigma and Discrimination: By fostering inclusivity, the games aimed to combat hate, stigma, and discrimination.

Creating a Platform for Collaboration: The event established a foundation for future collaborations among participating organizations.

### Key action points:

comprehensive event planning and execution, securing financial contributions, engaging the community, and building partnerships. Despite challenges such as the withdrawal of three partner organizations due to fund fatigue, the event was a resounding success in fostering unity, promoting mental health, and building partnerships.



# FY24 MOST IMPACTFUL MOVIES SCREENED



∴ Four films, one powerful message: sexual minorities stories matter. Our recent screenings sparked insightful discussions about issues of persons from diverse background, history, and the importance of emotional well-being. Join us in celebrating key populations stories and advocating for a more inclusive society. ∴





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The screenings offered a powerful exploration of the history, experiences, and challenges faced by key populations or sexual minorities. By showcasing diverse stories, the films provided valuable insights into the lives of these communities.

Engaging discussions ensued, focusing on prevalent issues such as insecurity, emotional abuse, and the importance of unity, history of person from diverse background, and emotional security. Participants expressed appreciation for the opportunity to explore these themes and to recognize the need for greater psychological care within the community.

The films served as catalysts for personal reflection and growth. They offered lessons on resilience, self-acceptance, and the power of community. By highlighting the struggles and triumphs of key populations, the films inspired participants to embrace their identities, build stronger support networks, and advocate for their rights.

Ultimately, the screenings provided a safe and inclusive space for individuals to connect, learn, and share their experiences. They demonstrated the transformative power of film in fostering understanding, empathy, and positive change within the community."

# SAFETY & SECURITY STEPDOWN TRAINING



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**SAFETY, SUPPORT, AND ADVOCACY INITIATIVE EMPOWERS KEY POPULATION COMMUNITY LAGOS, NIGERIA – A RECENT INITIATIVE FOCUSED ON PROVIDING SAFETY, SUPPORT, AND ADVOCACY FOR THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN LAGOS HAS WAS SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED. THE EVENT AIMED TO EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS AND FOSTER A MORE INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT.**



SAFETY &  
**SECURITY**

Step Down

*Training*

**Key outcomes of the initiative included:**

- **Comprehensive guidance:** Participants learned about safety measures, legal assistance, and mental health support tailored to the needs of the key population community in Lagos.
- **Community empowerment:** The events underscored the importance of community support and access to mental health services for overall well-being.
- **Practical strategies:** Attendees gained valuable insights into managing discrimination, familial expectations, and balancing personal identity affirmation with safety.

The initiative equipped participants with the knowledge and resources to enhance their safety, support networks, and advocacy efforts. By fostering a sense of community solidarity and empowerment, the events has made a significant contribution to the well-being of the sexual minority community in Lagos.

# IDAHOBIT 24

EQUALITY  
FREEDOM  
JUSTICE 4 ALL  
NO ONE LEFT BEHIND



A panel of four speakers is shown in a row. From left to right: Dr. Toyin Aja, Bisi Alimi, Mx-Ella, and Chizelu Emejulu. To the right of the speakers is a clock icon indicating the time 7PM - 9PM, with four colored dots (red, orange, yellow, green) below it. Below the speakers is the text "NO ONE LEFT BEHIND: EQUALITY, FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL".

**Dr. Toyin Aja**  
She/Her  
Restorative Healer

**Bisi Alimi**  
He/Him  
LGBTQ+ activist

**Mx-Ella**  
She/Her  
Human Rights Advocate

**Chizelu Emejulu**  
He/Him  
Human Rights Lawyer

7PM - 9PM

NO ONE LEFT BEHIND: EQUALITY, FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

·AMPLIFY THE VOICES OF PROMINENT ADVOCATES AND EXPERTS.

·SPARK CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE ONGOING FIGHT FOR EQUALITY AND THE NEED TO END SYSTEMATIC ABUSE.

·PROVIDE A PLATFORM FOR SHARING BEST PRACTICES AND STRATEGIES FOR PROMOTING THE SAFETY, SECURITY, AND WELL-BEING OF THE SEXUAL MINORITY COMMUNITY IN NIGERIA.



A panel of two speakers is shown in a row. From left to right: Gilbert Victor and Micheal O.O. Morrison. Above the speakers is the text "NO ONE LEFT BEHIND: EQUALITY". Below the speakers is the text "NO ONE LEFT BEHIND: EQUALITY, FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL".

