

## TOOL KIT FOR YOUTH ACTION AGAINST ABUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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# Introduction

Abuse of human rights is rampant in Nigeria. Youth, ages 18-35, who constitute up to 70% of Nigeria's population are often the victims of human rights abuse. **YAAAHRight** 

is a tool kit that can be used to empower youth to fight abuse of their human rights. **YAAAHRight** was developed by CSAAE to fight police brutality of youths in

Southeast Nigeria, for the release of over seventy youths unjustly detained in a correction center at Abia state during the #ENDSARS Protests that held in Nigeria in 2020.



**YAAAHRight** has three interconnected segments that complete the youth action against human rights ecosystem. These segments are:

Youth Human Rights Anchors Network
Youth Human Rights Abuse Reporting System
Youth Human Rights Abuse Redress Network

### Youth Human Rights Anchor Network

uman rights anchors are young people committed to learning about human rights, promoting human rights and fighting abuse of human rights in the communities. The anchors are selected through a public call and must be learned young people resident in their communities. They must be passionate about human rights. Most human rights anchors are usually lawyers, journalists, religious leaders because of their educational background, but being an effective human rights anchor is not restricted to these categories. The anchors are trained in human rights approaches and perspectives and are empowered to build the capacity of their communities on how to identify human rights, speak up and resist abuse of human rights and report human rights abuse. The youth human rights anchor network should be given an easy-to-remember nomenclature. At CSAAE, we call them Human Rights Anchors (HRA).



### Human Rights Abuse Reporting System

The human rights reporting system provides an opportunity for the youths to report all forms of human rights abuse freely and confidentially. The reporting system which includes a toll- free line and a desk officer may be managed by a local NGO or a member of the Human Rights Anchors Network. The desk officer is often trained in human relations to be able to engage callers appropriately. The desk officer is also empowered with ample referral resources and can easily link the survivor with the appropriate persons that can help. The desk officer has robust relationship with security agencies, the legal systems, rights groups, community leaders, government agencies, etc. The desk officer not only creates the linkage, but also follows up, ensuring that the caller gets the help they need. For visibility, the human rights abuse reporting system may be given a catchy name. The human rights abuse reporting system created by CSAAE is known as C-Advocate Toll Free Line.





### Human Rights Abuse Redress Network

To ensure that survivors of human rights abuse get justice, there is a need for a network of lawyers committed to fighting human rights. The lawyers are selected from the community to support YAAAHRight. Members of the human rights abuse redress network step in when the desk officer is unable to extrajudicially resolve reported cases of abuse. In this case, the desk officer escalates the case to the redress network for action. The redress network may seek redress in court through litigation, as the case may be.

Human rights abuse redress network may be assigned any name, but the name has to be easy to remember and must stand out in the community. The human rights redress network created by CSAAE is called C-Advocate Lawyers.





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