**Gilbert Victor**  
State Coordinator NKPHRN  
Co-Moderator

**Micheal O.O. Morrison**  
MHSR  
Executive Director

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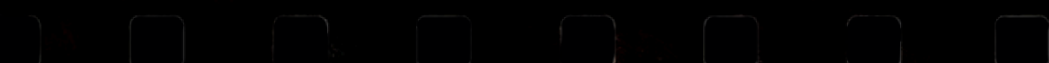
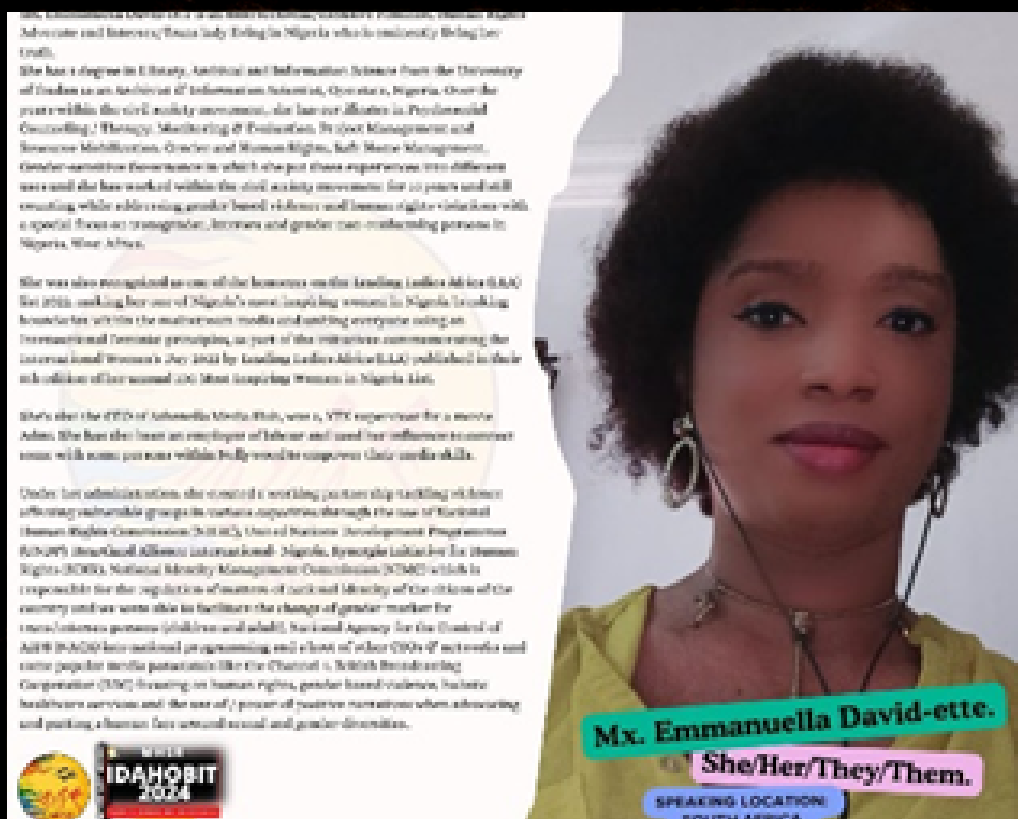
# IDAHOBIT 2024 NEWS

The event featured a dynamic program with speakers.

**Bisi Alimi, a renowned Nigerian activist and founder of the Bisi Alimi Foundation, delivered a powerful keynote address, sharing his personal experiences and highlighting the importance of community inclusivity.**



**Mx. Emmanuella David-Ette, an intersectional feminist and human rights advocate, addressed the complex intersections of faith, sexuality, and community responsibility.**




# IDAHOBIT 2024 NEWS

Barrister Chizelum Emejulu, a human rights lawyer and founder of Minority Watch, led a panel discussion on community safety and security for key populations Nigerians. The discussion explored legal and social roadblocks hindering the community's safety and brainstormed concrete steps to create a more secure environment.


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Chizelu Emejulu is an experienced Human Rights Lawyer and a change maker. He loves challenging unjust systems through strategic public interest litigation. Since 2019, he has been part of various legal teams formed to represent queer Nigerians in a number of court cases like the case of the Egbeda 57. In 2022, he founded Minority Watch; an organization of lawyers and paralegals committed to the protection and enforcement of the rights and dignity of LGBTQI persons in Nigeria. Since then, he has, through Minority Watch, recorded a number of landmark successes which includes the successful representation of a total of three survivors of kito violence who came to Magistrates' Courts in Lagos Sate seeking justice for the rights abuses they have survived.



**Chizelu Emejulu**  
he/him.  
SPEAKING LOCATION:  
LAGOS, NIGERIA.



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Dr. Toyin Ajao, a restorative healing researcher and advocate for key population rights, spoke about the mental health challenges faced by the community and the need for healing justice initiatives.

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Dr. Toyin Ajao (aka Moni-Lumina, aka Uggay Oriolu, aka Dr. World) is a Restorative Healing Researcher and Practitioner at Mean Cookins-Cookins and faculty of Africa Centre (Africa). She lived Africa to spread solidarity and advance restorative healing and Ubuntu culture across Africa. Her research interests include intergenerational healing, ancestral technologies, posthuman sovereignty, healing justice, conflict transformation, systems change leadership, visionary/love relational feminism, and gender and sexual rights. She is a Research Associate at the African Leadership Centre, King's College London. She holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Pretoria—focusing on the interdisciplinarity of conflict transformation and new media technologies. She holds an MA in Conflict, Security and Development from King's College London and a BSc in Accounting from Obafemi Awolowo, Ile-Ife.

Her empirical research, praxis, and activism spanned two decades and cut across academia, civil and political societies, LGBTQIA+ and feminist organisations. Through the creative application of critical consciousness, Ubuntu philosophy and conflict transformation approaches, she is incorporating neo-ancient ancestral tools such as storytelling, creative writing, breathwork, music, and dance therapy as a restorative change tactic to transform relationships and mitigate collective and intergenerational trauma in Africa.

Ajao is a proud global voter and an award-winning international blogger with several scholarly and creative publications. Her innovative work has been published by Routledge, Palgrave Macmillan, Motoko Journal, Kujinga Amami, African Studies Association and PanAfricanity. Her work can also be found on Academic Edge, ResearchGate and Medium. She has served and continued to function as a peer reviewer to various academic journals including the Journal of African Media Studies, SAGE and JPS. She is a board member of progressive organisations such as Vision Spring Initiative, Women's Technology Empowerment Centre, and Bridging Gaps South Africa.

She loves to say, "In the world of subjective truth, live yours!"



**Dr Toyin Ajao**  
She/her.  
SPEAKING LOCATION:  
NIGERIA



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*the Mobile Foundation for Health Security and Rehabilitation (MHSR) hosted a transformative event in Lagos, Nigeria, to celebrate (#IDAHOBIT). The event aimed to raise awareness about the challenges faced by the key populations and sexual minority community in Nigeria and promote inclusivity, equality, and justice for all.*

**MHSR's IDAHOBIT event was a resounding success, bringing together a diverse audience of community members, allies, and stakeholders. The event provided a valuable platform for raising awareness, fostering meaningful dialogue, and inspiring collective action towards a more inclusive and just future for all Nigerians, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.**

**The event concluded with an open Q&A session, allowing attendees to engage with the speakers and ask questions about the topics presented.**

# EU PRIDE

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**The EU Pride event marked a jubilant affirmation of equality, diversity, and love. It brought together a diverse array of individuals committed to advancing social acceptance, inclusion, and human rights for sexual minority person, key population communities**

**The EU Pride event resonated as a remarkable triumph, uniting voices in the pursuit of unity, understanding, and societal advancement. As we commemorate this vibrant celebration, let us continue striving together towards a future where acceptance and respect flourish universally.**



**EUROPEAN UNION PRIDE EVENT, JUNE 8, 2024**



# pride

# 2024



## Activities:

- **Workshops and Talks:** Informative sessions delved into critical issues such as legal rights, mental health, and strategies to combat discrimination, empowering attendees with knowledge and resources.
- **Networking:** Participants seized the opportunity to forge connections, exchange experiences, and establish supportive networks, fostering a sense of community and solidarity.
- **Solidarity:** The event underscored the EU's steadfast commitment to upholding human rights globally, reaffirming its pledge to advocate for inclusivity and equality without exception.

## ACTION POINT:

The executive director Mr Ozo O Michael was asking the possible ways they could be collaborations and synergies between the various high commission present and the community leaders on capacity building for the better implementation in the community